

# DRAGONELYRE

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## From the Baronage

Unto the Populace and Citizens of Vathvia,

As decided by the Populace and Baronage of Vathvia, the next Arts & Sciences Championship and Luchisnic Shoot will be held next spring; however, this fall will be the Champions' Tourney, Arts and Sciences Competition, the Luchisnic Archery Shoot and the new Bardic Trials will from now on be held only once each year, rather than twice. We hope this will allow more emphasis on each competition. This month Vathvia will choose a new Champion. See the flyer elsewhere in this newsletter. The First Vathvian Bardic Trails and Revel will be held after the holidays, (the schedule is too full now, not to mention, we couldn't find a sight.)

Also this month, there are other neat things going on. A demo for the Scouts and Crown Tourney, and Champions. Well, at least we cannot say that we will be bored!

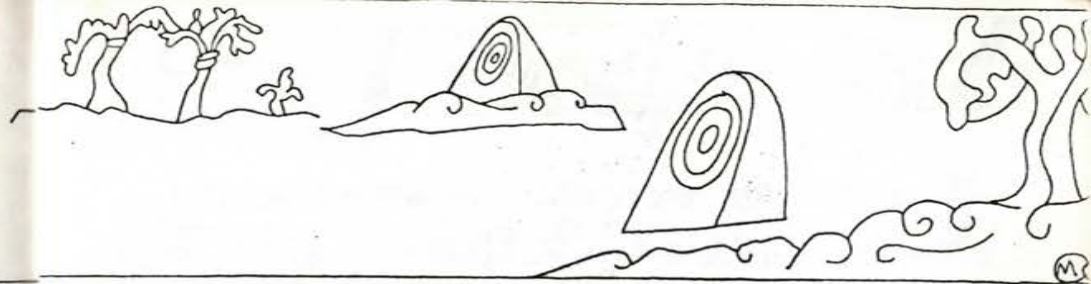
In December, we will not be having a populace meeting, (to allow some time for the holiday season), but we do have the annual Christmas Event. This year will be a bit different in that it will be an official event. That means lots of out of town guests, which means the poor, beleaguered Autocrats will need all the help they can get. We know that everyone will pitch in to make it easier on us all.

In Service to Crown and Barony

Tedrick and Aideen  
Baronage of Vathvia







## From the Chronicler

Hail and Greetings Unto the Populace,

Well it looks as if we are finally seeing signs of the upcoming winter this month; And a pleasant welcome it is. It's now time to set around the fire and rejoice in the comforts of ones Households and friends. To sing, and rejoice, and recount this seasons past adventures. Again, I ask for the populace to support the Dragonflyre with your knowledge and expertise. How to articles would be great this time of year to get projects off the ground so to speak, for next spring. Articles factual and fictional on fighting and archery would be extremely interesting for us all. Historical articles are always welcomed. You as new persons to the Barony would really be suprised at what you can learn about the History you are seeking to be a part of. It can turn in to an adventure through time unlike any you have ever experienced just through picking up a book. So my friends sit down by the fire and read, who knows you may actually find a Dragonflyre. I anxiously await your numerous articles and artwork.

In your service,

Lady Gwendolynn O'Shaughnessey

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## From The Luchistnik

Hail Unto the Populace,

With the cooler temperatures and inclimate weather this is going to make practising archery alot harder for many of us. An indoor archery and or fighting sight sure would be nice.

I do know severial individuals who have their own ranges at their homes, which is all well and good. Unfortunately these are not open to all the archers in the Barony. To keep us all in good form we need a permanent sight. If anyone knows of any possibilities please contact; Lady Gwendolynn and our gracious Archer Marshall Lord Stephen:

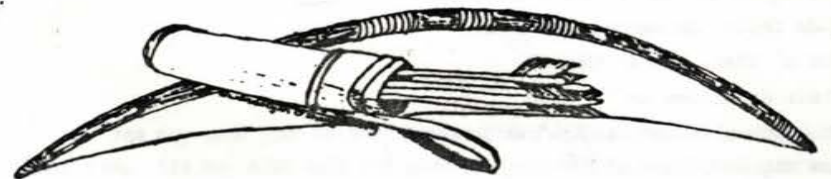
Lady Gwendolynn 262-1194

Lord Stephen 733-1936

Also being that daylight eludes us at this time of year, we might wish to consider changing archery to a Saturday or Sunday. This especially for our I.K.A.C. shoots sence they take so much time. Let us hear from you.

In Service,

Lady Gwendolynn



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I wish to extend my appreciation and thanks to those good gentles who volunteered their time September 29<sup>th</sup> to make the middle ages and the dream come alive for the students of Emerson School.

LORD CASIMIR COSZKOSZYCK  
LORD JAHOS SAKTA, LORD LEONARDO DE KALIMARI, LADY TABITHA DE SPENCER, HIS LORDSHIP FRANK THOMAS BACON, LORD CRISTON RORY DE JONES, AND LADY KASAMIRA VERENA DARCY WHO WENT LATER THAT SAME DAY.

Thank you Vivas!

Lady M. Chantal



From 'A Man's a Man for A' That' by Robert Burns

A Prince can mak' a belted knight,  
A marquis, duke an' a' that;  
But an honest man's aboon his might,  
Gude faith, he maunna fa' that!  
For a' that, an' a' that,  
Their dignities an' a' that,  
The pith o' sense, an' pride o' worth,  
Are higher rank than a' that.

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Unto the populace of V'tavia from His Lordship Lawrence and Ld. Demetrius comes faire greetings.

As many of you are aware, a hands-on introduction to SCA skills was offered in three parts in September and October. The Baronage needs to know if this is a useful way to help newcomers to our group become more involved with the SCA and, if it is, what can be done to improve it.

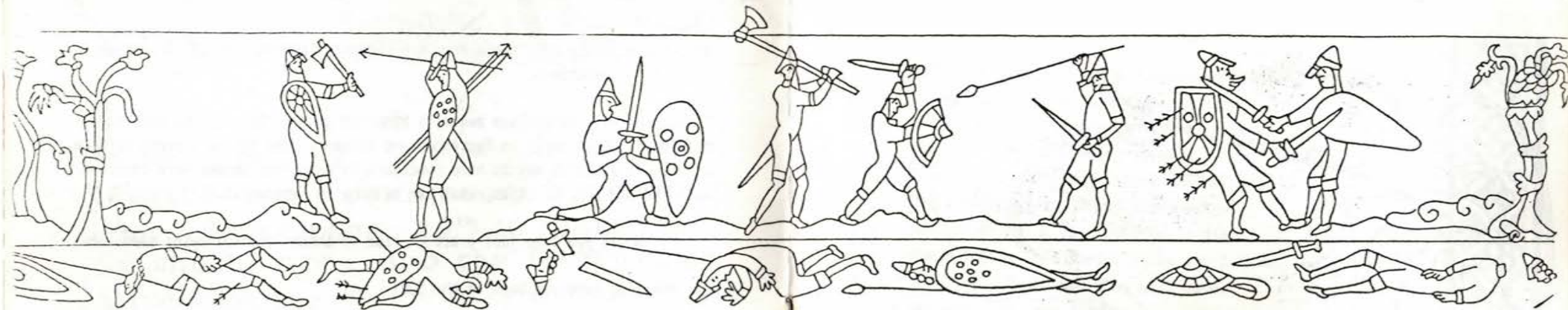
Would you take just a bit of time to answer the following questions:

- How long have you been in the SCA?
- Did you come to any of the 3 sessions?
  - None
  - One
  - Two
  - Three
- If you came to none, why?
  - I already knew the things being offered
  - I wasn't interested in anything being offered
  - I couldn't make it on Wednesday nights
  - I had too many other commitments to take the time
  - Other \_\_\_\_\_
- Should something like this be done again?
  - No
  - Yes
  - Yes, with changes
- If you answered No, what would you like to suggest instead?
- If you answered Yes, would you be willing to help? \_\_\_\_\_
- If you answered Yes, with changes, what changes would make it better?

You may send your written answers to the Baronage, to Lawrence or to Demetrius. You may also call and give your answers to Demetrius' mechanical scribe (however, remember the scribe has a very short attention span).  
DEMETRIUS.

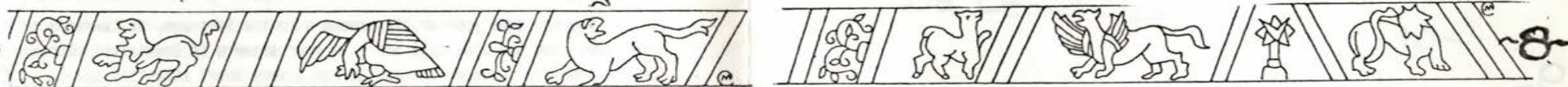
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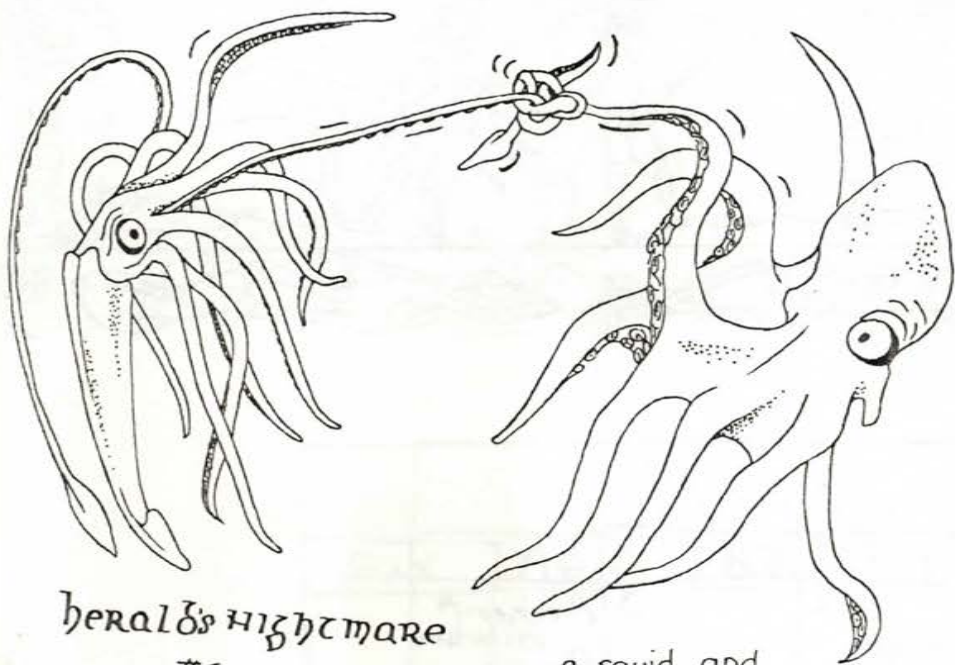




## November

SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FR.	SAT
			1	2	3	Archery <sup>4</sup> 10:00am Crown
				Officers Meeting		
5	6	7	8	9	10	Archery <sup>11</sup> Scout Demo
Fighter Practice	Costuming	Armoring		Bardic		
12	13	14	15	16	17	Archery <sup>18</sup> Calon-Con
Champions	Drama	Populace Armoring				
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Fighter Practice	Costuming					Archery
26	27	28	29	30		
Fighter Practice		Armoring				





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My master lies dead upon the field,  
With battered helm and cloven shield.  
Bitter then, and great, my loss,  
As his blood soaked the mountain moss.  
I stood over him as his body chilled;  
With sword and axe, I slew and killed.  
My rage burned with a fearful hate;  
Blood-lust, I found, death cannot sate.  
I cast aside shield, and burnished mail,

And, frothing, my lord's slayers did assail.  
Foe-men quailed from my darken'd face,  
And fled from my Master's dieing place.  
Ulriel's wingtip brushed my foe.  
Alas, for me, the Dark Angel did not slow.  
Tor's darkness is lifted from my eye,  
And, bleeding, I live, who would die.  
For my Leige lies slain, while yet I live.  
Who, now, the golden ring will give,  
And who will grant the hearth-side place?  
When will I look upon my leige-lord's face?  
Master, Lord, protector, benevolent friend.  
Will he forgive me, who failed him at the end?  
For my master lies dead upon the field,  
With battered helm, and cloven shield

Lord Aelfric Frithariksson, esq., Fryd, o.S.,  
O.T., O.L.M.

#### Drama Notice

I would like to express my thanks to all those who have chosen to participate in the various productions of Demetrius' Demented Thespians. It is still difficult to know whether to praise or punish Lord Aelfric for naming the group. A large number of V'tavians worked very hard and have provided a great deal of enjoyment for members of our Barony, members of the Kingdom and guests of the SCA. I am very pleased to have had the opportunity to work with each of these individuals. I can only hope that they enjoyed it as much as I did.

Any group which does not grow and change, stagnates. While I plan to continue my participation in the Drama group, Lord Eoin will be taking over the reins of the group. His current plan is to focus on Comedie del Arte and he has some information regarding Comedie del Arte in this issue of the Dragonflyre.

In Service,  
Ld. Demetrius

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VATAVIAN CHAMPIONS' TOURNEY

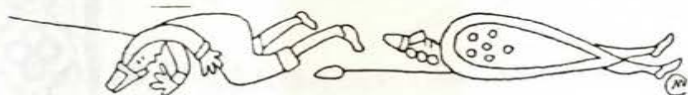
On Sunday, the 12th of November, in South Lynnwood Park the Baronial Champions' Tourney will take place. Signup begins at 1 pm and ends exactly at 2 pm. Exceptions only by previous arrangement with the List Mistress/Master. Tourney begins at 2:15 pm. Exceptions of the List Mistress/Master only.

The tourney will be the traditional Swiss-8:

- Round 1 & 2      Weapon & Shield
- Round 3 & 4      Two single-handed weapons
- Round 5 & 6      Polearm
- Round 7 & 8      Bastard Sword or Great Sword

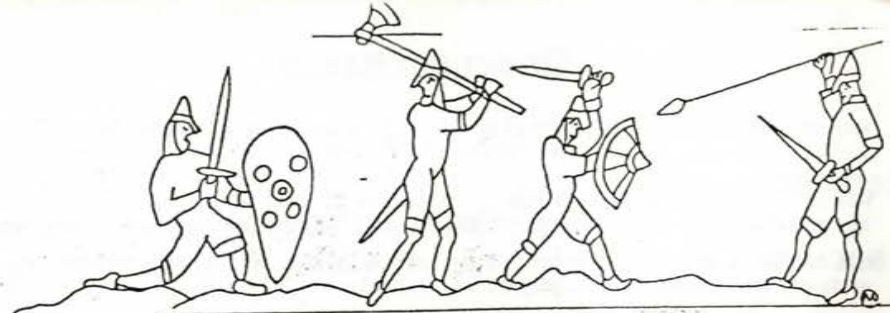
Fighters do not have to be authorized in all weapons systems to compete; but must at least have Sw & Sh authorizations within Calontir. Each round is worth ten points, draws are worth five points. The Three-minute rule, three armor/weapon failures rule, and three times off the field rule, will be in effect.

The victor in this Champions' Tourney will be made Baronial Champion for one year. The Champion must reside in the Barony of Vatavia, and be willing to take on all the duties and responsibilities associated. We take this seriously, so should you. Out-of-Barony fighters are welcome, but, may not become Baronial Champion.



The cold winds blow in my face  
 and through my mind,  
 as I turn to see the mountains  
 of my home in the highlands.  
 I can remember him  
 as if it were yesterday:  
 as tall as the mountains,  
 faire as the new day  
 with eyes the color of the sky.  
 At first I was afraid,  
 for his people came to plunder and raid.  
 Then love bloomed  
 in his heart  
 and in mine.  
 I remember beautiful days  
 of playing in the heather,  
 of warm nights by the fire.  
 I would have loved him true.  
 Why did he leave?  
 Why did the longship  
 take him away from me?  
 I will wait for him to return.  
 Wait for his return  
 to me.

Celtic  
 Lament  
 Seana  
 MacLeod



THE NOBLES & GENTLE FOLK OF THE BARONY OF V'AVIA  
 INVITE YOU TO AN IRISH CHRISTMAS IN V'AVIA  
 on Saturday, December 30th, A.D. 1989  
 at Camp Hiawatha in Wichita, Kansas.

The theme of this year's Yule celebration is an Irish Christmas. Be prepared to explain what your persona is doing on the Emerald Isle, in winter. If you have it, please wear Celtic garb.

There will be a Stag Hunt- teams of two hunters (with spear or combat archery) and three hounds (with single stick) will pursue 'herds' of three deer (forentine) through wood and meadow seeking the one 'stag' with the best 'rack'. The Cuchulain will be chosen from among the hounds.

Lord Alfric & Lady Iuia will sponsor a handicapped Arts and Sciences Competition. Any example of a static art or craft may be entered; however, entries with the theme of the 'Nativity' are encouraged. All entries will be judged on Kingdom of Calontir Criteria. Prizes will be offered.

We will feast by candlelight upon a savory Irish stew, roast fowl, roots of all kinds, and a rich spice and raisen pie. Seating will be limited to 100 persons bearing candles.

Fees as follows: Site: \$2.50, Feast: \$5.00 before Dec. 15, After: \$6.00, Children: \$2.50. Feast limited to 100. Please add \$2.00 if you do not have proof of National Membership. The event committee asks that everyone bring non-perishable food items to be donated to The Episcopal Social Services, in the spirit of the season.

No minors will be allowed on site without properly endorsed and notorized waivers.

Site will be open at 12 noon, and close at 12 midnight. Armour inspection will begin at 1 p.m., the hunt at 2pm and will end by 4 pm. Limited children's activities will be held. The Feast will begin at 6 pm. All times are real times!

Autocrat: Chris Leddon  
 Fri.troll 2724 S. Seneca, C-11  
 Crash space Wichita, Ks. 67213  
 316-267-5913  
 NO calls after 11pm

Co-autocrat / Reservations  
 Lynda L. Coffman  
 1622 S. Wichita  
 Wichita, Ks. 67213

Feastocrat: Dean Day  
 1033 McCormick  
 Wichita, Ks. 67213  
 316-264-2729

Site is owned by the  
 Salvation Army-No Pets.  
 Keep Liquor Containers  
 out of Sight & help to  
 police the area!-Thanks.

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## Announcements

Wanted: indoor sight for fighting contact: Lord Andre' Miguel de la Croix at 262-1194

Wanted: indoor sight for archery. At least 20 yds. would be nice. Even better if it allowed 30 and 40 yard ranges. Contact Lady Gwendolynn O'Shaughnessey

For those interested in Scouting or just a little information concerning such contact: Lord Andre' Miguel de la Croix at 262-1194

Populace will be meeting at Allie Park at 7:00 pm on Tuesday Nov. 4 because of the cold weather

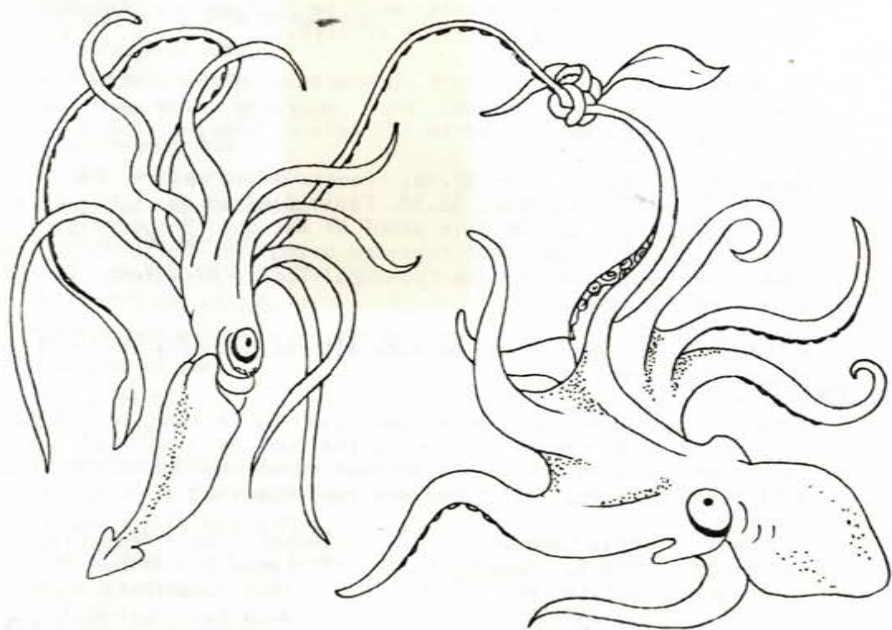
Wanted autocrats for Rein Faire make haste we need to hear from you by the 10th of November at least verbally and in writing no later than the 15th submissions to ~~██████████~~ the Seneschals office

IKAC has been suspended this month only for purposes of some reorganization. any comments or suggestions should be directed to the Luchistnik-lady Gwendolynn O'Shaughnessey 262-1194

Remember Crown Tourney on the November 4th

We also have the Cub Scout Demo on the 11th

Champions' Tourney on the 12th at South Lynnwood at 2:15 pm get out there and lend some atmosphere to our fighters



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Baron-Sedrick von Wolfschatten  
(Ted Hager).....529-2281  
Baroness-Aideen the Audacious  
(Jane Hager).....529-2281

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Seneschal-Ldy Ceithlenn Nic Ruaidhri  
(Amy Billington).....685-1182  
Pursuivant-Countess Elizabeth Du Rossianol  
(Lisa Mohr).....522-7670  
Treasurer-Corwin McCallein  
(Robert McQuillen).....683-5463  
MOA-Ldy. Phillipa Lloyd de Tarifa  
(Patricia Gardener).....942-1045  
MOS-Aubrey Kendall of Rosewood  
(Ken Snyder).....775-5075  
Knight Marshall-Ldy Hrafnhildr o Llandyssol, Ldy.  
Raven  
(Lisa Day).....262-2974  
Archer Marshal-Ld. Steven Egan O'Bannon  
(Steven Burris).....733-1936  
Chronicler-Gwendolynn Morna O'Shaughnessey  
(Lynne Haddaway).....262-1194  
Luchistnik-Gwendolynn Morna O'Shaughnessey  
(Lynne Haddaway).....262-1194  
Champion-Sir Earl Gabriel ap Morgan ap Hywel  
(David Cooper).....685-3152  
Historian-Ld. Friar Thomas Bacon  
(David Moreno).....685-1182  
List Mistress-Ldy. Ceithlenn Nic Ruidhri  
(Amy Billington).....685-1182  
MOC-Countess Hywella Frech Ferch Wyddel  
(Lisa Cooper).....685-3152  
Castellan-Ld. Aelsfric Fritharikkson  
(Allen Leddon).....267-5913