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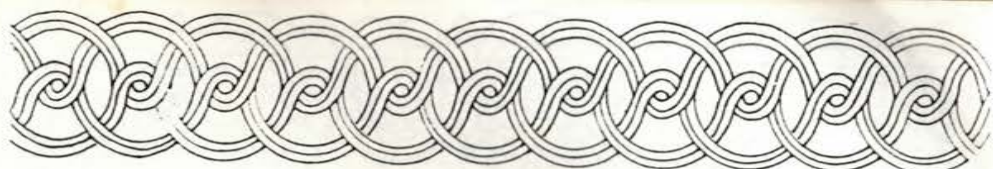
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FROM THE BARONAGE

By Gregorian reckoning, it is now a new year. With this time, comes many changes to our barony. Several of our officers will be stepping down, and fresh faces are stepping up to assume those duties and responsibilities. The fighters are reorganizing for a new season of war and tourneys. Other changes and renewals are in the offing. Are you going to be a part of it? We hope so. After all, for all we do, this barony is for you.

One of the new things happening will be the first Vatavia Bardic Trails and Revel. Don't be fooled folks, its another excuse for a good time! Besides the usual camaraderie, we will be entertained by everyone who has a song to sing or a story to tell. See the slyer elsewhere in this issue, for details and rules for entry.

The Baronage of Vatavia

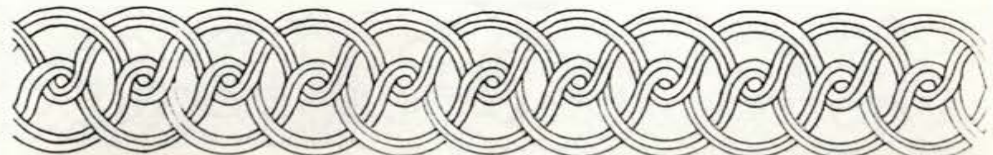
From the Chronicler


Hail and Greetings,

I must offer my apology for the lateness of the December-Dragonflyre. If it could have gone wrong it did. Fortunately, not all was wrong sense I am now happily betrothed.

This month has also been plagued with alot of illness both in my personal home and that of our Barony. My heart goes out to all, with hopes of a much better health in the new year. There are a few persons who may not be getting their

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subscriptions please contact: Lord Thomas Bacon for address corrections. You can also leave a message on my answering machine, but I cannot officially change an address. I do need final corrections and additions for our censuses also.

In Service to Vatavia,
Lady Gwendolynn

MINISTER OF SCIENCE

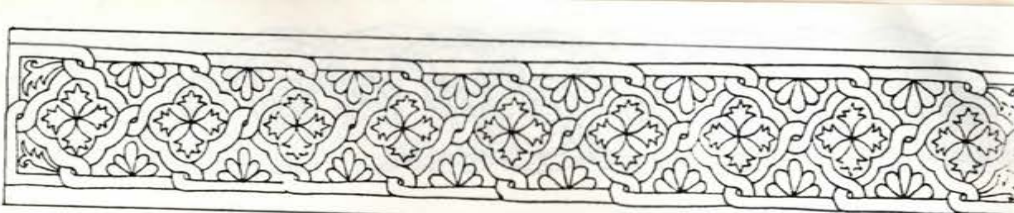
It is my pleasure to accept my new duties as Minister of Sciences. If anyone is currently working on or planning any science projects please contact me - I truly want to know about it A.S.A.P. I will be republishing a Vatavian Arts and Science Questionnaire and hope to have everyone in the Barony complete it so that I may serve you better.

At present there is nucleus of a Chainmail Guild now forming within the Barony. There will be teaching chainmail techniques, chainmail construction and experimentation is strongly encouraged. If you have any questions please call me at 682-7320 4pm - 11pm Monday through Friday and any time on the weekends.

In Service to Vatavia,
Ld Tristan

From the Luchistnik

Greetings,



Needless to say the weather hasn't been much for outdoor shooting. IKA season is upon us. The King and Queen are hoping that we will rally to their call for archers for this year's season. I plan to how about you. A lot of tourneys are in the works on the home front as well as Kingdom level.

I want a February meeting of all the Vessler and our Archer Marshalls. The time and place will be announced. We have a lot to talk about.

I hope to have the archers and fighters working together this year. If me and Lady Raven have any say so this will be indeed an exciting season.

IMPORTANT: Archery Practice is at 21st and Market (in an old drug store) \$4.00 per person all evening. Tuesdays at 7:00 pm-till. This is official practice.

Friday and Saturday unofficial (for your personal enjoyment).

If there are two marshalls present we can authorize people. We are keeping scores for promotional purposes. If anyone needs help or information please feel free to contact me at any time before 10 pm and not before 11am. Thanks for all your help and support.

In Service,
Lady Gwendolynn

FRAGEN FÜR DEN BARON

THIS MONTH'S QUESTION:

Why don't arts and sciences, (optionally insert archery, juggling, research or whatever else interests you), play a bigger role in the SCA?

The SCA is a rather large organization, with many different people, who in turn have many different interests. The things that are emphasized, both at events as well as within local meetings, are the things that the autocrats of the events want to see emphasized. This is a reasonable thing. The autocrat is the host. If you were a host of a party, you wouldn't want someone else to come in and tell you what music you had to play; nor, would autocrat wish to be told what has to be at their event.

There are exceptions. If some one wanted to autocrat Valor Tourney, they should expect that there be some fighting. What would be Pensic wars be if the autocrat decided there would be no melees? The host must acknowledge that there are often certain expectations.

Getting back to the main subject, things that are emphasized at events should reflect what the autocrat appreciates. If something seems to be missing in the events you attend, (local of kingdom level), you might graciously make a suggestion to the autocrat; or better still, autocrat you own event, to stir up interest, and encourage other to try similar things.

THIS BEGS THE NEXT QUESTION FOR THIS MONTH:

How do I become an autocrat?

Ask.

The seneschal and baronage are there to help you. We generally pick veteran autocrats for valor, and such, simply because of the magnitude of the event. But that does not prevent someone new from doing it, or from doing another, smaller event. We would like to see more events. We will try

not to tell you what your event has to do, (except for legalities event, archery event, or a theme event, if you desire.

BARONIAL EISTENJOD AND REVEL

"Enough of this winter slumber!" cried the bored Baron.
"Gather our folk, summon the bards, and lit the revelry begin!"

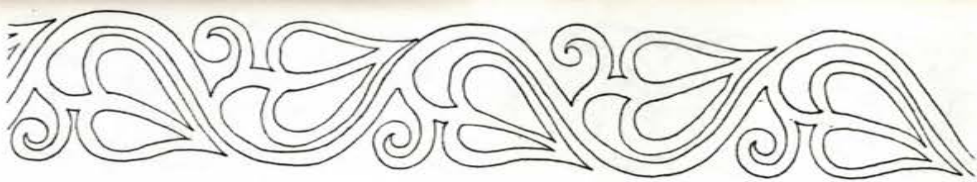
By declaration of the Baronage of Votavia, on the 20th day of January, there will be a gathering of bards, to entertain the populace and to determine which bard should be named the first Votavian bardic champion or Votavian Olav.

Site: Raven's Clubhouse
Bloody Axe Tavern - Upstairs
Miscellaneous reveling - Downstairs

Site Fee: None! But BJO-everything.

Times: Site opens - 6:00 pm
Sign up for Bards - 6:00 to 7:00 pm
Bardic Performances - 7:15 to ?::?? ?m
Reveling - At all times!
Site Closes - Midnight or ?

A keg MAY be provided, (if the Baron is rich enough!). Best bet is to BJO. Rumor has it that some folk plan to empty out their old liquor cabinets. No feast of food is planned, except at the generosity of the populace-at-large, (Chefs and cooks are encouraged to experiment). We will try for period



atmosphere in the Tavern area. Please bring period plates and containers for use upstairs. Also bring pillows, rugs, candles, banners, etc., for decoration and comfort.

The downstairs area will be reserved for those who wish to simply revel. (Note: The Baron will not be happy if he cannot hear the performing bards, but his anger will be nothing compared to the anger of the bards! Be warned! Deep the noise down.)

See elsewhere in this issue for rules of the competition. Everyone is welcome to perform, even if they are not competing, (there may even be some command performances!)

RULES FOR VATAVIAN OLAV COMPETITION

- 1) There will be at least two rounds of competition. Bards will do at least two presentations of not more than five minutes in length. There will be a break for the baronage between rounds.
- 2) Presentations must be live performances, and may be as follows: Drama, Comedy, Singing, Stories, Poetry, Instrumentals, Juggling, others? (ask the Baron if you're not sure)
- 3) Judging criteria will be based on:

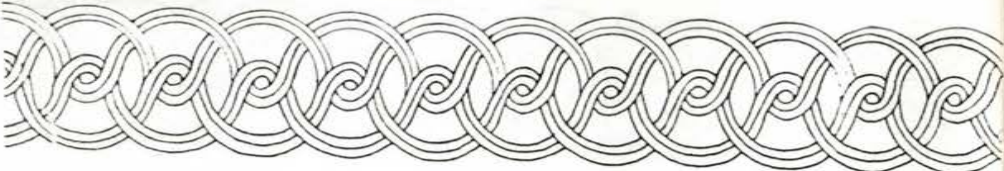
-Audience Appeal (entertainment value)	(0-8 points)
-Periodness/Appropriateness (period or SCA piece vs. mundane)	(0-5 points)
-Overall Quality of Performance (Vocal quality, expressiveness, projection, etc.)	(0-5 points)



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| -Creativity/Originality
(Song of the Shield Wall vs. an original or one not often heard) | (0-3 points) |
| -Variety
(Singing only vs. Juggling and poetry) | (0-2 points) |
| -Appearance
(Blue Jeans and Tennis Shoes vs. appropriate Garb) | (0-2 points) |
| -TOTAL | (25 points) |

- 4) A good bard remembers the audience. Children will likely be present. Bawdiness is fun. Vulgarity is not appreciated.
- 5) All props, instruments, etc. will be furnished by the performing bard. A table and chairs, (non to be broken or damaged), will be available. Audience participation is at the individual's own discretion and own risk.
- 6) A bard may have back-up, (other actors, a chorus, etc.); but, all judging will be on the bards' performance in the piece.
- 7) All bards are welcome; however, only a bard who lives within Vatavia may be declared Vatavia Olav, (although other bards will be recognized for their talents).
- 8) The tavern/performance area will be candlelight only, except by request of the performing bard.
- 9) Refer all questions to the Baron.





Announcements:

Chainmail guild: for more information contact Lord Triston
682-7320

Bardic-2nd and 4th Thursdays at Frederics Freehold; 1527 S.
Emporia 7:00- 264-7472

Lost and Found from X-Mass Court 685-1182

2 stuffed toys-grey mouse, bell w/green bow drinking horn
yellow notebook silver bell shaped goblet reddish-brown leather
belt barrette w/purple flowers w/pearls metal pommel dagger
wooden pommel dagger wooden bowl sleeping bag cosmetic
case black fur lined gloves blue tee shirt book of Celtic Fairy
Tales metal garland w/pine cones rust colored fighting tunic
w/hood

Lost: pair of scissors with orange handles

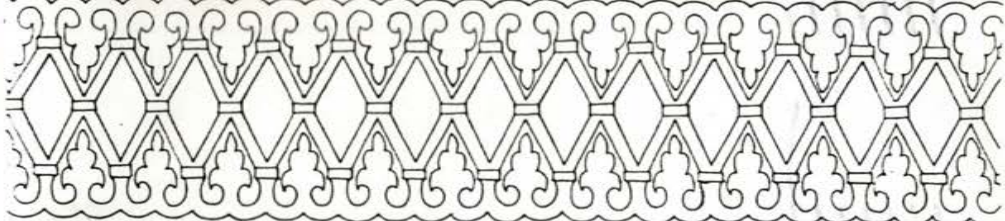
General Information for the SCA-Barony of Vataria 685-7373
Needle workers Guild will have organizational meeting this
month. Contact Ceithlenn for more information 685-1182

Costuming- January 8 Ravens Clubhouse 7:00

Armoring- Tuesdays Kendalls

Fighter Practice-January 14 1:00 pm Alley Park

Archery Practice- Tuesdays 7:00 pm 21st and Market (in the
old Drug Store) contact Lord Steven for more information



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Baron- Tedrick von Wolfschatten (Ted Hager).....	529-2281
Baroness-Aideen the Audacious (Jane Hager).....	529-2281
Seneschal-Lady Ceithlenn nic Ruaidhri (Amy Billington).....	685-1182
Pursuivant-Annys (Marie Watson).....	755-1917
Treasurer-Lelia ni Lochtna O Cathail (Lana Smith).....	838-0037
MOA-Lady Phillipa Lloyd de Tarifa (Patricia Gardener).....	942-1045
MOS-Lord Triston Rory de Jorz (Richard Haddaway).....	682-7320
Knight Marshall-Lady Hrafnhildr o Llandyssol, Lady Raven (Lisa Day).....	262-2974
Archer Marshall-Lord Steven Egan O'Bannon (Steven Burris).....	733-1936
Chronicler-Lady Gwendolynn O'Shaughnessey (Lynne Haddaway).....	262-1194
Luchistnik-Lady Gwendolynn O'Shaughnessey (Lynne Haddaway).....	262-1194
Champion-Lady Raven (Lisa Day).....	262-2974
Historian-Lord Friar Thomas Bacon (David Moreno).....	685-1182
List Mistress-Lady Ceithlenn nic Ruidhri (Amy Billington).....	685-1182
MOC-Countess Hywella Frech Ferch Wyddel (Lisa Cooper).....	685-3152
Castellan-Lord Aelfric Fritharikkson (AllenLiddon).....	267-5913

