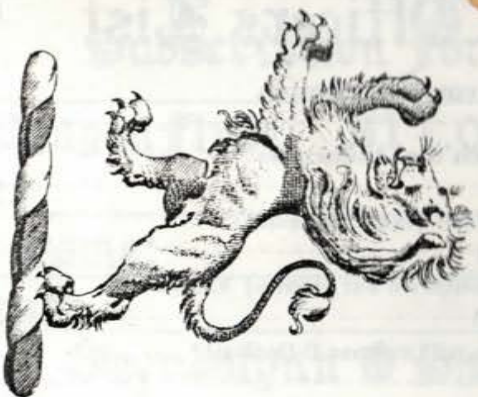


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Unto the populace and citizens of Vataria,

As announced at last populace meeting, and at the request of the Crown, both Aideen and Tedrick will be stepping down as Baronage of Vataria. The reasons are obvious, but irrelevant, as far as the future of Vataria goes. Know that we would only wish the smoothest possible transition in the coming months.

Remember that the choice is the Crown's. It is not ours, or the populace's choice. If the Crown asks your thoughts on the matter, concentrate on the positive aspects of the candidates. Feel free to talk to them, it may put your mind at ease, and may help them to consider things they had not thought of.

If you are one of the candidates, good luck! Recall that this is not an election, it is a job interview; therefore trying to convince the populace of your ability, will not help. Just be as open and honest as possible. Don't be afraid to seek advice. This is not a truly feudal society, where momentary weakness leads to contempt or revolt. Most people will be flattered that you sought their advice. Respect the advice that is given, it represents the person who gave it. If you don't respect them, they won't respect you.

The new baronage will bring changes. We can say this without even knowing who will be selected by the Crown. The character of the Barony is set by, and exemplified by the baronage. We know also there will be some confusion and mistakes made by all until policies are set and made known. Patience will be needed by everyone. your new baronage will need your support and understanding. We feel fortunate that we have had good support during our tenure. We hope that support will continue for our successors. That support, (or lack thereof), dictates whether the baronage and the barony is successful or not. It is most important that you let your opinions be made known. Either through direct discussion, or through the officers and champions. This includes positive feedback as well as constructive suggestions.

In service to Crown and Barony,
Sir Tedrick von Wolfschatten Lady Aideen the Audacious

P.S. Out of consideration for their Royal Highness', PLEASE do not discuss this with them.

From the MOS

Greetings,

I would like to notify the Populace I now have the following deputies:

Magnus O, Carr
Throdmar Thorimsson
Thorgrim Hrothgarsson

If you can't contact me directly please contact them for assistance or info on the Sciences. The Baronial Arts and Science Survey is now in final stage of compiling. For the month of July the First Science class will be offered--Basic Metal Etching--Time and place will be announced at June 30th event at Kansas Newman.

In service,
Lord Tristan

From the MOA

Many, many thanks to those individuals who pitched in at the last minute to help with the Arts and Sciences display and "24-hour" competition at Crown. I'm sorry that it wasn't better planned, ect. We had a lot of communication problems, combined with my inexperience and Her Highness' tendency to take on too much. Tristan, Ulric and Chonrad, and any others I didn't see who helped, managed to pull it off. At least we who are new at this now have an experience upon which to base future competitions (and a list of things we need to consider!). Thanks again.

The Arts and Sciences Championship for Vatavia has been postponed until August 5th? This gives you another month to pull together your entries.

Remember, you can enter competitions at any event you attend which has one, and that's most Kingdom events! But if you do, be sure to let me know! And if you don't enter, go by and look at the entries. You can learn a lot by seeing what others do--good or bad.

Lady Saerlaith

Here In Vatavia

Well its been quite awhile since we had a King from Vatavia. Two years or was it three? It feels good to be at the "center" of the kingdom again. You all know what this means don't you? Its been a Culontir tradition to have a Vatavian monarch followed by a Vatavian monarch, so fighters get to practicing, the ball is in your court--or should that be rattan is in your Court? (Look, this isn't going to work if you don't laugh at my puns, I'm doing the best I can).

There sure were a lot of people working together to make Crown a good event, the Kingdom thanks you, and I thank you. You all know how to handle a harried autocrat don't you....with care, guys, with care.

Its been a busy Spring what with the Boy Scout demo, Kenn Faire, the Botanica demo, Crown, and then Lillies. I would have loved to have seen more of you at Lillies. Everyone who came had a great time but the Daiquiri party didn't have enough Bimboys. Where's Brusa when we needed him? The daiquirri party was a complete success anyway. Every time we have it we have even more people. We had visiting Vicountess, Baronesses, a Princess or two as well as a #1 Duchess, in addition to regular people like me. If you can call us (or me) regular. But we didn't discriminate, if the "hats" begged enough, we let them drink with us.

We ate, we sang, we enjoyed life and oh yes, someone said there was fighting going on somewhere. Ask Gawayne about that Scout who seemed to have his number. Tristan has an interesting story to tell about an archery opponent who made him shoot from his knees. He tells it well too. All in all it was a pretty good war, even packing up was fun when you help each other. While we were packing some fellow Vatavians found an interesting piece of metal...gee I wonder if someone would like to know who has it?

Well thats about all for now. I hope this finds you in good health and ready for the next installment.

In Service to Vatavia,

Your Roving Reporter

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From the Caltrap Pursuivant

Unto their Excellencies Baron Tederick von Wolfschatten and Baroness Aileen the Audacious, the Peers, Lords, Ladies and Good Gentiles of Vatavia, doth Lady Annys de Vernun of Kettering, Caltrap Pursuivant, send Greetings,

I submit for your most kind and gracious attention this report of the Heraldic activity of your Pursuivant and Heraldic Staff during the past month.

I humbly apologize to all that the Heraldic Consultation announced for May 24 was canceled due to the illness of your Pursuivant. We have scheduled an Heraldic Consultation to be held Wednesday, July 25 from 7pm to 10pm in Room 324 of Abba Library on the Wichita State University Campus. If you need directions or further information please leave a message with my scribe at 755-1917 and I will contact you.

We staffed a Herald's Point at Crown Journey, May 19. We had most of our materials with us and consulted with four Good Gentiles about Armorial submissions. The Vatavian Roll of Arms was displayed and many people commented favorably on it. Lords Aidries, Aelfric and Eoin served beyond the call of duty as camp and field Heralds and have my heartfelt gratitude. Heralds from across the Kingdom who assisted at the List Field were Lord Aed mac Cormac, Lord Andreas of Green Village, and Baron Christopher Amber, all of Forgotten Sea, Lord Norbert Fechter from Coeur d'Ennic and Lord Dahrien Cordell. Their assistance was greatly appreciated. Lady Searlaith nic Villiam O'Ceallaigh announced the Baronial and Royal Courts that evening assisted by Lord Gawayne ap Tristram, Gold Falcon, Lady Annys de Vernun of Kettering, Caltrap Pursuivant and Alanna, Spike Cornet. Vatavians who recieved awards were:
Alu of Featherstone AOA
Annys de Vernun of Kettering AOA
Ivar the Neckless AOA
Dirk von Rosswold AOA
William of V'Tavia Swan
Gawayne ap Tristram Torse
Eoin Scott na Daingniche Torse Congratulations to all.

The Herald's Staff met Monday, June 11. Present were Annys de Vernun, Searlaith nic Villiam O'Ceallaigh, Marie Chantal Delaire and Conrad. The Interval Letter of Intent of May 31 was researched and notes prepared for a letter of comment. Two Good Gentiles were advised on name and device submissions and three newcomers to the SCA were advised on the selection of a persona and device. The next Heraldic Staff meeting was scheduled for Monday, July 9 at 7:00pm.

I remain, your devoted servant, in Service to Vatavia and Calontir

Annys de Vernun of Kettering Done by my hand this thirteenth day of June, AS XXV (1990)

From the Chronicler

As you heard at the last populace there is alot more to the Dragonflyre than you may have been aware of. As Chroniclers everywhere know I need articles and art work always.

There are some minor form changes going into effect. As well As always if you have any suggestions or submissions etc. feel free to write: 9600 E. 47th Street South

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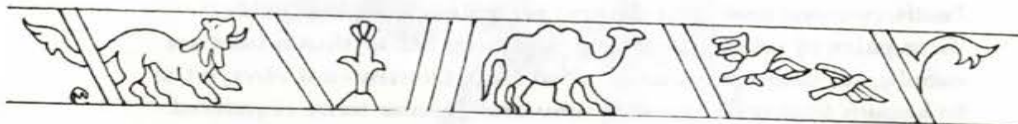
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My scribe takes wonderful messages at 788-4698.

I am looking for a deputy. So any interested persons please submit your desires in writing. As well as your talents, future wishes, and what YOU can do for the Dragonflyre.

In service,

Lady Gwendolynn O'Shaughnessey



From the Luchistnik

It is with great sadness I write to you one last time as your Archer Champion. I am pleased to see our archers have increased in rank and talents greatly. With all this new blood and enthusiasm I find it's time to move on to other things.

I am not by any means saying good-bye to archery. On the contrary I hope to do more traveling and be alot more active as a Marshall of the Field...and create hundreds of good safe fun loving persons who want to spread archery throughout our Kingdom and the Known World. (How's that for a run on sentence?)

I also want to get more going with our hand thrown weapons. More tourneys!!!! Let's start a new tradition in Vatavia and become well known for our archery and thrown weapons. How bout it folks?

For all those who are shooting in the Luchistnik shoot I wish you well and lots of luck. Any number of you could take the title. But with the title comes responsibility to our Baronage and to our populace. Good luck to my many friends. May the best man/woman win.

In service to Vatavia,

Gwendolynn Morna O'Shaughnessey

Congratulatioons are in order:

Unto Lady Ala of Featherstone and Lady Cassimira d'Arcy doth Lady Annys de Venum of Kettering, Caltrap Pursuivant send Greetings.

Congratulations Lady Ala and Lady Cassimira. The letter of Acceptances and Returns of March AS XXIV from Laurel Queen of Arms announced registration of your name, Ala od Featherstone and your device; per pale argent and sable, three pairs of wings conjoined and inverted within a bordure nebuly, all counterchanged. Also Lady Cassimira d'Arcy let it be known that your name is now and forever more registered and yours alone.

Looking Symposium

The second Calontir Cook's Guild Symposium in Vatavia was both a lot of fun and very delicious. Thirty-five people attended some portion of the event. This was my first time to autocrat and I am so very grateful to all the folks who helped make my task a much easier one. Special thanks, of course, go to the instructors, Countess Elizabeth, Mistress Gwyneth, Lady Elsbeth, Mistress Hertha, and Dr. Tzbicki. Thanks also to the Baron and a number of other fighters who lifted and toted some rather heavy beer barrels. A very great thanks to His Grace, Sir William who donated the beer and who dragged pots, pans, and electric 'thingies' to site.

Particular thanks must go to Asketil and a relative newcomer to our Barony, Elspeth, who washed and dried and washed and dried until every dish, glass, platter, etc. shined. To Lord Galen, also a relative newcomer to our Barony, and my four wonderful friends from Mag Mor, thank you for staying after everyone else had left and helping me clean up the site.

The Cook's Guild and the Barony split a small profit (approx \$29.00), but the very positive comments about the event were the real profit to me.

I hope that all those persons interested in the Cook's Guild will join and support it. Currently, in Vatavia, there are a total of four members. Please contact me if you need additional information or application forms.

In service,
Demetrius





The Art of the (Un)Common Thank You
Tua Kynara of Illyricum

I would like to take a moment to address a subject you might feel at first glance is inappropriate in the context of the S.C.A. But let me assure you, this is a very important subject to examine. For this purpose, let me call it the "Art of the (Un)Common thank you."

But how does this affect me, you may ask. The answer is simple. Saying thank you is important. I will go as far as to state that saying thank you is one of the most important things you will ever get to say to your friends in the S.C.A. (and to those outside). Far too often, individual efforts go unnoticed when a simple word of thanks would have made all the difference.

Expressing gratitude is something we are taught to do from our earliest years. Most of us find it second nature to be able to say thanks when we are passed food at the dinner table, or when we are the recipient of a favor. (And who can forget those "special" thank you cards we all got to write to Aunt Martha and Uncle Dave for those gifts we received at Christmas and Graduation!?)

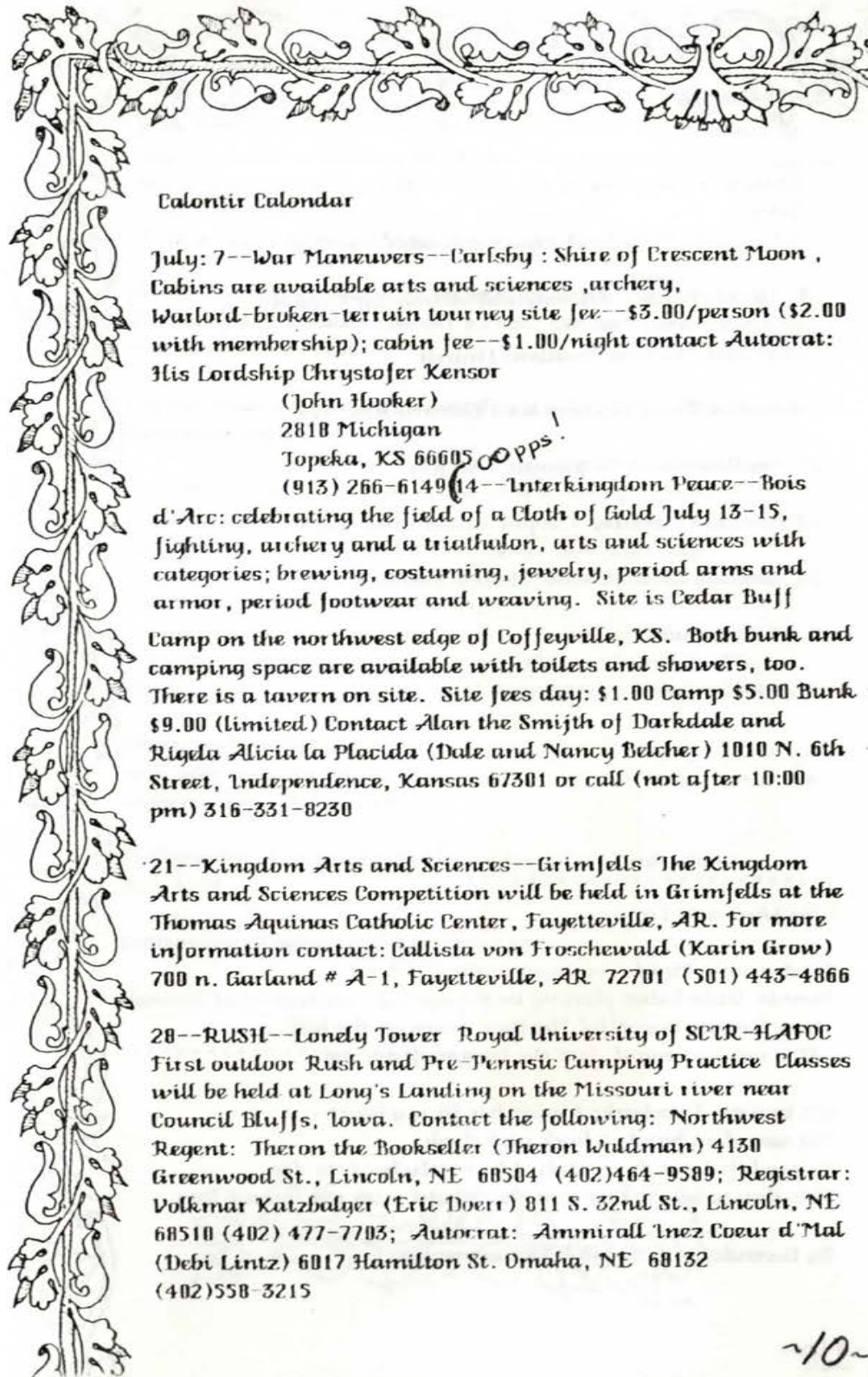
In the S.C.A., we are surrounded by many talented and dedicated individuals - some hold offices and some do not. But it is through these individual efforts that our S.C.A. experience is enriched. Often you will see someone receive an award for "Service Above and Beyond the Call of Duty." This recognition is vital and very important for the continued health of the S.C.A. as a whole - Consider it a "Communal" thank you, if you will. But also important to the future health of The Society is for each and every one of us to remember to express our personal appreciation for each other as often as possible. The easiest way to do this is to say "Thank You," either verbally or in writing, and then to be unstinting in our praise for this person and their contributions. If you are feeling particularly daring, try your hand at writing the perfect, forsooth thank you ahead of time, and personalize it to fit the occasion. But if theatrics are not your cup of tea, a simple, honest "thanks" is nice too.

Let's take this theory one step further. What if you feel that a really superb thank you is in order? (Perhaps Lord or Lady So-And-So singlehandedly peeled 1000 pounds of onions for your feast, made 3 new tunics for new members, and rescued all of your site tokens from oblivion, all on the last day before the event!) No Problem! The S.C.A. (as I have said before) is marvelously equipped to handle this. Write an award recommendation. There are local level awards, and kingdom level ones too. Pick the most appropriate award for the service done, and then Write It Out! Your Crown, Baronage, and Seneschals are always pleased to acknowledge service to the S.C.A. on the behalf of All of Us. But in order for them to do so, they have to be informed.

So this is the Art of the (Un)Common Thank You. You can say it personally, verbally or in writing, or by your recommendation it can be said on behalf of all of us (or a combination of both). The choice is yours. However, whatever method you choose, say thank you LOUD and say it often; for as William Shakespeare writes in "Twelfth Night:"

I can see no other answer made but thanks, and thanks, and ever thanks. Often good turns are shuffled off with such uncurrent pay." (1)

(1) "Twelfth Night" Act III, Scene III.



Calontir Calendar

July: 7--War Maneuvers--Carlshy : Shire of Crescent Moon , Cabins are available arts and sciences , archery, Warlord-broken-terrain tourney site fee--\$3.00/person (\$2.00 with membership); cabin fee--\$1.00/night contact Autocrat: His Lordship Chrystofer Kensor

(John Hooker)

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14--Interkingdom Peace--Bois d'Arc: celebrating the field of a Cloth of Gold July 13-15, fighting, archery and a triathlon, arts and sciences with categories; brewing, costuming, jewelry, period arms and armor, period footwear and weaving. Site is Cedar Buff

Camp on the northwest edge of Coffeyville, KS. Both bunk and camping space are available with toilets and showers, too. There is a tavern on site. Site fees day: \$1.00 Camp \$5.00 Bunk \$9.00 (limited) Contact Alan the Smijth of Darkdale and Rigela Alicia la Placida (Dale and Nancy Belcher) 1010 N. 6th Street, Independence, Kansas 67301 or call (not after 10:00 pm) 316-331-8230

21--Kingdom Arts and Sciences--Grimfells The Kingdom Arts and Sciences Competition will be held in Grimfells at the Thomas Aquinas Catholic Center, Fayetteville, AR. For more information contact: Callista von Froschewald (Karin Grow) 700 n. Garland # A-1, Fayetteville, AR 72701 (501) 443-4866

28--RUSH--Lonely Tower Royal University of SCLR-HAFOC First outdoor Rush and Pre-Pennisic Camping Practice Classes will be held at Long's Landing on the Missouri river near Council Bluffs, Iowa. Contact the following: Northwest Regent: Theron the Bookseller (Theron Wulldman) 4130 Greenwood St., Lincoln, NE 68504 (402)464-9589; Registrar: Volkmar Katzbalger (Eric Doerr) 811 S. 32nd St., Lincoln, NE 68510 (402) 477-7703; Autocrat: Ammirall Inez Coeur d'Al (Debi Lintz) 6017 Hamilton St. Omaha, NE 68132 (402)558-3215

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July

1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Fighter Practice South Linwood Park

3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Archery and Armoring Kendalls

2 Officers Meeting Brailless Church

9 Heraldic Staff Meeting WSU Library Rm. 324

23 Needleworkers Ceithlenns 7:00 pm

18 Populace Meeting 7:00pm South Linwood Park

25 Heraldic Consult WSU Library Rm. 324 7:00pm

5, 19 Chainmail Tristans

5, 12, 19, 26 Archery UKAC

The Warrior's Lament

Fresh young Maids working in the field
Bonnie' little babes playing in the rye
There lies my beautiful Heather, there on the hill
Alas my fair maid, lest she be gone from me.

Oft to war, I embark; I wear her in my heart
My sword in hand, I hack and slash,
To my left I see them nigh, I be surely bout' to die
This day to be my last, together again with my bonnie lass

By Gwendolynn Morna O'Shaughnessey

Announcements:

Baroness Aideen wishes it to be known that she will not be taking phone calls after 10:00 pm. The castle she is staying in has a wee one who needs to sleep. Thanks.

Bardic will no longer be at Fredericks Freehold.

Armoring and Archery: To be held on every Tuesday and Thursday at Kendalls, Dwarf's Foot. Contact Lord Steven for more info. 733-1936

Fighter Practice: South Linwood every Sunday 1:00 pm unless otherwise posted

The Dragonflyre Deadline is the 15th of every month.

The Chronicler is lookin for a Deputy. Contact Lady Gwendolynn O'Shaughnessey by putting it in writing. See from the Chronicler for more info.

Briallen wishes it to be known that she can be reached by phone either before 9:00 am or between 8:00pm and 10:00pm

Chainmail Guild will meet on every other Thursdays. This will take place at Lord Tristan's home 819 Cresway. For more information call 686-6893

Calligraphy: Contact Lady Raven for where and when 684-1256

Costuming: Contact Sybil at 265-4643

General Information: 522-Serf



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Comments or suggestions:

Thanks for your continued support!

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