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Farewell From the Baroness Aideen

Unto the good people of Vatavia Comes sad Greetings from Baroness Aideen

There comes a time when one must move on with one's life. That time has arrived for me.

The populace of Vatavia has been most wonderful during my time as a member of the Baronage. You have all done a wonderful job. Please do the same for our successors-Gawayne and Briallen. This is not an easy job, but with the support of the people, it is much more pleasurable.

I wish to thank you all, once again, for everything.

Aideen

Jane Winker

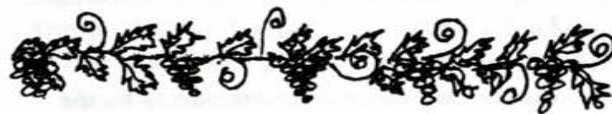
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P.S. Remember, bad pennies show up in the MOST unexpected places.

P.S.S. You all have my address now. Just because I am gone, does not mean that I don't care. Drop me a line or call. I will try to answer - sooner or later.





From the Baronage

Unto the Populace of Vatavia,

With Valor behind us, we would like to thank all those good gentles whose help and support made it all possible. Everyone connected with this event, from Their Graces the Autocrats, to Ed. Lawrence the Leech the Tavern owner, and on down the line to the trolls who kept watch through the long night. Vatavia has had a reputation for fun and warm hospitality throughout the Kingdom for a long time. That tradition continues because of your labor and dedication. Everyone has earned a pat on the back and a job well done. And don't forget those who may have done "above and beyond" and send in an award recommendation.

May the Dream continue,
Gawayne and Brian

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From the Seneschal

Good Friends,

The strength of the SEA as in any other organization is in the quality of its people. This Barony is one of the strongest in Calontir. At the Seneschal's meetings this had been pointed out over and over again to me by the other Seneschals. It has made my job much easier and I know that you will give my successor His Lordship Lawrence the Leech the same enthusiastic co-operation. He is very capable and I know he will have great plans for helping this Barony grow. Thanks

Doc, Thanks everyone.

Vivat Vatavia,

Brian



From the Caltrap Pursuivant

Unto the Baronage, Peers, Lords and Ladies and Good Gentles of Vatavia both Lady Annys de Vernum of Kettering, Caltrap Pursuivant, send Greetings,

The Heraldic Staff met the ninth day of July. Ladies Searlath, Marie Chantal and Annys and Milady Alanna prepared notes for a report of the Vatavian Baronial Court held the thirtieth day of June and researched the June thirtieth Internal Letter of Intent from Saker, Submissions Herald for Calontir. Notes for a Letter of Comment on the twelve items included were prepared. We have an Heraldic Consultation scheduled for Wed Sept 26. I remain,

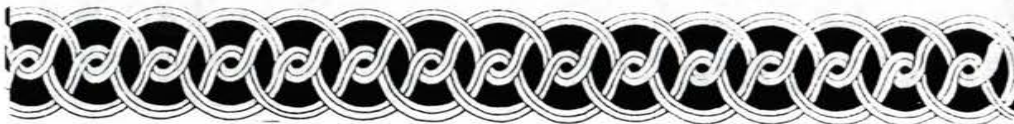
In Service to Vatavia,

Annys de Vernum of Kettering

By my Hand this eighteenth day of July, ASXXV (1990).

Due to other commitments, Alanna, currently Spike Corner, is resigning as Caltrap's drop-dead deputy. Any good gentles interested in filling this position are asked to send a note to Annys, Caltrap Pursuivant, telling her about yourself. Mail to A. Marie Watson, 8931 W. 78rd North, Valley Center, Kansas





Their Excellencies Baron Tedrick von Wolfschatten and Baroness Aileen the Audacious presided over a Court of the Barony of Vatavia held on the front lawn of Kansas Newman College the evening of Saturday, June 30, AS XXV. Court was convened by Lady Searlaith nic William O'Ceallaigh at 8:30 p.m.

Lady Marie Chantal Delaire was called forward and presented the Vatavian Roll of Arms to the Barony on behalf of Caltrap Pursuivant and the Vatavian Heraldic Staff. She called Lady Ala of Featherstone forward to congratulate her upon the registration of her name and device. Lady Ala gave the Barony permission to display her device on the Roll of Arms and placed a copy on the Roll. Lady Marie presented Lord Demetrius il Condottiere with a scroll in appreciation of his work in the SCA 101 classes.

Lord Adfric Fritharikson was called and did obeisance to Baron Sir Tedrick because he wished to gravel before Baron Tedrick one last time.

Eleven Citizens of Vatavia were called and presented with citizenship cords in recognition of their support of the Society in the form of paid memberships.

Tedrick was given a cord to commemorate his Victory in Competition for the TK AC competition at the Spring AS XXV Crown Tourney and Earl Sir Gabriel ap Morgan ap Hywel received the same award for his Victory in the Spring AS XXV Crown Tourney. Rinald il Bianco received a scroll for his Victory in the Journey held that day before this Court.

In the presence of his squires, Baron Sir Tedrick made Lady

Gwendolynn Morna O'Shaughnessy his squire.

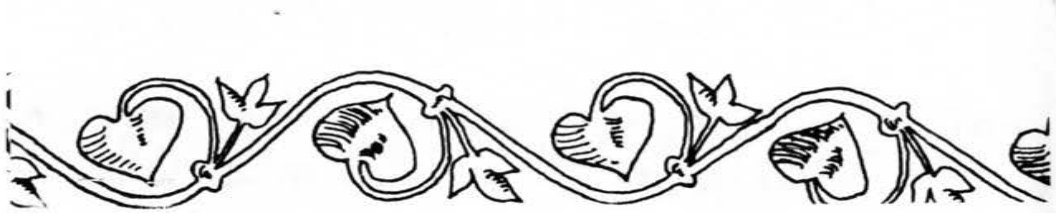
Milady Uracca was awarded an Achievement in Science for her research in period cookery.

Lord Magnus O'Coir and Brusa the Bald were given Act of Dedication awards for their work in the Blooded Axe Iron at Valer XI, AS XXIV (1989).

For their work at Demos held during the Spring of 1990 the following Gentles received awards for Acts of Dedication. Lord Aindries Asher for Field Heraldry and announcing Demos. Lord Adfric Fritharikson for Field Heraldry. Lord Eoin Scott na Daingniúche for Field Heraldry. Lady Searlaith nic William O'Ceallaigh for Court Heraldry. Milady Alanna for assistance at Herald's Tables. Milord Conrad von Ravenna for service where ever it was needed. Lady Marie Chantal Delaire for her work on the Vatavian Roll of Arms, at Herald's tables and as Heraldic Artist. Lord Aindries presented a letter from the Valley Center school praising the quality of our Demos there and calling us "edutainers".

Awards for Acts of Dedication for service at the Spring AS XXV Crown Tourney were presented to the following citizens of Vatavia.

Ulric Hossfeldmann
Conrad von Ravenna
Marie Chantal Delaire
Lora Anne the Silent
Demetrius il Condottieri
Uracca
Lelia ni Suctnuin Uf Chuthuis
Ala of Featherstone
Sean MacDulnnehirn



Jessica
Tristan Rory de Jorz
Magnus O'Carra
Rinald il Bianco
James Corteville
Kerare de la Mont de Jorz
Brangwin Awynneith McCutthbert
John
Searlaith nie William O'Ceallaigh

For their help at the Second Calontir Cook's Build Symposium awards of Act of Dedication were presented to Uracca, Elsbeth of Briarwood and Galen McDonald.

An Act of Dedication award was given to Zanni the Lost for his work on the Dragonflyre.


The following gentles worked at Camp Hiawatha to help clean up the storm damage received awards for Acts of Dedication.

James Corteville
Elsbeth of Briarwood
Cirdor Lesson
Galen McDonald
Eleanor ap Rhiwallon.

In recognition of their prowess as fighters, Demetrius il Condottiere, Fergus McRadiglass and Grim Wulfhereson were inducted into the Vajak.

The following were made members of the Vestar in recognition of their prowess as archers.

Sean MacDuirnshinn
Grim Wulfhereson
Rinald il Bianco



Ricardo the Battler
Balroc
Vlad Hendrickson
Bear (DLS)

Chonrad von Ravenna and Lady Briallen Ulfadottir were summoned. Lady Briallen read a letter from a neighbor of Camp Hiawatha in praise of Chonrad's clean up of their property the weekend of Crown Tourney. Chonrad was made a member of the Order of the Golden Heart in recognition of his service to Vataria.

Lady Briallen announced to the populace the appointment of Ala of Featherstone as the Deputy Seneschal and Rinald il Bianco as Castellon.

For Service to the Barony Lady Marie Chantal Delaire was invited to select an item from the Baronial Treasure Chest. She chose amethyst beads.

Lady Tuia Kynarra of Illyricum was summoned and prostrated herself before Baroness Aileen. Her Excellency presented Lady Tuia with a pair of earrings in recognition of her long and faithful service.

Lady Gwendalynn Morna O'Shaughnessy, Suchistak, was summoned. She called her successor, Balroc, and presented him with the regalia of the office and a scroll attesting to his assumption of the office.

Earl Sir Gabriel ap Morgan ap Nywel, Crown Prince of Calontir, Bardic Champion of Vataria, announced a competition to be held that evening to chose a new Bardic Champion.



Their Excellencies, Baron Sir Tedrick and Baroness Aileen bade farewell to those citizens of Vatavia who have left the Barony to live in far lands.

The competition to chose the Bardic Championship was then held with four Bards, Lord Aelfric Frihariksson, Sean MacDuirnchinna, Lord Andries Asher and Lady Searlaith competing. Lord Aelfric was declared the winner and was presented with the regalia of the office.

Her excellency, Baroness Aileen declared this Vatavian Baronial Court closed about eleven p.m.

--REPORT DONE BY ANNYS DE VERTURE OF KETTERING, DALZOP PURSTUVANTZ, ASSISTED BY LADY SEARLAITH, LADY MARIE CHANZAL AND ALANNA SPIKE CORNETZ.

From the Chronicler

Greetings Unto the Populace,

Well alot has happened sence my jorney across the known world to the East. We have a new Baronage, a new Seneschal; and we made it through another Valor. I also have a new Deputy-Eleanor ap Rhinwallon also known as Wendy Donaldson. So in the event I am unable to make it to a populace or an Officers Meeting, feel free to deliver to her any information or submissions you may wish to turn in. Also feel free to give her any suggestions concerning the flyre. I have been having problems getting this publication in a



timely manner. My official deadline for mailing the flyre was set as the 5th of the month. At times there are unforeseen things that come up such as this month with the new Baronage and such. From now on no more Mrs. Nice Person. If I do not have the information to print it will have to be printed the following month.

In Service,

Gwendolynn MORAN O'Shaughnessy

From the MOA

Guess What? At the end of this month, I have to do another report! And I need your help. Last report, I didn't hear from you on what you've been up to. And I didn't have time to make calls. This time, I and my deputies may well bug you unless you bug us first. Surprise us!

Support your local interest groups. Without you, nobody shows up and the groups die. If you want to go but the day is a conflict, let me know; maybe I can help.

Remember our local Arts and Sciences Championship--at this writing scheduled sometime in October or November.

Congratulations to my new Kingdom MOA. I'm looking forward to working with you.

lady Searlaith



Who's Who In W'ladia

(a reprint from Sept AS XIX)

In 930 A.D., having secured all of Wales under his domain, King Hywel Dda, "Howell the Good", convened a assembly of wise men at Hendy-Gwyn. He felt it was time to codify Welsh law. Into the mist of this momentous occasion stumbled a half-dead and starving Irish mercenary, Flahertagh Mac Maedmordha of the Dal Cais, who had left Viking-held Ireland to find his fortune and freedom. Unfortunately, Wales wasn't as full of fortune as he had been led to believe, and as for freedom. Well, it certainly didn't fill his tummy or put warm clothes on his back. In fact, stumbling into the King's meeting was the first good thing to have happen to him since he left Munster. Flahertagh soon found himself fed, clothed, toasty-warm, and working for Hywel. We should all enjoy such luck!

Quickly dubbed "Y Wyddel" -- The Irishman -- by the King (even the polysyllabic Welsh had trouble with his real name), Flahertagh worked his way up in the King's service until he was created a chieftain. Having quelled a rebellion in the north of Wales, Flahertagh was rewarded with Wenyfana Merch Llewellyn, daughter of a fellow chieftain. He married Wenyfana in 935, and the King honored the wedding by attending and participating in the party afterwards.

Three years later, Y Wyddel and Wenyfana still had no children. King Hywel suggested a pilgrimage to Llanwrtyd Wells, a holy site well known for its curative powers. Wyddel was off to the north again to put down yet another rebellion. Six months into the campaign he received a message from Wenyfana proudly announcing her pregnancy. Wyddel was so happy and so full of gratitude to King Hywel that he made a solemn vow. "I swear by St. Kevin's holy blood that I shall



name this child after my gracious King who has been so good to me and mine."

His daughter, born three months later, didn't even remotely resemble the King. Still, a vow is a vow, and so Hywellis Merch Wyddel was duly baptized. A handmaiden to the Queen, Wenyfana was further honored when Queen Gwendolen herself became the child's foster mother. Thus Hywelis grew up at Court, learning all the womanly arts and excelling in embroidery and sewing. She also showed an interest in the science of herbalism, often spending afternoons with the King's master herbalist.

As she grew, Hywelis Brych -- "Freckles" -- discovered that the boys she has spent so much time playing "Hide and Seek" and "Cymraeg and Saeson" with were rather more interesting than she had first thought. Some of them began to be downright fascinating. Most fascinating was one of the King's many grandsons, Gabriel ap Morgan ap Hywel. His good looks and merry wit caused her to jab her finger with a needle more than once.

Gabriel was the son of the King's third son Morgan Gwylit -- Morgan the Wild -- a reckless foolish young man who didn't meet his father's expectations. His most audacious enterprise resulted in his marriage. Crossing over the border into England, he came upon a convent where he spied a comely novice, Mary Cooper's daughter. Liking her dark eyes, he kidnapped her and galloped back to Wales. His furious father demanded he return the girl to her convent but Mary, having developed a taste for the secure life, suggested marriage instead. The ceremony was duly performed but Morgan galloped off afterward and was never seen again.

When Mary's son was born in February of 940, she named him for the Archangel Gabriel. Gabe grew into manhood at his grandfather's court, excelling at archery, fighting, story-telling and singing -- in short becoming all a Welsh

warrior should be. Taking his grandfather as a role model he more than made up for the disappointment caused by his father. Being somewhat precocious he discovered the gentler sex at about the same time Hywelis discovered a compatibility and comfortableness which quickly bloomed into love.



The road to wedded bliss was not easy though. King Hywel died in 950 and three years later at 13, Gabe went to war for the first time. At age sixteen, he and Welis were finally wed. Their eldest son, Jesse, was born ten months later. Wales no longer enjoyed the stability it had under King Hywel, and Gabe and Welis began to long for a peaceful place to raise their son. After Gabe almost lost his life in yet another battle, he, Welis, and Jesse left Wales and traveled to V'tavia. They had heard of the fearless Baron of V'tavia, William de Bohun, and of the peace that his subjects enjoyed. So they settled in V'tavia and as if to prove that providence did indeed smile down on their new home, their son James was born. Now they look forward to raising their children to be warriors in service to the Barony as they themselves serve.

Vivat!

Gabriel ap Morgan ap Hywel Nywelis Brych Merch Wyddel
(The Royal Highnesses Sir Earl Gabriel ap Morgan ap Hywel
Countess, Mistress Hywela frech ferch Wyddel)

The Dragonfly

By Demetrius il Condottieri



Hail, glorious Vatavia Dragonfly
A bright blaze of gold and soft glow of blue
Wings glisten in the early morning dew
Precious gift of the earth, of wind, of sky
On gossamer wings lifts our honor high
Chivalry and courtesy matched by few
With love and respect our Barony imbue
Guiding dreams and deeds where the truth doth lie
Transform the groth, common, vulgar, mundane
To diamond hard brilliance with your seal.
Renaissance glories are ours to regain
Model for us such a noble ideal
Justice, honor, and chivalry retain
Give me the courage to make the dream real.

Blacksmithing Workshop

On Sept 22nd and 23rd V'tavia will host its first blacksmithing workshop. Rick Plough will give the workshop on basic blacksmithing. Mr. Plough is the former blacksmith for Old Cowtown Museum and has presented this basic blacksmithing workshop many times in association with Old Cowtown Museum. The workshop will cover basic forge practices: drawing, upsetting, and welding, with emphasis on practices that are directly applicable to the SCA, i.e. weapon making, eating and household utensils, and tools. At the completion of this workshop each individual should be able to work in his or her own forge in a safe and effective manner.

Site:

Rick Plough's Shop 320 N. Daily Mount Hope, Kansas 67108

Time Schedule: Site opens at 9:00AM with workshop starting at 10:00AM and continuing until dark both days.

Forges and anvils will be provided. Everyone is encouraged to bring their own hammers and tongs- (please have the tools you bring clearly marked). It is important that those people participating wear cotton clothing. Blue jeans or overalls work best; leather aprons are preferred.

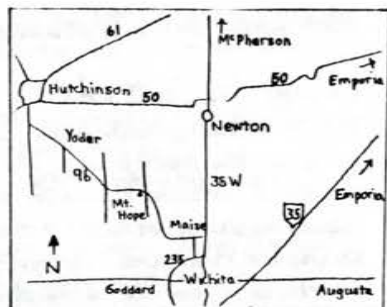
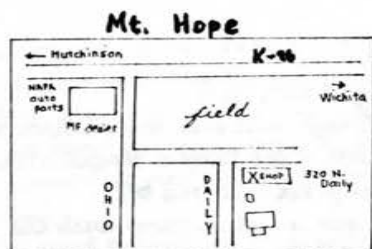
Lunch will be at 12:00 noon and can be had from the local restaurant in Mount Hope.

Space will be limited to the first 15 people making reservations. (To help plan the number of forges.)

Site fees: \$25.00 will provide coal iron and a nominal 2 persons per forge and anvil.

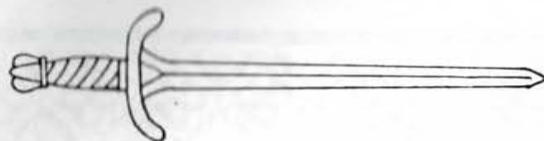
Limited camping: very primitive site (in town site, no sanitary conveniences, water provided by a garden hose) on two vacant lots across from shop.

For reservations and information contact Leonardo Kalamaro (Dean Day) 1033 McFormick Wichita, Kansas 67213 (316) 264-2729



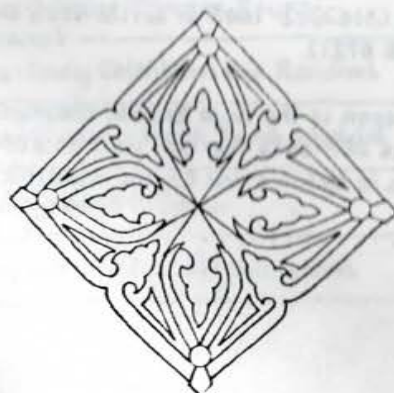
Calontir Calendar September

- 8--1st Annual Wine and Gauze Party--Forgotten Sea
Contact Ly. Aileen Brigit O'Kelley (Kelly Wilson 3723
Wyandotte Kansas City, MO 64111 (816) 753-5123) or Ly.
Katri Brunenberg (Marcia Sohlenn 8438 Travis Lane,
Overland Park, KS 66212 (913) 642-5976
- 15--Coronation--Crescent Moon--The Coronation of Gabriel
and Hywela (Topeka, KS) Contact the Autocrat Salamandra the
Coppersmith (Sully Herald 1916 NW Tyler, Topeka, KS 66608
(913) 357-0290
- 22--Laughing Dragon--Wyvern Cliffe--Jefferson City,
Missouri contact Lord Derek Logan 1719 Independence Drive,
Jefferson City, MO 65109 1-314-635-8580 (9am-9pm)
- 29--Ragnarok--Grimfells--contact Ly. Lina von Wisent (Leigh
Plugge) Ld. Casimir Cosznoszyk (Chris Nagy) at 3388
Harvard, Fayetteville, AR 72703 (501) 442-9305
- Event-Elkshere Lavitæf Demo Contact Bryce Chapman
(402) 371-6863 1000 Elm Ave. Apt. 1 Norfolk, NE. 68701 or
Lord Robert of the Northern Wastes (Robert Stewart) Box 246
Hadar, NE 68738 (402) 371-6380 before 10:00 P.M.)



Vatavian Calendar September

- 1--Valor Journey
- 9--Bardic 2:30-4:30 pm at Ld. Aelfric Fritharíksson Windsor
at Kingsbourn, 2724 S. Seneca, C-11. 267-5913 (no calls
after 10pm)
- 9--Fighter Practice Kansas Newman
- 11-- Archery and Armoring Kendals
- 13--Needleworkers 7:00 pm at Ly Ceithlenns
- 13--Officers Meeting Brialens Church
- 16--Fighter Practice Kansas Newman
- 18-- Archery and Armoring Kendals
- 19--Populace Meeting 7:00pm South Linwood
- 20--Chainmail-7:00 pm Ld. Tristans
- 22--Blacksmithing Workshop (see flyer)
- 23--Fighter Practice Kansas Newman
- 25-- Archery and Armoring Kendals
- 26--Heraldic Consult WSH Library Rm. 324
- 30--Fighter Practice Kansas Newman



Announcements:

Armoring and Archery: To be held on every Tuesday and Thursday at Kendalls, Dwarf's Foot. Contact Lord Steven for more info. 753-1936

Fighter Practice: will be every Sunday at Kansas Newman unless otherwise for which you need to contact Lady Raven at 529-2281

The Dragonflyre Deadline is the 15th of every month!

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 Crestway. For more information call 686-6893

Calligraphy: Contact Lady Raven for where and when 529-2281

Costuming: Contact Sybil at 265-4643

General Information: 522-Serf

Those persons interesting in dance and or bardic contact Lady Searlaith nic William O'Ceallaigh (687-3241)

To contact the new Seneschal; call His Lordship Lawrence Taiefer the Leech (316)942-1045 or write 4526 West 12th Street Wichita, KS 67212

Aelfric Fritharicsson is the new Bardic Champion (Olave). Contact number is 267-5913 (no call past 10:00pm please) Current intention is to have one bardic meeting per month.

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Officers List

Baron-Gawayne ap Tristram (Wayne Taylor)	529-2281
Baroness-Briallen ferch Vikingr (Debbie Taylor)	265-8931
Seneschal-Lawrence Taiefer the Leech (Larry Bumgardner)	524-0917
Pursuivant-Anny's de Verrum of Kettering (Marie Watson)	735-1917
Treasurer-Lelia ni Lochna O Cathail (Lana Smith)	838-8057
MOA-Searlaith nic William O'Ceallaigh (Devery Corteville)	687-3241
MOS-Tristan Rony de Jorz (Richard Haddaway)	686-6893
Knight Marshall-Lady Hrafnhildr o Slandysol (Lisa Day) Lady Raven	529-2281
Archer Marshall-Lord Steven Egan O'Bannon (Steven Burris)	753-1938
Chronicler-Lady Awendolynn O'Shaughnessay (Lynne Batiz)	788-4898
Luchistrik-Balroc (Steven Stuhlsatz)	524-4834
Champion-Lady Hrafnhildr o Slandysol (Lisa Day) Lady Raven	529-2281
Historian-Lord Friar Thomas Bacon (David Moreno)	685-1182
List Mistress-Lady Ceithlenn nic Ruidhri (Amy Billington)	685-1182
MOC-Countess Hywola Prech Ferch Nyddel (Lisa Cooper)	685-3152
Castellaine-Reynaldo il Bianco (Del Lindsay)	529-2871
Bardic Champion-Aelfric Fritharicsson (Allen Leddon)	267-5913