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The *Dragonfire* is a monthly newsletter for the subscribers within the Barony of Valavia, and others by subscriptions for \$11.00 per year. Submissions: Art, articles, poetry, letters, etc. are gladly accepted but subject to the approval by the local Baronage to curtail any rebuttals or items which seem in bad taste. Submissions should be on white paper, black ink for art. Letters and articles are greatly appreciated and need not be typed.

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From the Chronicler

Unto the Baronage and Populace of Vatavia comes greetings from Lady Eleanor ap Rhiwallon.

I am pleased to announce that a humongously (Real forsooth, I know.) talented person in our beloved Barony of Vatavia has earned the next six months of his Dragonflyre free for his absolutely wonderful, and numerous, art submissions. Congratulations to Ld. Fergus!! I hope you all will enjoy his work as much as I do. Please encourage him to use his talent in some A&S competitions around the kingdom.

As always, I need stuff. You all know the deal by now.

With Galen and I now living in Pratt, I have decided to change the Dragonflyre deadline to the populace meeting of each month. That way people can get it to me in person. I will also be attempting to make two fighter practices a month if not more.

The census is done (or will be by the time you read this). It will be with me at populace and officers' and wherever else I happen to be in the next month.

Apologies to those who follow the Byzantine cookbook. It should appear in this issue, but with the confusion of recent moving and a strange packer, I have yet to locate in which one of eighty some odd remaining boxes to be opened where half the Dragonflyre files are.

In service,
Eleanor

WSU Demo - Thank You

Unto the Baronage and Populace of Vatavia, greetings from Eleanor ap Rhiwallon.

As some of you already know, a demo promoting a WSU Student Activities Council Travel Committee trip to the KC Renaissance Faire was held on the WSU campus outside of the Campus Activities Building. I would like to thank the following Good Gentles who at the last minute, gave part of their Wednesday to help out:

Baroness Brialen, HL Lawrence, HL Marie, Ld. Torrin, Ld. Aindries, Ly. Phillipa, Ly. Anne, Ly. Lora Anne, Ld. Chonrad, Milord Rand, Milady Stacy, and Milord Chris.

In service,
Eleanor

Unto Their Excellencies Baron Gawayne ap Tristram and Baroness Briallen Ulfsdottir Vikingr, the Lords, Ladies and Good Gentles of Vatavia, doth Lady Annys de Vernun of Kettering, Caltrap Pursuivant for Vatavia, send Greetings.

The July Letter of Acceptances and Returns from Laurel, King of Arms has the following action on armorial submissions from Vatavia.

Andre Miguel de la Croix - Device: Gules, a vol and on a chief Or two crosses patonce sable. Registered.

Andre Miguel de la Croix - Badge: Quarterly sable and gules, a vol within a bordure Or. Registered.

Anne Lockwood - Device: Per fess argent and purpure, a fret counterchanged. Registered. Laurel's comment: "Nice Armory."

Sean Angus MacDuinnchinn - Device: Gules, on a fess argent between four recorders, three and one, a kris reversed sable. Registered.

Wilhelm von Buren - Name and Device: Per pale azure and Or, a sesselblat counterchanged. Registered. Laurel's comment: "Nice armory!:"

William Fidgett - Name. Registered. Device returned for conflict.

Our congratulations to these Good Gentles, your submissions have passed Laurel!

The August 31, AS XXVI, Letter of Intent from Lord Saker to Laurel, King of Arms has the following submissions from Vatavia.

Llewellyn the Archer - Device: Per chevron azure and vert, a chevron fracted between two mullets of eight points and a tower Or, registered.

Tancos Janos - Badge: Fieldless, a mullet per pale gules and argent, registered.

Our congratulations to these Good Gentles, your submissions have passed Laurel!

I remain, in service to Vatavia, Calontir and the Dream,

Annys de Vernun of Kettering

By my hand, this fourteenth day of September, AS XXVI, while sitting at Kettering.



Unto the populace of Vatavia Greetings

Be it known that the good gentles here listed did give of themselves and their time to make the Blooded Ar Inn a success.

Milord Robert de Spencer

Milord Conrad of Vatavia

Lady Sibeal Oh Ogain

Lord Galen MacDonald

Lord Demetrius il Condottierro

Milady Reina

Milady Branwen Gweryth MacCuithberd

Milord Eckerich

Lady Lelia ni Lochtain uf Chathail

Lady Ala of Featherstone

Milady Maeuve de Navarre O'Kelly

Lord Conrad von Ravenna

Lord Eoin Scott na Daingnische

Lady Eleanor ap Rhiwallon



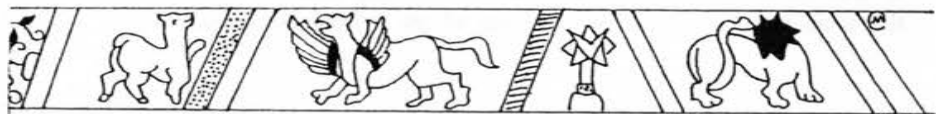
His Lordship Friar Thomas Bacon

His Lordship Lawrence Tailefer the Leech

Her Excellency Briallen Ulfsdottir Viking



Vivat! and thanks
M. Cantal



VATAVIAN COSTUME GUILD

Mid-Period Garb
Workshop

Saturday, October 5, 1991
10 am to 5 pm

Clubhouse of
Windsor at Kingsborough Apartments
2724 South Seneca

This workshop is being held for the purpose of experimenting to discover how to cut and make mid-period garb. We are considering the b্লাউট, cotehardie, houppelande, sideless surcoat and kirtle. You will need to bring the following items.

An old sheet, or two or three, or cheap muslin for cutting and fitting mock-up pattern for your garb.

A tape measure.

Scissors.

Straight pins.

A fabric marking pen or chalk, color to contrast with your fabric.

Any of the following items which you can bring will be very helpful.

A portable sewing machine.

A table to put the sewing machine on.

Electrical extension cord.

If you have any questions, please call Lady Annys (Phone number is in the Dragonflyre) between 7 pm and 10 pm before the workshop.

VATAVIAN COSTUME GUILD

Late Period Underwear
Workshop

Saturday, November 2, 1991
10 am to 5 pm

Lower Level of the Clubhouse at
South Lake Village Apartments
4141 South Seneca

This workshop is being held for the purpose of drafting patterns for and fitting a fathingale and an Elisabethan corset. You will need to bring the following items.

A tape measure.

Scissors.

Straight pins.

A fabric marking pen or chalk, color to contrast with your fabric.

Graph paper and pen or pencil.

Heavy innerfacing, minimum length to match your largest torso measurement.

Old newspapers.

If you have any questions, please call Lady Annys (Phone number is in the Dragonflyre) between 7 pm and 10 pm before the workshop.

Scottish Gala

October 19, 1991

Site: Corner of Pawnee and Greenwich Rd.
Wichita, KS

In front of the Royal Scottish Company
(Go to red and white pavilion, first!!)

Events begin at 10:00a.m., Saturday and closes "sometime Sunday"
Site opens 5p.m., Friday

Limited camping available - Must contact Ld. Andries ahead of time.

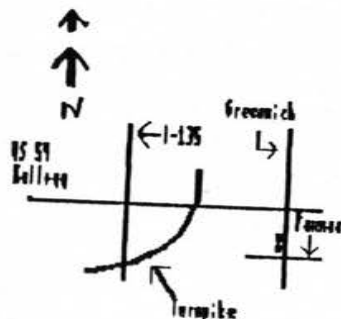
The Barony of Vavia in conjunction with the Royal Scottish Company is pleased to present a day of Scottish fun. Activities will include a round shield tourney, a great sword/bastard sword tourney, archery competitions, axe and hammer throw, caber tossing, and children's activities.

Saturday evening will begin with a joint potluck feast with members of the SCA and Wichita Scottish Society (roast chicken will be provided). Afterwards, there will be a Ceilidh - a Scottish party with singing, drinking, and storytelling.

Possibility of pick-up fighter on Sunday.

Not Scottish? Come anyway! Don't know Highland Games? William Blackfox will be there to teach you! Gonna be at kingdom A&S? Come afterwards for the party! Don't want to drive home? See below.

We have camping space, but, because this a demo, you **MUST CONTACT LD. ANDRIES BY OCT. 15, 1991** at (316)-524-8991 between 8a.m. and 5p.m., or LY. CEITHLENN at 685-1182 between 6p.m. and 10p.m. (There is a phone elf to take messages). OR, you may **WRITE** Ld. Andries c/o Drew Cookson 2920 South Fern St., Wichita, KS 67217.



The Battle of Bride Keep

Site: Lazy HW Ranch, RR Box 192A
Augusta, KS 67010
(316)-775-5258

Friday, October 25, 5p.m. - Sunday, October 27, 8p.m.

From the barony that pioneered the shield wall comes a new dimension, the THIRD DIMENSION!! A totally 3-D war with towers, battlements, and a courtyard.

There will be a siege (catapults and battering rams allowed, no cannons, please), archery (IKAC from the tower), A&S competition (theme is early period weddings) and classes, bardic competition, and equestrian activities.

There will be period and non-period encampments with an award to the best period encampment.

Activities on Sunday are not scheduled at this time, but will occur if interested is shown.

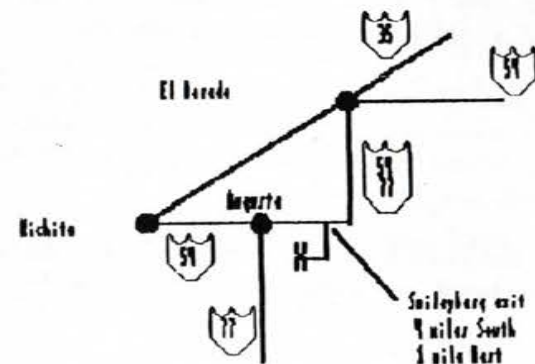
The site is wet. Fees are \$7 for members/ \$8 non-members. \$1 off for period encampments. Site fee includes smorgasbord for Saturday night (we'll provide bread, roast lamb, and beer until it's gone.).

Co-autocrats:

Ld. Aubrey Kendall of Rosewood
Ken Synder
RR 5 Box 950
Augusta, KS 67010
(316)-775-7547

Ld. Ottar Langlot
Matthew Winzer
RR2 Box 195
Augusta, KS 67010
(316)-775-5243

For pre-registration:
Fiadnaita
Susan Snyder
RR 5 Box 950
Augusta, KS 67010
(316)-775-7547



THIRD ANNUAL V'TAVIAN ARTS & SCIENCES
AND MARTIAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Sunday, October 13th in the Sedgwick county park (next to the zoo), V'Tavia will renew its pledge to the arts and sciences by selecting a new champion. Lord Demetrius, the current champion encourages all to participate. On that same day the martial Champion for the Barony of V'Tavia will be selected.

For the arts and Sciences Championship:

1. If you wish to become champion, you must submit 3 entries (no more, no less), at least 1 must be a science and at least 1 must be an art. See Lady Phillipa, Lady Searlaith, Lord Thorgrim, or Lord Demetrius for information about kingdom judging standards and what is a science and what is an art. NOTE: only static arts will be judged as we currently have a bardic champion for performing arts.

2. If you are interesting in entering the competition for best in arts or best in sciences, but not the championship, submit as many entries as you like.

3. If you are interested in feedback or want some suggestions, but don't want to compete, you may enter, request no scores and simply get judges' comments.

4. For those very skilled people whose work we all drool over, who also do not wish to enter competition, this will be an opportunity to show off your stuff so the rest of us may learn from you (no judging).

5. Entries will be accepted from 11:00 to 1:00 (real time). If you need or want something special (the need to serve your

food entry hot or to display the workings of your full-sized trebuchet), please contact Demetrius (777-0770 before 9:30pm) before October 7th. Judging will commence shortly after 1:00 (real time). Any gentle who feels s/he has sufficient skills to judge - using kingdom criteria - in any category is urged to contact Demetrius (if he hasn't already contacted you).

Please let Demetrius know any categories in which you plan to enter before October 7th. Advance warning will help in making sure that judges are available with skills in judging those categories.

For the Martial Championship

Armor inspection will be from 12:00 to 1:00 (real time). You may only fight in those weapons systems in which you have been authorized. The Knight Marshal encourages all gentles who wish to fight to be on time as he plans to start the competition at 1:00 (real time).

Following judging and the end of martial activities, their Excellencies V'Tavia will hold court. During court, winners of competitions will be announced and the new champions installed. Following court, all the populace is invited to dinner on site (bring your own). The Barony will provide lemonade and grills will be available. The site is wet. Bardic and dance will be available following dinner. Site closes at 9:30, except for cleanup crew.

Site fee is \$1.00. If you agree to stay from 9:30 to 10:00 to help cleanup, there is no site fee and you have the thanks of the autocrat.

Thanks

Demetrius

Three very pleasant events which happened to me recently. At Valor, I was allowed to present a small token to a friend of mine who displayed a level of chivalric behavior seldom seen, on or off the field. Lady Kathryn gave up an opportunity to compete in order to help me out and judge cookery competition. She was thrilled to receive the acknowledgement, very happy to receive the small tokens presented by the Baronage and by me and very impressed with the coin from the hand of His Highness, Syr Conn. She will remember Valor XII for a long time. So will I. Somehow the gift to her provided me with a lift I haven't felt for a while.

I received two thank you notes in the mail for small services I had performed for friends in the SCA. I don't know how to tell the senders how much I appreciate the thought and their taking the time and effort to tell me. The effect of those two notes for me was far beyond anything I can easily describe.

I hope that in the future I can remember how nice a "thank you" felt and how great it felt to really thank someone. Perhaps I can remember to do it more frequently. Perhaps if we all do so, the Game will become more fun, the conflicts will grow smaller and the Dream will seem more real for all of us.

Answers to Vatavia Firsts Quiz from September issue.

1. Count Sir Edward Cire of Greymore was the first Pelican.
2. Duke Sir William Vatavia and Duchess Mammara Leona were the first Laurels (In other words, they received their Laurels the same day).
3. Duke Sir Gabriel ap Morgan ap Hywel Was the first Bardic Champion.
4. Duke Sir Gabriel ap Morgan ap Hywel was the first Baronial Champion.

Now try this Vatavia Trivia....

1. Who is the individual known for a "gold" Act of Dedication cord?
2. Who is the individual known for wearing pink, purple, and peach - all at once?
3. Whose arms include three gold lynx's heads?
4. Whose arms include four recorders?
5. What two individuals received their "Torse" at Harvest Faire?

Now how about some real history trivia?

1. Which wife of Henry the Eighth allegedly haunts Hampton Court?
2. Who was "Queen for Nine Days"?
3. The battle where Simon de Montfort suffered is final defeat was _____.
4. Eleanor of Aquitaine's first husband was _____?
5. French king who had Versaille built?

Answers next Dragonflyre

Calendar/ Announcements

Populace, Oct. 16, N. Linwood Park, 7:00p.m..

Dance, Bardic, Choral - TBA at Officers' Mtg. Please check the Serflin.

Chainmail is every Tuesday at Ld. Thorgrim's. For more information, call him at the number listed in the back.

The National Shakespeare Company will present two performances of MacBeth at Bethel College, North Newton, KS. The performances are at 1:00p.m. and 8:00p.m., Monday, November 4, in Kreibel Autotorium. Costs are \$10.75 for adults, \$8.50 for students and senior citizens, and \$6.25 for children 12 and under. Contact Ly. Catriona for assistance in finding North Newton, Bethel College, and Krehbiel Auditorium.

Free University Class "An Overview of the Purposes, Organization, and Activities of the SCA." (Note: This class is for people who know nothing about the SCA. It will be very boring if you're already in the SCA.). Wichita Library, Main Branch, 7:00p.m. will be offered on October 10.. SCA members may participate by invitation only (This is a demo). Contact Baron Sir Tedrick at 529-2281.

Fighter practices are Wednesday at 6:00p.m. at N. Linwood w/ Baron Sir Tedrick, and Sundays (when there is not a kingdom level event at Kansas-Newman w/ Ld. Rinaldo and/or Duke Sir Gabriel at 12:00p.m. to whenever..

Costuming, Oct. 5, Nov. 2, See flyer

Officers' Mtg. Oct. 6, Brialen's Church, 4:30p.m.

Baronial A&S/ Champion's Tourney, Oct. 13, See flyer
Populace, Oct. 16, N. Linwood Park, 7:00p.m.

Scottish Gala, Oct. 19, See flyer

Battle for Bride Keep, Oct. 26, See flyer

Baronial Officers List

Baron - Gwayne ap Tristam	
Wayne Taylor	524-0917
Baroness - Brialen ferch Vikingr	
Debbie Taylor	524-0917
Seneschal - Lawrence Tailefer the Leech	
Larry Bumgardner	942-1045
Pursuivant - Annys de Vernun of Ketteing	
Marie Watson	755-1917
Treasurer - Lelia ni Lochtna O'Cathail	
Lana Smith	838-2858
Minister of Arts - Saerlaith nic Uilliam O' Ceallaigh	
Devery Corteville	687-3241
Minister of Sciences - Thorgrim of Hammerstorm	
Richard Cathey	687-6471
Knights Marshall - Rinaldo il Bianco	
Del Lindsley	684-0782
Archer Marshall - Stephan Egan O'Bannon	
Steven Burris	733-1936
Chronicler - Eleanor ap Rhiwallon	
Wendy Donaldson	672-7630
Luchistnik - Dietrich Eisenhart	
Jim Morrison	682-7320
Champion - Thorgrim of Hammerstorm	
Richard Cathey	687-6471
Historian - Friar Thomas Bacon	
David Moreno	685-1182
Minister of Children - Kerare.....Mont de Jorz	
Carolyn Haddaway	686-6893
Bardic Champion - Saerlaith nic Uilliam O' Ceallaigh	
Devery Corteville	687-3241
Arts & Sciences Champion - Demetrius il Condottierro	
Henry Marks	777-0770
Chatelaine - Galen MacDonald	
Mark Donaldson	672-7630