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## From the Seneschal

I trust you all are well. The winter is early, and our world has slowed some. This allows time to reflect on the year past and dream of the one to come.

There have been many successes this year -- Renfair, The Archery Event, Valor, and others -- of these we can be proud for they were fun for all involved. I have one event I wish to discuss which was successful, and yet presented a financial difficulty.

Harvest Faire was an event of difficult birth and mixed parentage-- proposed by the Crown, organized by a kingdom appointed Autocrat, and financed by our Barony. This incurred many difficulties, which I will discuss later, but the one most on the talk of the wind is its financial status. The event lost money. The financial report is as follows:

### Income

Troll	2868.52
Feast refund	13.33
Sale of ice	<u>8.00</u>
Total	2889.86

### Expenses

Site fee (257 people x \$2 a head)	\$514.00
Insurance	40.00
Porta-Johns	1472.50
Prizes (for contests)	
1 1/2 dzn. arrows	52.50
Axe	28.41
Rent, 4-H bldg for feast	40.00
Instruction books	51.83
Phone Bills	
Autocrat	440.26
Deputy Autocrat	23.15
Site tokens	124.00
Travel-Autocrat	73.82
Supplies-paper products, etc.	107.81
Food for feast	1422.89
Postage	<u>20.30</u>
Total	4411.49





Bills outstanding	
Feastocrat	41.30
Shower use at high school	20.00
Table and chair rental	<u>49.20</u>
Total	110.50
Total loss for event	1632.14
Received from kingdom	131.83
Anonymous donation	<u>50.00</u>
Resultant loss	1440.31

Among the causes of the loss are as follows:

1. Remote control site, autocrat, feastocrat, and financing.
2. Lack of managerial control-- No boundaries established.
  - a. Of autocrat over deputies
  - b. Of autocrat over finance
  - c. Of Seneschal and Baronage over autocrat
  - d. Barony (officers/Baronage) not allowed control over autocrat or event
  - e. Uncontrolled/Uncontrollable feastocrat
3. Overestimation of potential attendees.
4. Lack of attendance on the part of involved kingdoms, possibly due to adverse weather, primitive nature of site, location of site, timing of event schedule, and/or competing with KC Renaissance Festival.
5. Failure to stay on approved budget.
6. Failure of some deputies to follow through.
7. Last minute revisions (e.g. moving feast to indoor site).
8. Overly ambitious undertaking.
9. Breakdown of communication at critical point of preparations.

Positive aspects were noted:

1. Initial planning and preparation.
2. Good idea with acceptance from both kingdoms
3. Good attendance for first time event.
4. Troll log keeping with breakdown of numbers and origins of attendees.

5. Site layout and potential.
6. Feasting scenarios.
7. Spectators had easy access to watch fighting.
8. Archery set-up, bowl-like gallery.
9. Positive attitude of townspeople to SCA.
10. Fair Booklet.
11. People had a good time despite weather.

Any other questions should be directed to me.

On a future note, we have several upcoming events of interest:

1. January - Yule event w/ Bear hunt and feast.
2. April - renfair at Kansas-Newman.
3. Spring crown - one of the last two weekends in May.

Please enjoy your crafts and the quiet of The Season. I will see you all soon.

In service,  
Lawrence Taillifer the Leech

## From the Baronial Champion

Greeting unto the Good Gentles of Vatia from Ld. Rinaldo il Bianco. For those of you who may not yet know, I have been gifted by winning the honored position of being Your Champion. As such I will be allowed to lead the grand fighting forces of the Barony in the spring conflict. But...more than this, I am the liaison between the fighters and, moreover, the general populace to Their Excellencies Gawayne and Brailen. This means if you are unable or unwilling to speak with Their Excellencies, please speak with me. If you have opinions, suggestions, recommendations, or problems which you believe Their Excellencies should be aware, please contact me. I would be honored to speak with each and everyone of the gentles in the Barony if I can be of assistance.

As always, in service to The Dream,  
Rinaldo

## From the MoA

As was announced at populace meeting, I am stepping down four months early to fill the Caltrap Pursuivant position left vacant by Lady Annys. Therefore, I will need someone to take my place. If you are interested, please write me at the address below (or give me a letter in person) by the December populace meeting. The person I will recommend will be decided upon at the January officers' meeting. Until then, my deputy, Lord Galen MacDonald, will be carrying out most of the MoA duties as I busy myself learning about my new job.

What does it take to be an MoA? Be a member of the Society for Creative Anachronism (you need access to the Mews). Know (or be able to find out) who the experts are in each of the arts, and be able to get interested people in touch with them. "Encourage and promote the practice and teaching of period arts...as recognized within the Society...Oversee all group-sponsored arts...activity, including guilds, group projects, and arts...activity at group events." \* You don't have to run all competitions, just make sure they follow Society and Kingdom guidelines. Attend officers' meetings. Report to your kingdom officer every quarter (right now, this is one office that does not do a "Doomsday" report!).

Speaking of interest groups: bardic, dance, and costuming are now meeting once a month. Choral (Odanata) may try to meet twice in December. See calendar of events and/or call the SERFLINE for details.

It has been a pleasure serving the Barony as Minister of Arts the past one and one-half years. I shall miss it, but I look forward to my new position and to a fresh perspective from a new Minister of Arts.

In continued service to Vatavia, I remain

Saerlaith nic Uilliam O'Ceallaigh  
Devery Corteville  
9400 E. Lincoln, #516  
Wichita, KS 67207

\* These two items (in quotes) are from the Kingdom of Calontir Arts and Sciences Handbook.

## From the Caltrap

Unto Their Excellencies Baron Gawayne ap Tristram and baroness Brialen Ullsdotir Vikings, the Lords, Ladies and Good Gentles of Vatavia, doth Lady Saerlaith nic Uilliam O' Ceallaigh, Caltrap Pursuivant for Vatavia send greetings.

On the September Letter of Acceptances and returns from Laurel King of Arms, the following were registered:

Donatus Ludford - Device. Or, two spears in saltire sable surmounted by a dragon salient to sinister gules.

Gwendolyn Morna O'Shaughnessey - Name and device. Per bend gules and sable, a horse rampant and a sword bendwise inverted argent.

Ian Michael O'Shaughnessey - Name.

Moraigh Teige O'Flaithhbheartaigh - Device. Or, on a fountain a crocodile involved gules.

Moraigh Teige O'Flaithhbheartaigh - Badge. A crocodile involved gules.

Our congratulations to these Good Gentles on the passing of their armory!

The October 31 Letter of intent from Lord Saker to Laurel King of Arms has the following submissions from Vatavia:

Anne Mercier Bromaire. Name and device. Purpure, a horse rampant to sinister regardant, in dexter chief a mullet of eight points, elongated to base.

Arthur Bromaire. Name.

James Bromaire. Name and Device. Gules, a tyger rampant sinister within a orle Or.

John Le Bromaire. Name.

Jovan Geryhawk. Name and Device. Per pale azure and gules, two wingless griffons combattant Or.

Tristan Rory de Jorz. Device. Or, a two-tailed merman, maintaining above his head a trident, sable, on a chief gules three fountains.

Our congratulations to these Good Gentles, your submissions have passed Kingdom.

The following submissions have been returned by Kingdom:

Arthur Bromaire. Device. Gules, a lion passant guardant Or, maintaining in its forepaw a heart argent, on a chief indented ermine a pheon inverted between two others gules. Returned for excessive complexity.

John Le Bromaire. Device. Gules, on a chevron argent between three lions passant guardant to sinister Or, three hearts gules. Returned for conflict.

Tristan Rory de Jorz. Household name for Shadowkeep. Returned for conflict with the registered name Shadowkeep.

We invite these Good Gentle to meet with us to redesign and resubmit as soon as possible.

I remain in service to Vatavia, Calontir, and The Dream,  
Saerlaith nic O'Ceallaigh

With the kind assistance of Ly. Annys, Saker Herald of Calontir, this 20th day of November, AS XXVI (1991)



## Baronial A&S/Champions Court Report

Unto Their Excellencies Baron Gawayne ap Tristam and Baroness Brialen Ulfsdottir Vikingr, the Lords, Ladies and Good Gentles of Vatavia, doth Lady Annys de Vernun of Kettering, Caltrap Pursuivant for Vatavia, send Greetings and this report of the Vataavian Baronial Court of Their Excellencies Baron Gawayne ap Tristam and Baroness Brialen Ulfsdottir Vikingr held following the Baronial Champions Tourney, October 13, AS XXVI (1991)

Lord Thorgrim Hrothgarsson, Baronial Champion, was summoned before Their Excellencies to return the regalia of the Champion. He explained that the shaft of the Baronial Spear had shattered and that he had replaced the spear with an axe and he presented it to the Baronage. Lord Rinaldo il Bianco was summoned and presented to the Baronage and Populace as the winner of the tournament that day. Lord Rinaldo swore his oath of fealty to the baronage and was installed as Baronial Champion. Lords Thorgrim, Lawrence the Leech, Grim Wulferesson and Magnus O'Carr, those combatants in the tourney who shared the second highest scores, were summoned, named to the Vataavian War Council and charged with preparing the Vataavian Army for the Triatian-Three Rivers war which has been declared.

Lord Demetrius il Condotterri, Baronial Arts and Science Champion, was summoned before Their Excellencies. He returned the regalia of the Arts and Science Champion, then presented Kera de Jorz to the Baronage and populace as the winner of the Arts and Sciences Championship Competition held that day. Lady Kera swore her oath of fealty to the baronage and was installed as Baronial Arts and Sciences Champion. Milady Kathleen Irwin was summoned and presented with a scroll in recognition of her victory in the Arts division of the Competition and Lord Demetrius was presented with a scroll for his victory in the Sciences division.

Dietrick Eisenhart, Galen MacDonald and Tristan Rory de Jorz were summoned before their Excellencies and presented with leaves to add to their cords in recognition of their Victories in Competition:

Dietrick Eisenhart, for Victories in the IKAC Competition, KC Archery Event, April 1991, in the Woods Walk Competition, KC Archery Event, April 1991, in the Speed Shooting

Competition, Luchisnik Shoot, 1991, in the Segmented Axe Competition, Luchisnik Shoot, 1991, in the Knife Throwing Competition, Luchisnik Shoot, 1991, in the Axe Throw Competition, Valor XII and for his Victory as Archery Guardian of Valor, Valor XII.

Galen MacDonald, for winning the Cooking Competition, Valor XI (1990).

Tristan Rory de Jorz for his Victory in the Damsel in Distress division of the Archery Tourney, Valor XII.

Awards for their Acts of Dedication at Valor XII were presented to Philippa Lloyd de Tarifa and Kathleen Irwin and to Fergus mic Ruaidhri Ghlais for his service to the new fighters.

Lords Deitrich Eisenhart and Balroc the Archer were summoned before Their Excellencies. The members of the Vojac were called forth, and Lords Deitrich and Balroc were made members of the Order of the Vojak.

Baron Sir Tedrick von Wolfschatten asked that the Baronage address the problem of some old business. The bribe offered to him while he was Baron of Vatavia to forgo his Druit de Seigneur at the time of the marriage of Lord Tristan and Lady Kera had never been paid. Baron Sir Tedrick petitioned the Baronage to enforce the payment of this bribe. Lord Tristan was carried into Court and after much humiliation, promised to deliver the bribe during the Yule Feast. Baron Gawayne then asked Baron Sir Tedrick about the rumors and reports he was receiving about a wedding being planned in the near future. The subject was postponed to a later time and Lord Aindries and Lady Searlaith offered to have the Bardic College attend to the matter.

Lord Dietrich was again summoned, but he ran away his squire brothers in pursuit. When he was caught and carried into court, a scroll attesting to the mutual admiration and devotion between himself and his lady, Kathleen Irwin was read and presented to him.

Various announcements were made, and the Court was closed.

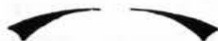


This report was prepared with the assistance of Ladies Marie Chantal Delaire and Lora Anne the Silent. I remain, in service to Vatavia, Calontir and the Dream,

*Annys*

Annys de Vernun of Kettering, AoA, OLM, OT, Caltrap Pursuivant.

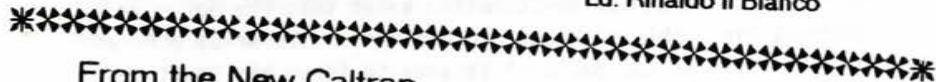
Written this seventeenth day of October, AS XXVI (1991), while sitting at Kettering.



### From the Knights' Marshall

Hello. We're still here, still fighting on Sunday afternoons and would like everyone to come out and fight or support your fighters. It's time to start training for spring. As you may know, there are once again grumbings of war to the N.E., and we've been approached to assist. We need to practice!! So let's do it!

In service,  
Ld. Rinaldo il Bianco



### From the New Caltrap

Greetings! As I start up my new job as Caltrap, I will be looking to set up a staff system like the one which worked so well for Lady Annys. Therefore, I am accepting letters of application for the following positions:

**COURT HERALD:** Responsible for the conduct of courts held in the Barony, preparation of reports of the business conducted during those courts, and the recruiting and training of others to act as heralds during courts.

**FIELD HERALD:** Responsible for heraldic services needed in the lists and camps during events within the Barony, and the recruiting and training of others to act as field heralds.

**HERALDIC ARTIST:** Assist submitters with preparation of armorial submissions. All devices which submitters ask us to draw would be channeled to you to do or to delegate to an artist who may be on secondary staff. Also in charge of the Rolls of Arms.

**NAMING PRACTICE:** In charge of name consultation and research.

**CONFLICT RESEARCH:** In charge of device consultation and research.

**SPIKE CORNET:** Caltrap-in-training. (This would be a great time to get involved -- we would be learning together.)

I may also be looking for a **CLERK OF THE PRECEDENCE** to help keep the OP updated ( This would require access to a computer.)

In addition, I would also like letters from those interested in helping in any/all of the above areas, but don't want to be in charge. These would be considered secondary staff positions and are most welcome. If you are interested at all in the workings of SCA heraldry, this would be the place for you.

Please get your letter to me at the following address ( or in person ) by the December populace meeting. I will then contact those I have chosen for my staff.

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### Answers to October Quiz

1. Ly. Tuia, 2. Ld. Demetrius, 3. Your Baroness, Her Excellency, Brialen, 4. Ld. Sean, 5. Ly. Annys and Ld. Aindres (Drew).

### Answers to real history trivia.

1. Anne Boleyn, 2. Jane Gray, 3. The Battle of Evesham, 4. Loius the Sixth or the Pious

VATAVIAN COSTUMING WORKSHOP

January 4, AS XXV (1991)  
10 am to 5 pm?

1739 S. Water

This workshop is being held for the purpose of drafting and fitting patterns for late period (16th century) bodices and doublets. You will need to bring the following items.

A sheet of paper, 30 by 36 in.

A yard stick with a straight edge.

One yard of scrap fabric or an old sheet.

A tape measure.

Scissors.

Straight pins.

A felt-tip pen, or fabric marking pen, color to contrast with your scrap fabric.

A protractor, carpenters square, draughtsman's triangle or something similar to draw right angles.

The under garments you plan to wear with your new bodice or doublet.

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 time permits, and you wish to begin construction of your bodice or doublet, also bring:

One yard of fabric for the outer shell.

One yard of fabric for the inner shell, or lining.

One yard of heavy interfacing (NOT the fusible kind).

Sewing thread to match the outer shell.

One yard of plastic feather boning.

The method of construction that will be demonstrated will produce a reversible bodice or doublet, if you wish. Fabrics woven of natural fibers, cotton, silk or wool, are preferred. Blends of less than 50% synthetic fibers will work, but will not be as comfortable to wear in a Kansas summer.

If you have any questions or need further information, please call Lady Annys at 755-1917 (between 7 and 10 pm, please) before the workshop.

Announcing  
Yule Time in Vatavia  
January 11, 1992

'Tis the season of joy and happiness and time for Yule in Vatavia. Good Gentles all, we invite you to come and take part in the festivities, including, a BEAR HUNT.

Lady Kerare will conduct activities in hall decorations and candle making for the smalls. There will also be a Chinese gift exchange for all (uni-sex gifts, \$5.00 limit).

The Arts and Sciences theme will be Yule in any medium. A sumptuous feast made by Lady Sibeal Oh' Ogain and Bardic Circles will be the feature events of the evening.

This is a one day event. Site opens at 10:00a.m. and armour inspection begins at 11:00a.m. Crash space is limited, so please call ahead to insure yourself of a warm hearth by which to pass the night.

Site:

Sedgwick County Park  
5600 Zoo Blvd.  
Wichita, KS  
(Next to Sedgwick County Zoo,  
North of 235)

Site Fees: \$3.00 for members, \$4.00 for non-members, feast is \$5.00.

Autocrat:

Lady Alis Marie Delaney  
Dixie Gosser  
505 W.27 S. Apt. 102  
Wichita, KS 67217  
(316)-529-2080

Site is discreetly wet. Please be prepared to take home your empties.



## Valor Recipe

By HL Marie Chantal Delaire

Beef Filling makes 2½-3 cups of filling

- 1 large onion, halved and sliced
- 2 Tblspns. margarine of shortening
- 1½ cups ground or cubed beef - from recipe
- ¾ cup cooked rice
- 2 Tblspns. bouillon or meat extract (5-6 bouillon cubes)
- 3 Tblspns. hot water
- 1 Tblspn chopped fresh parsley
- Salt and pepper
- 1½ eggs
- 1 heaping cup shredded cheddar cheese

Stir fry onions in margarine in a large skillet until golden.

Stir in meat and rice.

Dissolve the bouillon in hot water. Add egg and beat. Add meat mixture with parsley; salt and pepper to taste.

Adapted from Culinary Arts Institute Cookbook By Lord Leonardo Calimaro

### Calendar/ Announcements

NOTE: Please check SERF line (622-7373) for missing times and places as they are determined.

Populace, Dec 18 Sean and Ala's club house

Dance, Bardic, Choral - TBA at Officers' Mtg

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

Fighter practices are Wednesdays at 6:00p.m. at Baron Sir Tedrick's as long as someone calls (629-2281) him by the Tuesday night before to say that they will attend, and Sundays (when there is not a kingdom level event and/or it is not raining when you get up) at Kansas-Newman w/ Ld. Rinaldo and/or Duke Sir Gabriel at 12:00p.m. to whenever.

Costuming, Dec 7, and Jan 4 See flyer

Officers' Mtg, Dec 3 Brialen's Church, 7:00p.m.

There be babies in the Barony!!! On Oct. 28, Ld. Fergus and his Lady wife were blessed with a girl. She has been named Jessica. On Nov. 25, Ld. Moriagh and Ly. Aleta were gifted with a girl. She has been named Maculley.

Unto the Baronage, Officers and Populace of the Barony of Vatavia come these letters from Their Royal Majesties, Conn and Cadfael,  
KING AND QUEEN OF CALONTIR

We send you greetings and Our wishes for your prosperity in this winter season, that your larders be full and your hearth fires warm.

Know that We are well pleased with Our Barony of Vatavia and its people, for they have brought great glory to themselves and Our Kingdom of Calontir through their commendable efforts in hosting Our Harvet Faire event with Our Cousins and Their people of the Outlands. All who attended reported that they were treated with great honour and hospitality. We give Our heartfelt thanks for your pains and for the sacrifices Our Barony of Vatavia endured to make this event such a moment of joy and honour for both Kingdoms.

We pray that Our Barony will continue their steadfast and loyal support of Calontir and its Crown, and We ask that Our Barony maintain open lines of communication with Crown and Kingdom Officers to this end, and to promote understanding and fair regard throughout Our realm. We remember your past efforts, commend your present efforts, and anticipate the glory you will bring to Our Barony and Our Kingdom through your future efforts.

Conn Rex

Cadfael Regina

Unto the Populace of Vatavia come these words from Gwayne and Brialen, Baron and Baroness of Vatavia.

During these winter months, as we gather closer to our hearths, we contemplate the year past and the year to come. It is good to remember our valued service to Calontir and its Crown and to know Our Barony has served its Kingdom well with their time and gifts.

While past laurels are comforting, it is always time to build for the future. With Yule Court rapidly approaching we have many opportunities to have a wonderful time with family and friends and to serve our Barony and Kingdom in the upcoming year. With so many good deeds around us which deserve recognition, we remind you that you the populace witness numerous honorable acts each day and it is your privilege to attest to these Good Gentles fine examples through award recommendations to both Crown and Baronage.

We hope you find contentment in the Holiday Season and will stay safe from winter's harsh blast until we meet at Yule Court.

Gwayne ap Tristram  
Baron

Brialen ferch Vikingr  
Baroness