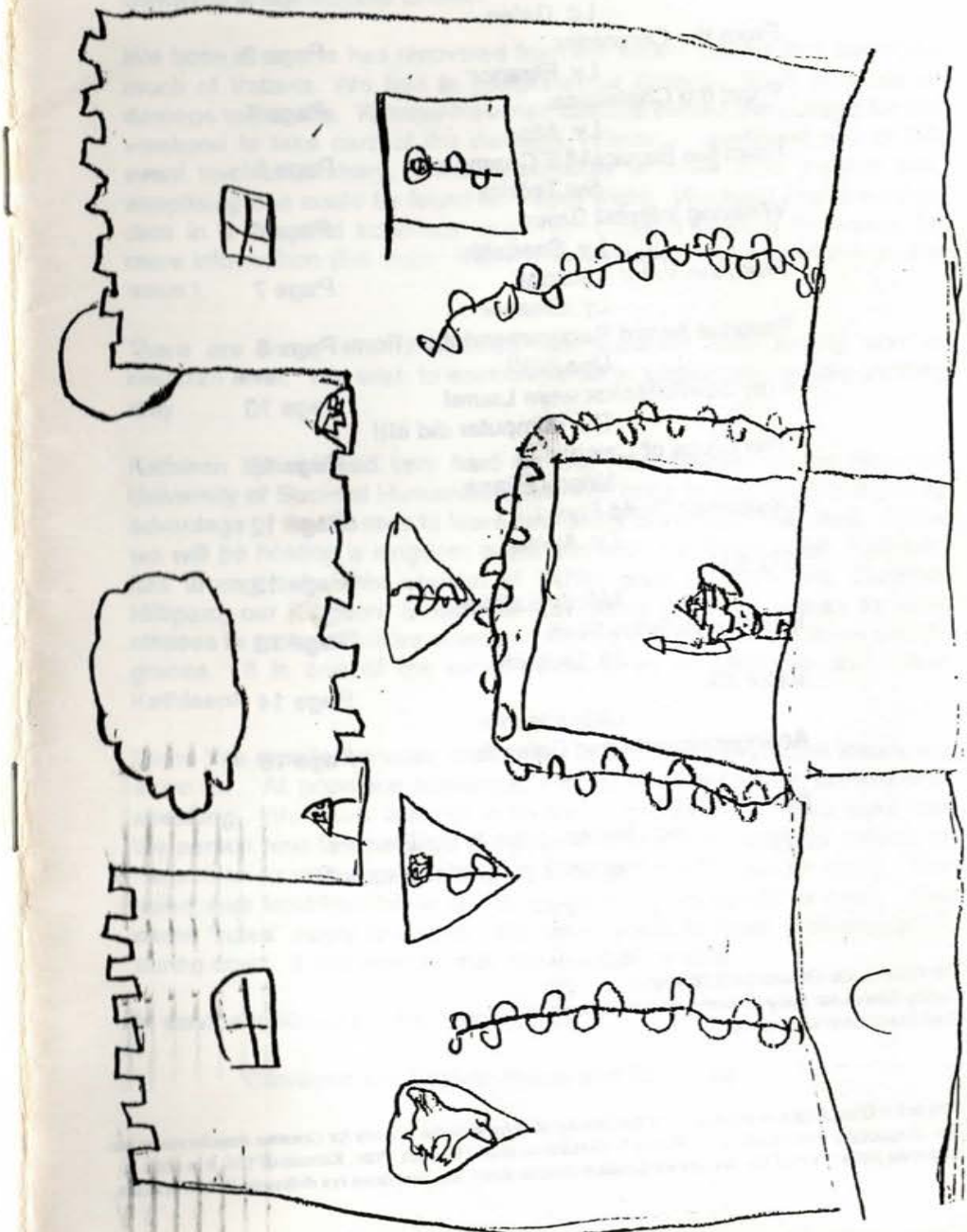


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## From the Baronage

Unto the populace of Vatavia come these greetings from Baron Gawayne and Baroness Brialen.

We hope everyone has recovered from the recent storms that damaged much of Vatavia. We had to postpone our Birthday Bash because of damage to the site. Kansas-Newman officials closed the college for the weekend to take care of the damage. Since a significant part of the event involved archery, it wasn't possible to move it to another site, supposing one could be found on Friday night. We have found another date in a crowded schedule, July 19. Contact Dietrich Eisenhart for more information (Ed. note: There is an updated flyer elsewhere in this issue.).

There are many events planned this summer, both locally and at kingdom level. We wish to encourage all to participate as fully as they may.

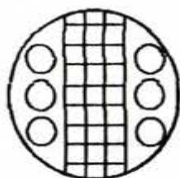
Kathleen has worked very hard on Our next session of the Baronial University of Societal Humanities, and We hope to see everyone taking advantage of the classes to learn new skills or improve old ones. Since we will be hosting a kingdom event and with it a Royal court, Kathleen has arranged for this session of BUSH prior to Valor. HL Deotrich Hiltipard, our Kingdom Seneschal has asked the local groups to have classes in protocol before events so that all might know the more courtly graces. It is one of the more visible parts of what we do. Vivat Kathleen!

Since We mention graces, remember courtesy is one of the ideals we strive for. At populace meetings, please be silent when someone is speaking. We know that not everyone is interested in every topic, but the person next to you might be. Last month people stepped outside of the shelter to visit, a good idea, but they forgot there are no walls. The noise was troublesome to those inside trying to speak or hear. The same "rules" apply to courts. It's never polite to have a conversation during court. If you want to visit, move out of earshot.

In service to Kingdom and Barony,

Gawayne and Brialen, Baron and Baroness





## From the Treasurer

As of 6/17/92

Balance: \$5110.53

### Allocations:

Event Fund	\$2000.00
Emergency Fund	300.00
Mag Mor Cooking Fund	200.00
Dragonflyre	155.50
Caltrop	85.50
For Tent	500.00
For Kingdom (This Fall)	300.00
Pennsic Party	50.00
Handbooks	<u>30.00</u>

Total: \$3621.00

### Monthly Expenditure:

Telephone	40.00
Supply Storage	40.00
Food Storage	6.00
Occupancy	60.00
Printing	20.00
Postage	<u>15.00</u>

Total: \$3802.00

Working Fund: \$1308.53

Grand Total \$5110.53 \$5110.53

In service,

Lady Lora Anne the Silent



## From the MoA

Hello. Just a short note this month. The second quarter is ended and I will soon submit my quarterly report to the Kingdom. I want to thank those that gave me lists of activities for selected inclusion in that report.

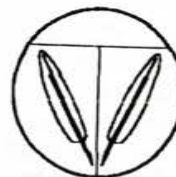
Also, the purple squares project is still going. At this time, I have received too few back to be really useful in the finished project. I must have these back no later than the Baronial Birthday Bash. It would be a shame if the project had to be cancelled for lack of participation in light of the hard work done by others in this project. Please, please, *please*, if you agreed to do a square, return a complete one to me by this date.

For those of you not present the night of populace when I announced this in May, I would like to announce my selection of deputies for the office of MoA. They are Alexandria and Lord Fergus. I plan to get with them soon to discuss strategy for the handling of this office and their role in it. For the time being, please feel free to talk with them about any arts issues that you are concerned with. If they don't have answers, I'm sure that they will be happy to point the way to some for you.

Please keep in mind what other arts activities you wish to see in this Barony. If you have ideas for something you would like to see done that we are not doing, feel free to contact me for assistance, direction, or aid in getting the message out.

In service,

Ld. Galen MacDonald



## From the Chronicler

Greetings to all that may read these words. I hope you are all well. I have only a few items to mention this month, so on with the missive...

I recently had the pleasure of receiving a postcard from the SCA Steward, Mistress Hilary of Serendip. She was very complimentary of the Dragonflyre and mentioned she had forwarded a couple of articles to other Society officers. Remember, the Dragonflyre is your newsletter

and without your hard work and research a quality newsletter is not possible. Vivat Vatavia! Your efforts and endeavours do not go unnoticed, and I am very grateful to all the contributors and subscribers.

Secondly, I would like to clarify a point or two concerning the office of "Chronicler". In this Barony, as many of you know, the chronicler is responsible for the newsletter and census. These items are not one and the same thing, but different functions managed by the same individual. Therefore, if you subscribe to the Dragonflyre, it does not mean you will be automatically included in the census. After all, because I have a magazine subscription does not mean I necessarily want the world to know my telephone number. Please keep this in mind as I prepare for another census update in October. Double check your information in the current census. If you don't get it to me in writing, I will believe that you're happy with the way things are/aren't in the census.

Thirdly, well, you were warned...Galen "updated" the software. So, what do you think? Please let me know if it's legible or not. As always, the staff (me) welcomes your observations regarding the newsletter.

Finally, submissions, submissions, submissions, submissions. I need artwork, articles, etc. You can write original poetry, "how to" articles, officer reports (SMILE), etc. or nifty little bits of SCA and historical trivia for filler space. We also welcome work from our younger readers as well as our young at heart readers.

In service,

Eleanor



### From the Chatelaine

Greetings from my new home to yours.

First, I would like to thank all you Good Gentles that helped me move to my new home. Bear and I will never forget your helping hand.

Second, I am pleased for all the help with the office as in demos, talking, and just being good SCA people.

Third, I call on all ye Good Gentles to participate in a quest. I am in search of all the beautiful loaner garb that has been donated to the Barony by both the Costuming Guild and many good people. If you have borrowed and forgotten to return it, please call me so that I can record where it is. When you are able to finish your own garb, please return the loaner garb to me so that others may use it.

I have taken a few calls this month of inquiries about the local group and the SCA. I will be directing some inquiries to the appropriate officer if the individual is interested in a certain facet of the SCA. In talking to a few who have heard of us one way or another, a have conversed with a few teen-agers, but not their parents. If you come across these teens, please gently remind them that they are welcome and their parents need to be with them.

In service to Kingdom and Barony,  
Ly. Alise Marie Delaney

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### From the Bardic and Arts and Sciences Champion

My Lords and Ladies,

First bardic meeting of my tenure went very well. We had sixteen people, (Yes, 16!) . Next session, Tuesday, July 14, we will be discussing/singing early Calontir songs and their historical significance in a kingdom context. Due to high interest, we may consider adding an additional monthly meeting. Ideas for future meetings include: *Interkingdom sings and tryouts for Calontir Bardic College*. If you have any other ideas, let me know.

The next session of the Vatavia Baronial University of Societal Humanities, BUSH, has been tentatively scheduled for Saturday, July 25. Any input as to what classes you would like to see, or are willing to teach, should be submitted to milady Kathleen or to myself very soon. Kathleen is really in charge and has done all the organization and work. Best talk to her but I'm willing to help, also. Check the Baronial answering machine or elsewhere in this issue for details.

No other issues have been raised to me. If you have a gripe, comment, suggestion, or whatever, give me a call. Better yet, see me at a meeting.



Finally my soap box issue:

Statistics indicate that about 20% of the adult population of the U.S. have a reading disability. This may be due to a variety of reasons: dyslexia, eye problems, or poor education. I'm considering working toward putting some SCA publications on audio tapes so that these reading impaired folks may share more with us. Perhaps we could begin with the Dragonflyre and maybe the Calontir Art & Sciences Judging Criteria. But before I go to a great deal of trouble to set up the infrastructure, (and using up more time which I do not have), I need to know if there is any interest. Note, the tapes would not be limited to the disabled. Some folks use this sort of medium simply to save time; They can listen to a tape while driving or doing dishes or other simple chores. Are you interested? Nothing will happen unless you contact me.

Your Bardic/A&S Champion,  
Baron Syr Tedrick von Wolfschatten

Thought for the month:

"Nobility is not a birthright. It is defined by one's actions."

-from the movie "Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves"

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**Weaving Interest Group**

The weaving interest group is starting back up again. We will be meeting the Monday following Populace Meeting, 7:00p.m., at Dawson Methodist Church, 2741 Laura.

This is for people interested in or curious about weaving and for poeple who are experienced weavers. I would like to be able to teach old and new techniques; share ideas, solutions, and problems; make items for the Baronial Treasure Chest and items to sell at Renfaire; do weaving at demos and events.....

Right now I can get people started on the following things:

Inkle weaving: straight and plain; tubular; pick-up technique

Card weaving: straight and plain; double face technique

Tapestry weaving: introductory

You don't need a loom to come see if you are interested. For inkle weaving, you will need an inkle loom. Currently, all our loaners are out. We can tell you where to get one, help you get one, how to make

one. Card weaving doesn't need a loom, but it's much more convenient (We usually use inkle looms for this, too.) Tapestry weaving also requires a loom, but it is simpler to make than an inkle loom.

Saerlaith nic Uilliam O'Ceallaigh

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**From the Valor Autocrat**

Well, if you are reading the Dragonflyre straight through, you are on your seventh page of straight letters. I have it on good resource that this is the last letter in this issue (Yeah). However, you should look at these letters as a sign. No, the world isn't ending, but it is this time of year that SCA activities really pick up, and it is important to take advantage of all our means of communication during this hectic season.

Locally, we focus on the "Valor" event. Valor is in its thirteenth (insert ominous drumroll) year. It is steeped with pride and tradition. One tradition that stands out in my mind is one that I heard about my very first meeting in Vativia. Baroness Brialen was the Seneschale then. She relayed to the Populace at hand that we had developed a reputation in this Kingdom. "A reputation" you repeat in mock horror? The reputation she spoke of was one of comraderie. Many Good Gentiles have been impressed over the years with how Vativians pull together when it comes time to work on a project such as Valor. I realize this Valor will be different and presents us with some new challenges. However, I know that with the "esprit de corps" Vativia has become famous for, we can turn out a wonderful event for all our friends in Calontir and visiting Kingdoms.

I'm still new and I don't know what I can do! If this is going through your mind, you are not alone. There are lots of new folks out there. The easiest way to learn the ropes is to volunteer. I am very fortunate this year to have just as wonderful a staff as last year. Go talk to these people and let them know you'll help. Those of us who have been around awhile should do this too. You may be thinking "I always work troll and I love it; I'll be there this year", but if you don't tell the head troll, he doesn't know. By mid-August he's in a panic because the troll sheet is a third full. Volunteer!!! It's part of the game we play because by helping we make the Dream more alive for the Good Gentiles around us.

If you are a coffee drinker, please save your coffee cans. We need them for ashtrays around the event site.

THE BARONY OF VATAVIA  
BARONIAL AWARDS RECOMMENDATION FORM

Date of recommendation\_\_\_\_\_.

SCA name of nominee\_\_\_\_\_

Recommended for (award)\_\_\_\_\_

Recommended by\_\_\_\_\_

Comments\_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Seneschal/Champion recommends\_\_\_\_\_ Date\_\_\_\_\_

Comments\_\_\_\_\_

Baron approved\_\_\_\_\_ Date\_\_\_\_\_

Comments\_\_\_\_\_

Baroness approved\_\_\_\_\_ Date\_\_\_\_\_

Comments\_\_\_\_\_

Award given\_\_\_\_\_Yes\_\_\_\_\_No\_\_\_\_\_ Date given\_\_\_\_\_

Award given at (event)\_\_\_\_\_

Location\_\_\_\_\_



If you have a pavilion we can use, please let me know ASAP. We need shade, a place for A&S, and troll.

If you have just a smidgen of time, feel free to contact the landowner and help with site development. There's plenty to do for even the most unskilled hands (I know from experience.).

To volunteer, contact these people:

Eleanor, Autocrat	Eckerich, Troll
Galen, Tavern keeper	Katriona, A&S
Gabhin, Security	Marie, Children
Dixie/Bear, Archery	Torrin, Fighting
Aindries, Non-fighter Activities	

In service,

Ly. Eleanor

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**If my Spellchecker were Laurel**

Lady Eleanor ferch Rhiwallon

How many Society and Kingdom officers names can you pick out?? For "correct" answers, obtain a membership or borrow a friend's MEWS.

Detour Whirlybird	Allusion Truckmartian
Hilarity of Serenading	Chorister Censor
Sidecar of Orientedwhoa	Isabuena Cameroon
Lice ni Mordant	Sousing Guinean
Allergen du Frenzy Boys	Brioche Dragonflies
Lenience of Sahara	Chateau Guideboard
Cadillac Geneva due Caprice	Cygnat mace Weenie
Rodlike of Jailbreak	Morainal of Rural
Stiffed Ripener	Dahlia Orchid

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Seen/Heard through the grapevine:

F Y CN RD THS Y MST B WLSH

## The Cross of Calontir

from the crossroads of the heartlands,  
from the shire forgotten Sea,  
A lonely group of allies  
Spawned a principality

their first device rejected  
With its semblance to a wreath,  
The council of the Laurel  
Could not bring these souls to grief

Take a cross of Calatrava  
Tucked inside Laurel bordure  
Tis the purple and the gold  
that shall to the last endure.

Tis the dream that leads us ever on,  
In the cross that we hold dear  
for tis the Spirit of Vatavia,  
In the hearts of Calontir.

Eliane Marie Mazaire D'Avignon

"The Cross of Calontir" has not been released for publication in other SCA or SCA-related publication. Please contact the Dragonflyre editor/chronicler if you have any questions.

## Vatavian Costuming Guild

July 18, A.S. XXVII (1992)  
1p.m. to 5p.m.?

Patio Room  
Wichita Public Library  
Downtown

This workshop is being held to assist in the making of heraldic display items, i.e., banners, pennants, gonfalons, heraldic surcoats, tabards, etc.

We will have an opaque projector and large sheets of paper available for you to enlarge your heraldic designs for patterns, so bring your designs! We will not have facilities for sewing, but will have suggestions for heraldic display for you.

The Patio Room is not easy to find, so stop at the information desk and ask directions.

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

## Baronial University of Societal Humanities

July 25, 1992 (A.S. XXVII)  
Administrative Building  
Kansas-Newman College

Site opens at 9:30a.m. Classes begin at 10a.m.

Schedule available at July 15 populace and on site.

\$1.00 site fee. Materials fee for some classes, so come prepared.

The BUSH will offer something for everyone so come join your fellow Vatavians for a day of learning, teaching, and socializing.

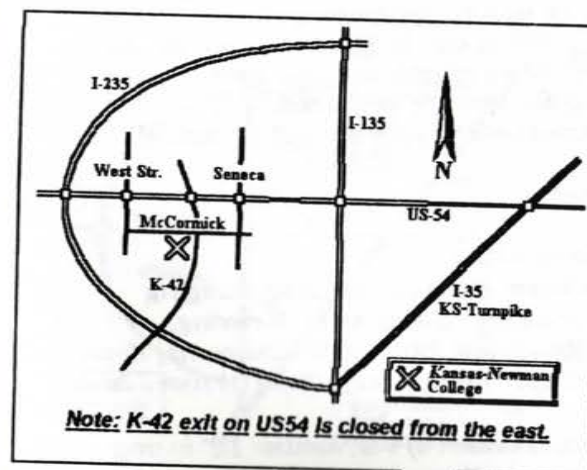
Site closes at 4:30p.m.

For more information contact: Kathleen Irwin  
683-7951

## Baronial Birthday Bash

July 19, 1992  
12p.m. - whenever we leave  
Kansas-Newman College  
Limited crash space available(contact autocrat)

- + Archery competitions in all five missile weapons and combat archery.
- + Fighting tournament (a Valor warm-up) sponsored by Ld. Magnus O'Carr
- + Arts and Sciences farble/exchange - Bring what you're working on and share your knowledge with your friends.
- + Best Dragonfly in any medium sponsored by The Baronage. No documentation required. The Baroness notes that chocolate is period.
- + Heraldic Consultation table - consult w/ the Heralds, they like it.
- + Court at Their Excellencies whim followed by Bardic
- + Armor & bow inspections start at 12:00. Tournaments start at 1:00.
- + Site fee: \$1.00. There is no feast fee as there is no feast.



For information  
contact:  
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Autocrat  
mka: Jim Morrison  
747 South Green  
Wichita, KS 67211  
(316) 683-7951



# Announcing The Thirteenth Tournament of Valor

September 4 - 7 (A.S. XXVII)

Good Gentles all:

The populace of the Barony of Vatavia will again host its annual Labor Day weekend event, Valor. The event will be held on Taillefer farm, east of Wichita, KS (see map). This site will boast a brand new shower house and bathrooms (Yes, flush toilets without centuries of grungel). This is an all camping event. Contact Autocrat for hotel information.

Site fees for the entire weekend are:

Day trip only - \$6  
Camping - \$8  
Children 12 & under free.

There is a one dollar discount on site fees with proof of membership.

Make checks payable to "Barony of Vatavia, SCA, Inc."

- † The site opens at 5:00p.m. Friday, September 4.
- † No minors allowed on site without parent or legal guardian. All minors will be required to wear provided wrist bands to identify them, their legal guardians, and local group.
- † Merchants are encouraged to attend (NO merchant fees!). Must provide your own pavilion.
- † No pets on site. Wear sturdy shoes/boots.
- † All evidence of smoking (tobacco, butts, etc.) must be contained in provided receptacles or provide your own.
- † No open fires. Habachis, grills, etc. are permitted.
- † The site is wet. Glass beverage containers are not permitted.

The schedule at this time includes:

Saturday, September 5th:

**Court** at Their Royal Majesties' whim

**Arts and Sciences Competition** Calontir Kingdom Judging Criteria. 12:00noon entry deadline. Categories: Weaving, Leatherwork, Calligraphy, Metalwork, Musical Instruments, Illumination, Costuming, Research, Free-form Embroidery, and Prose & Playwrighting

**Special Category:** "Best Representation of the Number 13" in any of these mediums

**Children's A&S:** 12 & younger/13-16 yrs.

Calligraphy, Research, Illumination, Ceramic/Pottery

**Bardic**

**Non-fighter Activities:** lots and lots

**Archery:** Bring all your toys: knives, spears, etc.

And an evening of Celtic music with the group **Claddagh Ring**

Sunday, September 6:

**Court** as Their Royal Majesties desire

More **Non-Fighter Activities, Bardic, Children's Activities, Archery,** and featuring the

## Valor and Guardian of Valor Tournaments!!

Site closes 12:00 noon Monday. If marshalls are willing, authorizations may be possible on Monday morning.

There will be no formal feast this year; however, **THE RUNNING HORSE TAVERN** will be offering a tasty assortment of food and beverages at modest prices as well as evenings filled with entertainment and reveling. Please bring your own eating gear. Wash facilities will be available.

For information or to make reservations, contact the Autocrat:

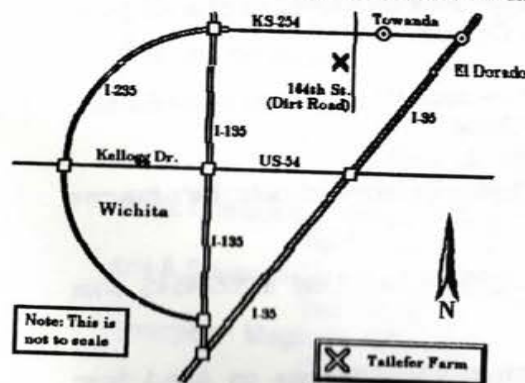
Lady Eleanor ferch Rhiwallon

mka: Wendy C. Donaldson

321 North Iuka, Pratt, KS 67124

316-672-7630 Please call before 10:00 p.m.

Phone Troll available to take messages



## Calendar & Announcements

For information not listed below, please check the Serf-line (522-7373) after the officer's meeting of each month.

July 12 - Officers' mtg. at Brialen's church at 4:30p.m.

July 14 - Bardic at North Linwood at 7:00p.m.

July 15 - Populace at North Linwood Park at 7:00pm. Bring lanterns.

July 18 - Costuming at Wichita Library, see flyer.

July 19 - Baronial Birthday Bash - see flyer.

July 25 - B.U.S.H. - see flyer.

Chainmail, Tuesday night's at Thorgrim's. Be there. 7:00.

Dance meets the 2nd and 4th Wed. of the month. North Linwood Park.

Odenatta meets 1st and 3rd Thurs. of month at Stargate. No meeting July 2.

Important sports scores:

Rodents - 0                      Property Master - 1

Contact HL Demetrius at 777-0770 (before 9:30p.m.) if you are interested in preparing something for or donating to Calontir Pennsic Cocktail Party.

Barring inclement weather, Fighter and Archery practice are every Sunday afternoon, unless it's the weekend of a Kingdom event, at Kansas-Newman College.

Congratulations to all the new babies and parents in the Barony: Gwendolyn and Zani, Carl David Kerare and Tristan, Earl Patrick Evergreen and some stud horse, Taillefer (Ed. note: He's the one with the bushy tail).

Ideas for Aug. 8 costuming?? Call Sibeal at 265-4543 after 4:30p.m. and before July 10.

Claddagh Ring will perform at The Artichoke on Aug.1 from 8:30p.m. - 11:30p.m. \$3 cover.

## Baronial Officers List

Baron - Gawayne ap Tristram	
Wayne Taylor	524-0917
Baroness - Brialen Ulfsdotter Vikings	
Debbie Taylor	524-0917
Seneschal - Lawrence Taillefer the Leech	
Larry Bumgardner	942-1045
Treasurer - Lora Anne the Silent	
Lorinda Watson	755-4775
Pursuivant - Saerlath nic Uilliam O'Ceallaigh	
Devery Corteville	687-3241
Chronicler - Eleanor ferch Rhiwallon	
Wendy Donaldson	672-7630
Knights Marshall (acting) - Magnus O'Carr (Torrin)	
Casey Carson	838-5149
Minister of Arts - Galen MacDonald	
Mark Donaldson	672-7630
Minister of Sciences - Thorgrim Igorsson	
Richard Cathey	687-6471
Minister of Children - Kerare.....Mont de Jorz	
Carolyn Haddaway	686-6893
Archer Marshall - Dietrich Eisenhart	
Jim Morrison	683-7951
Chatelaine - Alise Marie Delaney	
Dixie Goesser	529-2080
Historian - Friar Thomas Bacon	
David Moreno	685-1182
Property Mistress - Sibeal O'h' Ogan	
Lynda Coffman	265-4643
Regalia Coordinator - Ceithlenn nic Ruaidhri	
Amy Billington	685-1182

## Baronial Champions

Bardic Champion - Tedrick von Wolfschatten	
Ted Hager	529-2281
Arts & Sciences Champion - Tedrick von Wolfschatten	
Ted Hager	529-2281
Champion - Magnus O'Carr (Torrin)	
Casey Carson	838-5149
Luchistnik - Tristan Rory de Jorz	
Richard Haddaway	686-6893