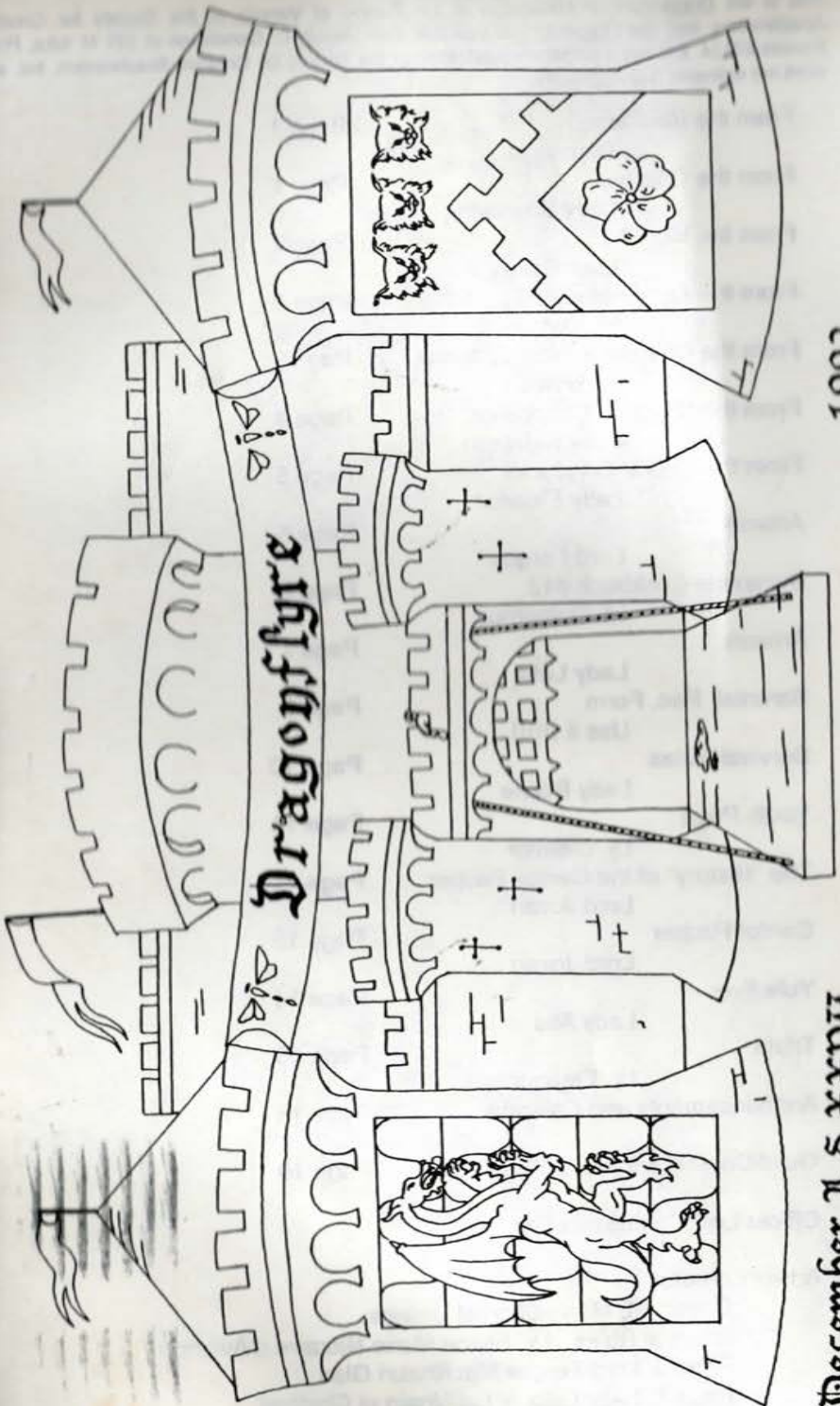


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from the Baronage

A good yule to all!

A wonderful time was had by all at Champions' in November. It got off to a heart-stopping beginning, but was handled with style by Baron Syr Tedrick. They don't call him Dick Dashing for nothing (Ask him about it sometime)! Our new champions are Elwyn ap Lloyd for Bardic, Ragnar Wolfheresson for Fighting, and Balroc for Archery. We had one wonderful entry in A&S who asked not to be considered because she felt a competition with only one entry was not a real competition. The chair will remain empty until next Champions'. We know that there are many among the populace who are talented enough to be champion, and We hope to see them enter the next Championship. Congratulations to all who entered and especially the winners.

We are now entering a season of getting together indoors and keeping warm. We do this by staying close to the furs and our friends. Lora Anne the Silent has arrange for a December populace site and begging in January We hope to see everyone at fighter practices.

Yule event is just around the corner, and We know it will be a great good time for all. Lady Alis will need any and all help, so don't be shy about contacting her.

Gwayne
Baron

Brialen
Baroness

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from the Caltrop

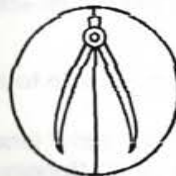
Sorry. We still haven't heard the results of our large letter (at least, not as of the time I had to get this to Eleanor).

But I do have good news for one person. Alanna Margaret Rennaut's name and device have both passed kingdom and are going to Laurel. Congratulations and Good Luck.

Saerlaith



from the Minister of
Arts and Sciences



Well, I thought last month's newsletter would be my last newsletter from the MoS side of this job but I see that the choice will wait until later in the year. Until that time, please feel free to contact me with any Minister-of-Science-type concerns, and I will do my best with them.

I would like to congratulate Elwyn with the attainment of the Baronial Bardic Champion. I have been audience to his performances before, and I am dismayed that I missed this performance. I understand that we have no Baronial A&S champion at this time. Catriona de Brynton was the only competitor for this position. She did not wish to win by default so the position will remain unfilled until the next competition. I would encourage all those interested in this position to start their preparations well in advance. I would also like to thank Catriona for her efforts and would encourage you all to consider entering the competition. I understand that Catriona was well prepared so your best effort will be required to give her a run for her money.

The snow has marked the beginning of winter. SCA activity level typically drops during this season. Don't forget, however, that this is a great time to prepare new garb for next year. Also, you might use this season to consider trying a new craft or art. Leonardo da Vinci not only painted the Sistine Chapel's ceiling and carved some of the great statuary of the Renaissance but he also designed fortifications, weaponry, and other machinery. So try something new. Give cooking a try, or needlework. Hey, the creative process that traditionally men show in woodworking and metalworking is no different that the process used in cooking and sewing. All involve taking a raw product (wood, metal, cloth, foods, etc.) and measuring, shaping, and combining into a finished product. The reverse should be true for women, try experimenting in non-traditional arenas. I know that this whole paragraph implies sexual bias, and I also realize that already there are women who work wood and metal and men who sew and cook (I am one of the latter). I do feel, though, that for every one of us that is working outside the traditional boundaries, there is someone else who works entirely within these traditions. Such boundaries are often non-period, and simply artificially restrictive. Use this winter season for trying something new.

Galen

from the Archer Marshall

Effective Jan. 1, 1993 the Archer Marshallate will issue cards on a yearly basis. This will require that waivers be filled out on a yearly basis also.

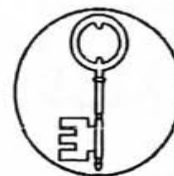
If I have not received your waiver by December populace mtg., you will not receive a new card.

I encourage each of you to approach me and fill out a new waiver.

Please note: Your card will be valid for only one year (so we get to do this all next year, too).

Dietrich

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from the Chatelaine/Yule Autocrat

Greetings from Lady Alis:

I want to wish all good gentles a happy holiday. Through this holiday season I hope all will be aware that

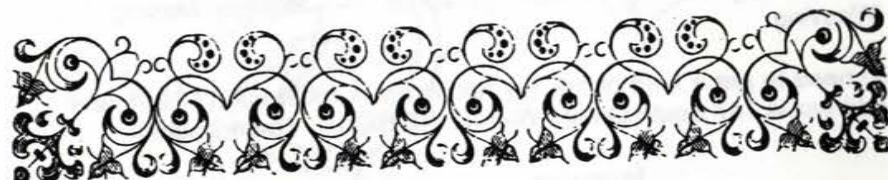
Bear and Alis have opened House Haven to all SCA type people.

I wish to thank all good gentles in their help with demos. At times I feel we miss the thank you - But always remember to ask again and again. So, anyone wishing and can help with school demo, please contact me at 529-2080. I need lots of help.

To all parents and children of Vatavia, please contact me at the above telephone number about serving the feast at Yule. We will be having a thing for you on Jan. 3. Please call for time, place, etc.

Remember that the Dragonflyre is only \$11.00 and will make a great Christmas gift for those hard to buy for people.

To the Dream,
Lady Alis



from the B.U.S.H. Chancellor

Unto the Populace of the Barony of Vativia does Lady Kathleen Irwyn send greetings.

It's about that time again. The Baronial University of Societal Humanities (B.U.S.H.) will soon be in session (we're looking at the month of March). As always I need volunteers to teach. I could always use any suggestions for classes and, of course, I want participants! Below please find a list of suggestions I have already received for B.U.S.H. classes. If you would like to teach any of them or teach something that is not listed, please contact me. If you think of something else you would like to see offered - let me know!

Also, those students pursuing a R.U.S.H. degree can receive R.U.S.H. credit for your B.U.S.H. classes. All you have to do is: 1. Get an outline of what was taught at said class for the instructor, and 2. get a signed note from the instructor stating you were in attendance. Once you have this information, send it to the R.U.S.H. Chancellor listed in the cover of the Mews. Be sure to include your mundane name, address, and telephone number for the R.U.S.H. records.

I would also like to thank all the instructors of classes at the last B.U.S.H. session. Without your dedication and service, this event couldn't have happened. Thank you!

Archery Basics	Archery Marshalling	Autocratting
Bardic Basics	Baronial History	Calligraphy
Celtic Art	Chainmail	Cooking
Dancing	Drama	Documentation
Feastcratting	Fighting basics	fighting marshalling
Footwear	Herbalism	Heraldry
Headwear	Illumination	Inexpensive
armoring		
Jewelry Making	Kingdom History	Leatherworking
Listing	Medieval History	Pages
Papermaking	Period Encampments	Period Games
Period looking	Camping SCA Etiquette	SCA 101
Scouting	Speaking forthrightly	Spinning
Tent Making	Thrown Weapons	Weapon Making
Weaving		

If you need to get a hold of me, my telephone number is 683-7951 and my address is 747 South Green/ Wichita, KS 67211. Thanks again!

In service,
Kathleen

from the Choral Conductor (Odenotta)

Greetings to all who may read this hopefully blissfully short missive from Lady Eleanor ferch Rhiwallon, Choir Director of your favorite local Middle Ages music group.

Simply put, if you can count to four (1, 2, 3, 4) and say your alphabet A-G (A, B, C, D, E, F, G), then you have passed the basic qualification test to participate with Odenotta. Please come out to rehearsals between now and Yule. We would really like to put our best voice forward for our friends, and it takes regular practice to do this. The schedule is in the calendar/announcements section on page 15. Come on out and join us!!

Eleanor

P.S. If you missed the final rehearsal in November, then you missed yours truly singing all the words to the Ewok song from "Return of the Jedi". Now don't you feel deprived? At least you now know for certain that I am depraved and at some point in my life I had something resembling spare time.



A Byzantine Cookbook - Chapter 12

"To Stew fillets of Beef"

By *HL Demetrius il Condottierro*

From: "A Delightful Dailey Exercise for Ladies and Gentlewomen" by John Murrell, 1621. Reprinted by Falconwood Press, 1990.

Original recipe: Take a rawe of beefe and cut it in thin slices half as broad as your hand and fry them until they bee halfe fried in a frying-panne with sweet butter vppon each side with a soaft fire, then powre them into a dish or a pipkin putting in a pint of claret-wine, a faggot of sweet herbs, and two or three whole blades of mace, a little salt, the meat of a lemon cut in slices, then stew these all together very softly for the space of two or three hours till it be half boiled away, then dish it upon sippits, and throw salt vpon it and serve it to the the table hot.

My redaction:

The intent of this dish seems to be to brown beef then cook it very slowly in a wine sauce. This should make very tough meat quite tender. Note: the first time I cooked mine, I used bottom round and simmered for approximately 45 minutes. Trust the original recipe and cook it two hours unless you pound the meat to tenderize it first.

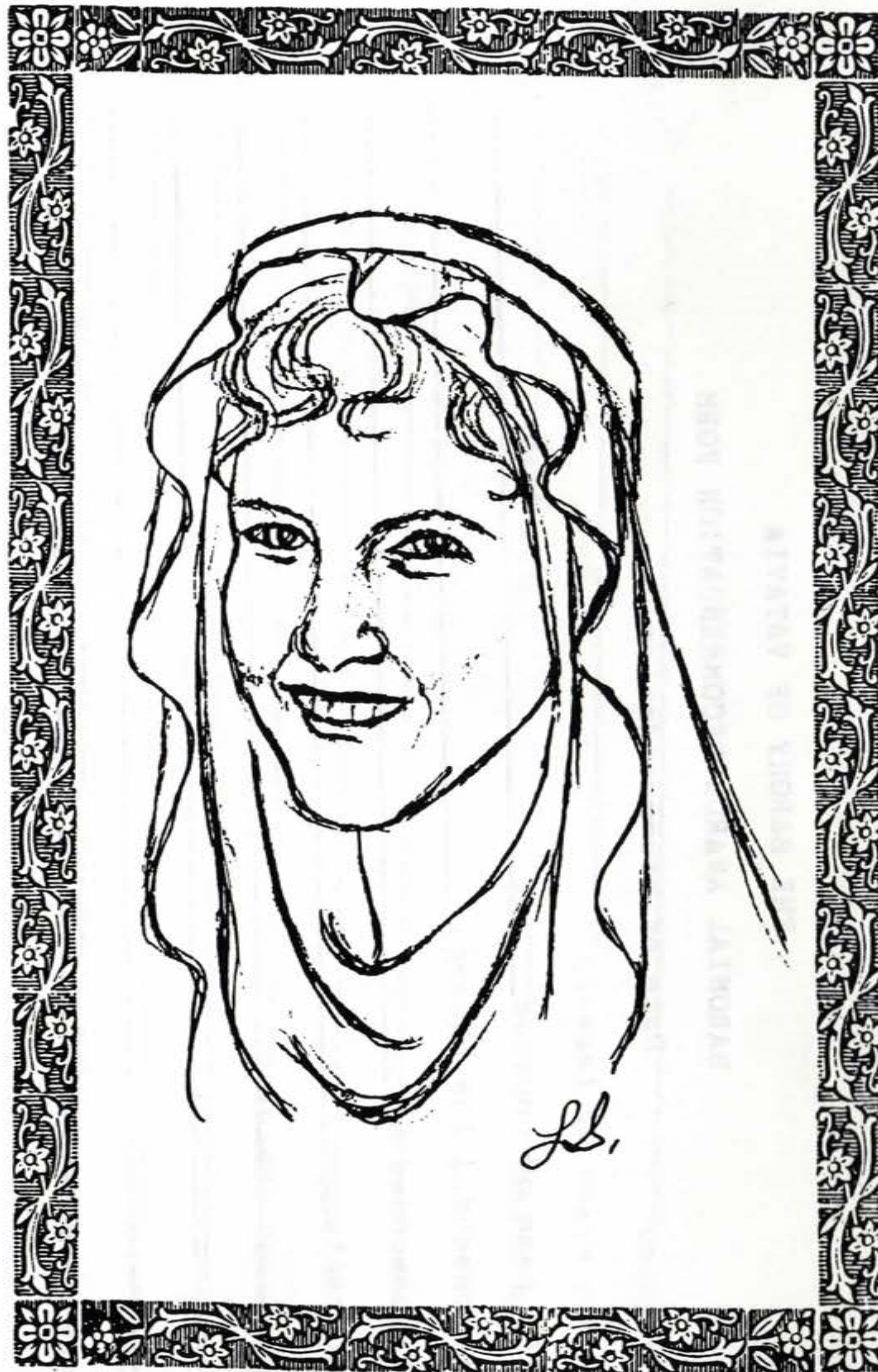
1lb bottom round	1 cup red wine*
1/4 tsp mace	1 lemon peeled
1/8 tsp ground marjoram	1 T butter
1/4 tsp thyme	1 T olive oil

Combined in a bouquet garni bag: 1 clove, 2 tsp rosemary chopped, and 1 med. bay leaf.

Brown the meat in the oil and butter, add the remaining ingredients, make sure the wine covers the beef and simmer for two to three hours at a bare simmer. Remove the bouquet garni bag and serve.

*A light burgundy will allow more of the beef and other spices to come through. I used a heavy Bordeaux the first time and tasted primarily Bordeaux (not a bad Bordeaux though).

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THE BARONY OF VATAVIA

BARONIAL AWARDS RECOMMENDATION FORM

Date of recommendation_____.

SCA name of nominee_____

Recommended for (award)_____

Recommended by_____

Comments_____

Seneschal/Champion recommends_____Date_____

Comments_____

Baron approved_____Date_____

Comments_____

Baroness approved_____Date_____

Comments_____

Award given_____Yes_____No_____Date given_____

Award given at (event)_____

Location_____

SCA
Survival Rule
#2383



A fighter should
always know
WHY
he is loaning
his shield!

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Youth Page
(For the Young of Heart and Mind)
By Lady Eleanor ferch Rhimallon

Unto those under the age of 18 comes this letter from Ly. Eleanor.

I thought you guys should know how much everyone in the Barony of Vatavia has been talking about the "kids" in the Barony. Especially at the Champions' Event held right before Thanksgiving. You see guys, there are a lot of adults out there who are very, VERY proud of you all. In one day I heard so many stories about how helpful the kids had been, how dedicated you are, how smart you all are that I don't have room to repeat them all.

Now, some of you adults are reading this and scratching your heads, perhaps. Did you know it was a group of kids who arrived on site first and set up the tables and chairs so we could start our event? I personally counted five different offers of help from our kids, and I wasn't really in charge of anything!

If anyone asks me where the greatest kids in Calontir live, I will be sure to tell them in Vatavia.

Congratulations to Yorik on being paged to Lady Anny's! If any of the youths out there haven't paged to anyone yet, think about it. It's a good way to learn about how to be a Lord or Lady in the SCA. Ask your friends who are pages if they are having lots of fun. If you want to be a page, go find an adult you have something in common with and talk to them. They may be looking for someone just like you to teach about SCA.

Lords and Ladies, if you do not have a page, seriously consider taking one. You wouldn't have an AoA if you didn't have something to offer, and Vatavia has numerous good learners out there.

In service to the Dream,
Eleanor

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The "History" of the Cantor Pauper By Lord Jovan Greyhawk

You may already know that Harry Simone wrote "The Little Drummer Boy" in 1958. But the story of the Latin version is known to but a few scholars in Vatavia.

Sometime during the Dark Ages (about ten or twenty years ago) the canticle "Cantor Pauper" was penned by a monk who called himself Henricus Ambrosius. Little is known about the friar except that he dwelt in Vatavia and was a member of the order of St. Humpk. Following this singular feat of scribery he vanishes into history. A number of undocumented versions lie scattered about my longhouse, but to the best of my knowledge only a singular version was published in the Dragonflyre (Dec. 1983, I think). Since then I have cleaned up the grammar a bit and rearranged some of the words. Other than this, it remains unchanged. Now, for only the second time, I humbly offer it to the good folk of Vatavia.

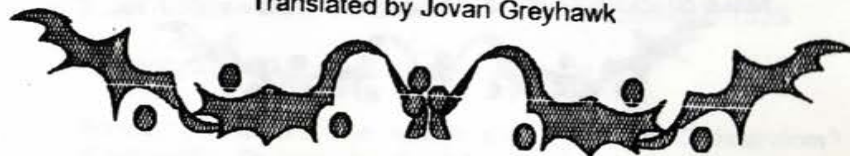
Cantor Pauper

Avenite, Pa Kum Pum Pum Pum
O, Natum Videre, Pa Kum Pum Pum Pum
ferremus Donare, Pa Kum Pum Pum Pum
Regem Adornare, Pa Kum Pum Pum Pum
Kum Pum Pum Pum
Kum Pum Pum Pum
Sic, Adorare, Pa Kum Pum Pum
Veniam

Pause Jesu, Pa Kum Pum Pum Pum
Pauper Etiam Sum, Pa Kum Pum Pum Pum
No habeo Donum, Pa Kum Pum Pum Pum
Te, Donare Dignum, Pa Kum Pum Pum Pum
Kum Pum Pum Pum
Kum Pum Pum Pum
Nonne Do Cantum, Pa Kum Pum Pum Pum
A Tympanum

Mira Nutit, Pa Kum Pum Pum Pum
Bos Tempo Tenuit, Pa Kum Pum Pum Pum
Me Tympanum Cantit, Pa Kum Pum Pum Pum
In Excelsis Cantit, Pa Kum Pum Pum Pum
Pa Kum Pum Pum Pum
Pa Kum Pum Pum Pum
Me Ehem Desit, Pa Kum Pum Pum Pum
Et Tympanum

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"Little Drummer Boy" Copyright © 1958
By the Harry Simone Choir
Translated by Jovan Greyhawk





Yuletide in Votavia

January 9, 1993 (A.S. XXVII)
10:00a.m. to 10:00p.m.
"Frontierland"
9601 West 79th Street South
Wichita, Kansas

As winter's harsh cold comes down upon us, we draw nearer to both kith and kin for the warmth of the holiday season. Come and join the Barony of Votavia at it hosts its annual yule court in the Southern plains of Calontir.

The day's activities will include:

A **Bearhunt** for the fighters, **missile weapons** competitions (Weather and temperature that day will determine what type), a sumptuous **feast** prepared by our own good Baroness Brialen and served by our children under the watchful eye of Lady Sibeal, **children's activities**, and the **Yule Court** of Their Excellencies of Votavia.

Site is wet, but NO original containers.

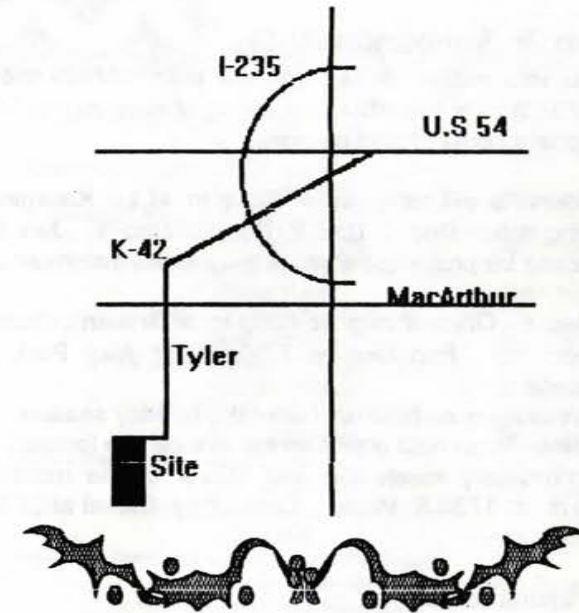
A&S: Items which are SCA useful. Entries do not necessarily have to be period. Show off your abilities in your favorite fields. Documentation helpful, but not required. The populace will judge the entries.

Site fees are:

- \$6 for non-members eating feast.
- \$5 for members eating feast.
- \$1 for those not eating feast.
- \$1 for children 12 and under eating feast.
- No site fee for children 12 and under who are not eating feast.

Autocrat: Ly. Alise Marie Delaney mka Dixie Gosser
3917 S. Lulu #1\ Wichita, KS 67216
316-529-2080\ Please call before 10:00p.m.

Limited crash space available. Please call in advance.
Make checks payable to the Barony of Votavia, SCA Inc.



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Trivia

Answers to November Trivia:

1. The end of the Renaissance occurred in 1527.
2. Le Morte d'Arthur was written in 1485.
3. Diet of Worms occurred in 1521.
4. Arthur of Britain died in 539.
5. The Vatican revelled with naked prostitutes in 1495.
6. Sir Thomas More beheaded for treason occurred in 1535.
7. Henry the VIII became king in 1509.

Bonus: Who are the seven champions of Christendom? (England/St. George, Scotland/St. Andrew, Ireland/St. Patrick, Wales/St. David, France/St. Denis, Spain/St. James, Italy/St. Anthony)?

Calendar & Announcements

For information not listed below, please check the Serf-line (522-7373) after the officer's meeting of each month OR call the appropriate contact/guild person.

Odenatta will rehearse at 7:00p.m. at Ly. Kasimira's on the following dates: Dec. 1, Dec. 8, Dec. 10, Dec. 17, Jan. 5, and Jan. 7. Please be prompt so that we may make maximum use of our time.

Dec. 6 - Officers' mtg. at 4:30p.m. at Brialen's church.

Dec. 15 - Populace at 7:00p.m. at Aley Park, 1803 South Seneca.

Weaving is on hold until after the holiday season.

Dance is on hold until a winter site can be located.

Embroidery meets the 2nd Thurs. of the month from 7pm.-10p.m. at 1739 S. Water. Contact Ly. Sibeal at 263-4643 for more info.

Important sports scores:

Rodents - 0

Property Master - 1

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

Claddagh Ring will participate in Christmas open mike night at the Iron Horse in El Dorado on Dec. 12.

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Guild/Contact People

Calligraphy/Illumination - Sean MacDuinchann
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Choral - Eleanor ferch Rhiwallon
Wendy C. Donaldson 672-7630

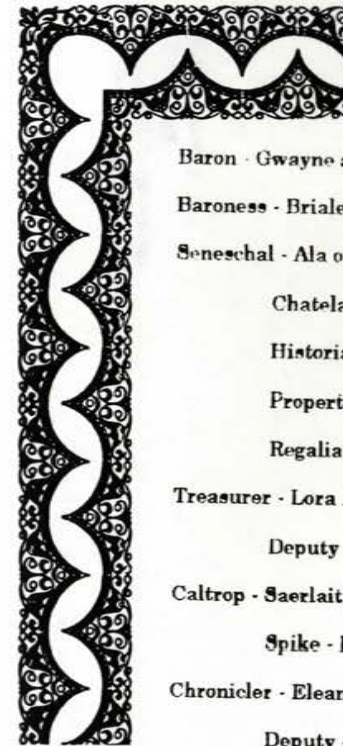
Costuming - Annys de Vernun of Kettering
A. Marie Watson 755-1917

Dance - Galen MacDonald
Mark Donaldson 672-7630

Embroidery - Sibeal O'h' Ogain
Lynda Coffman 265-4643

Weaving - Saerlaith nic Uilliam O'Ceallaigh
Devery Corteville 687-3241

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Wayne Taylor 524-0917

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Debbie Taylor 524-0917

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Lynda Coffman 265-4643

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Amy Billington 685-1182

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Lorinda Watson 755-4775

Deputy - Eckerich von Stromberg
John Platz 684-1953

Caltrop - Saerlaith nic Uilliam O'Ceallaigh
Devery Corteville 687-3241

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Wendy Donaldson 672-7630

Chronicler - Eleanor ferch Rhiwallon
Wendy Donaldson 672-7630

Deputy - Deidre
Patricia

Knights Marshall - Magnus O'Carr (Torin)
Casey Carson 838-5149

Deputy - ????????????????

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Mark Donaldson 672-7630

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Rhonda Allen 682-2455
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Robert McMillen n/p

Minister of Children - open

Archer Marshall - Dietrich Eisenhart
Jim Morrison 683-7951

Deputy - Thomas Foxmoor
Anthony Jennings 788-0408

Baronial Champions

Bardic Champion - Elwyn ap Lloyd
Lloyd Helms XXX-XXXX

Arts & Sciences Champion - open

Champion - Ragnar Wolfheresson
Don Beckstrom 263-1546

Luchistnik - Balroc Igorsson
Steve Stuhlsatz 529-4834

Chronicler: Lady Eleanor ferch Rhiwallon
Deputy Chronicler: Diedre ni corc O'Bierne
Staff: Lord Galen MacDonald