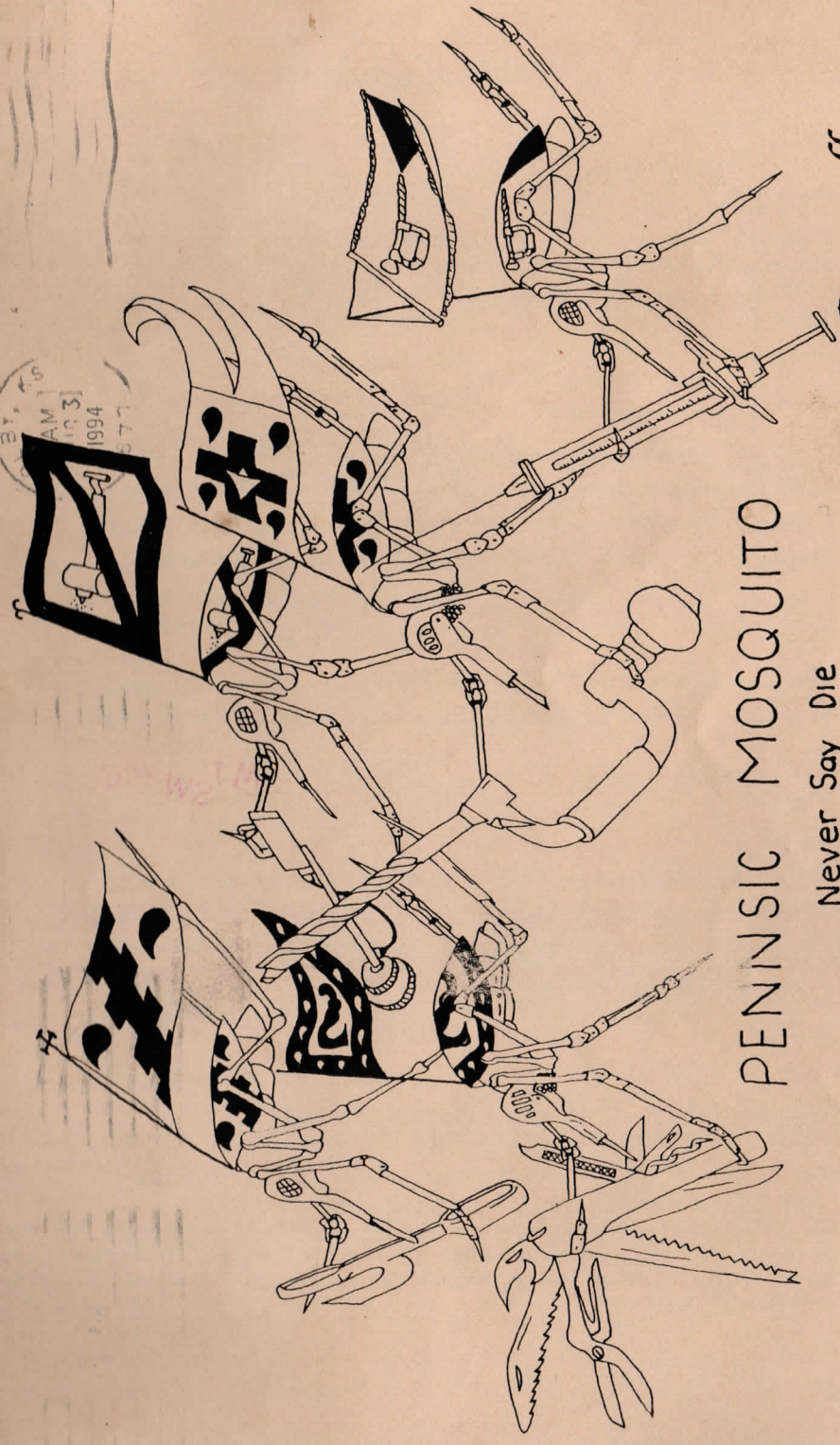


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From the Deputy Chronicler

Unto all the Populace of Vatabia, Excellent and Otherwise, come these greetings from Rhianwen, your Deputy Chronicler and Roving Reporter.

The news

At Populace Meeting, Valor was fairly extensively discussed. There are many, many opportunities to volunteer your time and talent. Your help is important! One of the pre-event activities will be some work on Taillefer Farm. The next work day will be morning until dusk on August 13th. Call Lawrence for details.

Letters of intent to fight for the honor of being Baronial Champion are being accepted by MI-lord Iain.

The Baronial Birthday Bash will be held on August 6th. See the flyer elsewhere in this issue.

Master Demetrios wishes to teach cooking and the making of infusions to individuals on a one-on-one basis. Contact him if you are interested.

And now . . . from the fields of Triatia . . .

Dissent in the Triad had erupted. As our close friends and often-allies of Forgotten Sea called on aid, so we of Vatabia came. The Dragonfly Forces did comprise the bulk of the Forces of Green; oft overheard were the words "There sure are a lot of Vatabians here!". Although the Forgotten Sea Forces, with whom our fair Barony was allied, did not emerge

victorious, our elite fighting forces did manage to capture all of the flags at least once, and our flag was never once taken. A brief, last-minute alliance with Baroness Aedelith's forces allowed the VPLA¹ to achieve its goal; Vatavia has regained its independence.

Another feature of the Triatian Wars was the games. There was Hunkerhausen, which Gabe won most gloriously (or as gloriously as could be expected, since wining involves yanking one's opponent off of a stump), defeating a field of eighteen worthy opponents. There was the three-legged race, which a couple of blondish Vataivians might have won, had it not been for their sudden entanglement in tent ropes, which seemed suspiciously like a spider's web waiting to capture an unsuspecting (dragon)fly. There was the spitting contest, which this reporter declined to attend.

Finally, there was the Big Damn Rock throwing contest, in which His Highness Eringlin, Destroyer of Portable Dwellings, made a brilliant discovery. A tent unwittingly leapt into the path of His Royal Highness' projectile, and, given the natural propensity of the Earth to attract rocks and the gossamer-like construction of the dwelling, was subsequently rent. Scholars clustered around this gaping hole, decided that His Highness in His Wisdom had discovered A Good Thing, and proceeded to name this new invention. Consulting their Books of Knowledge, they composed a new word from two smaller ones. The first of these is "Win", meaning "to be victorious" or "to triumph"², which is what His Highness was trying to do at the time. The second of these is "Dow", which is an

¹Vatavian People's Liberation Army

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Baronage Candidates

Good Gentles:

Following is the randomly-ordered list of those individuals who are applying to serve as the Baronage of Vatavia. All of these people have granted permission to have their names published as candidates. As the deadline for submission has not yet been reached at the time of this writing, this list may be incomplete.

Lord Magnus O'Carr (Torin) and Lady Margarett de St. Martin sur-mer (Maggie)

Duke Sir Gabriel ap Morgan ap Hywel and Her Ladyship Rhianwen ferch Bran ap Gruffydd

Her Ladyship Annys de Vernun of Kettering

His Lordship Lawrence Taillefer the Leech and Lady Maeve Kelly de Navarre

Lord Gabhainn Luaith Mac Dhomhnuill and Lady Elaine Marie Nazaire d'Avignon

The importance of writing a letter in support of the candidates of your choice cannot be stressed strongly enough. Choosing a Baronage is one of the most difficult and far-reaching decisions a Crown must make; your letters will make Their decision less difficult. All citizens of Vatavia are encouraged to write; you need not be well-known or have achieved any specific rank. You need not have been in the SCA for a long period of time, nor do you need to be a National Member. This is your opportunity to do service to your Barony and to make the voice of the Populace heard.

Although the best type of letter would be one explaining whom you support and why, any letter of support will help. For instance, you may simply have a strong positive feeling toward one of the candidates or pairs of candidates. Simply writing "I support Lord X and Lady Y, because I feel that they would be best for the job" is much better than writing no letter at all, and will still be helpful to the Crown. Perhaps you absolutely cannot select between two choices. In this case, it would still be helpful if you were to write something to the effect of, "I am supportive of both Lord Q and Couple Z, because either would"

The only type of letter not being solicited by Their Highnesses are negative letters. Rather than expressing how poor you feel one set of candidates may be, please consider emphasizing the opposite trait in your favored candidates. For instance, rather than saying, "M'lady X and M'lord Y are annoying, and I would rather quit the SCA and devote myself to miniature golf than to have them as my Baron and Baroness," one could write "I find M'lady Q and M'lord Z are always good-natured, and I would be very happy to live in Vatavia with them as our Baronage."

Again, no matter who you are, your voice and your opinions are needed. Writing any letter shows your support for not only your favored candidates, but for Vatavia itself.

Their Highnesses have requested that all written correspondence go to His Highness. Please send your letters to:

HRH Eringlin and HRH Eleanor
c/o Jim Myers
5243 Hadley
Overland Park, KS 66202

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from the Pursuivant

Greetings unto the Their Excellencies and the Populace of Vatavia from your Caltrop Pursuivant, Lady Eleanor ferch Rhiwallon

First, many congratulations to Milady Muirenn Dubh on the registering of her name and device by Laurel. YEAH!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Two, if you are recommending folks for awards, baronial or kingdom, please, PLEASE call me and confirm the spellings of names and whether or not that individual has that award. The Order of Precedence is done, both kingdom and baronial, and I have the only copy.

Three, the time to get those award recs in is NOW. Valor is only two months away. Please look around yourself and observe all those deserving people in the populace. Also, don't assume that everyone else is recommending that deserving individual. You'd be surprized how many award recs never get in the mail. If you need ideas, talk to the officers. A lot of them can list people who excel in their area.

Finally, there appears to be a little confusion regarding the submission process in one area. So, as a point of clarification....

A. It is generally very wise to check with me, HL Marie, or/and HL Annys before submitting anything. Between the three of us, if there is a problem, we usually find it (unless of course it has to do with the flag of Brazil. Sorry Sibeal, it had to be said). NOTE: You do not have to consult with any herald beforehand, but it would be very, VERY wise.

B. Keep a line and colored drawing of your submission for your records. That way, if minor modifications are needed to pass kingdom or Laurel, these adjustments can be easily rendered.

C. Give five copies of name and/or device (device must be colored in) to me. If I say it's okay and ready to fly, then you will give money (\$7 per name, device, badge for members, \$9 for none) to the treasurer. Once I see the receipt, I send it to Saker.

That's all for now. I'm really looking forward to those fantastic heraldic displays at Valor this year!!

Eleanor



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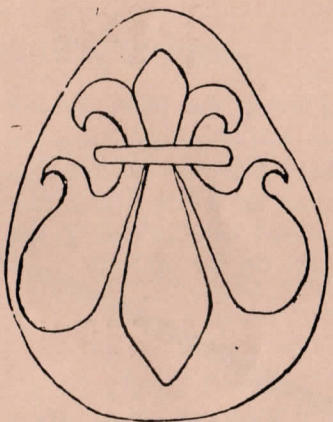
Pensic on a Budget

So you won't get to go to Pensic this year because of financial or employment conflicts. You can still share in the Pensic experience by following these easy steps.

1. Gather together most of your worldly possessions. Pack them in a variety of boxes and bags (no suitcases!).
2. Somehow fit this 144 cubic feet of equipment into a vehicle with a total loading capacity of 128 cubic feet.
3. Get into your car. Stay there for 19 hours.
4. Remove everything from your car.
5. Lock your bathroom door. Do not use it. Instead, dig a pit in the back yard.
6. Invite 40 houseflies and a variety of other insects into your home. If one should die, immediately replace it with another.
7. Go to a store. Purchase something you don't need.
8. Put on a lot of heavy clothing. Stand outside in the sun until you fall over.
9. Find some vegetation to which you are allergic. Stick your head in it.
10. Fighters: Place all of your weapons in a pile. Close your eyes and randomly select one. Throw it away.
11. Repack all of your worldly possessions. Wonder how the total load managed to expand to 157 cubic feet. Somehow pack it into your car anyway.
12. Get back into your car. Stay there for 19 hours.
13. Unpack all of your worldly possessions except for one random box. Place the "mystery box" in your garage or basement. Do not open it until just before Estrella.
14. Exclaim to your friends how much fun you had and how much you are looking forward to doing it again next year.

For fun,
Rhianwen





The following
'Missive'
was commissioned
for
your reading pleasure
although the author
will remain a 'mystery'
for now--perhaps you
will be able to tell
whom this mystery
'persona' is.

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Deadline for
Submissions to the
September
Dragonflyre is
Thursday,
August 4, 1994--
Officers Meeting

Greetings from 
Ld. Throttmar
---New Knight's Marshall

I hope to see all of you at events and at practice soon. Please see me at practice if you have any questions about your new cards or any new authorizations you may have gotten at any events you may have attended this year. Any questions about the new authorizations system can be directed to me also.

Check your armour for repairs, it promises to be a long war season. I hope to see you on the field!

I acknowledge and understand that SCA will not permit me to participate in SCA events or activities unless I agree to all of the terms and conditions in this document, and that is acceptable to me. In return for SCA's permission to allow me to participate in SCA events and activities, I agree as follows:

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3. I expressly agree to defend, hold harmless and to indemnify SCA and its agents respecting any claim made against SCA or its agents arising out of my participation in any SCA event or activity.
4. I have read and understand each of the terms and conditions in this document and understand that my agreement to them is a condition of my membership in the SCA and my participation in SCA events and activities.

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Print Legal Name _____

Signature (Legal Name) • IF MINOR, PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN MUST SIGN BELOW _____

Dated: _____

The undersigned is the parent or legal guardian of the minor whose name appears above and understands that the minor cannot participate under any circumstances in armored martial arts, fencing, marshalling, archery, scouting or banner-bearing in combat and cannot participate in any other events or activities unless I indemnify SCA as specified. Therefore, the undersigned shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless SCA for any claim arising out of any injury to the minor in any way connected with any SCA event or activity, including all damages and attorney's fees incurred by SCA.

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Archery Survival Tips

Since joining the SCA I have had the opportunity to learn from many different people. I'd like to pass on a few things that I've learned on surviving the whole day on the archery line.

Usually, archery takes place in a wide open field with one token tree just big enough to fit the bows under. Now most of us have already heard the lectures on sunscreen and hats so I won't repeat it here.

Our next concern then is **Food** and water. *Do Not Starve Yourself on the Range!* We expend quite a bit of energy walking the range and retrieving arrows all day. A tip I learned from Ld. Stefan O' Bannon; the perfect archery food is granola bars and pop-tarts. They're individually wrapped, don't melt, and they fit right into your pouch. Hard fruit like apples and oranges work well and also make good targets. Don't carry food that needs to stay cool or it might spoil.

Even more important than food is **Water!** Especially on hot days, your body needs water. Not soda, not alcohol, just plain old fashioned water. Water, water, water (am I getting my

point across

here?) Personal opinion: I'm not too fond of these "sport drinks" that are on the market, but again that's just my opinion. Now occasionally you'll be at a site where the water tastes like the local livestock too a swim in the well. There is a simple remedy for that. At your local supermarket in the produce section they have small squeeze bottles of lemon and lime juice. They're small enough to fit in a pouch and a few squirts can make the horriest tasting water quite palatable.

One last item; even more important than keeping yourself well on the range, keep an eye on your fellow archers. We all know at least one other person who gets so involved in playing that they don't drink, eat or get out of the sun until they're broiled. And sometimes that person is yourself. So if you see someone who's had too much sun and not enough water, help them out. If they won't take water from you, sic one of those teenaged water bearers on them (it works!) Remember, someday you may be the one needing help.

In Service

Lord Thomas Foxmor

A Missive

I greet you well and send you God's blessing and mine.

I write this from the monastery of Saint Maria d'Aracoeli in the holy city of Rome. It is a new establishment having been built just two score years ago. The church is in the form of the traditional basilica, though the windows are in the new style now favored in France. I'm told the hill it sits on, Capitoline, was the center of Imperial Rome, from which Roman power emanated. But looking about, I have my doubts. A family fortress sits to the east, Saint Maria to the north, shops and a market the rest. The land is filled with hillocks and holes. There is no grandeur here. "But the glory of the celestial is one, and the glory of the terrestrial is another."

I feel fortunate just to have a place to sleep here as the city is packed with pilgrims for the Jubilee, and places to stay are hard to find and cost dearly. And yet food is plentiful and the prices reasonable. "And they did eat, and were all filled."

It is said that there are some two hundred thousand pilgrims in the city and I well believe it. They are everywhere and one must be nimble of foot lest one is trampled. This leads to some dolorous news. A brother of mutual acquaintance has come to a perilous state. William of Derby from Saint Mary's was caught in the crowd while looking upon the relic of the Veronica (all trying to see the Lord's face imprinted there), and his leg was crushed. He is not doing well, may you add your prayers to his recovery. "The effectual

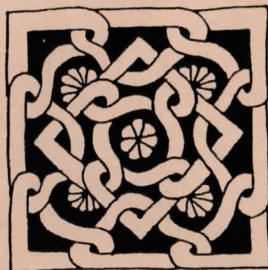
fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much."

There are no lack of places to pray here. One could go to Mass each day at a different church and not go to the same one twice in a year. The Lord must surely grace this city where his name is so often praised.

What is most surprising is that the great basilica of Saint Peter's is not in the city of Rome, but across the river in Leonine City, so named after Leo IV who built the walls that surround it. Into this city is packed numbers of churches, hostels, houses, workshops, and merchants of all things religious: books, icons, rosaries, and pilgrim badges. Alas, moneychangers can also be found there. Nor does such trade stop at the church doors, but inside as well: "My house shall be called the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves." Such is the amount of coin left there that two clerks stand by the

altar of St. Peter day and night raking them in.

The basilica of Saint Peter's is twice as big as the York Minister and lined with many chapels and shrines. One does not enter directly from market square, but through a gatehouse to an enclosed courtyard. From there you can enter the basilica. St. Peter himself built the altar.



While the Holy Father maintains a palace near Saint Peter's called the Vatican, his official residence is on the other side of Rome called the Lateran. Its basilica is as grand as Saint Peter's and is dedicated to St John.

The canons of the two parishes debate who has precedence, but Innocent III has given it to Saint Peter's. His Holiness is not there now. I am told he is at his palace in Anagni. There are many scandalous rumors being spread about him and I have no way of judging their truth. He is hardily dislike by the French, so he must have some redeeming values.

I wish I could tell you all the sites, shrines, and relics I have seen, but I have not the paper, so you must wait

'til I return. Which might be later then originally thought. My stay here in Rome has inspired to think upon travelling on to the holy city of Jerusalem. I'm praying for guidance on this. Weighing how much you are already busied, and not willing to keep you further occupied, I end my (long and tedious) discourse, being nothing exempted from the usual well-wishings and farewells.



From the Deputy Chronicler (the end!)

ancient root word meaning "Of the Earth" (as in "dowser", one who seeks things under the Earth, or as in "down", meaning "toward the Earth")³, which refers to the rock His Highness was heaving. Together these words form the word "Win-dow". It is this reporter's opinion that now this discovery has been made, the so-called "win-dows" will be cropping up all over, appearing in not only tents but in more permanent housing structures as well.

Until next time,

RRR



³I hope you're not taking this seriously.

