

The Dragonflyer

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Calendar

Note: Local events are in boldface

October

1	Scottish Gala
1	Harvest Faire (La Grande Tente)
8	Investiture (Coeur d'Ennuï)
15	Demo at WSU
15	Blood of Heroes (Grimfells)
15	RUSH (Mag Mor)
19	Populace Meeting
22	Masked Ball (Iron Cairn)
29	Autumn Arrows (Calanias Nuadh)

November

5	Vatavian Champions
12	Crown
16	Populace Meeting

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From the Marshal

Greetings from Lord Throttmarr, Knights Marshal of Vatavia!

I hope all of you survived Pensic and Mad Dogs and Englishmen, and are looking forward to Valor. Hopefully, we'll bring that pretty sword home again to our fair Barony.

I'm still looking for deputies and a new list mistress. Please see me for answers to any and all questions regarding these or any other matters involving fighting, authorizations, or the marshalate.



From the Deputy Archer Marshal

It is encouraging to see so many new faces at recent practices and the re-appearance of some old familiar ones. I hope to see much more of you in the next few weeks. Valor is almost upon us and not much practice time remains.

The poem that follows is one that speaks of what we are. We need to remember from whence we came.

May your bows speak well.

Lord Littlejohn

From the Deputy Chronicler

To the most wondrous Populace of the Barony, I bid you good greetings!

Regarding Valor . . . GOOD JOB! Even the frequent blessings from Allah falling from the sky did not dampen anyone's spirits. I heard nothing but complements about the event from everyone. As proprietor of Ibn Donald's, I cannot even begin to thank everyone for their help and enthusiasm. Sibeal, of course, is owed a great debt of gratitude from the Barony for her excellent job of cooking the food. Special thanks go to Lawrence for the tavern itself; it was absolutely wonderful (as was the rest of the site). Thomas, Marie, Lawrence, Demetrios, Elspeth, Michael, Alis, Leonard, Gabe, Sofia (from Standing Stones), the battalion of young ladies (Erin, Amy, Heather, Guinivhare, Melisande . . . was it all of you? You did such a good job, it sure seemed like it!), Fergus, Erik, Coelred, Douglas, and everyone else (sorry if I missed you specifically . . . things were happening at an amazing pace): My humble words cannot commend you enough, O Generous and Exalted Ones! Were I a rich sultan, I would give ten camels each. Alas, all I may offer you is my thanks.

Diedre will be stepping down from the Chronicler's position as of November 1st, and I cannot take her position (I have something else to do). If you are interested in taking on this responsibility, please give your written application to either Diedre or me. (I will deliver them to her.)

Regarding the great officer carousel: Eckerich is not the Treasurer; he's the Seneschal. Maeve is not the MoA; she's the Treasurer. Muirenn is the MoA. Eleanor is stepping down from being Herald; she's the next Kingdom Chronicler. Thomas is stepping down from being the Archer Marshal. And, as mentioned before, Diedre is stepping down from the Chronicler's position. If you wish to apply for any of these positions being vacated, please give your written application to the appropriate officer.

As you may have noticed, there are a few radical

changes in the Dragonflyer. At the last officers' meeting, we put our heads together and decided to bring the Dragonflyer out of the Dark Ages and into the Current Middle Ages. First, you will from now on be receiving your newsletter each populace meeting **free of charge**. Appropriate refunds for existing subscriptions will be made as soon as we figure out the most effective and fair way to do this (although if you want to chalk it up as a donation and forget about it, feel free. Your Barony will thank you profusely). Second, newsletters will not be mailed as a general rule. If you cannot make it to Populace meetings, you may supply the Chronicler with a marked envelope with stamps in it, and your newsletter will be mailed. (Back issues will be available by request if you miss one.) If we find our coffers running low because of this new policy, we will hold an appropriate fundraiser. However, every other local group has free subscriptions, and everyone else seems to be doing fine.

With Crown coming up, it is a good time to recommend folks for awards. Printed elsewhere in this issue is an award recommendation form. Remember that anyone can recommend anyone else for anything. Also remember that Heralds are your friends . . . Eleanor has the Order of Precedence, and can tell you who has what. Just because someone has pounded out twelve suits of Gothic plate doesn't mean he has a leather mallet; often everyone assumes someone already has an award, and the person is never recommended. Also, checking to make sure the person doesn't already have the award for which you are recommending him can prevent the Crown the headache of checking or the embarrassment of presenting a duplicate award.

See the calendar in front for upcoming events. Hope to see you there!

May your camels never spit and the sweet desert winds allow your tent to remain upright.

Rhianwen ibn Bran ibn Gruffydd

From the Herald

Greetings unto the Most Noble Baronage of Vatavia, Gawayne and Brialen, and unto the Populace of these Southern Lands from Lady Eleanor ferch Rhiwallon, Caltrop Pursuivant.

I hope those of you wishing to consult on names and devices were able to catch up with me and my staff at the recent Birthday Bash. If not, there will be consultation tables for my department at upcoming events. These are excellent times to consult because so many out-of-town heralds should be there to lend their expertise.

I am pleased to announce, yet again, that everything Vatavia sent in that appeared on the Laurel Sovereign's June letter PASSED - Huzzah! The following names are now registered: Vladimir Zinonovich, Yorick Bennet leauf, and Margarete de Saint Martin-sur-Mer. Unfortunately, there was no armoury on this letter. I really would like some devices coming in and filling up that fifth panel on the Roll of Arms (I'm sure Her Ladyship Marie would, too).

Somewhere in this issue or one soon to follow should be a heraldic article on cadencing. Some of you may recall that I got VERY HYPED regarding the new banners made by Her Ladyship Phillipa for Kent and Eric (Sorry if I've spelled that wrong, guys). I hope the article will help you as you approach heraldry and children.

Last, but not least, I'm stepping down as Caltrop as of November first. I've had a lot of fun, and I hope I have helped you all heraldically in some way. Applications should be sent to me, the Baronage, and the Seneschal. It should include your SCA and mundane qualifications for the job,

including past related positions. You may wish to discuss your heraldic background as well. Note: To be Caltrop does not mean you have to yell at every event or court; you can get a deputy to do those things. The reason I do them is I'm a ceremonial herald and think that sort of thing is fun. It does mean you have to attend meetings faithfully and get your reports in on time.

To my deputies, please note, as I step down, so do you. BUT, do not let that stop you from reapplying for your position. Take a good look, though, and make sure you're not pushing bum-out before you reapply. I hate to see the greatest heralds of the Knowne World fry. More on the resigning (basically "A Farewell to Arms" letter) next issue.

In service to the Crown and Vatavia,

Lady Eleanor ferch Rhiwallon

soon to be former Caltrop Pursuivant
P.S. If you have questions about anything in this missive, my farspeaker number is in the back (still).

The Archer's Heart

Buried within the sturdy shell of
bone and muscle drawn tense,
pounds the archer's heart;
His every fiber consumed deep in meditation
strained eye's focused down tightly
to send home the swift feather dart.

Nay, not one, save the true spirited archer
may answer the wailing haunts of
our forefathers' tradition:
For many the necessary tissue
has been replaced with a strange
mechanical partition.

Reborn we be, tiny sprouts from seedlings
laid long beneath winder's gold leaves;
Our tackle, our ethics, yea the old ways,
profound fundamental monuments to
which the archer cleaves.

Upon a nearly forgotten trail we are born
and so very blessed to travel;
At the end one must reflect his life
both the moments sweet and the moments tart;
Behind us remains that special sylvan seed,
behind us remains our archer's heart.

G. Wayne Humphries



Crown Response



Date Received: _____ Intended Recipient's Awards Checked? _____
Action Taken: _____
Date Given: _____ Event: _____
Royalty Presenting Award: _____
Official Reason For Award: _____

Comments: _____
King: _____ Queen: _____

Scroll: Presented to recipient Presented in absentia
 Re-present at a later date
 Other: _____

Does Your Child Bear Your Mark? by Lady Eleanor ferch Rhiwallon

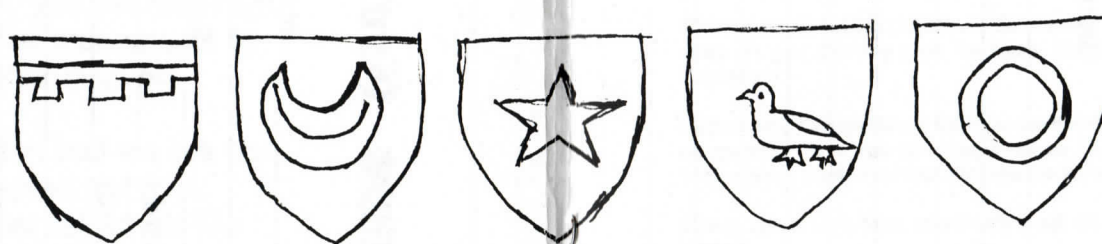
Many times in the SCA, parents are faced with a heraldic dilemma. They want their child to look heraldically correct (HC), but they know their child will change his/her mind within six months if they went to the trouble of registering a name and device¹. Well, your children are entitled to wear your arms in cadence. Cadency is a means of placing a specified additional charge on a parent's arms which not only indicates that the child is theirs, but where in your family tree your child resides.

Let's take the family of Lord Owain and his five children (for the purposes of keeping this an SCA heraldry discussion, gender will NOT be an issue). Child one could wear his

father's device with a "label" on it; child two, a crescent; three, a mullet of five (think star); four, a martlet (think footless bird); five, an annulet (think Cheerio). There are more, but the most kids I can come up with is one family of five. These examples are based on the English system of cadency.

Usually, the mark of cadency is placed in the center chief point; however, it is perfectly correct to place them on the chevron or fess center point in a device, and was done so in period.

Please take the opportunity to check Her Ladyship Phillipa's work on banners for Eric and Kent. These are well-executed and cadenced. If you have any questions regarding this or any other heraldic issue, please feel free to call me at 555-OYEZ. Seriously, I can be reached at (316) 684-8510.



¹Author's note: Gawayne and Brialen have done a good job of this with their kids by waiting until the kids reached adolescence before registering stuff.

The Answers (and the questions)

by Lady Marie

- 1. Name the Vatavian livery colors.**
Blue and Yellow
- 2. Two of Calontir's four dukes are Vatavians. Name them.**
William Vatavia (Humpk) and Gabe
- 3. Vatavia is patterned after what period European country?**
Bohemia (today Poland, Czech, and Hungary)
- 4. Name the founders of the Shire of Vatavia.**
Humpk, Maynard, Bellphoebe, and Nitram (very soon thereafter Mammara and Samauri Rick)
- 5. What Vatavian war tactic has become a Calontir trademark?**
The shield wall
- 6. Who were appointed Vicar of Vatavia?**
Aeulfric and Cire
- 7. Name the two fighting orders/awards of Vatavia.**
Vojak and Straz
- 8. Name the two archer orders/awards of Vatavia.**
Vessiar and Zemanstraz
- 9. Who started the Dream Feather award and name one of the first three recipients.**
Reynaldo il Bianco; Eleanor, Gabhainn, or Kasamira
- 10. What site was used for the Tournament of Valor for seven years?**
Camp Hiawatha
- 11. There have been only two AASH (Auditor Artist Schir Havoc) degrees presented, both to Vatavians. Name one.**
Conrad Martin von Kassel (Clavius) or Demetrius
- 12. Name all the couples who have been Baronage.**
Humpk and Mammara, Ted and Aideen, Gawayne and Brialen
- 13. What is William Vatavia's father's name?**
Grumpk
- 14. What unplanned event happened during Valor XIII?**

Tornado - move to school gym - flood - bug out

- 15. Who has been the only female Borec of Vatavia (for eighteen months)?**
Raven (Hrafenhilder)
- 16. On what date was the Shire of Vatavia authorized to start functioning as a Barony?**
3/8/81
- 17. What charge is found on all Vatavian armory but one?**
Dragonfly
- 18. Who has become known as "Mr. Valor"?**
Lorell of Shrewsbury
- 19. There have been six (6) "holy handgrenades" of Vatavia. Name three.**
Holy handgrenade, Son of the holy handgrenade, Bride of the holy handgrenade, Teenage mutant ninja handgrenade, Gozilla vs. the holy handgrenade.
- 20. Name the Vatavians who have been Crown.**
William and Mammara, Gabe and Hywela, Cire and Elisabeth
- 21. Whose devices represent the "token purple" for each panel on the Roll of Arms? (give three of four)**
Friar Thomas, Robert de Spencer, Anne Lockwood, Muirean Dubh
- 22. One award does not have the common Vatavian armory charge. What award is this?**
Radiant Lioness - highest arts and sciences award
- 23. Who has avoided a quest for his bride for 5 1/2 years?**
Tristan
- 24. This year will there will be only one Valor Tournament held. What is all the "loot" the winner will receive?**
Banner, knife, cookie, necklace, Valor sword, scroll
- 25. Who in the shield wall bore the main weight of the attack of the "flying pink elephants"?**
David the Silent

The Cooks' Corner

(From the Kitchen of Demetrius il Condottierro)

Period desserts are much more varied than what you obtain at feast might have you believe. The following is a rice + honey + nuts dish which doesn't sound one half as good as it tastes.

Kabula

(also called Asida)

From A Baghdad Cookery-book, written in 1226 A.D. In A Collection of Medieval and Renaissance Cookbooks, compiled by Duke Cariadoc of the Bow and Duchess Diana Alena, Fourth Edition, 1987 (Vol. 1)

Toast three ratls of white flour and remove. Then set the dish over the fire with three uqiya of sesame-oil and a quarter of an uqiya of whole cumin. When boiling and fragrant, pour in about two ratls of water and boil for an hour. Now add an uqiya of washed rice: when boiling and the rice is cooked, sprinkle in the flour, stirring all the time with a poker. When the flour is finished, put in about an uqiya of sesame-oil, little by little. When set and thoroughly cooked and fragrant, remove from the fire. Grease the vessels with sesame-oil, and ladle out, covering with boiled sesame-oil, dine ground walnuts and pistachios, and sesame, peeled and roasted. Then add syrup or honey, and serve. If desired, instead of sesame-oil, butter may be used as a dressing.

Adapted Version

2 cups water
4 tsp. sesame seed
1 2/3 tsp. whole cumin seed
2 oz. pkg. of pistachios
2 oz. pkg. walnuts

1 cup honey (to taste)
1 cup rice
3/4 cup sesame oil (unflavored; do not use the flavored variety, vegetable oil instead)
3/4 cup flour

Toast the flour by spreading it thinly on a cookie sheet and putting it in the oven at 200 degrees for about 20-25 minutes. Stir flour after ten minutes and frequently thereafter. (Toasting can also be don on the stove top in a frying pan on low heat with constant setting.) Remove when most of flour is a very light tan. Set flour aside.

Toast sesame seed by placing it in a flat pan and putting it in a toaster oven on top brown. Watch it carefully; it burns fast. As soon as browning is seen, stir seeds. Heat until over half of sees are light brown (some will be darker at this point.) I stop at this point to avoid burned seeds. Set seeds aside.

Put 1/4 cup sesame oil and cumin seed into a pan with a closed lid. Heat (on very low heat) for at least 30 minutes. Add water and heat (I allow it to simmer for another 30 minutes, but I don't know that that is needed) to a boil. Add rice. Cover and cook (approx. 20 minutes at low heat). When rice is done, add flour, a small amount at a time, stirring the rice as you do so. When the flour has been added, the mixture will be stiff. Add 2-3 tablespoons of sesame oil and mix.

Put small quantities (1/2 to 3/4 cup) in small bowls. It looks better if bowls are broader than they are high. Pour a tablespoon or so of oil in the center so it covers the top of the rice. Pour about 1/8 cup of honey over the top and around the edges of the rice (it should surround the rice like a halo). Sprinkle a combination of the tree nuts over the top. Serve.

Royal Pairs

(A quiz by Marie)

Can you match the King with his Queen(s)?

Asgeirr Gunnarsson	Alix Coeurbois
Chepe L'Oragere	Arwyn Antaradi
Chrystofer Kensor	Branwyn Whiteraven
Conn Mac Neill	Brayden Avenel Durrant
Edward Cire of Greymoor	Cadfael the Mordant
Gabriel ap Morgan ap Hywel	Chaya Merriam bat Eliahu Y'Hudah
Lorell of Shrewsbury	Elisabeth du Rossignal
Roderick of Mandrake Hill	Erzebet von Schachendorf
Rorik Galbraith	Fionna nic Alisdair
Steffan Albert Reinbauer	Hywela Frech ferch Wyddel
Thomann Shadan Secarius	Iliya Sergjevna Raznaschikova
Thorvald the Golden	Isadora of Orange Wood
Tomeeki Mahood washi	Lile ne Mhorda
Yamiran Ta'if	Mammara Leona
Valens of Flatrock	Morgana of Raglan
Volkmar Katzbalger	Sile O'Kyan
William Vatavia	Susannah Griffon
	Zenobia of Rebelswood

Bonus: Which two kings also served Calontir as Prince?
Five of the above gentlemen have served as King twice. Who?
Can you name the Vatavians on the list?

Score: 18-20 Old Gummy
15-17 Ever thought of becoming a bard?
10-14 You like Court.
5-9 Green for heralds; black for knights' marshall
0-4 Welcome to the Current Middle Ages - Discover bardic circles.

Answers in next month's Dragonflyer . . . stay tuned!

Roll of Officers

Baron: Gwayne ap Tristam	524-0917
Baroness: Brialen Ulfdotter Vikings	524-0917
Seneschal: Eckerich von Stromburg	684-1953
Treasurer: Maeve Kelley De Navarre	636-5606
Caltrop: Eleanor ferch Rhiwallon	685-8510
Chronicler: Diedre ni corc O'Bierne	686-4090
Knights Marshall: Throttmar Thorgrimson	263-1079
Minister of Arts: Muirenn Dubh	687-5850
Minister of Sciences: Erik, son of Asvald	263-1079
Minister of Children: Anne Mercier Bromere	267-7639
Archer Marshall: Thomas Foxmoor	945-1233