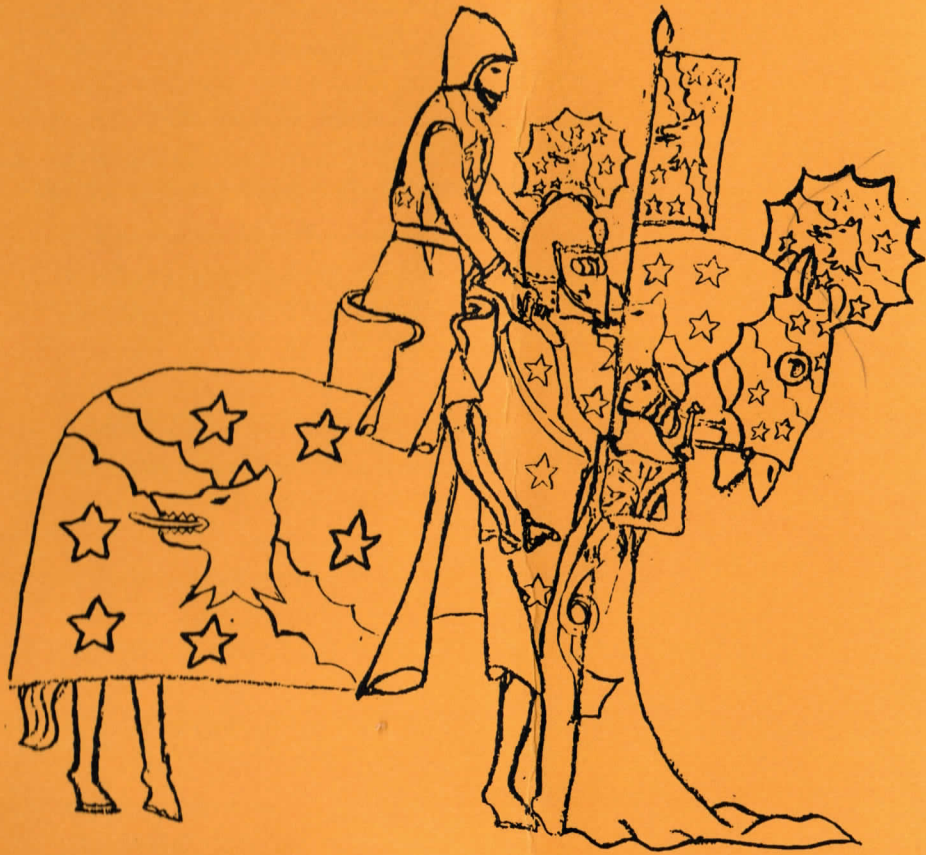


# The Dragonflyer

October, A.S. XXXIX



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# Calendar

Note: Local events are in boldface

## October

22 Masked Ball (Iron Cairn)  
29 Autumn Arrows (Calanias Nuadh)

## November

5 **Vatavian Champions**  
12 **Crown**  
16 **Populace Meeting (Park Villa)**

Sorry if this is a little incomplete. My Mews is in a box somewhere . . .

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# The Answers

to last month's quiz

## **Match the Kings and Queens.**

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

## **Which two kings also served Calontir as Prince?**

William and Cire

## **Five of the above gentlemen have served as King twice.**

### **Who?**

William, Gabriel, Shadan, Lorell, and Conn

## **Can you name the Vatavians on the list?**

William and Mammara, Gabriel and Hywela, Cire and Elisabeth



## From the Minister of Children

Greetings Smalls and Young Gentles of Vatavia. I felt that with Crown Tournament forthcoming, it would be helpful to give to you the "College of Kestrel" segment concerning Royalty and Former Royalty.

Royalty  
from "College of Kestrel"  
by Lady Pandora of Windywoode

Individuals who fight in Calontir's Crown Tournament have the chance to become the next sovereign of Calontir.

In the SCA, if the winner is male, he is called Prince (or Crown Prince) until his coronation, at which time he is called King. If the winner is female, she is called Princess (or Crown Princess) until her coronation, at which time she is called the Sovereign (to avoid confusion). Sometimes people refer to a woman who has won Crown Tournament as "Queen by her own hand," but Sovereign is the appropriate title.

Each gentle that fights Crown Tournament fights for a lord or lady who will be his/her consort. In the SCA, if a male fighter wins, his lady becomes Princess/Prince (or Crown Princess/Crown Prince). When a sovereign is coronated, his or her consort is also coronated. A woman is called "Queen". A male consort is simply called "Consort" (to avoid confusion). As of A.S. XXVIII, Calontir has not had a woman Sovereign. However, Ansteorra has had two.

In Calontir, the winner of Crown Tournament and his/her consort are named Prince/Princess immediately. They remain Prince and Princess for four months, until their coronation ceremony.

In Calontir, the King and Queen (Sovereign and Consort) rule for six months, then step down to allow the next King and Queen to be coronated. In the SCA, the King and Queen together are referred to as "The Crown".

In the SCA, when a King and Queen step down, the new Crown make the former King a Count and Queen a Countess. If it is the second time the King or Queen has served as Sovereign or Consort of Calontir, he/she is named Duke or Duchess. A Duke ranks higher than a Count, but not as high as a Crown Prince.

Former consorts are made members of the Order of the Rose. The former Queens of Calontir are sometimes called the "Ladies of the Rose".

I hope this information proves to be helpful for the future.

In your service,

*Lady Anne Mercier Bromere, M.O.C.*

## From the MOS

Unto all good gentles of Vatavia do come greetings from Eirik Asvaldsson, Minister of Sciences.

This will be more than likely the last letter I will be writing as the Minister of Sciences. I have been on three warrant rosters and soon to be four, and all the quarterly reports tell you URP! (it has been a blast).

More or less in a nutshell, I will be stepping down, and for one month I will be taking applications in writing of your intent for the job of MOS.

I now ask that you put your talents toward Champions. Last Champions had four participants, and it was a mighty battle. I would truly like to see the same type of competition we had at last champions, only with more combatants.

To enter, you will need entries in:

One art    Two sciences  
OR  
Two arts    One science

All will be judged on Kingdom criteria.

His Lordship Tristan has come to me with questions about the Loot Box of sciences, and as we talked about the situation, we came to an agreement that the "Box" should be a fine sea chest full of sciences. Now we need someone to make a sea chest that will hold all the loot. If you would like to make the Box of Loot or give something to the Box of Loot of arts and sciences, it would be a very generous offering, and you'll get credit for it. Contact myself or H.L. Tristan for more details.

In Service to Kingdom and Barony,

MRK

## From the Deputy Chronicler

First . . . OOPS! Here are some answers to trivia questions from last month's Dragonflyer that I left out. (I'll be flagellating myself later for it.) Here are the questions with the corrected answers:

**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, Godzilla vs. the holy handgrenade and the stealth holy handgrenade.

**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, Anne Bromere, and Caitrin (Cathlynn) nic Ruaidhri (and since the time of the contest, Maeve Kelly of Navarre).

The saga of the Great Officer Carousel continues. Eirik is taking Angus on as a deputy. His is also accepting applications for a replacement MOS. Littlejohn (surprisingly enough) is the new archery marshal. Sybil is the Chatelaine. Leonhard is the Herald, with Iain as deputy for court heraldry.

Baronial T-shirts will be available. The cost is \$7.00 for small, medium, large or extra-large; \$8.00 for double-extra large; and \$9.00 for triple-extra large. For more information or to order, contact Her Excellency Brialen.

By the way, Gabe and I have MOVED (finally). Our new address is 1025 South Lulu, and our new phone number is BOY-DUKE (269-3853). (Gabe picked it; not me.) The serf line will be at our place as of Crown, and the new number will be BOG-SERF (264-7373).

This is the last letter I will be writing to you as your Deputy Chronicler, as my Fearless Leader Diedre is stepping down at the first of November. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve you all in this capacity - I have truly enjoyed it.

In service,

*Rhianwen*



# Byzantine (or, More Properly, Roman) Chess

by  
Efentes Demetrios Mithoforos

Chess has a long history (from at least the 6th century), but its forms have varied substantially. Chess is supposed to be a representation of war. Unfortunately, the forms used by the Franks and the Moslems lack the accuracy of engagements in which the enemy can sweep up from your rear as well as your flank. The Roman form of Chess addresses that deficiency with a circular board, in which movement in two different directions is possible. This improvement creates a much more realistic, if more challenging, game.

The board setup is shown below with white on the bottom. The moves selected for the pieces have been chosen to be the same as those of the 12th century Chess played on a square board. The best references I could find regarding the history of Chess indicated that there were no specific instructions in existence for the movement of men in Byzantine Chess.

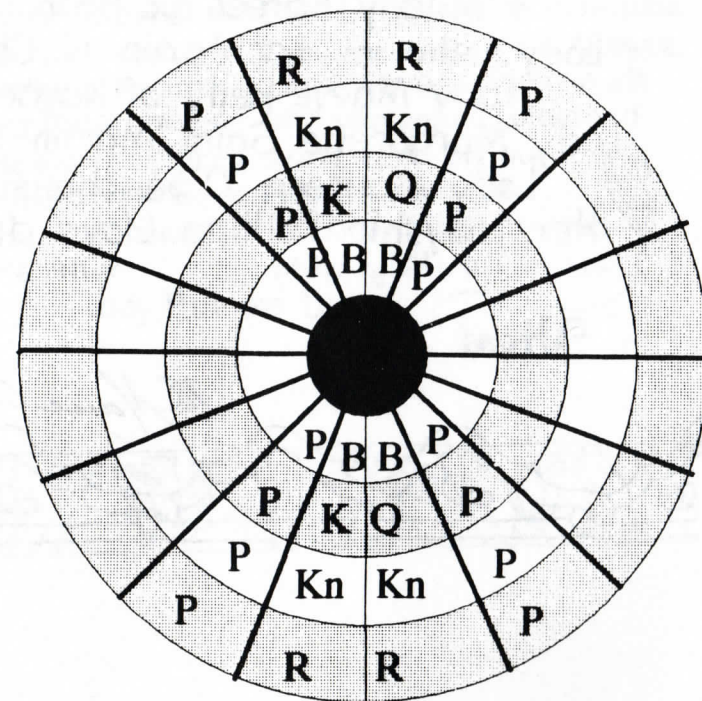
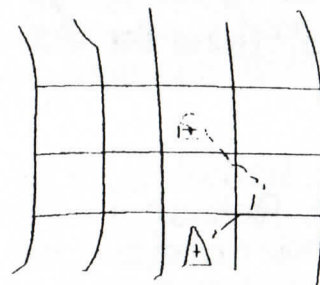
The rook, king, and knights' moves are the same as in modern Chess. The pawn moves one space during all moves. The pawn may not advance to another piece as there is no "end rank" in roman Chess. Note: the pawn may move forward until stopped (multiple circuits of the board), but pawns to the player's right move to the right (always), and pawns to the left move to the left (always). When approaching another pawn (from behind), the approaching pawn may capture a piece on the space directly in front of him as well as pieces occupying the spaces in front of him to the right and left. A pawn may not capture "backwards".

The queen moves only one space but in any direction along a diagonal. The bishop moves two spaces only along the diagonal,

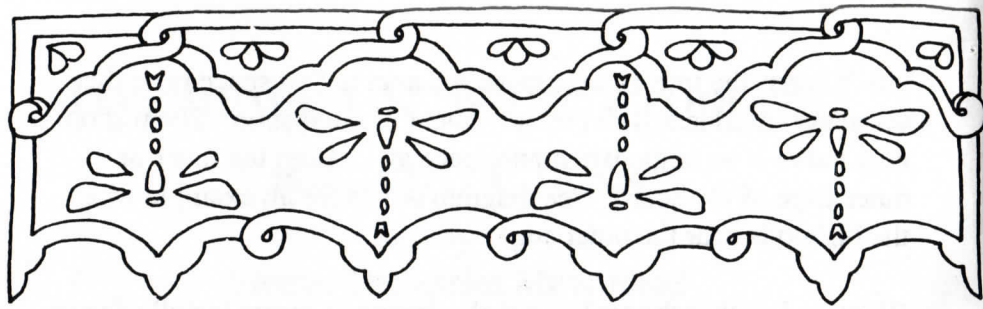
but "jumps" the intervening space. A man in that space is neither taken nor interferes with the movement of the bishop. The bishop may move at an angle when one space away from the inner or outer edge of the board. See diagram below for an example when the bishop is near the outer edge.

Winning is either the traditional checkmate or removing all of your opponent's men (lesser win). A stalemate yields 1/2 point to each.

Good luck. Remember to watch your back.





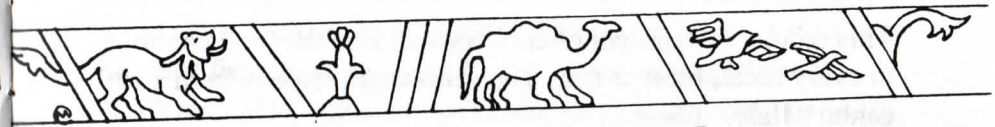
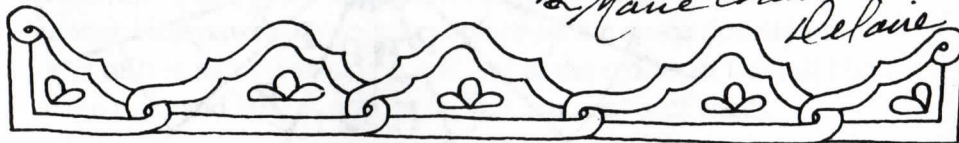


Unto the populace of the Barony of  
Vatavia come greetings from Hl Marie  
Chantal Delaire. While I was Chatelaine  
many good gentles donated garb to the  
Gold Key. I want to thank them for their  
generous donations.

Lord Aindries ap Daffyd  
Lady Ceithlenn nic Ruaidhri  
Milady Clare de Kirpatric  
Lord Thomas Foxmoor  
Milady Kareen nic Brannick  
Lady Lelia ni Lachlnain ui Chathail  
Lady Maeve Kelly of Navarre  
Lady Margarete Saint Martin-sur-Mer  
Lady Maureen O'Seachausaigh  
Her Ladyship Phillipa Lloyd de Tarifa

Vivat

*Hl Marie Chantal  
Delaire*



Unto all good gentles of the Barony of  
Vatavia to whom these missives come be  
it known that these good gentles gene-  
rally gave of their time and themselves  
to aid our cousins at the Scottish Gala  
bringing a piece of the highlands alive  
for one shining moment. Vivat

His Excellency Baron Gawayne ap Tristam  
His Lordship Big Bear of Haven  
Her Ladyship Annys de Vernun of Kettering  
Lord Thomas Foxmoor Lord Magnus O'Carr  
Lord Iuean Little John Milady Anne of Foxmoor  
Lord Niall Mac a' Ghobhainn Lady Eleanor ferch Rhiwallon  
Lord Vladimir Zinonovich Lady Alexandria nic Alleyne  
Lady Maeve Kelly of Navarre Lord Jovan Greyhawk  
Lord Throtmarr Thorgrimsson Lord Leonardo il Calamaro  
Lady Alise Marie Delaney Lord John Bromere  
Lady Margarete Saint Martin-sur-Mer  
Milord Angus Clarius Milord Sean Clarius  
Milady Heather Milady Mira Clarius  
Lady Muirenn Dubh





# The Cook's Corner

from the Kitchen of Demetrios

This second installment of cookery includes the food common to every meal, feast or not. The following recipe is from 15th century Italy.

## Bread

from De Honesta Voluptate (1475) by Bartolomeo de Sacchii de Piadena, called Platina. Translated by Elizabeth B. Andrews.

Therefore I recommend to anyone who is a baker that he use flour from wheat meal, well ground then passed through a fine sieve to sift it; then put in a bread pan with warm water, to which has been added salt, after the manner of the people of Ferrari in Italy After adding the right amount of leaven, keep it in a damp place and let it rise. That is the way bread can be made without much difficulty. Let the baker beware not to use more or less leaven than he should; in the former instance the bread will take on a sour taste, and in the latter, it becomes heavy and unhealthful; and is not readily digested. The bread should be baked in an oven, and not on the same day. Bread from fresh flour is most nourishing of all, and should be baked slowly.

### My translation:

2 cups whole wheat flour

2 cups unbleached white flour

1 Tb salt

1 1/2 cups liquid (I used 1 cup beer and 1/2 cup water.)

1 pkg. dry yeast

Whole wheat and unbleached flour should be similar to flour that has been put through a fine sieve. Most of the bran would be removed by such a process. Beer is used for most of the liquid since I am trying to get the taste I would expect if I used the yeast from making beer (barm). Since packaged yeast wasn't available, some sort of starter (e.g., sourdough) or yeast from brewing would have been the most likely to be used.

Warm beer to room temperature (drink the part not going into the bread before it gets warm and flat). Proof yeast in warm water plus a bit of the beer. Add remaining ingredients. When dough is slightly sticky, allow to rest for 10 to 15 minutes. Knead for 10 minutes. Lightly coat with oil, place in a bowl and allow to rise in a warm place (damp supplied by covering dough with a damp towel). When doubled in bulk, punch down and form into approximately fist-sized balls. Cover and allow to rise again. Bake at 350° for approximately 30 to 35 minutes.

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 \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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Award given  Yes  No Date given \_\_\_\_\_

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# 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:** Leonhard, whose number I do not know and couldn't get on short notice. Sorry.

**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:** Littlejohn 682-0394