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My staff for this issue consists of Her Ladyship Rhianwen and my general Dogsbody, Dirik. THANK YOU to both.

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A Missive from LD. Eckerich Rothvaalken von Stromburg, Seneschal of Vatavia (Part I)

Greetings unto the populace of this great Barony of Vatavia! It is my pleasure to be the new Seneschal of such a hard-working, fun-loving group of individuals. In all of my travels this past year, I have heard only praise for the events that Vatavia throws. I have heard: "Vatavia throws a great party", "That was a wonderful event", "I want to come back for your next event", ... and the list goes on and on.

This is all again been typified by Vatavia's effort to hold Fall Crown Tournament during this past weekend. Many of Vatavia's people again pitched in and helped sponsor a Kingdom event that everybody enjoyed. I truly appreciate the many hours each person put into Crown so that Vatavia would gain the glory.

As a new seneschal, I am still in the process of filling deputy positions in the Barony. My deputies are: Sibeal O'hOgain - Chatelaine and Friar Thomas - Historian. However, two positions are still unfilled. Those are Property Master and Deputy Seneschal. I am accepting applications for both, and would be glad to tell any who would like to know how they can be of service to the Barony through these positions.

The near future holds another event for Vatavia to host: the Baroness Bride to be held as our annual Yule event. This event promises to be a lot of fun and is highlighted by the "Maawage" of our new Baroness to our new Baron.

A note on the business side of running the Barony: The officers are putting together a proposed budget for next year. The goal is to set realistic and achievable goals for the Barony, and make long term financial goals. I would highly appreciate anyone's input into this effort.

In service,

Eckerich

From the Baronage

Unto the Populace of Vatavia come warm greetings!

It is just after Crown as we write this missive, and the memory of the people of Vatavia pulling together before the nobles and commons of these lands of Calontir still burns brightly in our minds. The event was an incredible success, and nothing but compliments reached our ears about the event and about Vatavia.

Gawayne and Brialen have set a fine example of everything a Baron and Baroness should be, and we shall strive to fill their shoes. Gawayne may have passed on to the Great Beyond, and Brialen may have been dragged off by rabid nuns, but they are still channelling their skills and enthusiasm to the great benefit of the Barony. Please give them a great HUZDAH and "thank you" for a job well done and their continued contributions.

One of the pet projects we are implementing is a pictorial Baronial Census (a Vatavian Family Album, as it were). This will have a photograph of every member, along with the correct spelling of each individual's name and titles, Kingdom and Baronial Awards received, coat of arms and personal badges, along with any optional personal information they would like to add. This personal information may include interests, skills, household affiliations, and other items of note.

We encourage everyone to seek us out at meetings, fighter practices, and events so that we may capture your image on film. After the photos have been developed, they will be mounted on a page, and you will be asked to fill out the appropriate information. Only you and the herald will be permitted to mark on your page.

We hope to accomplish several things with this project. First and foremost, it will aid all of us in attaching names to faces. (There is always those couple of people that you speak with at every meeting, and you find yourself too embarrassed to ask their

names after carrying this on for a year or so.) Also, years in the future it will help provide a history of Vatavia. It will also provide a coherent Order of Precedence. People are occasionally passed over for well-deserved awards because everyone around them assumes they already have them. Also, you can help save the Crown the possible embarrassment of giving an individual the same award twice by ensuring that the candidate does not already have the award before recommending him or her.

Elsewhere in this issue, you will find a flyer for our wedding event, the Baroness Bride. We're informal people, so we are not sending out formal wedding invitations; consider this to be your official invitation to our SCA (as well as mundane) wedding. The folks of the SCA are our family, and we couldn't imagine getting married without our family present, so please come, and encourage your out-of-town friends to attend as well. We're planning a great deal of fun (and a great deal of food), and will be held at the lovely and scenic Cam Hiawatha.

By the time you read this, the SERF line will have switched to our house. The new number is BOG-SERF (264-7373).

In service to Barony and Kingdom,

Gabriel

Rhianwen

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Hail and well met - no, no, no, I must have been thinking of something else. Lets see, Greetings from your new chronicler.

I am looking forward to being your new chronicler, and I hope to do a good job. Anne Foxmore and Duessa have volunteered to help (read suckers) me with this job, and I certainly am thankful. Between the three of us and my faithful sidekick Dirik we hope to put out a good newsletter. I would like to thank Diedre for all the work and ideas she put into the newsletter, especially during the more trying times in her life. I'd like to continue the letters home that she started, so if you wrote one, please let me know who you are. I'd also like to keep doing the roving reporter spots, so if you've been to an event let me know. I would love original art work, from just about anyone. My own fair Maren has been cover artist, so you can to. We are lucky to have some very creative people in Vatavia, some have even drawn cartoons. I will try to print anything I have room for. As you can see, I have lots of room. We have some interesting articles in the archives, so if there is a subject you would like to know more about, let me know and I will try to find an old article about it, or commission a new one.

One final word. Gawayne doesn't know anything about the newsletter and doesn't want to know anything about it. He most especially doesn't want to have answers to any questions about it, so save them for me please. Thanks. Gawayne and I both will thank you.

In Service to Vatavia

Brialen

The Barony of Vatavia presents
The Baroness Bride

January 21, 1994

Please join us for a day of adventure and good cheer as we celebrate Yule, as well as Duke Gabriel and Baroness Rhianwen's wedding. The day's activities will include:

Plenty of Fighting: Teams of approximately five will race and fight to rescue The Baroness Bride. Fighting will include the Battle of Wits, the Flight across the Sea in Eel-Infested Waters, the Duel at the top of the Cliffs of Insanity, the Challenge with a Giant, the Perils of the Fire Swamp, defeating the Brute Squad at the castle, slaying the Six-Fingered Man, and Bushkazi (with a real live Baroness as the "sheep"). Miracle Max will be on hand for resurrections.

Arts and Sciences: Make an item which could be part of a dowry or part of a boudoir. All categories are open, documentation is very important. Kingdom criteria will be used. (Due to site restrictions, call ahead if your area is brewing.)

Bardic Competition: Compose and/or perform a piece on the theme of "True Love".

Archery, weather permitting. Children's Activities are planned.

In the Lodge: A Yule atmosphere all day. Wassail will be served, and lunch will be offered for sale.

Wedding: This will be the actual (mundane as well as SCA) wedding of Gabriel and Rhianwen. You are invited and encouraged to attend. (We promise to keep it short and fun - we even have the requisite Impressive Clergyman.)

A Sumptuous Feast, as befits such a festive occasion.

Fees: Site: \$4.00. Feast: \$5.00. For each, children 12 and under, half price; children 3 and under, free. Make checks payable to SCA, Inc. - Barony of Vatavia.

Site: Camp Hiawatha, the old Valor site. It is located near Valley Center, north of Wichita. Map will appear in next month's Mews. Site is BONE DRY, post-revel is planned and SOAKING WET.

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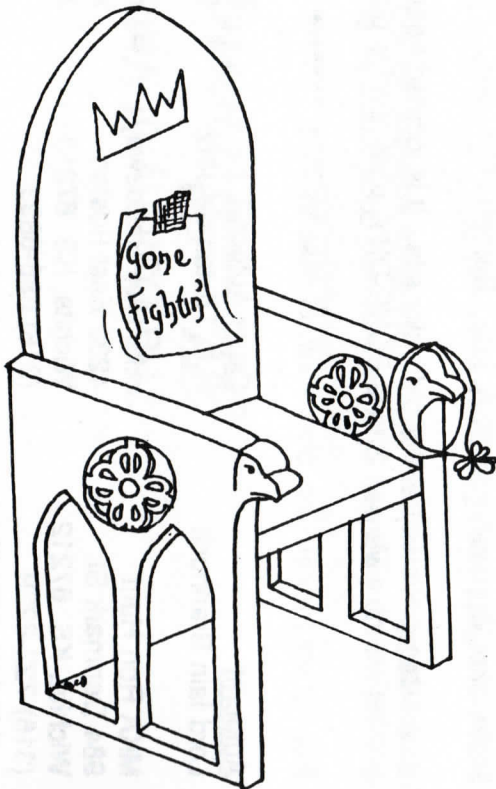
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If all else fails, leave a message at: (316) BOG-SERF.

TOP TEN THINGS NOT TO SAY TO A CHRONICLER

10. You misspelled a word on page 3.
9. I'm pretty busy right now, but I'll get it to you next month.
8. Is this issue going to be on time?
7. I didn't see anything in the newsletter except officers reports.
6. But I don't want to write it down!
5. I know the newsletter comes out this week, but I just didn't have time to write that article, I'll do it next month.
4. No one wants to hear what I think.
3. I don't like it.
2. Here is a dictionary, you need it.
1. Deadline? We don't need no stinking deadline!

My apologies go to Lady Eleanor because I have been guilty of a few of these things myself.



Greetings to all of Vatavia from Gawayne and Brialen.

It has been a privilege to have been your Baron and Baroness for the past 4 years. We love Vatavia and all of you more than you will ever know, and we have been so very proud of all of you at all the Valors, Rennfaires, BUSHs, RUSHs, Crowns, Birthday bashes, champions, officers meetings, EVERYTHING. About 2 years ago, someone told us that the best group in Calontir was Vatavia. We agree, then and now. Thank all of you for everything you have done for us. Every time we wear the garb you made, we will think of you, everytime we see the coronets, we will think of you, everytime we see one of you that we gave an award to, or recommended for a kingdom award, we will smile, and remember all of you and this special time in our lives. We thank all of you who gave your time for this barony, for without you we couldn't have accomplished anything. We truly appreciate the efforts of all the officers we've worked with, and most especially His Lordship Lawrence and Lady Ala for their friendship, patience and help.

As much as we love this barony, it is a burden as well. It is right that we give the coronets up to those who have not grown tired, for you deserve no less. We know that you will give Gabriel and Rhianwen all the help you have given us and if you give them even half as much, they will be lucky indeed.

Always in Service to Vatavia,

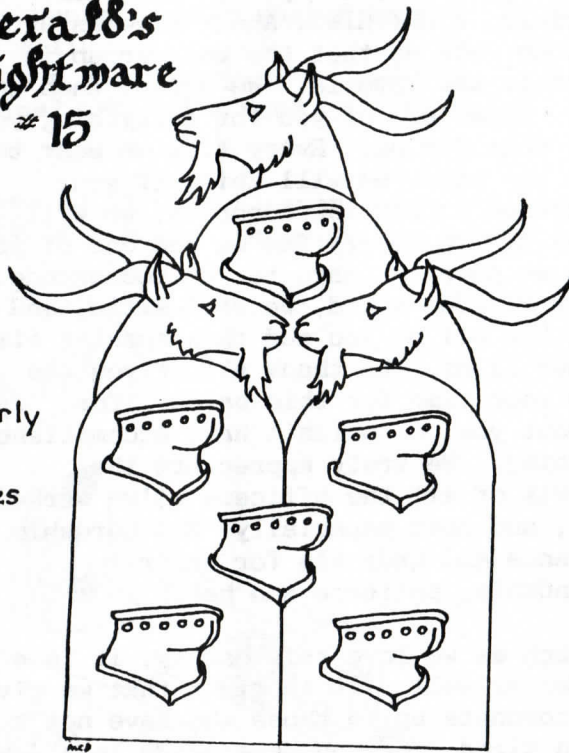
Gawayne and Brialen.

Crown Tourney

It was a dark and stormy night. Well maybe it was, but that's another story. This one starts out a little differently. It was a cold, cloudy, and windy day. It didn't seem to matter to the people gathered together in hopes of seeing a future King made. Our Baron, Gawayne, was unfortunately absent. He was fighting in the Holy Land. The tourney went very well, with clean fighting all around, and Vatavia's fighters making a good showing. The last fight was a cliffhanger, and in the end, Count Sir Valens was proven to be the winner. There was much rejoicing all around.

There were many prizes to be awarded during court that evening, and just as Baroness Brialen concluded (how was that for timing?) there was a comotion from the back of the hall. Three of Gawayne's men and two nuns asked for admittance. They brought back a terrible tale. The City had fallen, and Baron Gawayne had paid the ultimate price. Baroness Brialen was heartbroken but vowed to carry on. Thomas, Throttmar and Eric had made the dangerous journey back to bring Gawayne's heart back to Vatavia. It was a very LONG journey, and Their Majesties took Brialen's word for it that Gawayne's heart was indeed in the box. The box will remain in Vatavia where Gawayne's heart belongs. Look for it at a feast or event near you. It was then that Thomas broke the news of His Excellency's last request. He had arranged with the Sisters of Saint Deborah to take Brialen in. This came as quite a surprise to Brialen. Gawayne worried about her care and imortal soul. Brialen was touched ("How thoughtful of him" she said).

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Brialen was escorted from Court by the rather determined nuns.

I've heard it said that she may have escaped somewhere along the way, but that's another story. Gawayne's heart and sometimes his ghost can still be seen on the fighting field from time to time.

Their Majesties had quite a dilemma before them. Vatavia is on the border and must be protected at all times, so they must replace Gawayne and Brialen as quickly as possible. Fortunately, there were two people who came to mind (hows that for lucky), Gabriel and Rhianwen. Their Majesties called them forward, asked them if they were willing, and surprisingly enough, they were. They were then invested as Vatavia's new Baron and Baroness. They also got custody of the reliquary box with Gawayne's heart which just goes to show that no job is perfect. Vatavians and Calontir are able to sleep soundly tonight because Gabriel and Rhianwen are on the job.

ROLL OF OFFICERS

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Baroness:	Rhianwen	269-3853
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