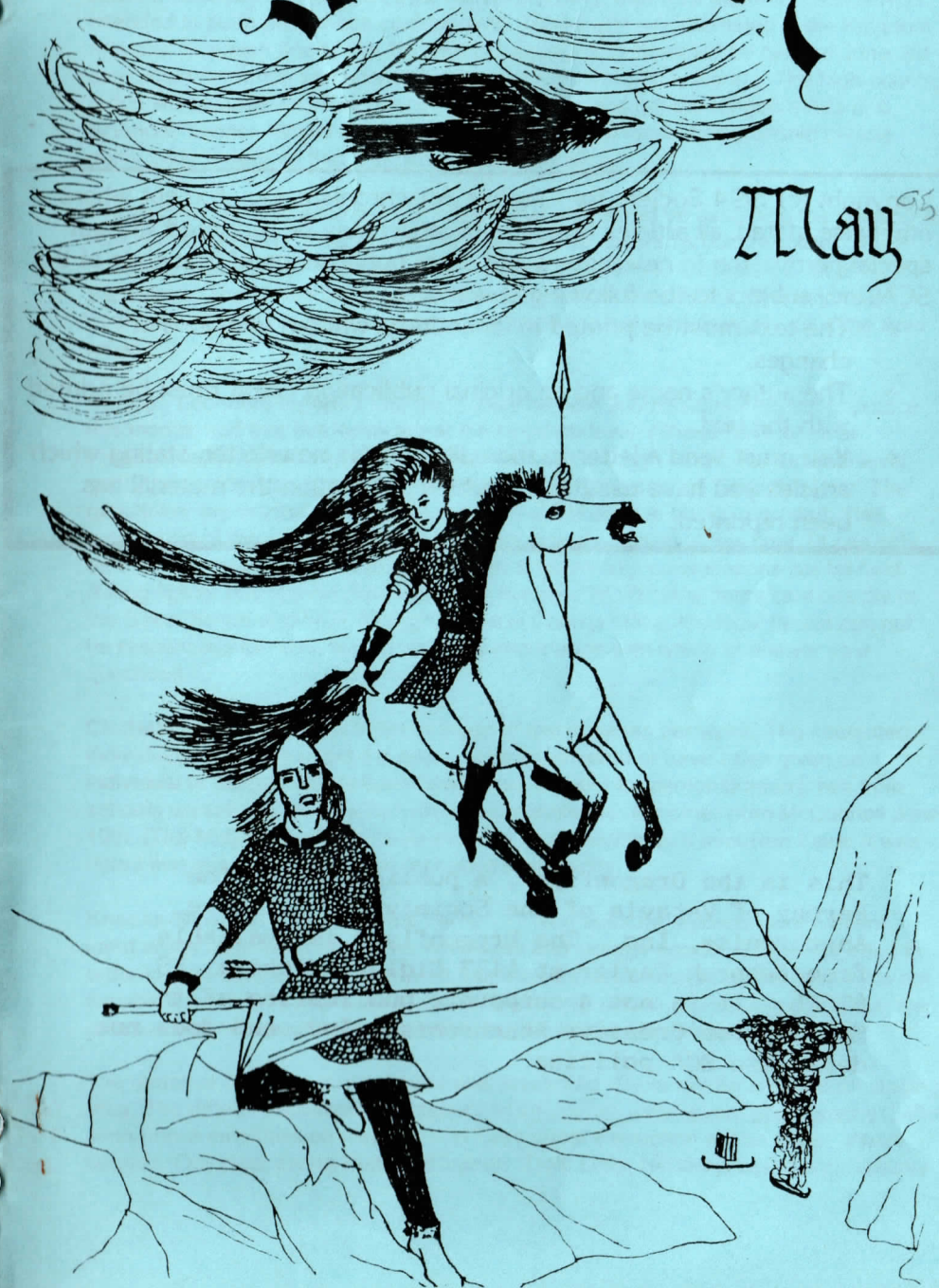


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APRIL OFFICER MEETING

The April officers' meeting of the Barony of Vatavia was held Monday, April 3, 1995 at the Dawson United Methodist Church at 7:00pm. Sixteen members attended

Minister of Science: Kerare requested that individuals keep her informed of their science activities so that she could better help them with their interests. This is NOT intended to push people into competitions. Those who are interested in the Kingdom Arts and Sciences and/or the Tri-level competitions such as will be held on June 3rd can obtain the forms and information on the rules from Lady Kerare. The high scoring group will become the Proponent of the Kingdom and get the Kingdom Arts and Sciences banner. Would all interested in entering the local championship please notify Lady Kerare so that she can arrange for judges.

Chronicler: Brialen informed the officers that she would be assuming the position of Kingdom Chatelaine. This will not interfere with her duties as our chronicler. A business account has been set up with a local company to facilitate the local paperwork. The chronicler does not have letters from the officers. She said that everyone that did not get an article to her she'd just put something in. (It is the April issue.)

Herald: Leonhard reported that there were no new submissions from the populace this month, and that five items are at the kingdom level. (These have been at Kingdom level for two months and have not gone through Hawk, i.e. national level, yet.) There will be no heraldic competition at the Renaissance Faire this year. The rack/tinker-toy/erector-set for displaying the roll of arms is being upgraded. The proper use of the organization's tax number was discussed at this time. (It can only be used for resale.) Now that the weather is improving, consultations will be held during fighter practice on Sundays when feasible. NOTE: Any items sent directly to the Saker herald and NOT through the local Caltrop office, the local herald can not be responsible for; and, he will not have information with which to answer your questions.

Chatelaine: Sibeal reported an average of two inquiries per week. The interested individuals have been sent the appropriate information or have been given an individual to contact. There have been three request for demonstrations: two from schools sometime in May which are being negotiated; the other from McConnell June 10th. (The McConnell demo could even be as elaborate as a mini-Ren Faire. It was noted that this could be a good recruiting opportunity.

Knasas-Newman's Renaissance Faire: The autocrat reported on the event. Land areas have been allocated. Tent sizes and storage space sizes are needed in order to plan out the area's setup. At this time, the area designated for archery is not feasible for safety reasons. As of Officer's Meeting, we do not have archery; but, the autocrat had not heard back from Heather (the Kansas-Newman contact) yet.

The tentative SCA site arrangement was presented. There will be a walled off staging area. The different activities and deputy assignments were given: photography: Little John (more emphasis on member and Faire guest interaction will be done); Water bearers: Odindisa; Living History: Eleanor; Troll: Lelia; Heraldry: Leonhard; Security

Gabhainn; Dance: Eliane; Fighters: Magnus; Archery: Little John. A meeting of the Ren Faire Committee will be held this Wednesday (April 5th) at 7:30p, along with the garb check, at Kansas Newman. Contact the appropriate deputy to volunteer. Individual deputies for the sales table and education day are still needed for the Officer's Meeting. Contact Sean Angus to volunteer.

Set up will be April 27th (Thursday) beginning at 5:30 pm. Please do NOT start erecting structures until the autocrat arrives. The troll box will be brought to the populace meeting. Sean will be moving the stuff. He suggested that inventory of property be done before, during, and after Ren Faire. He will bring his wheel barrow to help move things. The sales items were gone over: leftover chainmail kits: 7, (he can't find anyone to make more); handkerchief dolls; Viking beads; head wreaths; cross stitch kits; the boffer swords. Specific groups, structures, sales items and questions were covered.

It was stated that only those currently active in the Barony should be allowed to do the demo. The Kansas-Newman perception of the quality of our performance compared to others they have observed was repeated. It was discussed and letters will be sent to Thousand Felds, Westumbria, and Spinning Winds inviting them to join us at Kansas Newman's Ren Faire. There will be open parking this year, no permits. There is a designated parking area for us on the west side of the campus for those wishing to use it. Vehicles can be on the site up to 45 minutes prior to the Faire's opening provided they stay on the pavement.

Minister of Arts: Morin also requested to have input about members' Arts activities to include in her quarterly report. She also has the forms for the Kingdom Arts and Sciences Championship and the Trilevel competitions.

Archer Marshal: Ean LittleJohn: The archery practice will continue at the indoor site till after the Renaissance Faire. The details on the outdoor site have still to be finalized. A possible other once-a-month location was discussed. There are currently only five archers practicing regularly. Vatavia has two authorized marshalls at this point in time.

Knight's Marshal: Magnus reported for the Knight's Marshal. The office is currently in transition. Niall will be in charge of the Sunday fighter practice. Fighter Practice is at North Linwood Park on Sundays starting at noon. It was noted that a transfer of office requires the current officer to write a letter of resignation to the Kingdom superior officer, and also write a letter of recommendation for the designated new officer.

Treasurer: Maeve reported that we had money, approximately \$4300. (This is above what we usually have at this time of the year.) The bank is still not mailing the paperwork to the treasurer despite having been notified. There are seven names on the account currently, which should be kept and the advantages thereof were discussed. The question of getting the bank to get the correct names on the account was discussed. The treasurer currently has no deputy since the Seneschal took hers. It was stated that the rules do not constrain a person from being a deputy to more than one officer.

Seneschal: Eckerich announced that he now has a property master. HL Tristan applied and has been accepted for the position.

Several items of correspondence were presented. Sir Yoshi is stepping down as the *Calon Scrolls* editor. Any interested individual should have an application to him by April 30th (address in **The Mews**). Anyone considering attending Pennsic this year needs to contact the Pennsic Slumlord so land allocations can be planned. (225 square feet per person.) The information flier for Spring Crown is available.

At Calon Con it was explained that some concerns have arisen. At demonstrations please avoid the following;

- using the letters "SCA" alone. Please use "SCA Incorporated", or "SCA, Inc."
- using the word "Society" alone. It gives the impression of something secretive.
- using the term "medieval". Please use "Middle Ages". Some people hear "mid-evil"
- religious symbols both offensive and non-offensive. (Use your judgement.)
- "bad" clothing; for example: long black hooded cloaks.

(It was asked if there had been an incident:: Yes, but not in Calontir.)

Baronage: Gabriel and Rhianwen reported little feedback at this time concerning the proposed second populace meeting each month. After Ren Faire this will be looked at. The proposed recognition by WSU is still being worked on. Alternative funding activities were discussed and possibilities suggested. The current condition of the Baronial tents and shade flies were discussed. An alternative protective coating is to be tested. Strategic repairs vs. making new was discussed. (Strategic repairs can get one more year out of the shade flies.) There will be a replacement for the blue and gold by Ren Faire.

The Baronage asked Magnus to head the Lilies preparation committee. This year the theme is the Baronies vs. the Shires. A camping arrangement similar to that used at Pennsic is planned. Rhianwen would like to know those planning to attend so the area can be arranged for. She will need to know the number of period pavilions. A Vatavia Baronial party like that held at Pennsic by Calontir is planned for Friday night at Lilies. Contact Magnus about donations. The problem of minors obtaining alcohol was mentioned. It was suggested to use the old Baronial stamp to mark people. Transporting everything was brought up. Possible party themes were discussed (Vatavia Flood Party?, Vatavia Extreme Weather Party?).

It was recommended to have a new comers meeting two weeks after Ren Faire.

Champions: The champions presented the plans for the Spring Champions' event. It will be Monday, May 29th. (The closest event is six hours away. Greensburg is having a demo the previous Saturday.) The site is still being finalized, possibly Pawnee Prairie, the public end. Besides the regular competitions there will be a Trilevel competition, similar to Kingdom's, held. The meal will be a pot luck. Period dishes are strongly encouraged.

The Champions asked about the possibility of making the positions for one year's duration. (It was pointed out that we were the only group doing it every six months. It was felt this was not enough time to accomplish certain things and/or goals. The fighter champion has nothing to do in the winter. Some do not know what is expected

to be done.) The pros and cons were discussed. (It has been done for a year in the past. The length of time did not seem to make a difference on what was accomplished. Even when the duties were published and told some individuals still did not know what was expected of the position.) The business was tabled to be discussed later, after some time to consider the options.

Recently I was a privileged guest at a "perfectly period party" given by Ld. Sean Angus MacDuinnchinn and Lady Ala of Featherstone.

We were all a little nervous, or at least I was, but the hospitality shown by our hosts was warm and inviting and we were put at ease.

A small candle fire shortly after our arrival caused a bit of a stir, but was handled with aplomb by the hosts and resulted in a swift solution so that no one was disturbed. (The offending candle and holder were removed and dumped outside) One delicious dish was followed by another, served in the most gracious and impeccable style. We all ate and drank to our fill.

The environment and details of the table had been perfectly attended to for our comfort and enjoyment. It was an interesting and pleasant evening, and all went away happy and well fed. A collective thank you to everyone who contributed to this creative endeavor and an enjoyable evening.

Minutes of The Vataavian Officers' Meeting

May 1, 1995

Officers in attendance: Their Excellencies Gabriel and Rhianwen, Lord Eckerich, Lord Leonhard, Her Excellency Brialen, HL Marie, HL Friar Thomas, Lady Maeve, and Lady Margarete.

Populace in attendance: Lord Magnus and Lady Eleanor

Renfaire - Brialen reporting: Renfaire grossed \$933.00 of which \$283.00 was heraldically earned income and \$36.55 was from the Glockhausen game. Many ideas were discussed for improvement and change in the upcoming years. Brialen, as the baronial liaison to Kansas-Newman, pointed out the university's concerns regarding promoting the college and adjusting the faire layout.

Sundowner's Parade - Brialen reporting: The Wichita Free University has obtained a section in this year's Sundowner's Parade as part of the River Festival kick-off. Their section will be composed of instructors, including SCA teachers, and other personnel. Details are still being worked out.

Exchequer - Brialen reporting for Maeve, who had not yet arrived: We have money.

Chronicler - Brialen reporting: Apologized profusely for lack of April issue. Solicited the officers to submit reports, etc. to the newsletter.

Archer Marshall - Eleanor reporting for Ieuan Littlejohn: Practice to remain at Archery Plus at Seneca and MacArthur until further notice.

Caltrop Pursuivant - Leonhard reporting: 2 names and 2 devices have been submitted.

Demo-crat - Marie reporting: The Maize schools have donated \$100 as a gratuity for coordinating a demo. Upon Marie's request, the Baronage directed Marie to write a formal thank you to the school.

The Harvey County Park Board through Debra Fritch has contacted Marie regarding demos (with archery, fighting, etc.) to promote their park. On May 15, at the board's request - Lord Eckerich will present to the board regarding our requirements for such a demo. Ideas were discussed how access to the park could greatly facilitate the Barony's site needs in the future. July 8 was suggested as a possible demo/event date. Eckerich will investigate the site with potential Birthday Bash autocrats.

Historian - Friar Thomas: Requested old officer reports for his files.

Champions: No Champions were present to report. Details regarding the Champions' event are unclear at this time.

Seneschal - Eckerich reporting: Expressed appreciation for the team effort in putting on Renfaire and noted there was a high amount of recruiting. The service of Milord Randall was noted as being above and beyond the call of duty. Eckerich suggested people submit award recommendations to Their Excellencies while memories are still fresh. Maggie mentioned the time to submit Kingdom award recommendations is now if you want people to be considered by Lilies.

Exchequer - Maeve reporting: Site, feast, and non-member surcharges will be tracked more meticulously to maintain compliance with current SCA fiscal policies. She stated the need for well-trained trolls who will take the job seriously. Discussion ensued about keeping people entertained at troll while they wait to sign-in.

Baronage - Gabriel and Rhianwen reporting: The need for a newcomers' event/new interest groups to orient some of the newer people. Part of next populace will be discussion/interest groups being held after a brief introduction to the SCA and brief officer reports.

Their Excellencies reminded the officers about the war chest to be ready by Lilies. Much organization is taking place to prepare for this event. The Calontir Endowment Fund auction will be part of the Vatavia party. All officers were reminded that "we are the hosts" at this party, and, as such, we need to ensure all guests are having a good time.

Other business - Leonhard requested a Kinko's card for the herald's office because of the extra copying at Renfaire. Brialen and Maeve indicated the other avenues for taking care of photocopying in the Barony.

Respectfully submitted,

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Officers wishing to submit corrections to the minutes should contact Lady Eleanor by the next officers' meeting.

Unto the Poplace of the Baroney of Vatavia comes these greetings from Lady Kerare, your local A & S Champion and your Minister of Sciences.

I would be interested to hear from you about what you are doing and in your interests. I might just be able to help you. If not, I can find some one who could. If you are interested in having a class on something please let me know, with enough interest, I will guarantee you will get it.

We have two competitions coming up soon that are very important first, May 29, Vatavia's A & S Championship and tri-level. Anyone wanting to participate in the A & S championship must have 2 arts and 1 science, or 2 sciences and 1 art. Please let me know what categories you will enter so that I may find judges.

June 3rd is the Kingdom A & S competition and tri-level. You must pre-register for both of these. See me or Ly Muirenn for entry forms. For the Kingdom competition, you must have at least 4 entries with at least one being an art and one being a science.

The group with the highest number of entries will get to fly the Kingdom A & S banner at Lillies war. It would be great if we won and showed the Kingdom what wonderful artisans and craftsman bless this barony.

If for some reason you are unable to reach me, please contact my deputy, Ld Eirik.

In Service

Lady Kerare

Well wishes to the patient Barony of Vatavia from
Brialen, your chronicler.

I want to apologize for missing last months issue. All
I can say is that sometimes real life has to come
first. I will try very hard not to miss anymore.

I have been asked to begin printing the minutes from
officers meeting each month in lieu of officer's reports
at the populace meeting. I think this is in an effort
to make populace meeting less boring. You might see how
you like this and give the Baronage and Seneschal some
feedback on how successful this is. You might have
noticed that I have printed the minutes from both April
and May officer's meeting. I was asked to by the
Baronage and Seneschal.

In the meantime - keep those cards and letters pouring
in. Thanks.

Brialen

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