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## OFFICERS' MEETING MINUTES JULY 10,1995

19 members attended: 14 officers/deputies/champions, 5 members of the populace.

The meeting was called to order. Officers were asked to report first.

The MOC is still taking applications for her position. The Historian requested records and information to assist in writing the history, especially information covering the last eight years. The MOA reported on the dancers participation in the Interkingdom event held in Ansteorra. No new proposals have been received by the Herald. He has had no information on the status of proposals that are in process. The MOS now has a sign up board available for individuals to inform her of the sciences activities being done in the group. The Chronicler will have the extra copies of the Census available at the populace meeting.

The Birthday Bash autocrat reported on the success of the event plus the observation, "It was hot!" The Harvey County Park demo specifics were covered and finalized. The officers received an update on the Valor plans. The Arts and Sciences Champion will be autocrating Fall Champions. She is also interested in organizing an arts and sciences workshop. Interest was also expressed in holding another BUSH session. Some of the officers have already been discussing the possibility.

The Seneschal has a flier for the Westumbria event, Ragnarok Lite, August 5th. He asked the officers for input/choices on six new business card formats proposed. His Bash-a-Knight proposal is awaiting the return of comments from Kingdom before being finalized for presentation to the Board of Directors. Anyone wishing to look at the proposal, contact him.

The Baronage requested that award recommendations be turned in, especially Kingdom awards. Without the recommendations those deserving individual will not receive the recognition they are entitled to. The Baronage also asked that the local forms be used for local awards recommendations please.

The meeting adjourned.

^ Ay, do persever, counterfeit sad looks, / Make mouths upon me when I turn my back. ^





Greetings warm and fair unto the Populace of Vatavia!

The past few months have seen a lot of activity in the Barony, too much to recap here. But, we would like to say a few words in thanks to those who have supported our Barony and our Kingdom by their participation. At Lilies, we were a definite and visible presence and power upon the War.

A special thanks goes to Joavan Greyhawk for his efforts at autocrating the Baronial Birthday/Vikings on the Black Sea event. It was a fine, relaxed event which had a little bit of something available for everyone.

As for upcoming events, we and a great many other Vatavians will be travelling to the Tournament of the Falcons on the weekend of the 29th. At least three Vatavian teams will be on the field; we hope to make as fine a showing as we did at last Falcons.

At this time next month, the Pensic War begins. Magnus has agreed to lead the refurbishing of the six Vatavian scutum(s) (scuti?) so that they will be available to Vatavian and Calontir forces at the War. At the time of this writing, we are unsure as to how many Vatavians will be travelling to Pensic, but we highly encourage it; it is an event that everyone should attend at least once in their SCA lives (this will be Rhianwen's eighth).

This Valor is going to be huge. Not only is it an InterKingdom event with the Outlands, but there will also be two Peerages created. This is our opportunity to "show off" our Barony not only to the Kingdom, but to the Known World. It is our job, as the host group, to make sure our guests have as pleasant a stay as possible. So, when the volunteer sheets go around, please do not hesitate to put your name on them.

Additionally for Valor, it has been a Vatavian tradition that the Baroness host a small feast for visiting nobility. As there will be nobility from more than one Kingdom, Rhianwen asks that her brethern, the Vojak, serve this feast. Although we are unsure of the exact event schedule, we will schedule the feast so that it does not overlap the fighting.

One last little piece of business. . .the Baronial Census is being updated; please see Odindisa to make changes or additions.

In service to Barony and Kingdom,

Gabriel Rhianwen

"Hold, or cut bow-strings."

Greetings from the Property Master.

I will be reviewing and inventorying all Baronial property through the month of August. If you currently have Baronial property to store or property to be inventoried, contact me at 686-6893.

*His Lordship Tristan Rory de Jorq*

"I will roar, that I will do any man's heart good to hear me;/ I will roar, that I will make the duke say, 'Let him roar again, let him roar again.'"

"For aught that ever I could read,/ Could ever hear by tale or history,/ The course of true love never did run smooth."



Unto the Gentle Populace of Vatavia come these greetings from  
Niall Mac a` Ghabhainn, Knight Marshall

My Lords and Ladies,

I trust this finds you well, and in some cool place. I have in this  
missive two requests of all Vatavian.



Firstly, though it seems far away, we must begin now the search for  
a winter fighter practice site. Any leads or suggestions you may  
have should be passed along to Torin or myself.

Secondly, I want to ask for the assistance of the populace at the  
upcoming Valor Tournament. We anticipate a high turnout of  
fighters this year, and need help with the managing of fighters and  
paperwork. If you can help me, please give me a commitment in  
the next few weeks.



In closing, I wish to remind one and all that fighter practice is now  
on summer hours: starting **10:00 A.M.** at North Linwood park. I  
hope to see you there!

In Service to Vatavia,

*Niall*

I have a reasonable good ear in music: let us  
have the tongs and bones. "

Greetings to the Hardworking Populace of Vatavia  
from Lady Ala of Featherstone and Baroness Brialen,  
co-autocrats of Valor.

Things seem to be shaping up well for our  
Valor/Outlands InterKingdom. We are expecting a  
goodly number of people since we are also the site  
of two Peerages.

West Umbria is sponsoring troll, but we still  
anticipate needing our own people to fill in.  
Thused Fells is sponsoring the tavern, and the  
menu tastes wonderful, however (you knew there  
would be a "however" didn't you), we still need  
help serving at the tavern, and that always popular  
job, dishwashing. Its not so bad, ask Torin. The  
tavern always needs servers, and this year is no  
exception.

The heralds will need even more help this year  
since we will be running 3 list fields during Valor  
tourney, as well as help with the fighting on  
Saturday and calling the camps.

We also need help with the A&S competition and  
classes.

And last but not least, set up and clean up.

We know that we can always count on Vatavians  
pulling together and showing the rest of the  
Kingdom the best of Vatavia. We hope that this  
year we can all have an enjoyable time as well as  
host the event.

Lady Ala

Brialen

Greetings Vatavians! Did you think your M.O.S. possibly had  
returned to the Holy lands? You see the season has kept me quite  
busy to! I will be found at populace meetings and fighter practices  
with paper. Please write, scribble whatever on it and let me know  
what you are working on. If you need help, please ask me, I can  
put in contact with the answer. If you've entered something, win or  
lose, let me know! I don't care if its for competition or not, I want  
to know and share your interests. Example # 1: Your old T-tunic is  
worn out. You make a new one. LET ME KNOW. Example #2:  
You were reading and learned about a really neat storage box. You  
built one for your own use. LET ME KNOW. Did you participate  
at a Demo? Let me know when and how it went!



I have set a goal for myself for my period of office but it takes your help. I would like to sponsor two classes per report quarter. This means I need suggestions for classes, write them on the list I will have with me. I also need attendance!!! Without attendance, classes will be of little use. Also, volunteers to teach a class will be much appreciated.

*Lady Kerare*

### Greetings unto to populace from Anne Lockwood, Bardic Champion

I have been asked to write a few words about camp and court etiquette. There are some things that we who have been members of the SCA for several years tend to take for granted that everyone knows. This is not always the case. Hopefully, this article will help to explain some of those practices.

One of the things I noticed at the Birthday Bash was that people were using someone's personal shade fly without even asking if it was ok. The lady who owned the shade fly didn't really say anything, but it was disconcerting for me to watch. It is rather like someone coming into your home without even knocking, taking over a portion of your home without even knocking, taking over a portion of your house, and not even saying "excuse me". While this may seem like an exaggeration, it's not far from reality. A person's shade fly is as much their own "space" as is a person's home. If you aren't sure if a shade fly is a private or publicly set up one, ASK. This is a simple way to find out. If it is a private shade fly, ask if there is a public one you can use, or if the person who owns the shade fly would mind if you used theirs for a short time. But PLEASE., use consideration and common sense if they say yes. Do not overstay your welcome, act as you would if you were in someone else's home, and above all else, be courteous and

respectful. Also be aware that they have the right to say no. If they do say no, courteously thank them and find somewhere else to sit.

The idea of asking to use someone's shade fly, also goes for entering someone's pavilion or shade fly. Ask before just entering. This is common courtesy. If there is something inside the shade fly that you would like to look at or someone you would like to talk to, ask if it is ok if you come in. Most people will say yes if you ask them politely. Also, don't use someone's pavilion as a walkway from one place to another. Walk around if possible. These are all examples of common courtesy and are things we all, new and old members alike, need to remember.

There are a few other things that some newer members may not know. When crossing in front of the thrones, whether Baronial or Kingdom, one should bow or curtsy. This is also common practice not to walk between the people on those thrones and whatever they are watching. Walk behind their chairs if it is possible. If it isn't possible, say "excuse me" and cross as quickly and quietly as you can. Again, it all goes back to common courtesy.

If you are at an event and someone asks for help, try to help out if you can. You may not know how to set up a pavilion, but people will be willing to tell you what they need you to do. Holding onto a pole doesn't seem like a big deal, but if there isn't someone doing it, the tent might not get put up. Every little bit helps. If you have an extra hand, help someone carry things from their car to the site. This doesn't seem like much but I know some wonderful friendships that have been started because someone took the time to help carry things. So you see, there are advantages to helping. It's a good way to meet and get to know people.

There is one other thing I would like to address, how to behave when in court. When in court, Baronial or other, be courteous and respectful (are you starting to see a recurring theme here?). If you feel like you are going to want to talk and joke around, sit to the back of the court not the front. Even at the back of the crowd, be aware that there may be people around you who are wanting to hear and who may not appreciate your talking



through the proceedings. When someone is called into court, especially for an award, show them the respect they deserve. Even if you don't care for the person, someone felt that they deserved the award and they have the right to enjoy the moment. Think how you would feel if you were called up for an award and a group of people in the crowd were talking and laughing so loud that most of the people couldn't hear what you were getting the award for. Put yourself in that person's shoes and act accordingly.

These guidelines aren't only for the newcomers in the group, but also for those of us who have been in for a while. Sometimes ever we forget the basics of courtesy and respect. We "oldsters" need to remember that we were all "newbies" once and allow for some mistakes. We need to remember to teach by example and well as formal instruction. Correct gently, and remember, we all had to start somewhere. We only learn if someone takes the time to teach us and most newcomers would welcome advice or instructions if they are doing something wrong. But if they don't know they are doing something wrong, how can they correct it. They only need to be taught and we should be the ones doing the teaching.

I thank you for your time and patience as I got up on my soapbox. I hope that this article offers some help and insight.

Yours in service to the Dream.

*Lady Anne Lockwood*

I have not received a single submission. Work on your names and devices!! I also need ~~victims~~ volunteers for camp and field heralds. Call me at 686-7966.

*Leonhard*

" Lord, what fools these mortals be! "

" But earthlier happy is the rose distilled,/  
Than that which withering on the virgin  
thorn,/  
Grows, lives, and dies, in single  
blessedness. "

" The iron tongue of midnight hath told twelve:/  
Lovers to bed: 'tis almost fairy time. "

## LILIES WAR

The war had been going for about a week when I arrived. The Baronies and Shires were at it again for the second, or was it the third, time. The weather was pleasant compared to the stifling heat of the last war. The sounds of fighting could be heard as I walked into camp, but it soon ended. I later learned that the combatants were contending for a town, but alas, I didn't learn who won. The early hours of the evening were spent looking for old friends and the main Vativian settlement. Unexpectedly I discovered His Grace William and Her Grace Mammara ensconced in the Landsknecht encampment. The bivouac was up a slope and against the treeline, protected by a palisade and half dozen new engines of destruction as gones. I joked with his Grace that Fort Humpk had certainly grown as I could remember when it was not much more than a dozen scutumns.

The evening proper started with a display of fireworks over the lake, which was well received, especially those exploded just off the lake surface. The action then moved to the Vativian camp, which was hosting a party and an auction. Unfortunately, the Outlands also held a party that night. The drums proved to be irresistible and so the party was drawn the nearby Outlands camp.

The morning opened slowly as everyone tried to recover from the night before. Even the fighters agreed to hold off hostilities till late afternoon. I spent the morning perusing the merchants and visiting.



In early afternoon Court was called. In attendance besides the Calontir royalty, were the King of the Midrealm, and the King and Queen of the Outlands. Awards were given out, including awards for two Vataivians. It was announced that a former Vataivian, Harold Isenross, would be made a Laurel at Valor. The Midrealm King invited all to come to Pennsic to have a good time even if it killed a few people.

Not long after court ended, the fighting resumed. What little I saw involved the Shire forces voluntarily giving up ground. Even to my untrained eye, this seemed like strange tactics.

That evening activity resumed in the Vataivian camp with the torchlight tourney. This time the drums were in our camp, and so were the crowds. Later that evening, over at the bardic circle, the Huscarls burned their banner as it was getting decrepit and in need of replacement. So the drums thundered throughout the night.

The final morning broke to the sound of people packing up to leave as the war was over. Who won? I don't know. The last I heard the sides were even, but does it really matter?

*His Lordship Thomas Bacon*

"I must to the barber's, mounsieur, for methinks I am marvellous hairy about the face."

#### A Byzantine Cookbook

##### Candied Orange Peel

Quite frankly, this recipe is based on information in Elinor Fettiplace's receipt Book, John Murrell's "A Daily exercise for Ladies and Gentlewomen" (1617) and W.I. Gent's A True Gentlewoman's Delight (1653). There is comparatively little difference among the recipes so I'll just provide Gent's which is a bit more descriptive.

Take the peel of your oranges and lemons, the white cut away, then lay them in water five or six dayes, shifting them twice every day, then seeth then till they be very tender, then take them out of the water, and let them lie til they be cold, then cut them in small pieces square, the bigness of a penny or less, then take to every three, two ounces of sugar, put to it a quantity of fair water, and a lesse quantity of Rosewater, and make your sirupe thereof, then skum it very clean, and put in your peels, and let them boil for the space of an hour or longer, if you find your liquor wanting you may put in more water at your pleasure, then boyle them a little space after with a little sharpe fire, stirring it always for burning, then take it off the fire three or four times, stirring them all the while, and then set them on again until they be candied. (Murrell adds that they are to be taken out and dried. Fettiplace offers the additional option of rolling them in sugar and then drying).

The peels I started with had spent 3 to 5 months in alcohol, sugar and spices producing orange liqueur. Consequently, some differences in results may reflect the initial use of these peels. I can't imagine a period cook throwing away orange peel, so being candied after producing liqueur seems to be philosophically very appropriate.

Peels fro approx 6 oranges (zest only)  
3 cups of sugar, separated  
water

Rinse the peels in several changes of water. Since I didn't use bitter seville oranges, there seemed to be no need to soak them. I then heated them to a simmer and allowed them to simmer for about 5 minutes. I repeated this process three times. This should make the peel translucent and soften it.

[Note: as an accidental discovery, allowing them boil for substantially longer periods of time at greater heat will produce something that can be made into a crumbly fruit leather. It takes a while to dry (at least 10 days without a food drier or oven), but seems to keep for months, at least].

Demetrius il Condittierro



Swift as a shadow, short as any dream,/ Brief  
as the lightning in the collid night,/ That,  
in a spleen, unfolds both heaven and earth,/ And ere a man hath power to say, "Behold!"/  
The jaws of darkness do devour it up:/ So quick bright things come to confusion."

Ay me! for aught that ever I could read,/ Could ever hear by tale or history,/ The course of true love never did run smooth."

Love looks not with the eyes, but with the mind,/ And therefore is winged Cupid painted blind."

**Brialen Ulfsdottir Vilkins sends greetings to the populace of Vatavia this fine, hot, midsummer day.**

This issue holds two separate challenges within it. The first is the cover: Identify the cover event. It took place in Vatavia and one (or more) of our citizens is in it. The second is this months quotes: What are they from? I have small prizes for the people who first identify them.

I feel very lucky to be Vatavia's chronicler. The support from the populace has been wonderful, the quality and volume of submissions have been great. I couldn't get along without these wonderful people. I have asked some people to contribute, and have never been turned down. Others just give me articles on a regular basis. I hope you have enjoyed the quotes as much as I have enjoyed finding them.

In Service to Vatavia and the dream,

*Brialen*



"If we shadows have offended,/ Think but this,  
and all is mended./ That you have but  
slumber'd here/ While these visions did  
appear. "

<b>BARON</b> Gabriel ap Morgan	Boy Duke
<b>BARONESS</b> Rhianwen	269-3853
<b>SENESCHAL</b> Eckerich Rothvalken von Stromberg <b>Minister of Children</b> Ann Bromere	684-1953 267-7639
<b>CALTROP</b> Leonhard Von Lowenstrum <small>von Lowenturn</small>	686-7966
<b>TREASURER</b> Maeve Kelley De Navarre	636-5605
<b>CHRONICLER</b> Brialen	524-0917
<b>KNIGHT MARSHAL</b> Niall Mac a Ghobhainn	262-8141
<b>MINISTER OF ARTS</b> Muirenn Dubh	687-5850
<b>MINISTER OF SCIENCES</b> Kerare de Joreses	686-6893
<b>ARCHER MARSHAL</b> Little John	687-5850
<b>SERF LINE</b>	Bog Serf 263-7373

"A proper man, as one shall see in a summer's day. "