

Dragonflyre



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Thanks to Her Ladyship Marie for the cover lettering.

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CALENDAR

Calligraphy and Illuminations: Meet the 2nd Tuesday of the month, 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. If you are interested call Aislinn at 269-0999, 6:30 - 9:00 p.m. Address: 922 W. Dayton

Fighter practice: Noon at Watson Park ..

Populace Meeting: N. Linwood Park, 7 p.m. June 19

Archery - Call Michael von Berger for details.

Armoring is at Gabe's every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. Basis sword and shield instruction at 6:00 at the same location and night. Contact him at 269-3853 for more information.

Dance is at N. Linwood Park, Wednesday at 7:30. please call Eliane at 265-2507 for information.

GLASS BEAD MAKING: Interested? Call Lady Alexandria at 689-6938.

From the Minister of Arts and Sciences

Hi. I have been very busy with Mongols and then going into the hospital, but I am back. I am working on getting some classes planed for Wednesday nights during fighter practice.

On August 3, Coeur d'Ennuï will host the kingdom's Arts & Sciences Competition. There will also be a kingdom wide tri-level competition. You must pre-register for both. You must have 3 entries, 2 art and a science or 2 science and an art for Kingdom Champions. Tri-level is for everyone from the 1st time novice to Masters of the Laurel. You can compete at your own level and win!

I hope to personally begin teaching Mid-Eastern dance classes as soon as my Doctor gives me the ok. Look for a notice around Lilies.

In service, your A & S servant,

Lady Kerare

Thanks to Leonhard von Lowenturm for all the help with the Lilies party.

Greetings from the Arts & Sciences Champion

Some say I resemble one named Tristan but I am Khulan Kelet, Mongol from the east. I am very interested in seeing how others in the Lands of Vatavia ply their arts and crafts. Please feel free to speak with me on this subject. Perhaps we can brainstorm a project together. I will speak more of the later.

Khulan Kelet

OFFICERS' MEETING May 6, 1996

18 members attended : 13 officers/deputies/champions ; 5 members of the populace

Possible classes and workshop subjects were proposed. Scheduling and possible locations were covered. The plans for the interest group meeting part of May populace were presented. Each interest group will arrange their own follow up meeting with those who expressed an interest in that activity. The MOC plans to have a meeting with our younger members and the Baronage to get a Young Gentles group started.

The Kansas Newman Renaissance Faire was briefly covered. The autocrat and her deputies will get together and discuss the activities and make recommendations for next year.

The Chronicler needs material for the *Dragonfly*. Any E-mail needs to be retyped at this point in time. The upcoming publication of the Census and Order of Precedence was covered. The Chatelaine has been handling inquiries from the groups spring activities and advertisements. New member packets, activities and meetings are being arranged. Some demonstration possibilities are being looked into. The Treasurer covered the recent activities. There was no final Renaissance Faire report. The expenses need to be finished. There will be a meeting of the financial committee after the May populace meeting.

Ways to encourage participation in archery were requested. It was recommended that the equipment be collected at one location. Fighter practice is continuing to be held at Watson Park on Sunday afternoons.

The Baronage would like to sponsor a torch light tourney at the Lilies War in addition to the joint party with the Barony of Coeur d'Ennuï. Those interested in helping should contact Them. Possible opportunities for when to hold the bardic championship were proposed. Scheduling for a workday on the Baronial property was arranged. Contact Tristan if you would like to help.

There will be a Spring Fair at Thusend Feld (Greensburg) May 25th. Members wishing to help this group are encouraged to go. Also May 25th is a workshop for revising the Kingdom judging criteria. August 3rd will be the Kingdom Arts and Sciences championship and Tri-level competition event. The MOA/S has information about these two Kingdom events. The contract for the Valor site will be finalized this coming week.

The meeting adjourned.

Come and ride with the Horesmen of Yum and we will follow Batus's dust trail to Grand Outlandish

Eirik, number one slave, woke me from my sleep when the sun came up on the twenty third day of the fifth month. I rode to Kulon's gor the 7th hour after mid night. We had packed most of our things the night before, and were riding into the hot sun by the 8th hour after mid night. We changed ponies three times during the 9 1/2 hour trip. We ended our journey on the outskirts of the Barony of Al-Barrar.

As I entered troll, I was greeted by Rolfgarr and Maddagen the King and Queen at last years Valor tourney. Both of them knew who I was, and that I had traveled a long distance. They were most happy to see me. They told me they were camped on the hill because the air was clean. As I was about to ask if we could also camp on the hill, Rolfgarr invited us to camp with them. This was my third to Outlandish so I knew where to unload - at the bottom of the hill. I walked about 30 yards uphill, and dropped to my death. As it turned out, I wasn't dead, but briefly wished I was. (Al-Barron sits around 6000 feet above sea level) I was glad I did not die, for at the top of the hill was my old friend, Master Sir Richard. We shook hands and he tended camp as we unloaded our ponies.

We had about four hours of daylight to set up camp and enjoy the sunset over the mountains. Sir Richard took Kulon to see the castle, and I wanted to see the improvements from last year. Last year the castle had two towers, a front wall, a large gate with two doors that weighed about 200lbs each. The Outlanders added a wall down both sides with a four foot opening and a partition wall, and a large bell above the doors.

The next few days were Kulon's and Batu's vacation - nothing but sleeping, eating and staying up way too late at night playing the drums. We made many new friends and saw many old ones. The first night we talked with an old Falcon warrior, Lycurgus du Locke. Locke was as fun and full of life as ever. The next day Kensor Khan arrived with Obray and Sharry Foxwell, only to be followed by Duchess Braden, Baron Paddrick, Master Istovahn and more. It had not rained for 95 days so a burn ban was in effect. Therefor no ground fires or open flames were allowed. We had a half moon, it helped.

Friday night was a night of drinking, drumming and dancing. I think there were about 30 dancers and 15 drummers in a camp on the north hill, plus all the people watching. It went on all night long.

When Saturday morning came, I looked all over for my head, and found it - in a box in my tent, over by the fisheyes and monkey brains. (wine bottle, half full) By noon the wind

came up hard and throughout the day, Kulon and I adjusted our new gars. The first year was mud, this year, like last year, was another dust storm in the valley. We were thankful for invitation to come up in the hills. As night came and the Outlands threw a big party with a court, dancing, free beer and gladiator fights. The fights were invitation only. One European named Sir Nathon killed five tigers. It was brutal! The beer was good, but I stayed away from the fish eyes and monkey brains, for tomorrow was the big day!

This year, unlike last year, I noted there were not as many merchants. Improvements on the camp were impressive. A new road, the castle, and lots of dead, evil plants. (cactus)

The big day had arrived. Time to show the Outlands how the Calontir warriors could slay all before them. It was Sunday morning and Kulon was in armor by 10:00. He was more than ready to prove his manhood. We loaded the ponies so we could ride right after the fighting. I put my armor on and went to the castle. On my way I ran into Kensor Khan, Sherry Istavahn and Obray as they were beginning the ride home. A shame they did not fight. As I walked by the castle, Jaxx told me to take a team and we fought hard in the dust to get warmed up. Sir Richard showed up and was put on my team. I had asked Richard if I could fight by his side the day before and he had agreed, so I covered his backside all day long. The next 5 melees were Stag's Blood world. Sir Hroick said "Batu, you are a Fyrdman aren't you?" I said yes, and fought with the Stag's Blood. Out of 5 melees, Stag's Blood and Fyrdmen won 3, and were outnumbered 3 to 1, I kid you not! Kulan was slain by a spear, he took a nasty fall and broke his chin strap in the 3rd round.

We then mounted our ponies and rode 3 1/2 hours home to a long shower.

Until next time

Batu

From Vatavia's Chronicler to the populace:

Last month, much to my dismay, the scribes lost the Dragonflyer. I had most things in the computer, but I hate having to cut and paste (due to an old run in with a nursery school teacher - Miss Fishbreath. Ugh!) so needless to say, I wasn't very happy. I'm really sorry.

On a different subject, (one I'm not in the least sorry about) is the wonderful article about Outlandish that Batu wrote. He certainly knows how to tell a story, doesn't he? Thanks Batu. Keep those stories coming in. I'm sure someone out there has something to say about Lilies. Lets hear it.

Brialen

Kudos to everyone who helped Vatavia at Rennfair.

Let's see, where to start...

Ala - for running the information booth. Sometimes it looked like a cocktail party over there. Between you and Lady Ann, lots of information was handed out. I shouldn't forget Odindesa at this point, she did a wonderful job on the flyers and a photo board, (sort of like a camp poster).

Leila - for running the troll and sales booth. She also makes the head wreaths every year with out being asked (and doesn't ask for reimbursement, she says it's her gift to the barony).

Fergus - for making sure the fighting went well. I know he would rather fight than marshall or be in charge. Thanks to all the fighters who helped draw in all the crowds, and keep them in the seats.

Anns and Marie - the heraldry booth was always packed with people. I think some people look for it every year, and heaven knows, it's different from other things at Renfair.

Katriona, Phillipa, Maeve, Eric (I don't know if Batu was there this year or not) and everyone else who worked at the living history. Great job. This is what we do, and you helped show the public.

Lawrence and Eric - the carousel. It was a fine example of a period game, and the kids loved it. We were all impressed with the horses. Thanks.

Lenny the squid, His Excellency Gabriel, Keare, and the EXTREMELY Well Dressed New Lady (I have temporarily forgotten your name - sorry) - The photo booth was a huge success, everything we hoped it would be and it wouldn't have been without Lenny (now I know why he deserves that nick name, he was here, he was there, he was everywhere), Gabe (you should be a salesman. I heard the patter and I was ready to sign up, even though I knew what was going on), Keare and the same Extremely Well Dressed New Lady dressed more people than most fashion designers. If you went near the tent, you could see garb and accessories whirling through the air.

Ida - waterbearing. You did a great job and your helpers, some of whom were Extremely Well Dressed and (since I have never got with Ida, you all will have to help me fill in the blanks - don't you love interactive newsletters?) _____ and _____ kept everyone going.

Tristan and Batu (at least I think that was who it was) - Property master and moving crew. You will never know how

relieved I was to leave it all in your hands, and know it would be taken care of.

Eleanor - field heralding, arranging the garb for the photo booth, and, last but not least, forgetting the swords. You know why. Anyone else, just ask her.

All of the rest of you - you set up, you took down, you sold things, you helped dance, you constabled, fetched, carried put up walls and took them down again, lugged hay bales and then broke them up when needed. Some of the most helpful were people who haven't been involved very long, and I am grateful indeed.

I hope everyone had a great time and will turn in LOTS of award recommendations, not just to the Baronage, but to the Crown as well. Please let me know if I have overlooked anyone, I can't be everywhere and may have missed something.

