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<u>Mid-Eastern</u> dance classes are at 7:30, the 2nd and last Thursday of the month at 4230 E. Boston. If you have questions or need directions, call Kerare at 686-6893.

Beginning and Advanced single sword, sword & shield techniques

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Gabriels, 6 pm.

Tuesday Night Armoring at Gabriels, 7 pm. Call Boy-Duke for directions.

 $\frac{\text{War College}}{267-3456}$ - 2nd. Tuesday of each month. Call Otoshi at 267-3456 if you have any questions, or more importantly, suggestions.

<u>Sunday fighter practice</u> - 4:00 pm(ish) til ? at Watson Park. Wednesday fighter practice 7:00(ish) til dark at N. Linwood Park, during dance practice.

Archery Practice - Sundays, 2 pm til dark, Mondays, 6 pm til dark. Other times can be scheduled. Contact Michael von Berger, 721-1955 for details. Practice at 5500 N. Maize Rd. IKAC's will be shot on Sunday pm.

Calligraphy & Illumination at 7:30 to 9 pm the 2nd Tuesday of each month. The address: 922 W. Dayton. Contact Aslin if there are any questions at 269-0999.

<u>Costuming</u> continues to be held the 2nd Monday of the month. We have a new permanent site at the Shores. Because of Valor, there will be no costuming in September. For info., contact Eleanor at 685-8510.

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OFFICERS' MEETING July 1, 1996

16 members attended: 13 officers/ deputies/champions; 3 members of the populace

The meeting began with reports on the two upcoming events. The Birthday Bash will be July 21, 1996 at Tailefer Farm from 9:00AM to 9:00PM. Details on the fighting and non-fighting activities were covered. Condition and availability of site facilities were asked. Various activity suggestions were covered. The feast will be a pot luck with the Barony supplying the meat.

Valor planning continues. Feast preparation and setup were discussed at length. Past sanitation services and projected future needs were looked at and needed services settled on. Other details on camping, fighting, cleanup, etc. were presented.

The new treasurer reported on the status of his office. The change requires that a complete audit be made, including all Baronial property. Contact the Seneschal and Treasurer if you have any property. The Herald has one item to send to Kingdom after some additional research. No information on the status of items at either Kingdom or National level is known. It was reported that steps were begun at the Heraldic Symposium in Montgomery to get Calontir proposals back in process. The Baronial regalia-badges, medallions, etc. - were looked at. The <u>Dragonflyer</u> is working on a series of articles about local and Kingdom awards plus one on the local offices. The Calontir History, vol. 1 & 2, are out Vatavia is often mentioned.

The MOC will be holding a Young Gentles-meeting at the Birthday Bash. An activity for the smalls and Young-Gentles for that event was planned and discussed. The MOA/S has received no word on any one antering the Kingdom Arts and Sciences competition. The deadline is approaching. She also needs the meeting information from the various formed interest groups.

The Fighter Marshall reported 27 currently authorized fighters. Sunday practice at Watson Park, now starting at 4:00PM, has had good attendance. Wednesday night practice at North Linwood has consistent participation. The Marshall would like to encourage older members, especially arts and sciences types, to come out. An 'adopt-a-goobie/newb' campaign, similar to adopt a highway, was proposed.

Adding an IKAC shoot to the Archery schedule was proposed. Sunday was proposed as the best day for this. A crossbow was offered for loan if there is anyone interested in learning that style of shooting. 30 and 40 lb. long bows are available for loan during practice.

The new Seneschal will be looking for a new Property Master. This is a deputy position to the treasurer's office. The inventory will already have been completed. All quarterly report copies need to be to him by populace.

The Baronage requested to hear from anyone planning to attend the war with the Middle or Pennsic. largess has been requested from the populace for Pennsic. See Eleanor. The Baronage proposed sponsoring the publication of the Kingdom Laws and this was discussed.

The meeting adjourned

Unto the Gentle Populace and Brave Warriors come these greetings from Takahara Otoshi, Deputy to the Knight's Marshall of Vatavia,

Summer is here, and Lilies X is a memory that is still fresh in our minds. The Warriors of the Dragonfly still have the blood of our foes on our swords and spears as a reminder of the battles fought so recently. Many huzzahs to Rhianwen who successfully led the Defenders of the Homelands against the vile infidels who wished to "rescue" us from our peaceful ways.

Also many cheers to Lee Randall and Madog, who received their Polearm authorizations at Lilies. Ask Madog to tell you the story of his killing a Knight during melee combat (then sit back and watch!) Lilies X was not only the first Lilies for Jason Ryan (AKA Ewen Lachlan McColl), but was also his first event. He fought as many battles as he could, including the Three Rivers Tournament. He says he is already looking forward to next year!

Speaking of the Three Rivers Tournament, Huzzahs to Alcyoneus du Battenhelm (Park) who emerged the victor of that tourney!

Speaking of Park, he invited Sir Gabriel and myself to be on his team during His Highness' Three-Man Melee Tourney. The Grumpy Middle-aged Men (don't ask) made a fine showing by making it to the semi-finals. We lost our first round to the eventual winners of the tournament, but hacked our way up the non-winners' bracket (it sounds much better than LOSERS TREE) to the semi-finals, where we received our second defeat. Many thanks to Maeve who was there to provide the moral support! His Excellency Gawain and His Lordship Fergus were on another team, and also did rather well. However, I am unsure exactly where they finished, so you will have to ask one of them.

Ossen and Eslpeth also fought with us during the battles. I believe they both manned a scutum at some point in time, as did most of the Vatavian force. Leonhard also fought well, so offer them all a firm embrace for their valor. Huzzahs to Khulan for earning one of Rhianwen's glass beads for killing His Highness Eringlen with his mighty Mongol bow during one of the battles. Batu also showed the Mongol fierceness as he helped repel the vile invaders. Thanks to the WOLF (Westumbria's Only Lilies Fighter), Fredrick Martel, who fought with a manly vigor by Vatavia's side.

For all those who fought, will you also join me in offering many thanks to Penelope BonMatin, who supplied refreshment, a cold cloth (and sometimes a fan!) to the thirsty, hot, and weary fighters as they left the field. As a water-bearer for all four days of Warpoint battles, I heard many other fighters thank her for her efforts. It made me proud to say I belong to her, er, uh, I mean, to have her as my Lady.

For now, I bid you farewell. Let us continue training and begin plans for next year, so the Dragonfly will fly stronger than ever!

In service to Vatavia, Calontir, and the Dream,

What are the Baronial Awards and What are They Given for?

As answered by Baron Sir Tedrick in the December 1990 <u>Dragonflyre</u> with updates by Lady Eleanor (marked by * and indicated parenthetical remarks).

Note: Any member of the populace may recommend another for the following awards by petitioning the Baronage. The Baronage will usually try to corroborate before recognizing the individual.

Lower Tier Awards

Citizen of Vatavia: Azure (blue) cord. Shows that an individual is a paid member of the SCA. The individual should report paid status to the Seneschal (* and to the court herald if you want a cord) since paid membership is part of that office's monthly report.

Victory in Competition: Gules (red) cord. Recognizes any victory in any competition at a kingdom level event. Leaves on cord show additional victories.

Act of Dedication: Argent (white) cord. Recognizes an effort of accomplishment (* in the area of service to barony or kingdom).above what is expected of the populace as a whole.

Achievement in the Arts: Argent and Azure (Blue and White). Recognition of effort and achievement in some art form. Can be for an individual work of art or for effort in a particular field. Can be given repeatedly for work in the same art, but not the same work or piece. Leaves show additional recognition.

Achievement in the Sciences: Gules and Or (Red and Gold). As in Achievement the Arts only for sciences.

Vojack: (aka Baronial Guard): Azure and Or (Blue and Gold). Recognizes chivalrous conduct on the field as well as a significant number of weapon authorizations accomplished -- usually at least four. No additional leaves.

Vesslar: (aka Archer Guard): Gules and Argent (Red and White). Recognizes a consistent level of activity in archery within the Barony, as well as a certain level of skill with bow or crossbow. No additional leaves.

*Dreamfeather: Chosen by the exiting fighter champion (Borec) as the person who bests represents the Dream to him/her. May be awarded to people out side of the barony. Recipient recieves a silver feather pin.

*Treasure of the Barony: Recognizes an individual whose consistent efforts are above and beyond what is expected of the populace, typically in the area of service.

Upper Tier Awards

Note: except for the Golden Heart, the Baronage will try to consult with the members of a particular order before recognizing an individual for the following awards. In the case of the Golden Heart, the Baronage will usually confer with the Seneschal.

Golden Heart of Vatavia: Recognition of consist service and effort for the Barony.

Straz (aka Captains of the Baronial Guard): Recognition of impressive chivalry on the field, having most if not all fighter authorizations, and showing marshall leadership within the barony.

Zemen Strav (aka Captains of the Archer Guard): Recognition of a higher consistent skill level, activity in kingdom archery competitions, as well as leadership in the area of archery.

Order of the Radiant Lioness: Recognizes consistent high quality work in a particular fields of the arts and sciences, as well as teaching in these fields. The recipient receives illuminated and calligraphied scroll.

*Order of the Valor Archer: Consists of the winners of the archery tournament held at Valor. Winner gets a vambrace which they keep and a quiver which must be returned each year.

Order of the Vatavian Sword of Valor: Consists of all those who have won the Tournament of Valor. Winner gets a knife and a medallion (Eleanor's note: and the sword for a year).

Order of the Star of Vatavia: Recognizes activity outside of the barony (as well as inside) which brings renown and pride to the barony. The recipient is usually known around the kingdom -- and maybe the Known World -- as someone from Vatavia whose leadership and/or abilities are admired. The recipient might be thought of as the ideal SCA person.

Greetings from His Lordship Tristan Rory de Jorz, Vatavia's Acting Seneschale.

I am your new Acting Seneschale. I look forward to working for/and with all of you. If I can be of any assistance, please contact me at 686-6893. I am currently accepting applications for a deputy to the office, possibly to assume the office upon my end of office.

In service, Tristan Rory de Jorz

I am now taking applications for deputy A & S officer. If you are interested, please contact me. Lady Kerare

Eckerch as a new address: John Platz, 1205 S. Pennsylvania, Springfield, MO 65807, Ph: (417) 869-7820.

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From Mongals

blue cloak, short w/ tassels, silver ring leather tooled wallet toothpaste hole punch tool set camera - a NSCO, vision wood platter brass candle holder leather notebook, wallet size ground back rest bastard sword

My library of medieval books is available for loan. See me to arrange a time to look through the collection. Ld. Thomas Bacon - 685-1182

November 1, my warrant is up, if you are interested in becoming Caltrop Herald, contact me at 682-1669. Consultation tables will be at Birthday Bash and Valor. Leonhard

My last Dragonflyre will be the October issue and I am taking applications for Chronicler. If any of you are interested, please let me know, in writing, with copies for Their Excellencies and HL Triston. Think of the application as your medieval resume.

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Unto the Clan of the Dragonfly and the mighty warriors who protect them, come these greetings from Takahara Otoshi, Baronial Fighter Champion, and Second to Fergus, Knights Marshal of Vatavia.

KEMPAI!! (That's a Japanese Huzzah) for all those who regularly attend fighter practice on either Sunday or Wednesday (or both!). It is essential that our more experienced fighters attend to teach the students, and it is even more important that the students attend so they may improve their martial skills. Recent fighter practices have been extremely productive, with many different people showing up. For those who haven't fought in a while, there are some new faces that could change fighter practice from what you remember it to be. We have had several of our new fighters gain Man at Arms status by authorizing in the past quarter.(KEMPAI!) They would not have been able to do this without the teaching and training of our more experienced fighters.

Speaking of more experienced fighters, please remember that honor, off the field as well as on the field, is paramount, and this needs to be taught to our younger (or newer, as the case may be) members. The newer people learning our form of martial art are usually new to the SCA in general. Sometimes they need to be reminded that no matter what our discipline is, that the SCA is an educational organization that strives to recreate the best of the Middle Ages, and the cornerstone of that is to emphasize the Courtesy, Honor, and Chivalry that was so important during the high times that we wish to study. Please, please, <u>PLEASE</u> do not mistake this as criticism. I am happy to say that this is not a problem within our Barony, and I hope that it never will be. As long as we strive to honor ourselves by being courteous and Chivalrous to our SCA brethren, Chivalry will never die.

In other news, most of you are aware that Fighter practice on Sundays was moved to 4:00 (or 5:00, depending on who you talk to or how hot the day is!) The marshallate apologizes to those who have been inconvenienced by the change. However, the feedback was more positive than negative, so the change took place. Judging by the recent numbers at Sunday's fighter practices, it is a positive thing. Also, people other than fighters have been showing up, so discussions with topics other than fighting have been taking place. Also, since the move to Watson park, we have had more positive mundane exposure, with people watching practice and some brave souls even asking questions! It would be a good opportunity for non-fighters to bring A&S projects to work on and show off, or just a nice social get-together to let mundanes have a better idea of the diversity of people, as well as versatility of the people in our group.

Speaking of diversity and versatility, let me urge fighters to expand their areas of knowledge by delving into new areas of the Society you havn't tried before (yes, I am talking Arts and Sciences!!) This can help you from getting "burned out" from doing nothing but fighting, and can also help enlarge your circle of friends by giving you more things to talk about and a different group of people to talk to.

Speaking of getting burned out, let me remind the fighters that you really need to get your copy of the authorization forms to the Deputy Marshal in charge of cards and to your local group marshal as soon as possible. It really helps cut down on the confusion and gives the group marshal a better handle on keeping the paperwork straight. Speaking of authorization forms, let me challenge the fighters to use the large number of events taking place this summer to increase your number of weapon systems. Get out there and fight with a Manly Vigor!! (Note: I apologize for that politically incorrect statement that I have been known to use from time to time. Unfortunately, "Personly Vigor" just doesn't quite cut it, if you know what I mean. Besides, the operative word here is <u>vigor</u>, and the adjective used to describe said vigor should not be...uh..er... Sorry. I lose myself sometimes.) Anyway, broadening your spectrum of available tweapon systems can highly increase the enjoyment factor of fighting, and can sometimes mean the strategic difference in a tournament or melee.

And now for something completely different, **FIGHTER STUFF!!** Basic Sword and Board class on Tuesday nights in conjunction with armoring at the Baron's house has been super. His Excellency's Pell has really gotten a good beating over the past few weeks. Some goobie newbs have been taught the basics and it shows at fighter practice, because they don't fight like, uh, uhmm, newer fighters. More advanced techniques have been practiced by the not-so-advanced fighters, and some new never-been-tried-before-donot-attempt-this-at-home-we-are-trained-professional shots have been developed by the, uh, not-so-new fighters. In other words, Tuesday night sword and shield class isn't just for the beginners. Also, War College is tentatively scheduled for the second Tuesday of each month at the Baron's house. Please do not hesitate to contact me if there is a certain topic you would like to see discussed at War College.

KEMPAI! to those of you who have stuck with me through this missive. I have rambled on long enough, and will now put down my ink and brush, for I am starting to develop writer's cramp that could affect my wrap shot....

In service to Vatavia, Calontir, and the Dream,

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Greetings from your Minister of A & S.

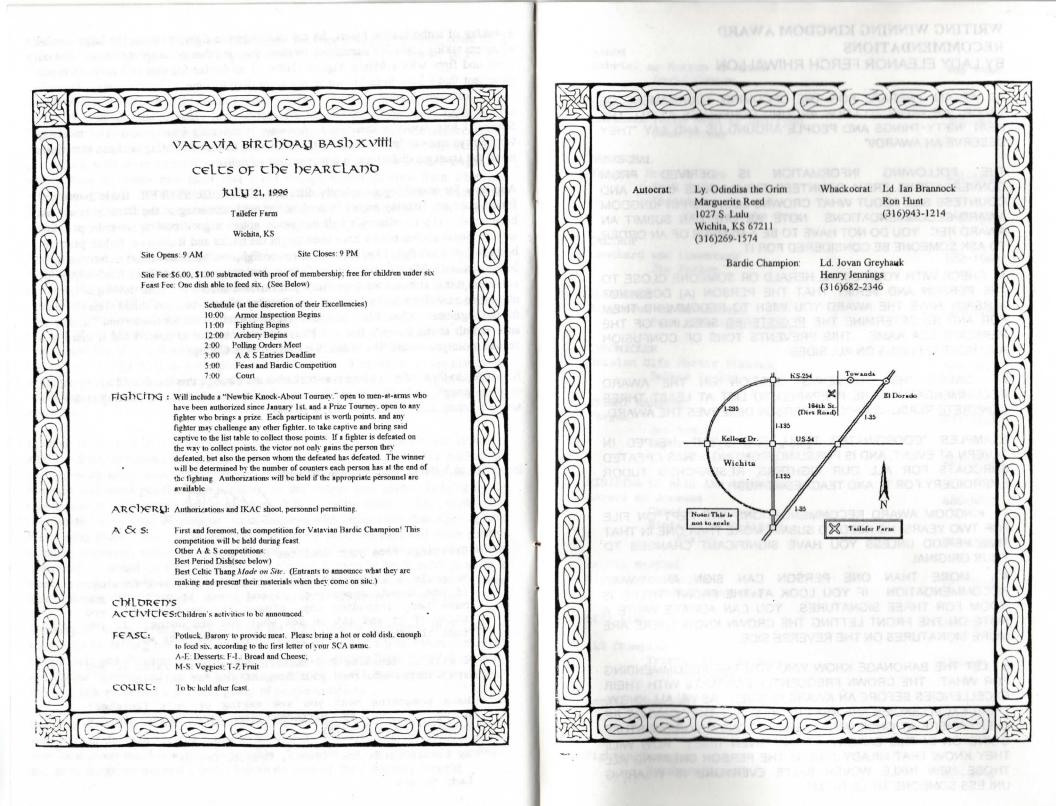
Recently a number of interest groups started forming. If one sounds appealing, go and check it out! If you have been attending any, please let me know what you think of it and let me see what you are doing. If you took classes at Lilies, let me know what they were.

I will be teaching Mid-Eastern dance in my yard, if you are interested, read your Dragonflyre for details.

"- Have something neat you are making or just finished? Bring it our to Birthday Bash and enter it in "a competition or display.

Com My finale words are "Create, Create, Create".

Lady Kerare



WRITING WINNING KINGDOM AWARD RECOMMENDATIONS BY LADY ELEANOR FERCH RHIWALLON

AS WE ALL PREPARE FOR THE UPCOMING TOURNAMENT OF VALOR, WE BEGIN TO LOOK AROUND OURSELVES AT ALL THE NEAT, NIFTY THINGS AND PEOPLE AROUND US AND SAY "THEY DESERVE AN AWARD!!"

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS DERIVED FROM CONVERSATIONS FROM COUNTESS FIONA, DUKE CONN, AND COUNTESS SILE ABOUT WHAT CROWNS LOOK FOR IN KINGDOM AWARD RECOMMENDATIONS. NOTE: ANYONE CAN SUBMIT AN AWARD REC. YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE A MEMBER OF AN ORDER TO ASK SOMEONE BE CONSIDERED FOR IT.

1. CHECK WITH YOUR LOCAL HERALD OR SOMEONE CLOSE TO THE PERSON AND VERIFY THAT THE PERSON (A) DOES NOT ALREADY HAVE THE AWARD YOU WISH TO RECOMMEND THEM FOR AND (B) DETERMINE THE <u>REGISTERED</u> SPELLING OF THE PERSON'S SCA NAME. THIS PREVENTS TONS OF CONFUSION AND HURT FEELINGS ON ALL SIDES.

2. UNDER THE "COMMENTS" SECTION ON THE AWARD RECOMMENDATION - BE PREPARED TO LIST AT LEAST THREE CONCRETE REASONS WHY THE PERSON DESERVES THE AWARD.

EXAMPLES: "COORDINATED TROLL FOR EVENT, HELPED IN TAVERN AT EVENT, AND IS PURSUING FIGHTING." "HAS CREATED SURCOATS FOR ALL OUR FIGHTERS, RESEARCHED TUDOR EMBROIDERY FOR TI, AND TEACHES AT RUSH."

3. KINGDOM AWARD RECOMMENDATIONS ARE KEPT ON FILE FOR TWO YEARS. NO NEED TO SUBMIT MORE THAN ONE IN THAT TIME, PERIOD UNLESS YOU HAVE SIGNIFICANT CHANGES TO YOUR ORIGINAL.

4 MORE THAN ONE PERSON CAN SIGN AN AWARD RECOMMENDATION. IF YOU LOOK AT THE FRONT, THERE IS ROOM FOR THREE SIGNATURES. YOU CAN ALWAYS WRITE A NOTE ON THE FRONT LETTING THE CROWN KNOW THERE ARE MORE SIGNATURES ON THE REVERSE SIDE.

5. LET THE BARONAGE KNOW WHO YOU ARE RECOMMENDING FOR WHAT. THE CROWN FREQUENTLY CONSULTS WITH THEIR EXCELLENCIES BEFORE AN AWARD IS GIVEN. AS WE ALL KNOW, THEIR EXCELLENCIES ARE NEAT PEOPLE, BUT THEY CANNOT BE EVERYWHERE AT ONCE (AND THERE IS TONS OF GREAT STUFF GOING ON IN THIS BARONY AT ANY GIVEN TIME.). HOW WILL THEY KNOW THAT MILADY JANE IS THE PERSON CREATING ALL THOSE NEW INKLE WOVEN BELTS EVERYONE IS WEARING UNLESS SOMEONE TELLS THEM?

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Gabriel ap Morgan ap Hywel	Boy Duke
David Cooper	
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Joan Struer	209-3093
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Tristan Rory de Jorz	696 6900
Rick Haddaway	686-6893
Chatelaine	
Odindisa the Grim	269-1574
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Leonhard von Lowenturm	692 1660
Jim Purkey	682-1669
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Park McKellop	686-4468
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