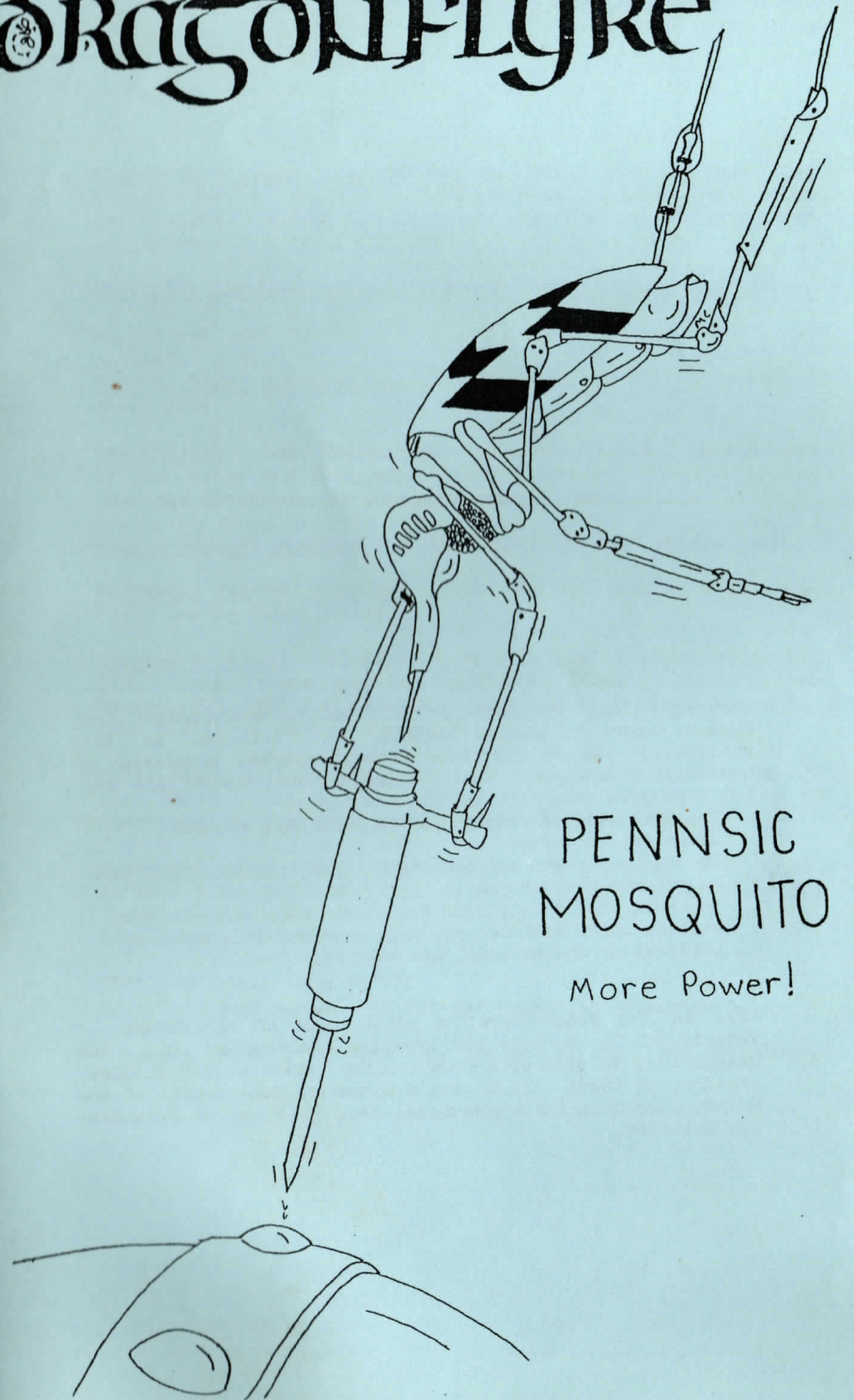


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Mid-Eastern dance classes are at 7:00, the 2nd and last Thursday of the month at 4230 E. Boston. Drummers and other instruments welcome. If you have questions or need directions, call Kerare at 686-6893.

Beginning and Advanced single sword, sword & shield techniques

on the pell at Gabriels, 6 pm.

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

War College - 2nd. Tuesday of each month, 7 p.m., at the home of the Baron and Baroness. Call Otoshi at 267-3456 if you have any questions, or more importantly, suggestions.

Sunday fighter practice - 5:00 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.

Costuming 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.

\*\*\*\*\* Breaking News \*\*\*\*\*

Officer's Meeting will be the 2nd Monday in September

Populace Meeting is Wednesday, September 18, 1996 at Linwood Park



OFFICERS' MEETING August 5, 1996

15 attended: 12 officers/deputies/champions, 2 autocrat/advocate, 1 member of the populace.

The final Valor plans were given. The schedule was presented for the various activities. There are two children's and two non-fighter's activities each day plus arts and sciences classes. Besides the tournaments, there are novelty archery shoots, IKAC, a woods battle, and a torch light tourney planned. Authorization times are included. There are scheduled swimming times for both days. The pool does have a policy limiting the number of swimmers to 100 at a time. The prizes for various activities were covered.

The site will open at 6 PM. Friday and close 11 AM. Monday. Troll will be at the tavern which is a change. Baronial property that will be used and needed supplies were requested. Individuals should see the various deputies to volunteer their services.

Fall Champions was briefly touched on. It will be in November. It is hoped to arrange a site that will allow archery to be shot during the event. Spring Crown Tournament will be the responsibility of Vatia this year. Mongols Rule is still getting good reviews. Interest in the concept of this event is spreading.

The Zevak, bardic champion, is collecting names of those individuals interested in a monthly bardic meeting. She will be hosting a bardic encampment at Valor. She expects several of the Kingdom bards will be there. She also has several projects she would like to do. There was a report on the calligraphy and illumination interest group presented by their advocate.

The treasurer audit is being done. All the quarterly reports are finished. There are some copies the Seneschal still needs for his records. The herald has been advised that some past proposals will have to be resubmitted. Leonhard will be contacting those whose proposals were affected. There have been some demonstration requests for the Fall received. The Census was discussed. It will be coming out after Valor.

Twenty-three new archers were authorized at the birthday event. Possible sources for good bows are being checked. There are various archery practice times. See Michael for those times. Fighter practice continues to be at Watson Park, Sunday evenings, 5 PM and North Linwood Park, Wednesday evenings, 7PM. The Fighter Marshall and the Chatelaine encourage attendance at these practices, especially the non-fighters so the fighters can see the other aspects/activities of the group. The Fighter Marshall would like individuals to start looking for a winter, indoor fighting site.

Applications are being taken for the vacant positions of the Minister of Children and the Property Master. The Chronicler will be stepping down in three months. Interested individuals should see her. Letters of application go to the Seneschal, Baronage, and the current officer in that position. Bids are also being accepted for those interested in autocratting the Spring Crown Tournament to be held here in May.

#### VARIOUS INTERESTING ANNOUNCEMENTS

VATAVIANS! Endless thanks for all your assistance at the Baronial Birthday Bash. Our party couldn't have happened without you.

More thanks to those of you who have assisted with making our Barony a friendlier place to be. A heartfelt welcome to Aamir, Tristan, Valerius, Conor Mac Andrew, Kim and any others I may have missed. We rejoice to have you among us.

Lady Odindisa the Grim.

#### BREWING

Wanting to know more about brewing or setting up a brewing party at your house because you want to brew wine or beer??? Contact Batu at 263-1079. If you want to learn and watch the brewing process at another gentles house, contact Batu for information on the next brew party.

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Any person interested in participating in a monthly Bardic Circle please contact Anne Lockwood at populace meetings or at 1-316-456-2917 between 6-10 p.m. Warning - this is a long distance phone call and must dial the "1". If I am not at home, please leave a message with your name (real and/or SCA), phone number and the best time for me to call you back.

Lady Anne Lockwood

I will be stepping down as Caltrop herald in November. If you interested in the position, please contact me at 682-1669. Thank you.

Leonhard

A call to all Vatavians!

Good gentles, please bring empty and CLEANED mild and water jugs to Valor. These will be used for water bearing at the event. Thank you.

Lady Alexandria





# 17th Annual Tournament of Valor

Calontir/Outlands Interkingdom

August 30- September 2, 1996

"Valor Visits the Italian Renaissance"



The Baorny of Vatavia is hosting the 17th Valor Tournament and the 2nd Calontir/Outlands Interkingdom. The site is Camp Hiawatha located at 1701 W. 51st St. North, Wichita, KS. No pet are allowed, and the site is dry.

Site fees: Day trip \$7, Camping \$10, Vn A/C Cabin \$12, and A/C Cabin \$17

No site fees for children 12 and under who are day tripping or camping.

One dollar off with proof of paid membership!

Feast fee: \$6

Merchants welcome! No merchenting fees.

Fighting: Bring all your toys. Fighting scenarios on Saturday will incorporate the rivalry of the de Medicis vs. the Borgias. Torchlight Tourney that evening. Sunday will feature the Tournament of Valor (bastard and great sword double elimination).

Archery: Saturday's archery will be based on Shakespeare's play "Romeo and Juliet." Several scenarios including couples, bottle, and mask shoots. Sunday will feature the Valor Archery Championship. Possible opportunities for knife, axe, and spear activities.

A&S Competition: Categories are a codpiece or token of love in any mediums. Entries should be in by noon, Saturday.

Other activities: Heraldic consultaiton table and heraldic display competition is being sponsored by HL Annys de Vernun of Kettering. Categories are individual and group display. There will be children's activities, Saturday classes, and scheduled swimming/pool times.

There will be a tavern offering food all day Saturday and from 8a.m. - 1p.m. on Sunday. The traditional Vatavia ALL YOU CAN EAT until it's gone breakfast will be served Monday morning.

Sunday evening will feature a three remove Italian feast by HL Genevieve Penrose. Seating limited to 100.

Site opens at 6:00p.m., Friday, August 30 and closes at 11:00a.m. on Monday, September 2. Pre-paid reservations for cabins and feast should be in no later than August 20, 1996. Checks should be made payable to "SCA, Inc. - Barony of Vatavia".

Event and reservation information: For feast and dietary information:

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mka: Rhonda Allen

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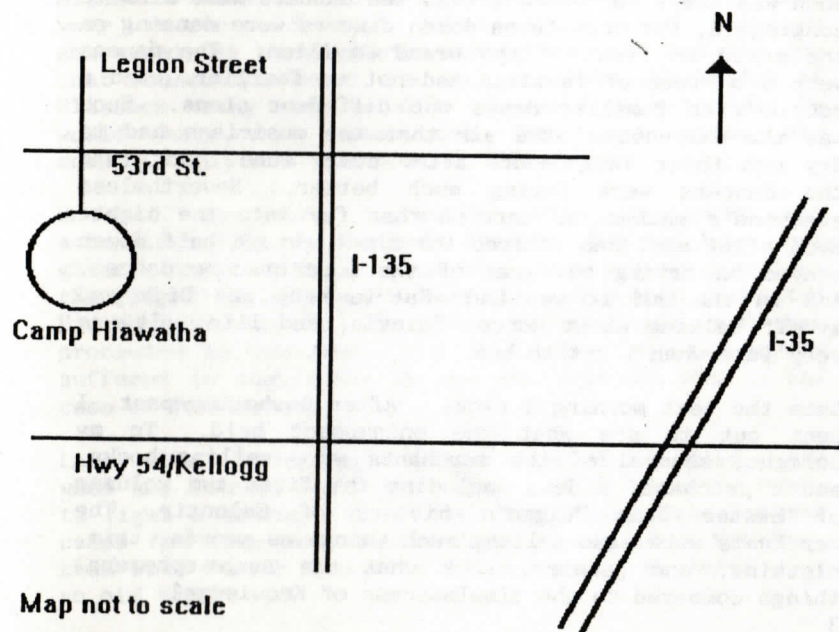
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(Call before 10:00p.m., please)





## Lilies War

It was early evening when we arrived on the Lilies battlefield. After passing muster with the gate house, we went in search of the Vataavian camp. The search was brief and in short order had pitched the tent and stabled the horses. I was a bit concerned of the location of the tent as we were just a few feet from the tent of the Defender's commander; and I as a friar, naturally favored the Crusaders. But as the commander seemed preoccupied with other things, and I kept to a low profile, the danger was avoided.

Though the field was strewn with the usual debris, there were no sounds of conflict but of feasting, as Mag Moor set a large banquet for the encampment. And as the feast came to that point that people relax in the contentment of a full belly, musicians could be heard warming up for the ball that night.

Such was their contentment that the dancers were slow to congregate, but soon three dozen dancers were dancing on the sward in front of the Grand Pavilion. The dances were a mixture of familiar and not so familiar. And a couple with familiar names but different steps. Such was the dampness of the air that the musicians had to dry out their instruments after every tune. Not that the dancers were faring much better. Nevertheless everyone's enthusiasm carried them far into the night. Even after most had retired for the night, a half dozen stayed on trying out some of the more obscure dances. And in the end it was Lady Katriana op den Dijk and myself talking about dance, Vatavia, and life. It was very late when I got to bed.

Late the next morning I awoke. After a short repast, I went out to see what the encampment held. To my delight, several of the merchants were selling books, and I purchased a dew, including the first two volumes of Master Crag Duggan's history of Calontir. The merchants were also selling such things as swords, trim, clothing, and jewelry, But what are such ephemeral things compared to the timelessness of Knowledge?

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And speaking of knowledge, there were a number of classes being taught. There was Sir Finvaar talking about the early days of SCA knighthood. Sir Conn MacNeil on the eCrusades. While others propounded on brewing, clothing, dance, and trebuchets.

Such was the heat of the day, not even the fighters ventured out till early evening. But that is someone else's story. As the sun settled into the west, people gathered on the beach to watch the fireworks. As the

sky slowly darkened, the crowd was tantalized with an occasional rocket. When at last it was deemed dark enough, a barrage of rocket lit it back up. The show ended with a fiery cross of Calontir backed by a wall of Roman candles. That was followed by a wedding reception that was so large that it took three baronies to host. It was another long night.

Another late morning. The camp was subdued and quiet. Over in the Grand Pavilion, the Royalty were having a garage sale of unwanted regalia. I was tempted by several pieces, but as the merchants had all ready taken most of my money, it was easily resisted.

That afternoon was Grand Court, presided over by their Majesties and Highnesses Calontir, the Majesties Outlands, and their Highnesses Ealdormere. It is amazing what you can learn at court. For example: archery is performance art. This is true for their Majesties make Leif of Crescent Moon a Laurel for that very reason. Several other peers were made or announced, as these awards were given out, but the one that roused the crowd the most was Duke Sir Valens of Flatrock being made an OAF. I would have thought he would have been made one long ago given his companionship with the premier OAF, Pavel.

One of the more impressive acts at court was accomplished by the Outlands herald. She had been just given a newly established award. There was no scroll as the proper words had not been set. She then corrected His Majesty, in that the words had been set, and then proceeded to announce. I'm afraid the Calontir herald suffered in comparison as she was infected with a bad case of fumblemouth.

Later that evening the fighters went at it again. And when the battles were over, they went down to the beach to fight a tourney. I, on the other hand, wandered the camps for song and conversation. First with Mag Mor, then with Master Harald of Bears Haven. We heard many an old tune.

The following morning was early. We quickly struck the tent and packed the horses as we wished to be on our way before the heat of the day. The journey back was uneventful as we slogged our way south through several torrential storms. But God was with us and we arrived safely back in Vatavia.

Done by my hand this day,

HL Thomas Bacon



From the Baronial Archer Marshall

At the Birthday Bash, 23 archers were authorized or re-authorized. Many are participating in practices on Sunday afternoon or at arranged evening times. All authorized archers are welcome to shoot at Valor.

Any unauthorized archers as well as those needing authorization for thrown weapons will be authorized at Valor as schedules allow.

The fall archery champion will be chosen soon. Those wishing to participate, get prepared.

If you are interested in a bow, contact me at 721-1955. I might be able to help you find one.

Michael van Bergen

## heralds' nightmare

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a nutty  
squirrel

<b>BARON</b> Gabriel ap Morgan ap Hywel David Cooper	Boy Duke
<b>BARONESS</b> Rhianwen ferch Bran ap Gruffydd Joan Struer	269-3853
<b>SENESCHAL</b> Tristan Rory de Jorz Rick Haddaway Chatelaine Odindisa the Grim	686-6893 269-1574
<b>CALTROP</b> Leonhard von Lowenturm Jim Purkey	682-1669
<b>TREASURER</b> Alcyoneus du Battenhelm Park McKellop	682-4468
<b>CHRONICLER</b> Brialen Ulf's dottir Vikings Debbie Taylor	524-0917
<b>KNIGHT MARSHAL</b> Fergus Rob McMillon Deputy Knight's Marshall Takahara Otoshi	681-0268 267-3456
<b>MINISTER OF ARTS AND SCIENCES</b> Kerare de Joreses Carolyn Haddaway Minister of Children Open - This could be you.	686-6893
<b>ARCHER MARSHAL</b> Michael van Bergen Michael Hornbaker	721-1955
<b>SERF LINE</b>	264-7373
<b>A&amp;S Champion</b> Tristan Rory de Jorz Rick Haddaway	686-6893
<b>Bardic Champion</b> Jovan Greyhawk Henry Jennings	682-2346
<b>Fighter Champion</b> Takahara Otoshi	267-3456