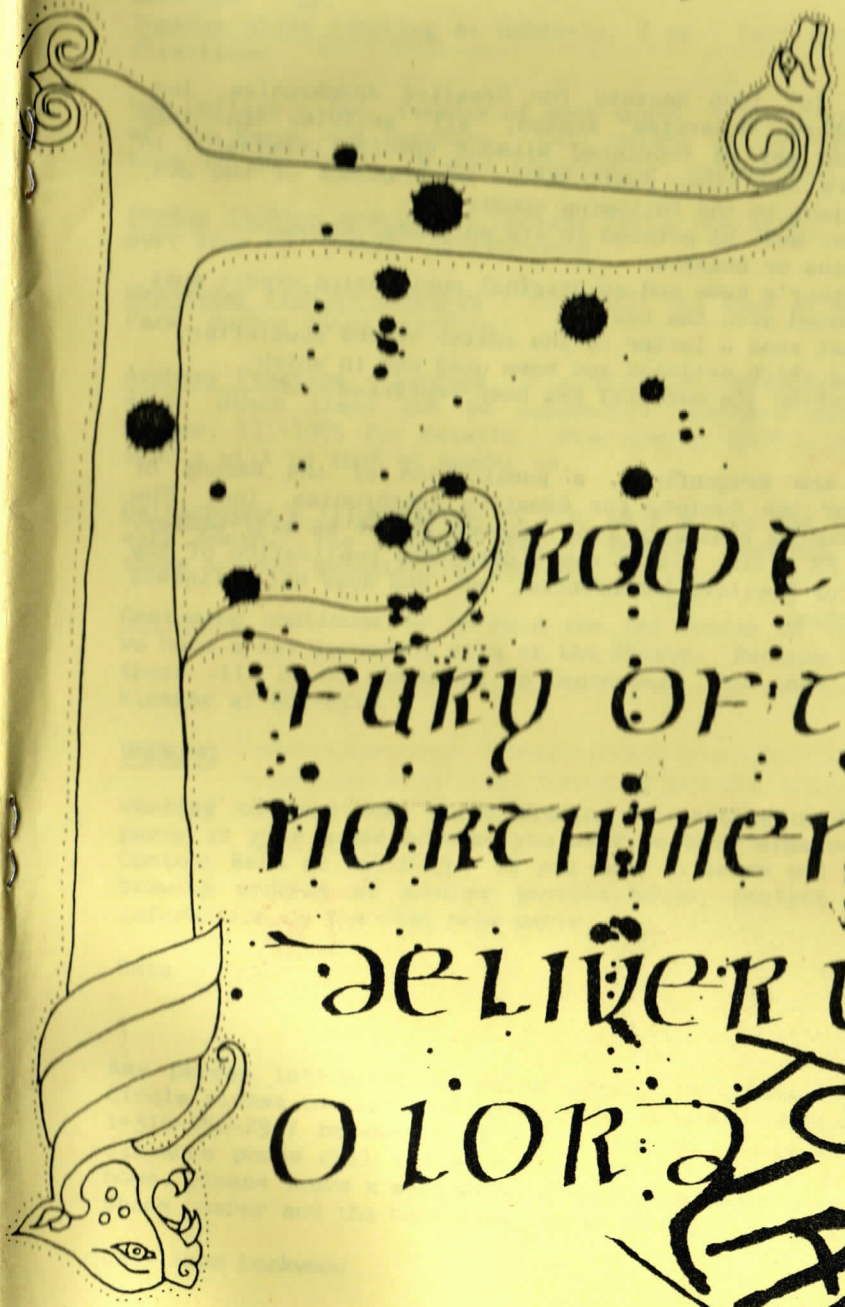


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Mid-Eastern dance classes are at 7:00, every Thursday, at 4230 E. Boston. Drummers and other instruments welcome. If you have questions or need directions, call Kerare at 686-6893.

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 - Looking for a new site. Check the serf line for further developments.

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.

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.

Batu

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

OFFICERS' MEETING September 9, 1996

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

The summary for the Valor Tournament was presented. The disposition of the waivers, reports and forms was requested and the Attendance at the event was discussed. Some recommendations for the year were made.

The possibility of a new site was presented. The site has a potential. Facilities, fees and availability were covered. A further meeting with the owner is scheduled.

Heraldic proposals are still being worked on. The new arts and sciences criteria is out. It is available for \$5. from the Kingdom Store. A copy will be available at the populace for those who are interested to look.

There has been a demonstration request from the residence director of WSU. The work for the official WSU recognition is continuing. Lady Eleanor would like to know who are currently students there.

Fighting practice will be changing back to 1 pm. on Sundays and continue through September at Watson Park. Starting in October the new location due to the park's fall schedule. The new fighting practice will be announced at the populace and put on the SERF line.

Archery continues to be in Maize Sunday afternoons and at specially scheduled times. Contact Michael for the other times or directions.

The situation of locating misplaced property was brought up. Property stored in the shed needs to be returned to the shed. Some items were still out from the Birthday Bash event. Please help see that items are returned and properly stored.

Several offices are open or seeking the next officer. Applications can be made for more than one position. You won't be given two unless you really really want it. Letters of application should be sent to the current holder of that position, the Baronage, and the Seneschal. Currently applications are being accepted for the offices of Herald, Chatelaine, Chronicler, Minister of Children, Chirurgeon and water bearer. The Knights' Marshall, Ferguson, is interested in talking with any individuals interested in running the office.

The meeting adjourned.

From the Vataavian Seneschal

I would like to thank all those gentlemen that helped at Valor. As fall is upon us, prepare for the Champions Event. I am accepting letters of application for a public relations deputy at this time.

The following offices are open or will be open soon: Chatelaine, Herald, Minister of Children, Chronicler, Property Master and Listmistress. The Chatelaine and Property Master/Mistress are deputies of the Seneschal, the Minister of Children is a deputy of the Minister of Arts and Sciences, and the Listmistress is a deputy of the Knight's Marshall. Letters of application should be sent to the officer currently holding office, Their Excellencies, and myself.

In Service,

Tristan

BARONIAL FIGHTER CHAMPION

The following is a list of requirements for those who wish to compete for Baronial Fighter Champion:

Must have been active within the Barony for the past six months (attending at least half of the Baronial function, i.e., populace meeting, fighter practices, Baronial events, etc., etc.)

Must be willing to attend both Baronial and Kingdom level events, within reason of course. The Champion will not be required to attend every event, every weekend, including Estrella... Everyone should be aware that mundane life comes first, but if mundane responsibilities will interfere with the duties of the Baronial Champion, please consider strongly what you are competing for.

The Champion acts as representative of the Barony, especially of the fighting forces, so courtesy and honor are paramount. He/she is also the commander of the Captains of the Baronial Guard, the Baronial Guard, and the rest of the fighters of the Barony. The Captains of the Guard and the Baronial Guard are Baronial level polling orders, and the Champion is one of the people responsible for making sure that meetings of those orders take place. Last, but certainly not least, the Baronial Fighter Champion gives an award called the Dream Feather, which is upheld in Baronial tradition.

VATAVIAN CHAMPIONS EVENT

Saturday, November 9, A.S. XXXI
Camp TaWaKoNi, Augusta, Ks

Site opens 9:00 am, closes 9:00 pm. Site fee is a mere \$3.00

Yes, it's that time again for willing individuals to challenge for the titles of Fighter Champion, Archery Champion, Bardic Champion, and Champion of Arts and Sciences. Our cousins outside of Vatavia are welcome to come and participate, but only the highest-ranking Vatavians will be named Champion of the various competitions.

Plans for the day include:

FUN, FUN, AND MORE FUN!!!

FIGHTING!!

A Round Robin tourney to determine the Baronial Champion. Guidelines for Fighter Champion are detailed elsewhere in the Dragonflyer.

A hunt of some type is being planned, and/or a Warlord Tourney if enough fighters wish to participate. We will also attempt authorizations if we have enough marshals. Contact Otoshi for more information.

ARCHERY!!

A tourney designed to test the abilities, not the luck, of the archers. All shooting distances will be between 20 and 40 yards at various targets. Contact Michael Van Bergen for more details.

BARDIC ARTS!!

Requirements are: 1 prose (story or song), 1 poetry, and 1 artist's choice. Pieces do not have to be original pieces. Judging will be by Kingdom criteria. Contact Lady Anne of Lockwood for more details

ARTS AND SCIENCES!!

Requirements are: 2 arts and 1 science, or 1 art and 2 sciences. No categories, it will be an open competition. The new Kingdom Criteria will be used. There will also be an open competition/A&S Display for those who do not wish to enter the Champion's competition. Contact HL Tristan for more details. Everyone is welcome to submit an entry.



VATAVIAN CHAMPIONS EVENT

A pot-luck style feast is tentative, and bids for an off-site Post-Revel are welcomed!

For those who wish to pursue any Champion's position, please bear in mind that attendance of Baronial Courts, as well as any other court in which the Baronage will be in attendance, is highly encouraged. Also remember that as a Champion, you are a reflection of not only the Barony, but of the Society. Honor, Courtesy, and Chivalry are cardinal characteristics to the Dream and are not to be taken lightly.

DIRECTIONS TO SITE:

Go east from Wichita on K-54 (Kellogg) to the Andover-Kellogg intersection. Continue east 5 miles to Tawakoni Road (one mile past Augusta Municipal Airport, located on the south side of Kellogg). A sign for Camp Tawakoni is on the south side of Kellogg immediately before you reach Tawakoni Road. On Tawakoni Road, turn left (north), travel 1.5 miles. Entrance to the camp is on the right (east) side of the road. It is a Boy Scout Camp, and well marked. Tawakoni road is a dirt road and has some rough spots, so use some caution. Camp Tawakoni is a dry site.

Fighter Champion:
Takahara Otoshi
(Tracey Gillaspy)
267-3456

Archer Champion:
Michael Van Bergen
(Michael Hornbaker)
721-1955

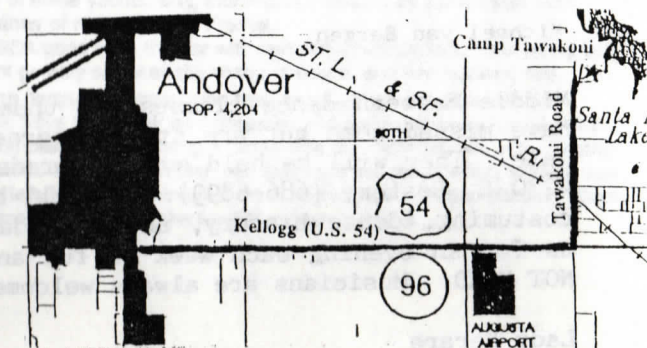
Bardic Champion:
Anne of Lockwood
(Anita Fulkerson)
316-456-2917

Arts and Sciences Champion:
Tristan Rory de Jorz
(Rick Haddaway)
686-6893

Co-Autocrats:

Takahara Otoshi and Michael Van Bergen

Phone calls are welcome, but we will be grumpy if called after 11:00pm.



From the Baronial Minister of A & S

Celebrate!! The new Kingdom criteria is here. Throw all the old stuff away. New copies will be available for sale for \$5.00 by the end of the month.

The new Kingdom Resources Guide needs your help. If you know the best place to go for A&S supplies, please let me know what and where it is. The completed list from all over the Kingdom will be published for everyone's benefit.

To those who worked or entered A&S at Valor, thank you!! Champion's is coming, please enter or just bring your projects for display. I can name 52 people from last quarters report who are doing A&S - let others see what you're doing. Take pride in what you do, you might be surprised at the interest and inspiration this can be for others.

If you are working on something let me know, better yet show me, I love to tell the Kingdom what a diverse and active Barony we have.

I have a real need for deputies, to help with attending interest group's and reporting on them, writing A&S articles and other interesting things. It's a big Barony, and growing all the time. If you are interested or think you might be interested, please talk with me or submit a letter of interest.

Lady Kerare

Valor archery champion is Bear of Haven. Second and third place went to Leaf of Crescent Moon and Michael von Bergen. Around 40 archers participated in the weekend. An axe competition finished out the weekend.

Michael van Bergen

Middle Eastern dance classes are underway now. If you have missed some but are still interested, it's not too late. They will be held every Thursday at 7:00 p.m. at 4230 E. Boston, (686-6893). We will be learning dance, costuming, dance history, and more dance. Please join us for an evening each week of fun and exercise. IT'S NOT HARD. Musicians are always welcome.

Lady Kerare

how to build a persona

Welcome to the SCA! You've heard of us from friends--seen us at Renfair--driven past the park during Dance or Fighter practice. You've taken the biggest plunge of all, to step forward and say, "This looks like a lot of fun. How do I get involved?"

You've met a few people, maybe attended a populace meeting, and have great plans for the five yards of 100% blue cotton you picked up yesterday at Cloth World. You think that going to events this fall promises to be a lot more fun than roving the mall/steering your husband's Bassmaster/huffing glue fumes in your garage while you complete your fiftieth Ravel Porsche model. There's one niggling thing, though, a question that maybe every other SCA person has been asking since you first contacted these stick-whackin', skirt-wearin' individuals: "So, what's your persona going to be?" And you ask yourself the sixty-four ducat question, "How do I make a persona?"

As a chatelaine, I would put this question well near the top of the list of questions asked by new people. It's a very good question, a very basic question. The idea of persona is one that's germane to the Society. When Jeff puts on his tunic, clasps his belt, and sits down at the feast, he isn't Jeff who works at the local Quik-Trip: he's Wulfstan Eohricsson, Saxon warrior, member of a people renowned for their poetry and their metalwork. He behaves and dresses accordingly, interacting with a Venetian illuminator on his right and a Slavic leatherworker on his left. In jeans and T-shirts, to him they're just Jennifer and Brandon--but in garb, at an event, both he and they have stepped right out of the Middle Ages. This is the glamour, the magic of the SCA, and careful persona building will help a new person attain it.

Don't think you have to go beggar yourself at the bookstore and haul home several pounds of historical tomes, all with teensy print and pages of footnotes. That will get you right back into the Bassmaster. Instead, sit down a moment and remember just what it was that got you interested in the SCA in the first place. Maybe it was through historical romances, and you always wanted to wear a gown of red samite. Maybe it was through movies, and you always wanted to take the golden arrow prize in an archery contest. Maybe it was through martial arts, and you'd like to try a new fighting system. (I myself grew up listening to too much Wagner, and Brunhild the Valkyrie was my role model.) Your initial interests can serve as a star to steer by when the research gets too thick. The next step is to go to the library and look at the books that cover a wide range of medieval history. Time-Life Timelines or Ages of Man would be one of my first choices. Pay attention to what grabs you! Then continue your quest in a spiral fashion, narrowing your fields of research until you have found the time-period and the people for whom you feel the greatest affinity.

For example, let's look at the fellow who always wanted to win the archery contest. He checks out some basic books, and focuses on anything mentioning archery or bows and arrows. His next batch of books may contain something about medieval England, because of the Robin Hood connection, and something about medieval warfare. From these he will find out that the Welsh bows could shoot through doors of oak, and that the English did so well overseas in their battles against the French because they had those same Welsh archers. Pretty nifty, he thinks. Those Welsh sound kind of cool. Maybe I'll be Welsh, if I can pronounce those names. On to Wales in the middle ages. To his dismay he learns that Wales was under the boot of Norman oppression since the twelfth century on. He also finds out that in 1212, King John hanged 28 young Welsh hostages from the walls of Nottingham Castle. He decides that his persona is going to be the brother of one of these youths, and, thoroughly outraged by the English yoke, becomes a mercenary in the army of King Phillip of France.

Not every one in the SCA goes even that far with persona development. The young lady with a yen for red samite might go only so far as the costume books, and find out who had access to such material. Some people do research on their own background, and take the persona of someone who could have been their own ancestor. Others go way beyond what our would-be Welsh bowman accomplished, composing a family tree, memorizing one or two bardic pieces in the language appropriate for that individual, and making a concerted effort to wear only what would have been appropriate for such a person in his time period, place, and station. (Such dedication can be rather a hassle if it's time for the local Renaissance fair.)

Persona development is as idiosyncratic as each person in the SCA. There are only two rules I would announce, and those are: Don't Rush; Do Research. Take the time to make sure you feel comfortable with your new identity--this is how an enormous amount of people, from your own local group, to your Kingdom, to the populace at Estrella, Lillies, or Pennsic, is going to know you. The reward will be worth the effort you've invested. For some, a persona is a patched robe to be donned hastily at need. For others, it is the key that unlocks their way to the Dream.

Odindisa the Grim
(9th century Irish-Norse hybrid)

From the A & S Champion

The next Vataavian Champions event will be November 9 at Camp Ta-Wa-Koni. As is traditional, entries will require 1 art and 2 sciences, or 2 arts and 1 science. It will be an open competition based on new Kingdom criteria. Contact me by October populace for criteria and to allow time to arrange for judges.

Tristan

Thanks to all Vataavians!

Thanks to all who made the effort to welcome new people to Valor and assisted them with garb, fighting activities, archery, and general good company. Your time and good will enabled the curious to become the truly hooked.

Thank you one and all!

Lady Odindisa the Grim

Thanks to all the good gentles who helped with water bearing and chiurgeoning at Valor. All those who fought greatle appreciated it as did I! Thanks again.

Lady Christine Hoye Stewart

A HUGE thank you to everyone who helped with Valor. It was a big success. Let's hope that next year's Valor goes just as well. Again - thank you.

Lady Alexandria

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