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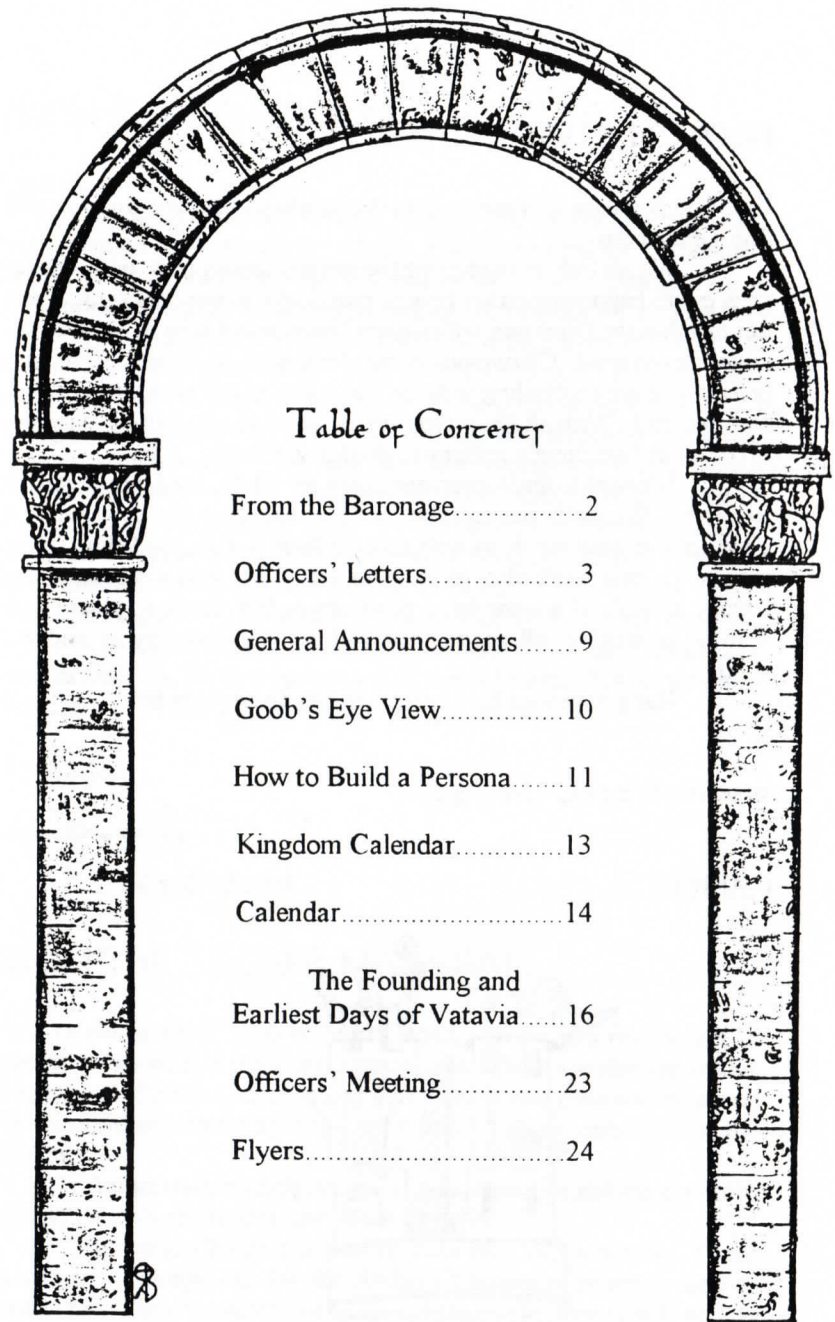


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## FROM THE BARONAGE

Unto the populace of Vatavia does the baronage give greetings on this fine summer day.

We are truly swinging into the tourney season now, with several great events happening either here or practically in our backyard. Later this month is the Lilies was, with Crown Tournament here in Vatavia the following weekend. Champions occurs soon after, at Tailefer farm, and preparations are proceeding well for Valor at Camp Tawakoni on Labor Day weekend. With all the activity in the area, no one will have reason to complain that there's nothing to do this summer!

We want to thank everyone again for all the hard, hard work at RenFaire. We really put our best foot forward, gave our community a good look at what we do as well as gave them a darn good show. The money we make will also go to good use in the projects around the Barony as well. If anyone has a good idea as how to use it, please give it to us in writing: all suggestions will be considered by us and the officers.

Hang onto your hats... the ride gets faster from here....

In service to Barony and Kingdom,

GABRIEL

RIDIANWEN



## FROM THE SENESCHAL

Greetings!

Firstly, I would like to thank Magnus and Otoshi for organizing an expedition to Westumbria. Eleven gentles invaded for a combined fighter practice, and much fun was had by all. This expedition was a forerunner to prepare our forces for battles yet looming on the horizon.

Baronial forces will next muster near the shores of Smithville Lake for the War of the Lilies: June 14 - 22. Sharpen your blades and string your bows to support the Barony as the grizzled old veterans and young recruits square off to see if "Old age and treachery" can beat "youth and enthusiasm." On June 28, Their Majesties will hold Crown Tournament here in Vatavia to determine Their Heirs. Yet the rumor of war still rumbles to the East. July 19 - 20, the Lost Woods will thunder as Calon forces resist assaults by Middle Kingdom troops, with the victorious and unvanquished uniting to travel to the Debated Lands (Pennsic) August 9 - 17 and do battle with Eastern Kingdom warriors.

On a more administrative note, I would like to take this time to announce that Ly. Eleanor has consented and volunteered to be my drop-dead Deputy. Vivat the Dedicated! See you at the wars.....

In service,

*Tristan Rony de Jong*

## FROM THE ARCHER MARSHALL

Practice continues at 5500 N. Maize Road. All archers need to get in practice if they want to enter any competitions. There are also the indoor ranges on S. Seneca and on West. The archery role continues to grow. New archers are attending from Ark City as well as contacts from the RenFaire.

Authorization cards are in. If you should be getting one from me and haven't received it, call me at 721-1955.

Baronial Champions will be held later this summer. Those interested in competing for the Archery Champion position need to contact me. The date mentioned so far is July 11. Further details will be



made available. Raymond the Red is designing the shoot. The main duties of the Champion are to stand in the Baronial courts during the term of office, design the next Champion shoot upon my approval of the shoot, assisting the other champions.

A notebook explaining many details of Calontir archery not discussed often is in the works, being assembled by Stephan O'Bannon and myself. I will keep the populace updated.

Valor will be coming up later on. I would like to see all archers from Vatavia participate as much as possible that weekend. This is a good time to strut your stuff and show the Kingdom what archers we have here.

In service,

*Michael van Burgen*

## FROM THE CASTELLAN

Greetings to all!

We are getting some new people, and hopefully they have been made to feel welcome in our Barony. It's summertime, and the busy season is on us. Already, I have heard the lamentations of our people, "I really want to go, but I don't have a ride/the money/a tent/etc., etc., etc." These are problems that are easily remedied, provided someone really wishes to attend. Most often, we have people attending events with extra space in vehicles, extra camping gear, etc. People can barter for site fees, etc. Example, a new piece of garb can cover site fee and/or a seat in a car, or providing food at a camping event, or whatever can be agreed upon. The bottom line is, barring circumstances beyond our control, (getting time off from work, etc.) Arrangements can usually be made to get you there. Just ask around. Not everyone will be able to help, but maybe they know who can. Keep the lines of communication open and maybe, just maybe, this Barony can experience even more positive growth! See you at Lilies!

In service to Calontir, the Society, and the Dream,

*Otoshi*

## FROM THE CHRONICLER

Hail to my fellow Vatavians, old and new!

What do you think of the new cover? I know it's kind of daring, but what the heck. Please watch for other astonishing changes as your faithful chronicler rides the ragged edge of disaster.

In Service to the Dream,

*Ομοιωρα the Σημ*



## FROM THE DEPUTY KNIGHT MARSHALL

Fighter practices are going well! Huzzahs to those who have authorized recently! Keep up the good work. Tuesday night pell practice is still going strong, and everyone, both new and experienced alike, is welcome to attend. Wednesday practices at N. Linwood park is starting to pick up, and again, everyone is welcome. For those of you attending practice regularly (or at least as your schedules permit), more thanks and huzzahs are appropriate. Let's do what we can to call those who haven't been out in a while and get them back in. Summertime melee season is upon us and we need to practice as a group so that we may fight effectively as a group on the field. Also, now is the time to start planning for Thunder II in Augusta, IL, in July. Last year was absolutely too much fun, but the Midrealm is out for vengeance, and surely their numbers will increase as they make a feeble attempt to save face by retaking the land from which we so handily drove them! Refer to the Castellan's letter about helping everyone go to events, so that we may support our siblings within the Kingdom, and therefore, support Calontir!

In service,

*Otoshi*



## FROM THE MOA/MOS

Hearty greetings to the good populace of Vatavia from Lady Eleanor ferch Rhiwallon, Minister of Arts and Sciences.

Many exciting things are occurring right now. I hope many of you are planning on entering the A&S competitions at Crown and Valor. These two events provide excellent opportunities for the artisans of these fair lands to "strut their stuff" and demonstrate to the kingdom the talents of so many Vataivians. Also, just around the corner is the baronial Championship and with that comes the competition to decide our new A&S champion. Many thanks to Ly. Elspeth Lillian of York for all of her fine work as champion.

With these competitions, I would like to remind all Vataivians of a couple of key points. First, please remember, you are being held against a criteria not pitted against one another. Therefore, check out what the criteria is for your area and conform to it as closely as you can. If you need any help in obtaining criteria, trying to figure out what area your project fits in, documentation, etc., please let me know. That's what I'm here for--to help you out!

Secondly, anyone, I mean ANYONE can enter these competitions! Just because you are a beginner or an old hand in a particular art or science does not keep you out of the fun. The tri-level criteria is designed as user-friendly with a novice, middle, and advanced option. (Talk to me about it if you want to know more!) Of course, it's not the criteria used so always remember to look and see what criteria the competition designer is using and become familiar with it before you get too far into your project. It will make planning tons easier and your project much more enjoyable.

At this time, I am beginning my search for my Drop-Dead Deputy. Interested parties should slip me a note by July 31, 1997. Your letter should contain who you are, that you are a paid member of the Society, why you are interested in the position, and what skills (modern and SCA) that make you a good officer candidate. NOTE: It does not take any particular skills in any art or science to do this job.

In service,

*Eleanor*

## FROM THE PROPERTY MISTRESS

Good Gentles:

We are very fortunate this month as an anonymous donor has given us many metal signs for events. I hope many of you are able to help prepare them in time for Crown Tournament on June 28th. Thanks to all of those gentles who helped embroider dragonflies for the water bottle covers. They look wonderful! I greatly appreciate this as currently I am impaired in this area. Thank you for all you have done to help me for the first half of the year.

Yours in service,

*Christine Joye Stewart*

## FROM THE TREASURER

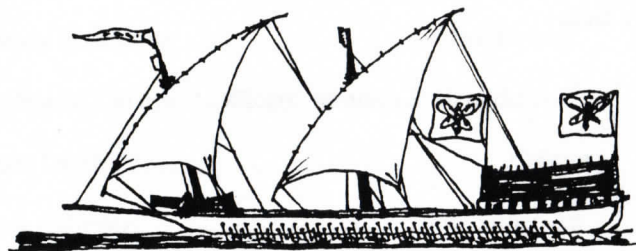
Greeting from the Exchequer:

It is my position that all Baronial financial information is available for the inspection of the populace. If anyone is interested in viewing it, they need only make an appointment.

As of 6/2/97, our approximate balance was 7121.19.

In service,

*Alcyoneous du Battenhelm*





## FROM THE CURRENT AUTOCRAT

From the Autocrat - Past and Present

First off, I'd like to thank EVERYBODY for all of their hard work at RenFaire this year. I can't remember the last time I saw so many SCA folks at a demo! There were no idle hands as everybody was hard at work demonstrating the arts, sciences, and fighting as well as providing carousel rides, catapults, and taking pictures! Whew! How we do all in two days just amazes me. Each and every section coordinator did an exceptional job, which must be why things ran so smoothly. Must mean we work and play well together!

Speaking of play, we were quite privileged to have folks from Golden Sea and Oak Heart come down and support our efforts. Please, PLEASE, go support theirs. Try to help out at one of their demos or attend one of their events. After all, the kingdom that plays together, stays together!

As I'm sure everyone knows by now, Vativia has been graced with the privilege of hosting Crown Tournament at the end of the month. It's going to be an exciting day with much fighting, feasting, and reveling. For those who may not have heard, Lady Kasamira has graciously offered Stargate (that's the name of her castle) to us for the post-revel. If you haven't found your niche of where you'd like to help, please contact any one of the following people. I'm sure they'll put you right to work with plenty of good company to help you out: HL Annys and Ly. Odindisa (feast, cooking, serving, clean-up), Ly. Penelope (troll and crash space coordinator), Ly. Christine (who is NOT the MOC, but will gladly train anyone interested, and waterbearing), and myself. (I'm sure we can find you something!)

See ya at Crown!

*Eleanor*

## General Announcements

Bardic Circle will be held the last Monday of the month, at milady Cerridwyn's house. Please call her at 524-0478.

For information about Crown Tournament, please contact Ly. Eleanor at 685-8510, between 7:00 and 10:00pm.

Vativian Seaman's Company -- ship construction has moved to my garage, at 707 S. Lightner (phone 682-2346). Come on by and I'll put you to work. Boat drill and training is on hold until I can figure out what the Boat House is going to do about their rental. (Yes, the river is still down!) - Joavan

Fighter practice is held Sundays at 1:00pm, at the west side of Watson Park. Everyone, fighters and non-fighters alike, are encouraged, to attend.

Sword & Shield/Pell practice is still being held at His Excellency Gabriel's house, as is armoring. Call 269-3854 for details.

Archery practice will be outside from now on, unless the weather dictates otherwise. The time is 3:00pm, the place is 5500 N. Maize. Contact Ld. Michael van Burgen at 721-1955 for details.

A sledgehammer with red and yellow stripes on the handle disappeared at Mongols Rule. If you know the whereabouts of this sledgehammer, please call HL Annys at 755-1917.

## DRAGONFLYRE CREDITS

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Ld. Takahara Otoshi..... Courier  
Milady Toda Galindez..... Non-border Art



## HOP TO BUILD A PERSONA

by Odindisa the Grim

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 summer 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 former chatelaine, I would put this question near the top of the list of questions asked by new people. 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



GOOB'S EYE VIEW

Goob Mistake #13:

Referring to the Waterbearers  
as "Liquid Wenches" ...



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.

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 hassel 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 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.

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## KINEDOM CALENDAR

### JULY

- 5 - 6 Go 4th Regional Fighter Practice Crescent Moon, Topeka, KS  
 11 - 13 Drunken Mammoth Riverhold, Jefferson County, MO  
 12 - 13 St. Swithun's Shadowdale, Iowa City, IA  
 19 - 20 Thunder Wars:  
 Edmund Strikes Back March of Lochmorrow, Augusta, IL  
 War Games Spinning Winds, Manhattan, KS  
 26 - 27 Tournament of the Falcons Forgotten Sea, Kansas City, MO

### AUGUST

- 2 - 3 Feast of the Eagles Cum An Iolar, S. Johnson County, KS  
 9 - 10 Event Mar Mor, Lincoln, NE  
 9 - 17 Pennsic Debatable Lands  
 30 - 31 Tournament of Valor Vatavia, Wichita, KS  
 For the Ladies of the Rose Axed Root, Ames, IA

### SEPTEMBER

- 13 - 14 Reserved for Coronation  
 20- 21 Lindisfarne III Forgotten Sea, Kansas City, MO  
 25th Anniversary for Miklos Mag Mor, Lincoln, NE  
 27 - 28 Event Deadar, Cedar Rapids, IA

### OCTOBER

- 4 - 5 Autumn Arrows Calanais Nuadh, Rolla, MO  
 18 - 19 Fall Event Cum An Iolair, S. Johnson Cty, KS  
 Harvest Faire VI La Grande Tente, Cedar Rapids, IA

### NOVEMBER

- 22 - 23 Toys for Tots Wyvern Cliffe, Jefferson City, MO







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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		<b>1</b> Sword & Shield - 6:00 Armoring - 7:00	<b>2</b> Fighter Practice - 7:00 Western European Dance - 7:00	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> Fighter Practice - 1:00 Archery - 3:00	<b>7</b> Officers' Meeting - 7:00	<b>8</b> Sword & Shield - 6:00 Calligraphy & Illumination - 7:00 Armoring - 7:00	<b>9</b> Fighter Practice - 6:30 Western European Dance - 7:00	<b>10</b> Middle Eastern Dance - 7:00	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Vatavian Champion's Tournament (See flyer)
<b>13</b> Fighter Practice - 1:00 Archery - 3:00	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Sword & Shield - 6:00 Armoring - 7:00	<b>16</b> Populace Meeting - 7:00	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> Fighter Practice - 1:00 Archery - 3:00	<b>21</b> Costuming Guild - 7:00	<b>22</b> Sword & Shield - 6:00 Armoring - 7:00	<b>23</b> Fighter Practice - 6:30 Western European Dance - 7:00	<b>24</b> Middle Eastern Dance - 7:00	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> Fighter Practice - 1:00 Archery - 3:00	<b>28</b> Bardic Circle - 7:00	<b>29</b> Sword & Shield - 6:00 Armoring - 7:00	<b>30</b> Fighter Practice - 6:30 Western European Dance - 7:00	<b>31</b>		



## THE FOUNDING AND EARLIEST DAYS OF VATAVIA

by Thomas Bacon

In the days when rocks were soft and Charles Stewart O'Conner only had an AOA, out of the land of the Sun came a man to the Southern plains to a region newly created, known as Calontir.<sup>2</sup> His teachers predicted great things for him, and at the junction of two rivers he planted his standard, gained his fame, and met his destiny. His name was Humpk D'Bohunk from Bohemia.<sup>3</sup>

Humpk first appeared in the known world at the fall Crown Tourney in Atenveldt, AS XI.<sup>4</sup> He sojourned in the Barony of Atenveldt, learning the craft of fighting under the tutelage of Master Ivan du Grae, Count Dennis of the Titans, and Duke Deaton Claymore. He became the lord of the household of Stormhaven, under the aegis of House Locksley. For his perseverance in waiting out the heat of the day for a small Night War, he was made companion to the Atenveldt Principality Order of the Wart, making him a Wart of the Court.

Around March of AS XII, Humpk traveled to the land that was to become V'tavia. With the encouragement of Bellphoebe, in the beginning of the new year of AS XIII, Humpk founded the Shire of V'tavia.<sup>5</sup> Named after the Bohemian river Voltava, its original settlers were Humpk, Bellphoebe, Maynard, and Nitram.<sup>6</sup> They were soon joined by Mammara Leona and Samurai Rick.

Humpk first showed his fighting prowess at Crown Tourney, held in the distant Barony of Three Rivers. Within two months, at the Tourney at the Center of the Known World, his fighting was so impressive that he was made a member of the fyrd.

In the fall of that year, the word was sent out for others to join the hardy band.<sup>7</sup> Among the newcomers were Keith, John Martin,<sup>8</sup> a canis

captaror, Kent Love and his lady Kathe, Royboy, and Cire Greymoor.<sup>9</sup> The winter was quietly spent in training, and in the first flush of April, V'tavia ventured out to the first Ansteorra-Middle Kingdom Border War. And it was there that Humpk received his Award of Arms.

Returning to V'tavia, they proceeded with the first Vatavian Championship Tourney, to decide who was going to represent V'tavia in the upcoming Calon Tourney that determined who would be the Champion of Calontir. It was held as part of V'tavia's first demo, in a strange place called the Kansas Coliseum, for and even stranger group called the Cband Truckers Association. Assistance came from Forgotten Sea in the form of Lord Ternon. Due to a recent accident, Lord Humpk was not fighting, and so fate appointed Royboy to become V'tavia's first champion.

Royboy was unable to fight at Calon Tourney II, and soon passed from V'tavia. While a healing back kept Lord Humpk out of the list, he nevertheless scored a string of victories in leatherworking before retiring from competition.

Fall brought the second V'tavian Championship Tourney, won by Cire. Summer had precipitated a decline in the population. All who remained were Lord Humpk, Mammara, Bellphoebe, Cire, and the summer's only newcomer, Aelfric. Despite such small numbers, V'tavia was to be the host of Calon Tourney III. And there on the shores of Lake Afton, God smiled on V'tavia. For while it rained all around the encampment of two hundred gentles, the site remained dry and was privileged to view a double rainbow. While Brumbar regained the Championship of Calontir, 130 authorizations were issued. A contest was held to find a song to praise Lord Humpk's beard.<sup>10</sup> Entertainment that night included seventeen Middle Eastern dancers, including Mammara's first performance at an event. Reveling last to the dawn, aided in part by the magic torches of steel chariots. And the population did double as House Battenhelm joined the hardy band. And thus the greatness of V'tavia began to show.

During the still time that is winter, Lord Humpk's back finished healing. And at Calon Tourney IV in Lonely Tower, he did renew his fighting fame, as he fought his way into the finals, only to be defeated by Chepe. Spring is the season for growth and renewal, and thus it so proved for



V'tavia. By the end of spring, the population had grown to over twenty. By mid-summer it had passed thirty. By the end of fall, it had surpassed fifty.<sup>11</sup> Like a sign of divine approval, help in accommodating this influx came in the form of Mistress Hillary Stormrider from out of the southwest. And when the influx was settled, she left as quickly as she came.<sup>12</sup>

ASXV began with V'tavia becoming a part of the Kansas Newman College Renaissance Faire.<sup>13</sup> The following week was V'tavia's own ode to spring, the Tourney of Grace and Beauty, on the shores of Lake Afton. There marked the beginning of the short history of the Battenhelm Mobile Kitchen, and a very successful tavern.<sup>14</sup>

In July, V'tavia traveled to Lake Perry for their first glimpse of royalty. It was the Tournament of the Lily, but the blazing sun wilted the lily, and it became the Great Sweat. The unmitigating heat of the sun halted the tourney, all movement ceased, and Rannock's marzipan castle melted. As the evening cooled things down, court was held. Lord Humpk was made a huscarl, and Mammara and Cire were awarded Awards of Arms. V'tavia was presented a rose for their courtesy, honor, grace, and mobile kitchen.

Fall was ushered in with the first V'tavian Tournament of Valor, returning yet again to Lake Afton. There Lord Brummar defeated His Lordship Humpk to take home the Sword of Valor. While victory was not in the cards that day, bigger things were in store for His Lordship.

Calon Tourney V, Three Rivers. Anticipating the day's outcome, V'tavia was the first on the site. Anxiously they waited as His Lordship, in his new leather scaled armor, slew foe after foe. And with the fall of William of Bellwood, His Lordship Humpk became the new Champion of Calontir. A week later, Lord Cire fought for and retained the Championship of V'tavia. His Lordship Humpk, anticipating a future change in his status<sup>15</sup>, resigned the seneschalate, appointing Christian MacBruce as his successor.<sup>16</sup>

While winter howled, a feast was planned. It was announced as just a Twelfth Night feast, but in secret, it was to honor His Lordship for his victory at Calon Tourney. While not all of the invited guests showed because of a storm moving through the area that weekend, that was their

misfortune. In the brisk month of February, V'tavia held the Festival of the Snow Queen. Though the prize tourney was held outside, the icy wind was too much for most spectators, who chose instead to watch the proceedings from the other side of a glass wall.<sup>17</sup> In the bridge melee that followed, some new equipment made its first appearance: water wings. Designed to keep a fighter from drowning, their effectiveness was questionable.

Two weeks later, the message arrived that V'tavia had become a barony.<sup>18</sup> While the formal investiture was to be several months away, royal permission was given for His Lordship Humpk and Lady Mammara to assume the titles of Baron and Baroness. And on April 5, 1981 the first baronial court was held.<sup>19</sup> So V'tavia's star rose even higher and shone that much brighter.

## THE FACTS

1. This has been adapted from Volume One of the Vatavia History. I have kept the original names and spellings of the time. It was around the time of Calontir becoming a Kingdom that heralds ruled that the use of the apostrophe was not period practice and was replaced by the 'a.' The reason for the apostrophe is one of the mysteries of history.
2. For the details of the founding of Calontir, see the histories written by Master Baron Crag Duggan.
3. This account tends to concentrate on Humpk's activities because for much of the period, Humpk was Vatavia. It was not until after Vatavia became a barony that other personalities became noticeable and began to influence events. Humpk's name also evolved because of the heralds. Starting with Humpk D'Bohunk, it went to Humpk D'Bohun, then to William of Vatavia when he decided it was no longer worth the fight.
4. The date of Humpk's first SCA event was 10/2/76.
5. The exact dates of the meetings which sketched the beginnings of Vatavia were not remembered by the participants more caught up in the moment of creation, and ironically not considering history. The branch application is dated 5/15/78. So I arbitrarily set the founding date as May 1 to coincide with the Society New Year. Humpk, the only founder still active when I did this, never objected.



6. Bellphoebe was a local lady who had met Humpk when he had previously lived in Wichita. She was also involved with the SF community. Maynard was another person who first got involved in the SCA in Atenveldt. Nitram was Humpk's brother.

7. This was the first of the Free University Classes that were regularly held for the next several years and were a major source of newcomers. They ceased with the collapse of the Free University.

8. Though he soon dropped out, many years later he rejoined the Barony. He took the society name John Bromere.



9. Another person who had a run-in with the heralds, he added Edward as a first name to satisfy them.

10. Imagine the classical picture of an Old Testament Patriarch and you will have a good image of Humpk's appearance. At least two songs were written, although I only have the words for one.

11. With this increase of population, V'tavia now had the population base to be a barony. The application for the change of status is dated 7/14/80.

12. The actual circumstance of Mistress Hillary's appearance is a subject into which I did not delve. She was Humpk's previous wife. By then Humpk had already met Mammara Leone and were married in the fall. Mistress Hillary had already left by the time I began attending local functions, so I know nothing of the dynamics of the situation and did not feel it was my place to inquire. All I know of her is that she was described as having a formidable personality.

13. The RenFaire at this time was still nothing more than an extension of several classes. Thus it was mostly a collection of dramatic and musical performers and some local vendors. Very laid-back.

14. The presence of a tavern at most Vatavia events can be traced back to the Mobile Kitchen. While the Mobile Kitchen itself did not last the summer, it reappeared a number of years later informally as the Vulgar Unicorn, which became the Guzzling Gargoyle, which became the Bloody Axe Inn, the Running Horse Inn, and various other names.

15. Humpk gave up the office in anticipation of becoming Baron. Yet while it was easy to give up the title, it was not so easy to give up the power. There were a number of reasons for this, and was a continuous source of tension throughout the Humpk and Mammara tenure on the Baronial thrones.

16. Also that fall the structure of the Vatavia award system was formed. It was patterned after the regional awards and replaced a set of ad hoc awards that were poorly documented. The Act of Dedication award subsumed a number of these awards. This has caused some confusion in the OP regarding these early awards.

17. This event took place at Kiwanis Recreation center. At the time the south facing wall was plate glass. Since then, the glass has been replaced by sheet metal because of vandalism.

18. The decision to allow Vatavia to become a barony was made on 3/8/81 by the BOD.



19.

The investiture of Humpk and Mammara as Baron and Baroness occurred at the Second Ansteorra-Middle Kingdom War held outside of Tulsa on 6/31/81. Vatavia dominated the court by not only the investiture, but also by receiving thirteen AOAs. On a side note: also at the war, on the other side, attending one of his first events, was the future Seneschal and Baron of Vatavia, Tedrick von Wolfschatten.

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## OFFICERS' MEETING June 2, 1997

15 members attended: 14 officers/deputies/champions/autocrats, 1 member of the populace.

The various autocrats reported on their respective events. Crown plans were finalized, some details are being finished. Available crash space and volunteers for troll are needed. Contact Penelope. The post revel is planned to be held at Kasamira's tower. The Champions' event will be held in conjunction with the Birthday Bash this year. The tentative date is July 12th. Three potential sites for this were presented. Each has its pros and cons. The final decision on location will be made within the next week. Various possible feast plans and menu suggestions and alternatives for this event were examined. Valor work continues. The paperwork and certificates needed for Valor were discussed. These are needed by July. The non-fighter activities and the use of the grounds and facilities were presented.

The Baroness presented the report for the Treasurer. She requested that officers and others get their bills to her for delivery to the Treasurer. Guild heads and interest groups should make requests and wish lists in writing to the Baronage for consideration. Funds are available to be made use of. Vatavia will again sponsor the publication of the Kingdom Laws. The Property Mistress has received donation of metal signs. She and some volunteers will be repainting these for the group's use. The embroidery project for the water bottle covers continues. The storage location of some of the Baronial property was clarified.

The Chronicler thanked the officers for their letters for publication. Changes based on requests and suggestions from the populace are being made. There are no new demonstration requests at this time. This is normal for the time of year. There has been no heraldic activity at the Kingdom level since February. There were no Calontir items on the May Laurel Letter of Acceptances and Returns. It was recommended that the various interest groups sponsor a project night. Various possibilities were suggested. Planning will start this July.

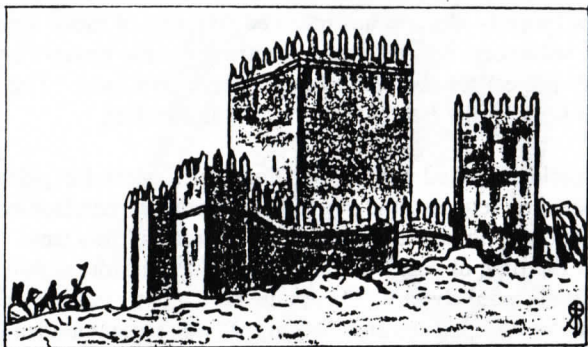
Fighter practice continues at Watson Park on Sundays. Last week the practice went to Westumbria. Otoshi encouraged the officers and populace to attend and join in the comradery. It is also a chance to meet



others and perhaps find that ride you need or someone to make that tunic - maybe in exchange for a ride. Archery continues to meet at 5500 North Maize Road. There has been a request to use one of our archery nets at the Lilies event. Details for this were worked out.

The officers were reminded of the changes in this month's calendar made due to Lilies. Populace next month will be on July 16th at Linwood Park; Officers' meeting will be July 7th. People were reminded to get award recommendations in before Crown. Period lighting for the regalia was addressed. There will be a war levy called on Saturday at Lilies. Our part for this will be organized at populace. Camping plans for Vatavia during Lilies were mentioned and briefly reviewed. Completion of the RenFaire heraldry was also discussed.

The meeting adjourned.



## THE BARONY OF VATAVIA PRESENTS

# TOURNAMENT OF VALOR IN THE BALKANS

Labor Day Weekend, August 29, 1997, 5pm to September 1, 1997, 12pm  
Camp Ta-Wa-Ko-Ni, Rt. 1, Augusta, KS 67010

Once more the banners fly, the trumpets sound--who will win the sword of Valor this year?

Fighting--dancing--gnoshes--Arts & Sciences--feasting--archery--revelry. All this and more at the 18th Valor Tournament.

- Fighting:** Saturday will be a day of war as the Balkan Peoples defend their lands from the Turks. A Torchlight Bearpit Fight will be held that night, with prizes awarded to Most Chivalrous and Best Death. Sunday will be the day of tournaments, when the winner of Valor is determined.
- Archery:** Archers may participate in a variety of shoots throughout the weekend, culminating in the Valor shoot on Sunday.
- A&S:** Artisans may compete with their Best Armor, Best Woodcut, Best Open on an Eastern European or Turkish Theme, Best Period Campsite, Best Fancy Garb at the Ball. Entries other than Best Garb & Encampment are due in at 2:00pm Saturday.
- Children's Activities:** Children's classes and activities. Babysitting will be provided at specific hours posted with the schedule at Troll.
- Food:** The hungry can belly up to the tavern for sustenance until Sunday, when a sumptuous Eastern Europe three-remove feast will be held. Refreshments will be served (free!) at the Ball on Saturday. If you have dietary restrictions, please contact the Feastocrat or the TavernKeeper in advance.
- Misc.:** All and sundry are invited to a Dress Ball held Saturday evening, with live musicians. Refreshments will be served, and a competition for Best Fancy Garb will be held. Dance classes will be held Saturday afternoon.
- Camping:** There will be an area set aside for period camping, as there will be a competition for Best Period Encampment. There will be plenty of acreage for everyone else. The swimming pool will be open during scheduled times posted at Troll. This is a Boy Scout Camp, ergo, this is a dry site.

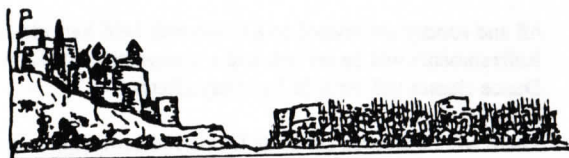
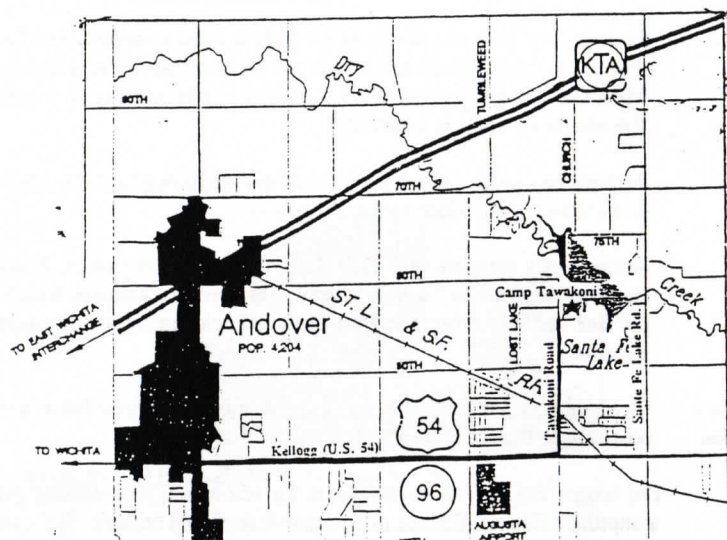


Site Fee: \$7 - \$1 off with proof of membership. No differentiation in day trip or  
 12 and under - free; Family Cap of \$18 camping.  
 Feast Fee: \$6. Feast is restricted to 100.  
 Please make checks payable to "SCA - Barony of Vatavia"

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## Baronial Birthday Bash and Champions' Event

July 12, 1997

Come and celebrate Vatavia's birthday with a day of tournaments and revelry. The site will be Tailifer Farm. The site opens at 5:00p.m. Friday, July 11. The event will take place on Saturday, and Sunday will be regional fighter and archery practice. MoC activities will be provided. This is a camping event. No site fees!!!

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Event Steward-Lady Cerridwyn  
 mka Deborah Billings  
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Fighter: Type of tournament will depend on number of entrants. Bring all toys.

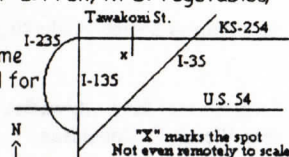
A&S: Must submit one science and two arts OR two sciences and one art. Middle level from kingdom tri-level criteria will be used for all entrants. Open to all categories.

Archery: Several shoots with overall score determining the winner.

Bardic: One prose and two verse OR two prose and one verse. To be performed at feast.

Feast: Potluck. The barony will provide beverages, ground beef, and a grill. Please feel free to bring any meats you would care to grill for you and your family. Bring enough for six according to your SCA first name: A-E: Breads and Cheeses, F-L: Fruit, M-S: Vegetables, and T-Z: Desserts.

All may enter but only Vatavians may become baronial champions. Prizes will be provided for highest scoring non-Vatavians.



Their Excellencies will be meeting with Their polling orders.



From Your R.U.S.H. Regent

Greetings unto the Seneschals and Populaces of the Southwest Regency of RUSH from Lady Eleanor ferch Rhiwallon, your regent. I pray this missive finds you all well and prosperous, enjoying the warmth that graces these Calon Lands.

First, I would like to thank Master Alan Smythe of Darkdale for all his fine work the last two years in ensuring the continued success of RUSH in our area and throughout the kingdom. We are greatly enriched by those in Calontir who encompass the spirit of the great, ever-soaring falcon as he does.

As you may know, RUSH, the kingdom college, rotates between five regencies/ campuses: Northeast, Northwest, Central, Southeast, and (my personal favorite) Southwest. The time is rapidly approaching for the Southwest area to host a RUSH session. If your group is interested in hosting the January 1998 (preferably late January) session, please send me two copies of your official group bid by June 30. I have enclosed site guidelines on what is essential to run the successful RUSH sessions we've all come to know and love. I realize January looks to be a long way off on the calendar with Lilies, graduations, and summer vacation knocking at our doors, but when we consider the time it takes to locate an appropriate site, draw up contracts, set class schedules, and meet *Mews* deadlines so to meet the populace's needs (plus actually take care of life outside of the SCA!!), we can readily see that January is not that far off at all.

Also, ever wanted to teach a RUSH class? Now would be a great time. Go ahead and do it! You'll be among friends, and we'll help you out. After all, what's the fun of RUSH if there's not someone out there sharing their knowledge and skills with us? Please note that RUSH is not sitting in a classroom and listening to a lecture, but an opportunity to discuss ideas with people who share your interests, fight with that one fighter you've always wanted to learn from, or try your hand at that nifty project with the Laurel who made it famous.

Please contact me with any questions or concerns you may have with teaching, hosting, or regarding RUSH in general. I'll do my very best to assist. I am looking forward to serving you for the next two years.


In service to Society, Calontir, and the ever brightening flame of knowledge,

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