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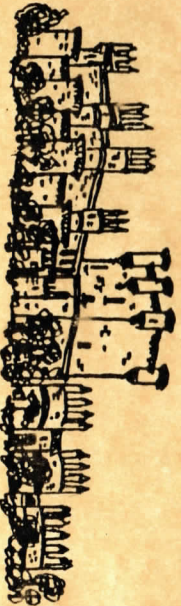


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FROM THE BARONAGE

Unto the Populace of Vatavia comes this missive from Gabriel and Rhianwen, the Baronage of these fair lands.

The Winter months are treating us kindly so far, save for some illness in our household that is hard to shake. Still, we are very proud of the Barony for the hard work they put into our Champions Event, especially to the new Champions; Roderick, Otoshi, Cerridwyn, and Raymond. They shone in their areas and showed both us and our out of town guests how we here in Vatavia support all aspects of the SCA.

Next weekend is RUSH in Westumbria, and Her Excellency would like to remind everyone that in addition to the fine courses of study available at this event, she is sponsoring the tabard-o-rama extravaganza, making upwards of thirty tabards for the kingdom of Calontir. She could use all the help she can find for this endeavor, and hopes to see many of you there.

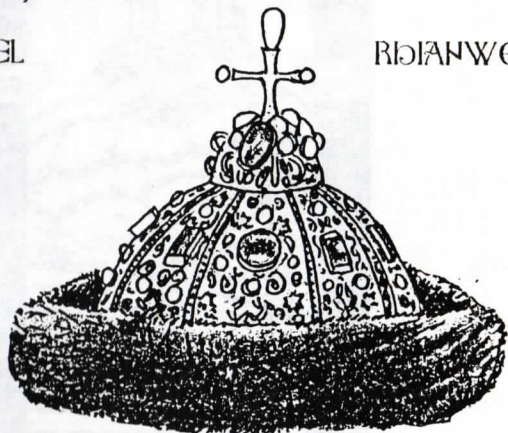
There is one other thing happening this month that we need help with, being the Baronial workday scheduled for the 31st.

There is a flier elsewhere in this newsletter concerning this, but the most important thing is to inform Ly. Christine that you are attending so we know how many to feed. It's going to be a fun day for all, if His Excellency can keep his feet out of the nails!

Hoping that all of you are keeping your New Year resolutions, we remain.....

GABRIEL

RHIANWEN



The Cap of Monomach c.1498

FROM THE SENESCHALE

Greetings are warmly extended unto Their Excellencies Gabriel and Rhianwen and the good populace of Vatavia from your humble servant, Lady Eleanor ferch Rhiwallon, acting seneschale. I pray this missive finds all who reads it well and protected from the harsh blasts of cold that haunt these Dragonfly lands.

A great big thank you to Lady Sibeal O'hOgain for orchestrating yet another fine Vataavian Yule Potluck. Everything was beautifully presented. His Grace's crab fettuccini was to die for as always. There were so many excellent dishes!

Champions was a great success! Many thanks to the outgoing champions Jovan, Corrigan, Fergus, and Ruadrich for a job well done. Welcome to the new champions Cerridwyn, Otoshi, Raymond, and Ruadrich (is there a little *deja vu* there?). Thank you for your willingness to serve the populace of Vatavia.

Their Excellencies and I will be accepting bids to autocrat Valor through February populace. If you have any questions about autocratting or how to write a bid, please talk to one of us.

Please offer your assistance to HL Brialen and Lady Ala as they prepare to autocrat our kingdom event in February. This is our chance to shine as a barony for all of Calontir. We have many individuals who shine in their chosen areas (fighting, service, artisan, archery, etc). With the Jan. 24 RUSH in Westumbria (an excellent day trip event) and our own upcoming event, now is an excellent time to submit award recommendations about those individuals you feel should be recognized for their accomplishments and contributions. Please let Their Excellencies know whom you have submitted awards for so they may be prepared to answer any questions the Crown may ask them.

Eleanor

FROM THE CALTROP CLERK

Unto the Citizens of Vatavia doth HL Annys de Vernun of Kettering, Caltrop Clerk, send greetings this Feast of Saint Peter of Canterbury, AS XXXII. Please accept the following report.

The Laurel Queen of Arms, at her October 1997 meeting, registered the following proposal from a Vatavian citizen:

Duncan Mac Cracken. Device: Or, a bend sinister azure between three fish haurient reversed per pale vert and gules and a brown bear rampant proper.

Saker, Submissions Herald for Calontir, sent a Letter of Intent to Laurel, Queen of Arms, dated 30 Jan 98. That letter included the following proposals by Vatavian Citizens:

Cerridwen Eurgledde ferch Owain ap Fychan o'r Glyndyfrdwy; change of name from Cerridwen Eurgledde ferch Owain, registered 8/97; and new device: Sable, in chief an open book Or, overall a sword proper.

Orabella Grainne O' Briain. Name.

Ruaidridh de Graham. Name.

If you have any comments or questions about these actions taken by Laurel, Queen of Arms and Saker Herald, please feel free to contact me at 755-1917 between 7pm and 10pm.

I hope this missive finds all in Good Heart and Good Health.

I remain in service to Vatavia,

Annys

FROM THE CHRONICLER

Unto the matchless Vatavians:

This is likely the last Dragonflyre you will receive from my own personal scriptorium for a few months, as certain reproductive matters are rapidly coming to a resolution. Other amazing gentles are leaping into the fray to make sure you are not deprived

This issue also sees the introduction of a new column, "Madame Manners." This is intended to address any questions about court etiquette, SCA behavior, etc., that we all wanted to know but were too embarrassed to ask. Of course, Madame Manners will answer real questions and keep the identity confidential. All questions may go to either me or Her Excellency Rhianwen. We would really like it if you could get these to us via e-mail. My address is ragnar@feist.com.

In service to the Dream,

ΟΟΠΟΙΔΕ ΤΗΕ ΣΤΙΜ



FROM THE EXCHEQUER

All Baronial financial information is freely available to members of the populace. Interested parties need only call to make an appointment to view any records.

Our current balance is \$4317.06.

I am seeking a successor. Anyone interested in this position, please contact me, Their Excellencies, and the Seneschale.

Alcyoncus de Battenhelm

FROM THE KNIGHT MARSHAL

Unto the gentle populace of Vatavia come these warm greetings from Takahara Otoshi, Knight Marshal.

Estrella is just around the corner! By now we should have our muster together and the Dragonfly is prepared to soar beneath the Falcon Banner as we join our brethren in the Estrella desert. If you still want to attend Estrella and haven't made final arrangements, contact me or Baroness Rhianwen, and we'll see what can be done to get you to Estrella.

We will have two indoor practices in February. These will be held on the first and third Sundays at Hyde Park, located just south and east of Douglas and Hydraulic (same place as Populace) As I will be at Estrella on the second fighter practice, I am asking for a warranted marshal who would be willing to attend practice on that date. (*Editor's note: This has changed--The fighter practices on February 1 and 15 will be held from 1:00-5:00 at Aley Park. Bldg. on South Seneca.*)

Speaking of warranted marshals, I strongly encourage anyone who wants to authorize as a marshal to do so as soon as possible. I will do all that is in my power to assist in preparing you for the authorization, which is relatively simple. The process is very similar to authorizing as a fighter, just a bit more involved. And, you do not have to be an authorized fighter to be a marshal. After you become authorized, then all it takes to receive a warrant is to submit two successive quarterly reports and receive the approval of the Earl Marshal.

In service to Vatavia, Calontir, and the Dream,

Takahara Otoshi

FROM THE PROPERTY MISTRESS

Good Gentles:

Your Property Mistress humbly begs the help of the populace. As it is winter, now is the time to look over the baronial property and make repairs in anticipation of the spring events. One person cannot do this alone; thus I invite the populace to come out and help repair the items on Saturday, January 31 1998 from 9am to 5pm at Minisa Park Building. Please RSVP to my mechanical secretary (943-1879) or send a message to thebarrs@feist.com if you intend to help. There will be projects that are just right for you!

In service,

Christine Joye Stewart



GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attention: Anyone who may have found a white AOD cord with two augmentation leaves adorning it please call Lady Cerridwyn at (316)524-0478. It fell from her belt at the November Populace at Kiwanis Park.

Thanks to everyone who contributed food stuffs for the Christmas Food Drive. The SCA, Barony of Vatavia donated 135lbs of food to the Kansas Food Bank. Vivat!

Archery Practice is at Archery Plus, Sundays at 3pm February 1 and 15. Thrown weapons will be held, weather permitting, but

one must call Michael Van Burgen at 721-1955 or Tristan Rory de Jorz at 265-9825 for the time and place on February 8 and 22.

Armoring is held at His Excellency Gabriel's house. Call Ld. Otoshi at 267-3456 for details

Bardic is held the last Monday of the month. Call Lord Jovan at 682-7346 for more information, or Cerridwen at 524-0478.

Calligraphy and Illumination continues at Wheat Shocker Apartments on WSU campus. Class goes from 7:30 to 9:00-ish, the first Thursday of each month. Any questions, please contact Corrigan MacKenzie at 945-1536. (This is a new number!)

Costuming/Fiber Arts occurs on the third Monday of each month. Call Ly. Aobhainn at 683-7425 if you have questions.

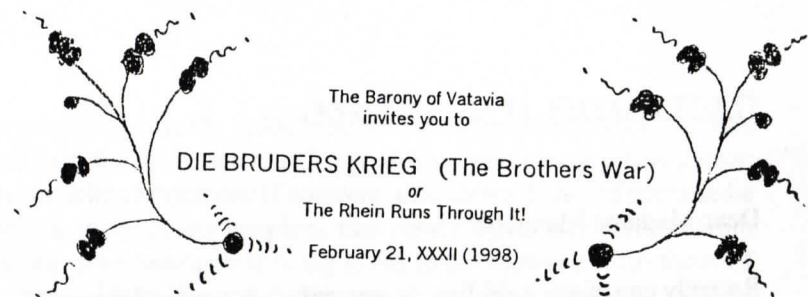
Leatherworking will be held concurrent with Fiber Arts in the lower level of the building. Please contact Ruaidridh de Graham for details at 683-7425.

European dance is held each Wednesday night at St. James Episcopal Church, at 7:30. Please call Lady Eliane at 265-2507 for more information.

Indoor fighter practice on February 1 and 15 will be held from 1:00-5:00 at Aley Park. Bldg. on South Seneca.

A position exists for a dynamic go-getter with a sparkling personality within the Barony of Vatavia. Knowledge of heraldic colors a plus. Must be willing to act out new heraldry OR be able to con His Excellency Gawayne into doing it instead. Contact Her Excellency Brialen, Vativian Herald, at 524-0917.

Anyone interested in any information concerning the SCA or in becoming a member of the SCA, please contact Cerridwen at 524-0478.



The Barony of Vatavia
invites you to

DIE BRUDERS KRIEG (The Brothers War)

or
The Rhein Runs Through It!

February 21, XXXII (1998)

Site: Camp Ta-Wa-Ko-Ni, Rt. 1, Augusta, KS 67010 (same site as Valor Tourny) site opens 8:00am and closes 10:30 pm

The legend of Die Bruders Krieg is a combat filled one. It seems Dad arranged that upon his death, his land be split between his two sons. His sons didn't care for this and immediately built castles across the river from each other - and the fighting began. Enter a blonde beauty (looking remarkably like Rhanwen) who promptly captured the desires of both brothers and the fighting really took off. The brothers, will host a resurrection war.

Fighting: Resurrection War or War Over the Daughter of Laurel Lie (lie? never) with Combat Archery allowed.

A & S: Best Rheinland Thing or The Bride's Dowry categories are 1. Landsknecht costuming, 2. Bridal Dowry, 3. Woodworking, and 4. Armoring

Quest: The Niebelungerung or Ring, Ring Who Is the Neibelung? (Are you confused? Come to the event and all will be made clear)

Feast: Rheinland (German) fare. Limited to 100 people.

Site Fee: \$4 (under 12 years old are Free)

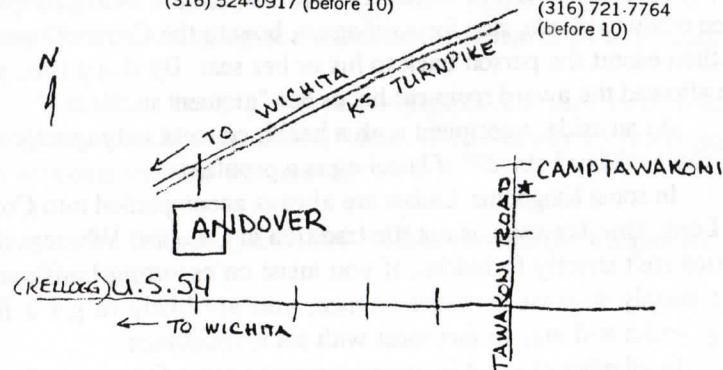
Feast Fee: \$6 per person

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OFFSITE

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Feastocrat: Ala of Featherstone
Carol Jared-Brown
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Wichita, KS 67212
(316) 721-7764
(before 10)



MADAME MANNERS

Dear Madame Manners:

Recently one of my good friends was called into court by herself. She is not in the best of health, and I know she has trouble walking sometimes. I felt like maybe I should have helped her up, but I hadn't been the one called up. Are there any exceptions made in cases like that?

Cautious Courtier

Dear Cautious Courtier:

In the spirit of chivalry, it is certainly proper for you to escort a person into Court who has trouble walking as long as the person welcomes the assistance. Just after the person is called, you might whisper to him or her, "May I assist you?"

When you arrive at the front of Court, you should bow to the Crown (or Their representative, in the case of a Baronial Court), and then step back to the front row while the person receives his or her award. At this point, it's a good idea for you to sit or squat in order to avoid obscuring the view of those behind you. When the award recipient is then ready to recede, step forward again, bow to the Crown/Coronet, and then escort the person back to his or her seat. By doing this, you have allowed the award recipient his or her "moment in the sun".

As an aside, a recipient with a health concern may quietly ask the Crown, "May I stand?" if kneeling is a problem.

In some Kingdoms, Ladies are always accompanied into Court by a Lord. This, however, is not the tradition in Calontir. Whereas this practice isn't strictly forbidden, if you insist on escorting Ladies into Court simply because they are women, you are likely to get a few strange looks and may in fact meet with some resistance.

In all other cases, it is inappropriate to come forward in Court

if you are not specifically called. The person being called into Court has worked long and hard, and the Crown or Coronet feels that this person deserves public recognition. If someone else comes forward because he or she is a friend of the recipient, that person's presence detracts from the public acknowledgment being given to the recipient. The focus of the audience shifts from the recipient to the extra person while they wonder, "Why is that person there?"

Dear Madame Manners:

I've finally gone to one kingdom event, and something I saw there puzzled me a lot. When the thrones were up but nobody was in them, I still saw people bowing to the thrones as they passed by. Could you tell me what that's about?

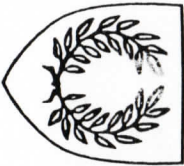
Curious in Calontir

Dear Curious:

In Calontir, it is the tradition to acknowledge and pay respect to the Crown, even in the absence of the actual King and Queen. Bowing to the thrones is a display of respect to the Royal Presence and to the Kingdom. A mundane analog to this sign of respect would be standing during the singing of the National Anthem prior to a baseball game.

All of this bowing and curtseying plays a very large role in creating a medieval atmosphere, which is one of our common goals when we come together for an event.

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1 Indoor Fighter Practice - 1:00 Archery Practice - 3:00	2	3 Armoring - 6:30ish	4 Officers - 7:00 Dance Pract	5	6	7
8 Regular fighter practice - contact the Fighter Marshal Thrown Weapons Practice - See Announcements	9	10 Armoring - 6:30ish	11 Dance Pract	12	13	14
15 Indoor Fighter Practice - 1:00 Archery Practice - 3:00	16 Costuming & Fiber Arts - 7:00 Leatherworking - 7:00	17 Armoring - 6:30ish	18 Popular Meets	19	20	21
22 Regular fighter practice - contact the Fighter Marshal Thrown Weapons Practice - See Announcements	23 Bardic - 7:00	24 Armoring - 6:30ish	25 Dance Pract	26	27	28

February 1998

CALONTIR AWARD RECOMMENDATION

Award: _____

Date: _____

Society Name: _____

Modern Name: _____

Address: _____

Group: _____ Events Attending: _____

Recommended By:

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Comments: _____

★ CROWN RESPONSE ★

Date Received: _____ Awards Checked? _____
Action Taken: _____
Date Given: ____/____/____ Event: _____
Royalty Presenting Award: _____
Official Reason for Award: _____

Comments: _____

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	Thu	FRI	SAT
Meeting Ice - 7:30	5 Calligraphy & Illumination - 7:30	6	7
Ice - 7:30	12	13	14
Ice - 7:00	19	20	21 Das Bruders Kreig Die See Flyer
Ice - 7:30	26	27	28

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I understand that the SCA does NOT provide any insurance coverage for my person or my property. I acknowledge that I am responsible for my safety and my own health care needs, and for the protection of my property.

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This Release shall be binding upon myself, successors in interest, and/or any person(s) suing on my behalf.

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KINGDOM CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

07-08	Costume Seminar	Cum An Iolar, S. Johnson Cty MO
	Winter Challenge	Oakheart, Springfield MO
14-15	All's Fair in Love & War	Ivory Keep, Hannibal MO
14-17	Estrella Wars	Atenveldt
21-22	Das Bruders Kreig	Vatavia, Wichita KS
28-29	Chieftans	Three Rivers, St. Louis MO

MARCH

07-08	Caloncon	Standing Stones, Columbia MO
11-15	Gulf Wars	Meridics
	Event	Deodar, Cedar Rapids IA
21-22	Queen's Prize	Aston Tor, Eastern Jackson Cty MO
28-29	Baronial Anniversary	Forgotten Sea, KC metro area

APRIL

04-05	Reserved for Coronation	TBA
18-19	Ceilidh	Dun Ard, Leavenworth KS
25-26	RUSH	Lonely Tower, Omaha NE

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THE CONTINUING HISTORY OF VATAVIA:

VATAVIA TAKES OVER A WAR

Friar Thomas Bacon

In the month of June in the year ASXVI, 1981 of the common era, V'tavia marched to war on the shores of Oologah Reservoir. The forces of Calontir, numbering only a little over thirty, reinforced only by King Hugo and a knight from Ohio, faced the might of Ansteorra, eighty strong, including most of their chivalry.¹

Undeterred, Calontir took the field and was holding its own in the open melee, until the Red Horde of Stargate outflanked the V'tavian shield wall and collapsed the line.² While the first use that was the seed of the now-famous Calontir shield wall failed, revenge was quick.

In the bridge melee, once the flying pink elephants were disposed of, the shield wall thwarted all efforts of the Ansteorran to get past.³ The battle ended with Baron Humpk fighting Count Jonathon, with Humpk being cheered by friend and foe alike.⁴ The afternoon ended with individual challenges. The outcome of the war was inconclusive; though in many minds, the true victors were the chiggers, who plagued the whole population.⁵

Court that night, V'tavia made her own. It started by having Ld. Humpk and Ly. Mammara invested as Baron and Baroness. And then no less than thirteen V'tavians were called to receive their Award of Arms.⁶ And toward the back of the crowd, haunted the spirit of Ld. Cire.⁷

The reveling that evening was high-spirited, lasting far into the night. There was a short kissing plague⁸, dancing again broke out in the road, ensnaring the likes of Robert Legsalot the Ranger, and a companion whose name is now forgotten.⁹

The revel resumed the following evening, as the King and Queen made their formal visit to V'tavia. There the King showed us some new dance steps¹⁰, and the body and spirit of Ld. Cire were reunited.¹¹

1. The reasons date to the year before at the first Middle Kingdom-Ansteorra war. Held near Grimfells, the Middle Kingdom chivalry angered Ansteorra by insisting that the Ansteorran fighters be re-authorized to Middle Kingdom standards, including the knights. Ansteorra fully intended to avenge that insult at this war and so came in force. That the Middle Kingdom did not show up is one of the reasons why there were no further wars. Fortunately Ansteorra did not transfer its anger to Calontir fighters. This experience forms part of the background of the Interkingdom peace several years later.
2. The Red Horde was a unit of shield and pike men who practiced regularly to a level of discipline that would have made units of the real military proud. They were all dressed in a livery of red, hence the name. They were held back while groups of lesser experienced fighters were sent and broken against the shield line. The line consisted of only five wall shields and was extended of regular shieldmen. King Hugo's intention was for the shield line to hold the attention of the Ansteorran army, while he led what would now be called a cavalry unit into the rear to capture the flag, sacrificing the shield line. As it was, the cavalry unit was quickly demolished while the

shield line held until the Red Horde was sent in. Their presence was noticed, but as the line was engaged with another unit on its front, the shield line was unable to refuse the flank to meet the charge. One fighter remarked that it was chilling to watch the precision with which the Horde moved down to using the pikes in unison.

3. Calontir took the now-standard tactic of setting up a defensive position at one end of the bridge, letting the enemy charge them. The five wall shields made up the first rank. The Ansteorran front loaded their charge with "dwarves" (fighter who weighed over 300lbs in armor), most of whom wore red. Leading the charge was Sir Finn Kelly O'Donnell, Dragomyr of Morkywaid, and a third remembered only as Sir Twinkletoes--as he was the lightest. As they charged the line, Dragomyr and Twinkletoes had the sudden bright idea of throwing Sir Finn over the shield wall to break it down to Sir Finn's ignorance. So as they approached the wall, they grabbed Sir Finn by the elbows and heaved him over. On the receiving end was David the Silent who was one of the smallest and slightest of the V'tavian fighters. It was estimated that the ensuing pileup, where he was at the bottom, amounted to over a ton of fighter and armor. Fortunately for David, V'tavia had recently acquired access to a sheet metal roller and so had changed the design of the wall shields from sheets of plywood to the now familiar bowed sheets of aluminum. David was small enough that he could lie flat enough that the edges of the shield touched the ground--thus the shield acted as an arch supporting all the weight above him. As it was, his leg armor had to be literally pried off of him, and his cup had inverted. And while he was done fighting for the day, he sustained no injury. It was several years before

these details became known. But it appeared to the observers at the time that the three jumped on the shield wall. And while the marshals immediately called "hold," it was nearly a minute before all the fighters could respond and the pile began disassembling. Once it was ascertained that David was OK, long discussions were held on what to do next. It was finally decided to restart the bridge battle, after admonishing the Ansteorran about jumping, and the remaining battle scenarios were called off. As Calontir went on to win the bridge battle, each side had a victory and so the war was officially a draw. One further comment: as a tactic, flying pink elephants was a disaster. While the shield wall was breached, the hole became a bottle neck, and as the Ansteorran fighters attempted to go through, they were being killed by the secondaries, which created the huge pile on David. By the time everyone responded to the Hold, nearly half the Ansteorran army had been killed with virtually no losses to Calontir.

4. Jonathon DeLaufyson Macebearer was the first king of Ansteorra. However, he took very seriously the idea that the king's word is law, and ruled in a sufficiently arbitrary manner that he became widely disliked. Humpk was becoming widely known, and his charisma won over most of whom he met. The battle did not hinge on this fight as the Ansteorran army had been destroyed with few losses to Calontir. SO effective was the shield wall that the fighters in the back ranks were complaining about missing out on the fun. Jonathon was the last Ansteorran standing, so Humpk offered single combat--thus setting up the bizarre scene of Ansteorra and Calontir alike cheering on Humpk.

5. One final note: before the battles, the Ansteorran

fighters looking at the wall shields ridiculed them as being unmaneuverable. We found this amusing as the "barn doors" that they were using as shields were not that much smaller. Of course, theirs were strapped as regular shields while ours were set up as Roman scutum. We mostly ignored their jibes. Nothing was ever said after the battles.

6. The Ansteorran king bestowed a Knighthood (Riccardo), a Star of Merit (Blackfox), three thistles and nine AOA's. The Midrealm king, besides investing Humpk and Mammara as Baron and Baroness of V'tavia, bestowed seventeen AOA's, thirteen of which went to V'tavians. Of these seventeen, only Alix Coeurbois and myself are active in Calontir, and one other in Ansteorra,

7. Cire (Edward Greymoor) was unable to travel to the war because of previous commitments. So Tym the Mysterious sketched a life-sized likeness on a piece of paper, which he held in the back of the crowd during court.

8. As we were all young back then, and the war was the first major event for us, along with the successes of the field and court rendered most pretty giddy. The V'tavian ladies were handing out their congratulations in the form of kisses, often more than once.

9. Robert Legsalot and his companion were the park rangers making their rounds when they came to the SCA encampment. Such was our enthusiasm that it was over an hour later before they could escape the celebrations and continue. Not that they seemed to mind the attentions of the young ladies.

10. The side kick often seen as the final step in the side stepping sequences of the various bransles (known as the Burgundian kick) was first taught in V'tavia by His

- Majesty.
11. Rannock Glen-Iver and I performed a little mock ceremony involving Cire and his portrait. This was the first of many quasi-religious rituals I performed over the years.

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OFFICER'S MEETING January 7, 1998

19 members attended: 16 officers/deputies/champions; 3 members of the populace (one a small)

Events were discussed. Last minute details for the Champions' event included scrolls and prizes were covered. The Perfectly Period Party will be January 31st for those members who will be involved. Das Bruders Krieg on February 21st has a site reserved. It was requested that anyone helping with the property workday, and attending the Party, also January 31st, be reminded to leave in time to make the Party. Any people interested in autocrating Valor this year needs to have their bids in by the February populace meeting. The Ren Faire Steering Committee will be meeting at the end of this month to finalize recommendations.

A Letter of Intent has been sent to the Laurel Queen of Arms, which contains four Vatavia items. News on the decisions made at the December Laurel's meeting had not yet been received. The new Chatelaine had some operational questions about the SERF line and the status of the new business cards. Work will be starting on a Newcomer's set of handouts. The Treasurer reported on the balance of funds after the purchases made last month for the different interest groups. Other purchases are still to be made. Material and cost estimates were made for the loaner garb project being undertaken by the Costuming interest group.

For those interested, there will be a class on implementing and teaching the Kestrel College presented at RUSH in Westumbria January 24th. There has been a committee of teens established at the Kingdom level to make recommendations for their age group. Ideas for Vatavia were suggested and a meeting will be arranged.

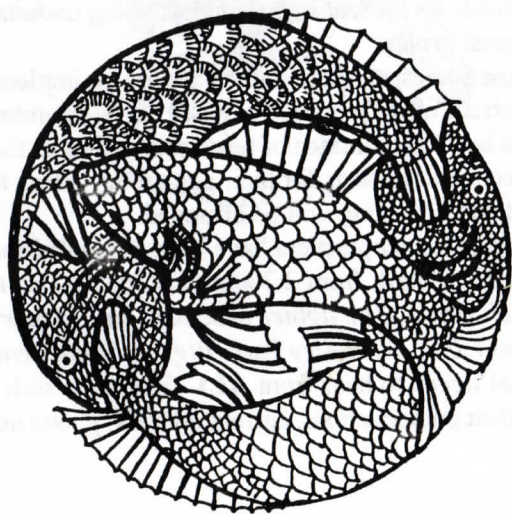
Two indoor fighter practices have been scheduled for February 1st and 15th at Hyde Park from 2:30pm to 6:30pm. (*Editor's Note: This has been changed. The fighter practices on February 1 and 15 will be held from 1:00-5:00 at Aley Park. Blg. on South Seneca.*) The Fighter Marshal *needs* to hear from **ALL** fighters in order to obtain information on their authorizations, current address, phone number, etc.

Currently he has updated information from only 6 fighters. He ask that the populace help make this need known to those unable to attend or those without access to a Dragonflyre. Archery practice continues at Archery Plus. Thrown weapon practice will be determined by the weather. Contact Michael or Tristan concerning this activity. There was a discussion about establishing an official archery practice night for which the Barony would help cover the range fees.

There will be a workday January 31st for the populace to work on the Baronial Property for the upcoming camping and summer event season. A meal will be provided to workers. (See flyer for details.) HL Annys donated a five-gallon drink container she had obtained for use at the last Crown event here.

The Seneschale thanked those who had turned their in reports in a timely manner. The Baronage reminded officers that a copy of their report also needs to be sent to them. They and the Seneschale also asked for award recommendations to be sent in, especially Kingdom level. Our good cousins in Westumbria have several deserving people. The RUSH event offers an opportunity for them to receive recognition. Opportunities for our own populace are possible during Das Bruders Krieg, February 24th. All such recommendations need to be sent to Their Majesties as soon as possible.

The meeting adjourned.



Semi-Annual Baronial Work Day

**Saturday, January 31, 1998
10:00am to 6:00pm
at the Hyde Park Building**

Projects Include:

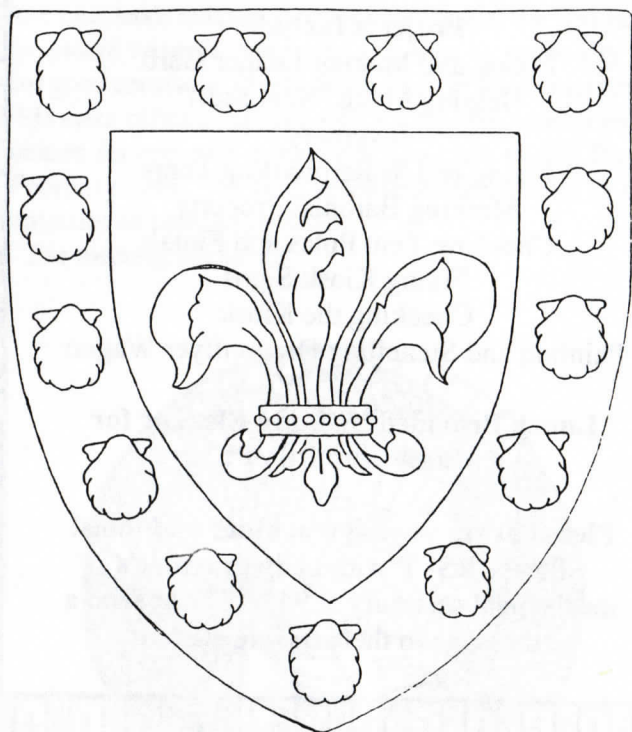
Fixing and Making Loaner Garb
Helping Make "Neat Stuff"
Inventory
Fixing and Waterproofing Tents
Marking Baronial Property
Checking Tent Poles and Finials
Fixing Kiosk Signs
Checking the Kiosk
Painting and Stenciling Dragonflyer Wagon

**Lunch Provided by Lady Eleanor for
those who RSVP!**

Please bring sewing machines and tools!
Please RSVP with Lady Christine's
mechanical secretary at 943-1879 or send a
message to thebarrs@feist.com

Have you seen this device? If you can correctly identify this device, be alert for the summons of the Vativian Caltrop, Her Excellency Brialen, and claim booty from the New World.

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a bordure gules semy of escallops
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BARON Gabriel ap Morgan ap Hywel David Cooper	Boy Duke
BARONESS Rhianwen ferch Bran ap Gruffydd Joan Steurer	269-3853
SENESCHALE Eleanor ferch Rhiwallon Wendy Donaldson	685-8510
ARCHER MARSHALL Ruadrich de Graham Allen Graham	788-8826
CALTROP Brialen Ulfisdottir Vikings Debbie Taylor	524-0917
CHATELAINE Cerridwen o'r Eurgleddde ferch Owain ap Glyndyfrdwy Deborah Billings	524-0478
CHRONICLER Odindisa the Grim Marguerite Reed	269-1574
KNIGHT MARSHALL Takahara Otoshi Tracey Gillaspy	267-3456
HISTORIAN Friar Thomas Bacon David Moreno	685-1182
MOA/MOS Aobhainn na Kildare Kim Shephard	683-7425
MINISTER OF CHILDREN Orabella Grace O'Brien Patti Allen	788-8826
PROPERTY MISTRESS Christine Joye Stewart Jerri Barr	943-1879
TREASURER Alcyoneus du Battenhelm Park McKellop	682-4468