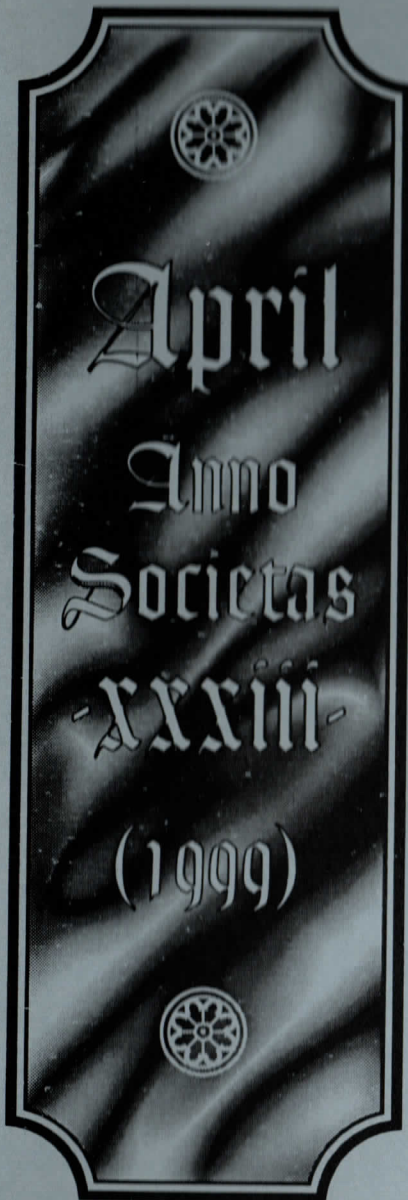


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The Barony of Vatavia

Dragonflyre



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• From the Baronage •

Greetings from Khulan & Kerare, Cherbi and Cherbin of Vatavia.

As winter breaths her last forceful breaths, we give our best wishes of safe travel to those of our populace who go to support our Kingdom at Gulf Wars. We will be attending the Baronial Investiture in Forgotten Sea to give our best wishes and support to our new cousins to the north. We will also be attending the Coronation of Eringlin and Alethea. We encourage all to attend these two events, this is History in the making. It is also the first free event and feast for a Coronation I have ever heard of. Look to the officers reports and diverse announcements for additional subjects of note.

Kansas Newman Renaissance Faire is fast approaching, as is Botanica, a tentative May "Fair", and Champions event. Your help and assistance at these is very important to the success of these activities. Demos provide us with important public relation opportunities and allows us to educate and share our wonderful hobby. We will be having BUSH classes with an emphasis on interaction with the general public, but not limited to this subject alone. We would like to see as many of the populace there as possible. We will also be having two populace meetings in April: **Regular - Wed. the 14th**; and **Special set-up - Fri. the 23rd** in order to accomplish all that is involved with Ren Faire.

We close this letter with the hope that the fields will soon begin to green and our people will prosper.

Khulan
Cherbi



Kerare
Cherbin

Of These Lands That Burn

• From the Seneschale •

My fellow Vatavians,

Even as I sit here, writing this missive to one and all, the falcon cries, calling for her forces to journey south and join with Their Majesties to defend those lands. I am honored and humbled to again be able to travel to a foreign kingdom. I am ecstatic that so many of members of the Calon Army can answer the call. By the time you read this, we will have returned with our laden war wagons, to the warmth of kith and kin.

Matters close to home press most deeply on my mind, for it is a time of great and dynamic change for our fair barony. The positions of Minister of Children and Chirurgeon remain unfilled and are much needed by the gentle populace. The Botanica and Newman Renaissance Faire demos approach rapidly. Even though it seems distant, Valor, too is close at hand. Through the fantastic service of the Ren Faire Committee and the commitment of the officers and those individuals who attend the officers' meeting, we have begun to evaluate how the barony "does business." Are we meeting the needs of our Kingdom, and of the local populace? Should we continue with the Ren Faire demo and if we do, how does our role change? Should Valor continue after this one? Should it be Labor Day weekend or another? Is how we have done things really what is best for all or a matter of habit?

I ask you all to give these matters careful thought and let Their Excellencies, myself, and the other baronial officers know your thoughts. Written comments really help some of our memories, so if you would slip us a note, that would be great. Those of you who continue to serve as committee members and officers, thank you for your continued dedication and service. I know how difficult change can be. Your patience and diligence are appreciated.

In humble service,

Eleanor ferch Rhiwallon

• From the Knight Marshal •

Unto the Gentle Populace of Vatavia come these greetings from Takahara Otoshi, Knight Marshal.

Many Huzzahs to all the fighters who had way too much fun at Gathering of the Clans on February 20th. Corrigan did a fine job of autocratting the event, Magnus did a wonderful job running the marshalate and Roderick had many fun shoots.

The weather is getting warm again, so everyone can stop bombarding me with indoor fighter practice sites. I'm sorry! Did that sound sarcastic? Nonetheless, fighter practice (weather permitting) will continue at South Linwood park near the south park building. The entrance is off of Mt. Vernon, just east of Hydraulic. Practice will be on Sundays at 1:00. In case of foul spring weather, we will continue to have War College at Ebhan and Alyx's until they tell us otherwise.

As I write this, I know that many of us are preparing for the journey to the south to fight in Gulf wars. As you read this, I hope we return safely with many tales of the prowess of the Vataavian warriors.

Armoring continues on Tuesday evenings at the Baronial Armory, starting around 7:00 pm. The activity as of late has been very promising and rewarding. When the weather warms up a bit and we have more daylight, we will start Tuesday evening basic Sword and Shield practice again. Stay tuned for further details.

I hope to have an updated Calontir Marshal's Handbook from Calon Con. Please contact me so I can notify you of any changes or updates.

Finally, I regret to announce that I will be accepting a position in Topeka. A slim possibility remains that I may not get hired. However, if I do get the position, I will be leaving Vatavia in mid-April. The Baronage has made it known that they wish to receive letters of intent from anyone who wishes to fill the position of Knight Marshal. The deadline for letters will be the beginning of the April officers' meeting.

In service to Vatavia, Calontir, and the Dream,

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• From the Chatelaine •

Greetings, fair gentles of Vatavia.

The office of the Chatelaine encompasses all public relations work. This includes all demonstrations given through our SCA group.

In order to maintain accurate demo files, all demonstrations need to go through the Chatelaine's office. When and if the demonstration is agreed upon on by Their Excellencies and the Seneschale, and the demonstration is done, I need a report from the autocrat of said demonstration. They are then put in my demo file.

These are necessary for reports to Kingdom level as well as an excellent reference file. Your cooperation will be very much appreciated and will help to keep Vatavia the great Barony that it is.

Also, we have received an invitation from Lady Amanda Dake. We have the opportunity to have our coats of arms displayed on the armorial site. This site is dedicated to the citizens of Calontir. If you wish your coat of arms to be displayed, the site address is:
<http://www.geocities.com/athens/styx/3384/>

Y Qwasanaeth,

Lady Cerridwyn

• From the Chronicler •

Unto the Populace of Vatavia comes this missive from Corrigan Mackenzie.

As the winds of winter still blow fiercely, I hope all have been warm and comfortable in front of their fires, wrapped in soft furs...or for those that like that sort of thing, braving the elements for a bit of fighting, feasting and throwing about of large wooden objects. To what am I referring? Why, the Gathering of the Clans that was this past month. I want to personally thank everyone for coming out to the event, and enjoying a grand Scottish gathering. The weather was actually rather appropriate. As well, I want to thank each and every person who ran activities or lent a hand; it was a fun day... despite flying fruit grenades.

On to the official part of my letter. I realize that it is not always easy to submit a letter, but it would be much appreciated if those officers who have not spoken to the populace in a while were to submit a letter to the *Dragonflyre* to simply let the people of Vatavia know you're still around and to encourage people in the areas that your office covers. This issue, I received more letters than I ever have in the past—Thank You! Remember, this is your forum, and we as officers serve the populace. Let them know you're here.

In Service to the Dream,

Corrigan MacKenzie

• From the Property Mistress •

Greetings unto the populace of Vatavia, from Lady Christine Joye Stewart.

Inventory is being done for the Barony, and we need to know where all our property is. If members of the populace have Baronial property, please contact me no later than March 31st to let me know what property is in your possession. My phone number is 943-1879.

In Service,

Christine Joye Stewart

• ...and from the Populace •

Good Gentles,

If you're a follower of the Chronicles of Brother Cadfael and are planning a trip to England in the future, you may enjoy knowing that there still stands in Shrewsbury the Abbey of Saint Peter and Saint Paul. The Shrewsbury Council and the Abbey of Saint Peter and Saint Paul have created a series of walks so that you may see the castle, St. Giles' Church, the Meole Brook and other locations that have survived since medieval times. The series of walks are part of the Abbey Restoration Project, dedicated to the upkeep of the Abbey of Saint Peter and Saint Paul and the excavation and preservation of the monastery ruins.

If you would like further details contact:

Shrewsbury Abbey Restoration Project
Project Office
1 Holy Cross Houses
Abbey Foregate
Shrewsbury SY2 6BS
U.K.

To help defray the cost, you may wish to include a International Postal Coupon.

Thomas of the Grenewode

→ Thomas →

Anthony Russell



• Announcements & Meetings •

There will be two April Populace Meetings: our regular meeting will be on April 14 at the Student Activity Center on the WSU campus, at 7:00 pm; and on Friday, April 23 at 7:00 pm, for Ren Faire set-up, at Kansas Newman Campus. Please reference the map section of your Wichita Southwestern Bell telephone book. Please call Eleanor at 685-8510 or Khulan and Kerare at 265-9825 if you need information.

Anyone wanting further information about the SCA, please call Lady Cerridwyn at 524-0478.

Officers meeting will be held on April 7, 7:00 p.m., at Dawson United Methodist Church. Please call Eleanor at 685-8510 if you need information.

Winter Archery Practice is on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month at Archery Plus on South Seneca, from 3 until whenever. As the weather permits however, practice will again be at the outdoor site at in Maize at the farm field behind 55th and Maize Road. Contact Lord Roderick at 788-8826, for information and to see about outdoor practices on the 1st and 3rd Sundays.

Fighter Practice continues at South Linwood Park at 1:00 p.m., near the Activity Center. War College occurs at Lord Ebhan and Lady Alyx's house in the event of foul weather. Armoring continue at the Baronial Pell and Armory on Tuesday nights at 6:30 p.m. (Pell Practice is cancelled for the Winter). Please call Lord Otoshi at 267-3456 or Ebhan at 686-4724 for more info.

The Middle Ages Recreation Society (MARS) meeting will be at 6:00 p.m. on the 3rd Thursday of the month at Wheatshocker Apartments. Please contact Lady Elspeth at 978-2722 for more information.

Dance is being held at the Ramada Inn on East Kellogg in the Basement Reception Rooms from 7:00 to 9:00 pm on Sunday Evenings. It will not be held the Sunday after Queen's Prize Tourney. Garb is required, and best behavior is requested. If you don't have garb, we have acquired loaner garb from the Barony which people may use for the evening.

Beginning Middle Eastern Dance is now on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. (*when the banner is flying*) at Khulan and Kerare's, 1815 S. Hydraulic. Call Her Excellency Kerare at 265-9825 for more information.

The next Ren Fair Steering Committee meeting will be March 22, at Foster's Deli, at 7:00 p.m.

On the second Monday of each month there will be a Baronial Archery Class, presented by the Fletcha de Leon household as a service to the Barony. Classes are held at 9400 E. Lincoln, Apt. 613. For information, contact Katya de Leon at 682-1263, or email to boqueron@juno.com.

Bardic is held on the last Monday of each month. In April it will be held on Monday the 26th at 7:00 p.m. at Lady Cerridwyn's home, 3551 S. Walnut. For more information, please call Lady Cerridwyn at 524-0478.

The Welsh Group normally meets on the 4th Thursday of each Month. In April 22nd at Lady Cerridwyn's home, 3551 S. Walnut. Please call Lady Cerridwyn for more information at 524-0478.

Calligraphy and Illumination is held at 1422 N. Topeka (one block east of 13th and Broadway), at 7:00 p.m. on the 1st Thursday of each month. For more information, contact Lord Godrick at 267-4152.

Costuming/Fiber Arts is held on the third Monday of each month at 1739 S. Water, 7:00 p.m. The Costuming/Fiber Arts interest group now has several books and a sewing machine available for loan to members of the populace. Call Lady Sibeal at 265-4643 if you have questions.

There will be a new addition to the Vatavian web site in the coming month. It is search engine that will search for SCA sites only. If you find any web sites that you think should be added, then send the link to vatavia@geocities.com <<mailto:vatavia@geocities.com>> or contact Connor at 267-3456.

Heralds have a short message for the populace, about names and arms:

'SUBMIT TO YOUR HERALDS.'

Lord János is organizing a dance band to accompany the Dragonfly Dancers. If you can play a simple melody on a plausibly period instrument, or can maintain a steady rhythm, then join us. Practices are at 7:00 pm Sundays at János' home. For more information, please contact Lord János at 264-3576 (evenings) or email him at ldjanos@aol.com.

Leather MacBaxter would like to contact the good lady she met at a past Fighter Practice, who makes the cloth dragons with wire tails. If possible, contact her at 733-7756.

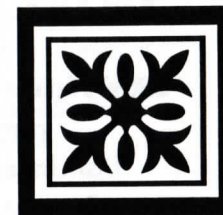
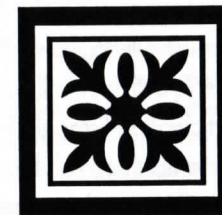
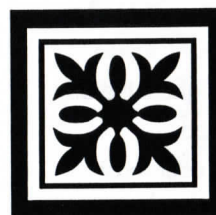
A special thanks to Lord Rhodri ap Hywel and his employer, Printing, Inc. for donating the cover stock for this issue—and many more to come.

Upcoming Events

RUSH will be April 10th. It is specifically geared toward Renaissance Faire, so please attend. The site is the Church of Christ, 600 S. Poplar.

Shakespeare in the Park, the Botanica demo, will be April 22nd. Contact Her Excellency Brialen at 524-0917, for information.

Kansas Newman Renaissance Faire is April 23-25, on the campus of Kansas Newman University. A Newcomer's Meeting will



The Barony of Three Rivers presents:

The Coronation of Eringlin and Alethea

Date: Saturday, April 3rd, 1999

Site: Webster Groves High School, 100 Selma Ave.,
Webster Groves, MO 63119

Schedule of Events:

9:00 am Site Opens

Late morning court at Their Majesties Pleasure
Tourney thereafter

4:00 pm Merchants close

Possible afternoon court.

5:30 pm Feast Begins

10:00 pm Site Closes

SITE RESTRICTIONS & DETAILS:

Showers might be available...

Site is "DRY"!

No Pets allowed. (Working Animals Excepted)

Food and beverages allowed in cafeteria only.

Martial Activities: There will be a 10 point team Melee
during the day.

Men-at-Arms: 2 points Fyrdmen: 3 points

Huscarls: 4 points Chivalry: 5 points

Crash Space & Merchants: Contact Sheiliegh (below) for details.

Arts & Sciences: Show off you scribe! Bring your best scroll to show
off. Prizes for both owner and scribe.

Best Banner: General Display of Oooh and Aaahs - just another
opportunity to show off.

Children's Activities: Children's activities will occur throughout the day,
parental participation Strongly Encouraged.

Dancing: If time permits there will be dancing after feast

Games: Games will be available throughout the day.

A Feast Fit for a King

for 150 to dine above the salt and 200 below the salt

Above the salt feast:

Bread Trees, braided brioche, honey, wheat, white & pumpernickel,
Honey/cinnamon, rosemary butters, sweet mustard spread, Aperitifs,
A layered tureen of meat, vegetables, and herbs, farced eggs with caviar
or pork stuffing, artichoke and cheese bake, Mushrooms stuffed with
shellfish, Fruited Lamb, Lamb on cerulean sauce, a citrus compote in
orange halves, Nesting Quails, quail stuffed with wild rice and apricots,
on a bed of shredded vegetables, The Issue, a stained Glass Cake,
pudding in almond cookies, poached pears

Below the Salt feast:

Hearty meat and vegetable stew, assorted breads, cheese and fruit

Fees: None!

Reservations will be accepted via US Mail,
after March 1st on a first come first serve basis.

Send reservations including modern name(s), and SCA name(s) to:
S.C.A. Inc. - Barony of Three Rivers, P.O.Box 140094,
St. Louis, MO 63114-0094

Reservations will not be accepted over email.

**For questions about this event, crash space,
or to reserve merchant space, contact:**

Hall Steward: Sheileigh M'Lanagan (Bernadette O'Neill)
314.727.2939 bunny@stlnet.com

For questions about the feast, contact:

Feast Steward: Fiondel Songspinner (Michelle Heitman)
314.535.0175 fiondel@fastrans.net

Directions to the Coronation of Eringlin and Alethea

From I-44: Exit at Elm. Head north on Elm 0.2 miles to Big Bend Rd. Turn right
on Big Bend. Go 0.5 to Selma Ave. Turn left onto Selma. Go 0.2 mile to Webster
High School on Right. **From I- 61/I-64/ US 40:** Exit at Hanley Road South.

Take Hanley Rd south, proceed 0.7 miles (at which point the road changes its
name to Laclede Station) - keep going! Proceed an additional 1.5 miles on
Laclede Station to Big Bend. Turn right onto Big Bend. Go 0.6 miles to a stop sign
with a fork in the road (at Lockwood). Bear left and continue on Big Bend an
additional 0.8 miles to Selma. Turn right on Selma.
Go 0.2 mile to Webster High School on Right.

Drive safely. We look forward to your visit!

April - Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Easter Day Fighter Practice 1:00 p.m. European Dance 7:00 p.m.	4	Armoring 6:30 p.m.	6 Officers Meeting 7:00 p.m.
Fighter Practice 1:00 p.m. Archery Practice 2:00 p.m. European Dance 7:00 p.m.	11	Armoring 6:30 p.m.	13 Populace Meeting 7:00 p.m.
Fighter Practice 1:00 p.m. European Dance 7:00 p.m.	18	Costuming and Fiber Arts 7:00 p.m.	19 Armoring 6:30 p.m.
Kansas Newman Renaissance Faire Vatavia Wichita, Kansas	25	Bardic Practice 7:00 p.m.	26 Armoring 6:30 p.m.

Calontir Arts and Sciences Championship Registration Form

S.C.A Name _____

Modern Name _____ Phone # _____

Address _____

Category # 1 _____ Art _____ Science _____

Description _____

Category # 2 _____ Art _____ Science _____

Description _____

Tri-Levels Registration Form

S.C.A. Name _____

Modem Name _____ Phone # _____

Address _____

Category of Entry _____

Description _____

Level at which you wish to enter this item (circle one only)

Novice

Intermediate

Advanced

Group Affiliation (for inclusion with Proponent entries) _____

Written entries (research papers, poetry, prose, etc.) must be **IN HAND** by June 10th, 1999, and include 3 copies of the item. All other entries must be in by June 15th, 1999. Please mail all entries to :

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C/O Sharon Arndt
8000 Halsey
Lenexa, KS 66215
(913) 888-9468

Calendar of Events

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Calligraphy and Illumination 7:00 p.m. Beginners' Middle Eastern Dance 7:00 p.m.	2	3 The Coronation of Eringlin and Alethea Forgotten Sea Webster Groves, MO
7 Competing	8 Beginners' Middle Eastern Dance 7:00 p.m.	9	10 BUSH Vatavia Wichita, KS Y Ask Y Lonely Tower Omaha, NE
14 Competing 1	15 Middle Ages Recreation Society (MARS) 7:00 p.m. Beginners' Middle Eastern Dance 7:00 p.m.	16	17 Ceilidh Dun Ard Leavenworth, KS Beltain Mag Mor Lincoln, NE Highland Spring Fling Calanais Nuadh Rolla, MO
21	22 Welsh Group 7:00 pm Beginners' Middle Eastern Dance 7:00 p.m.	23 Kansas Newman Renaissance Faire Vatavia Wichita, Kansas Populace Meeting 2 7:00 p.m.	24 Kansas Newman Renaissance Faire Vatavia Wichita, Kansas Spring RUSH Axed Root - Ames, IA The Second Spring Fasching Forgotten Sea Kansas City Metro Area
28	29 Beginners' Middle Eastern Dance 7:00 p.m.	30	

Category # 3

Art

Science

Description

Group Affiliation (for inclusion with proponent entries)

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THE SHIRE OF STANDING STONES
CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO

Crown Tournament Weekend

May 28th - 31st, 1999

Silver Meadows Girl Scout Camp

Highlights

- 🏹 Camping all weekend
- 🏹 Crown Tourney
- 🏹 Fighting & Tournaments on Sunday
- 🏹 Archery shoots including 3-D targets
- 🏹 Equestrian Activities
All horses must have a negative Coggins certificate (bring an extra copy) and horses crossing state lines must have a health certificate. The site has no stabling facilities.
- 🏹 Medieval Games
- 🏹 Feast
Seating is limited so pre-registration is highly recommended. Anyone with dietary restrictions should contact the feast steward.
- 🏹 Dancing at the Investiture Ball
- 🏹 Bonfire & Revelry

Event Steward:

Lady Kaitriona MacKynna (Katie Burton)
4701 Sussex Drive
Columbia, MO 65203
(573) 446-5924
kburton@mail.coin.missouri.edu

Feast Steward:

Her Ladyship Tamara a'Kintyre
(Karen Williams)
(573) 443-1695
legacyart@legacyart.com

The time has come for Their Majesties, Eringlin & Alethea, to determine their heirs to the Falcon Thrones of Calontir.

The Shire of Standing Stones is hosting a weekend-long celebration of this event beginning with Crown Tournament on Saturday, May 29th and continuing on Sunday, May 30th, with games, equestrian activities, archery shoots, and plenty of fighting. There will be a feast and then dancing on Saturday night as well as a bonfire and much revelry.

The site is the Silver Meadows Girl Scout Camp, off Highway 63 about 15 miles north of Columbia. Site opens 5:00 p.m. Friday, May 28th and closes 2:00 p.m. Monday, May 31st. A map and more details will be printed in the May Mews.

If you register in advance, the fee for site and for feast is \$12.00 total. To pre-register, please send checks made payable to the *Shire of Standing Stones* to the Event Steward. **All advance registration must be received by May 5, 1999.**

The day of the event the site fee will be \$9.00 for members and \$10.00 for non-members. The feast fee will be \$7.00.

Steward of the Horse:

Lady Winifred of Rosemier (Cheryl Scott)
(573) 676-5306
cscott@owl.wmwoods.edu

• Persona Story •

Lady Cerridwyn o'r Furgledde ferch Owain ap Glyndyfrdwy



I still remember my happy childhood at Glyndyfrdwy, our estate in the rich countryside of Southern Wales. Born in 1394, I was the youngest of five children. At age five, I remember sitting on the lap of my grandfather, Gruffudd Bychan, and running along the stairways as I played games of hide and seek as well as tag in the turrets and then out on the ramparts, playing shuttlecock, and learning archery. Our tutor would eventually track us down, round us up and it was off to our studies! Our father, Owain, even though a man of war and the politics involved, was a man of learning. Having studied law in London as a young man he knew the value of being literate and insisted, no, demanded that his children would be also.

We also learned music and heard all of the news from traveling troubadours who would come to entertain. I also enjoyed the poetry of Iolo Goch, Lewys Glyn Cothi, and Guto'r Glyn.

In 1400, however, life began to change. Many men came to meet with my father. My uncle Tudur came to stay with us for many days at a time. I asked what was amiss, but I was told to mind my own affairs and think naught of it. I did hear, however, that the English once again had their eye on Wales.

Two years later, my sister was married to Edmund Mortimer. He was a good match, for he had decided earlier to side with my father instead of the English King, Henry IV. The marriage sealed his bargain with my father. My sister was truly worried about the events occurring around us, but when I inquired, she would laugh and tell me not to worry myself over trifles.

I did know that my father, brothers, and many of our kinsmen were fighting the English and raiding the fortresses that they held. I now understood the danger and gravity of our situation. My father, Owain Glyn Dwr, had begun a full revolt of Wales against England.

As time went by, the battles became more frequent and more devastating to the people and land. We traveled to Harlech in 1404 and after having been there for three months, I was, at age ten, betrothed to Lord Severin Glenesk Lindsey, Earl of Crawford. This match would ensure the aid of the Scots needed to thwart Henry.

Lord Severin was pleasing and kind and was only fourteen summers older than I.

We were wed in the chapel at Harlech on June 21, 1406. In 1408 we journeyed from Scotland, where we had been living to Harlech. I had found out that I was with child and longed to be with my family until the birth of the babe. We had to travel fast and hard. We had many men with us and for that I was thankful, because the English were here in large numbers to fight for their king. The revolution had been in full force since 1402 and the Welsh lands that I loved were becoming a wasteland. Many were homeless and hungry and I cried for the children.

My father and our family had lost much, including Glyndyfrdwy. Many of the English-held fortresses and towns were also devastated, which enraged King Henry. More English troops were sent. It seemed to never end.

Early on the morning of July 24, 1409, the English laid siege to Harlech. My old and trusted maid, Banhadlwedd, grabbed me and we were hidden in a small, barely noticeable alcove, which was draped with a blue curtain. As I secretly watched in horror, the great hall was filled with English and Welsh alike, fighting furiously. I stepped back instinctively as an ax whirled by. Peering through the small slit in the curtain once more, I experienced the tragedy of seeing my husband cut down from behind by a cowardly Englishman. My uncle Tudur and my sister's husband Edmund died that day as well, My brother, Gruffudd, my mother, and two sisters were captured. I learned later that Eurdeym was taken to the Tower of London and there spent the rest of his short life. I never learned what happened to my mother and my sisters.

Banhadlwedd and I waited until nightfall and then made our escape. We journeyed a long distance and it took many days to reach our destination. From Llangollen Mountain to Bryneglwys, where we stayed with kinsmen for a few days; then on to Maesyrychen mountain to Pentredwr. There I was taken in by kinsmen and my daughter Sebina was born on a cold January day in 1409.


One year later, my brother Meredudd sent news with a trusted servant that he and my father were safe and well hidden for now. I was handed a carefully wrapped object, which I discovered was the family sword I called Eurgledde, a golden heirloom that had been handed down for many generations. The instructions from my father was to always keep it safe until he could retrieve it. He also wanted me to leave our country as it was much too dangerous and would be for a long time to come. My father knew that King Henry would never give up his search for him and he never did. But Henry never did find my father.

I left Wales soon after and many days later arrived in a safe Barony called Vatavia. Sebina and I are grateful for the refuge given and also for the friendliness we have received. We are also very pleased to find many of our countrymen here as well!

May the Dream always be!

• Heraldic Simplicity •

Her Ladyship Marie Chantal Delaire

 Many individuals come to the SCA with a familiarity of heraldry that is based on hereditary arms, marshaled arms, state flags, and sovereign arms of countries like Great Britain. This is heraldry, but of a later time and with different goals and reasons. Society armory is designed to resemble period armory of our time period, pre-Seventeenth Century Western culture and those areas that had contact with Europe during that time. The principles are based on the style "from the establishment of heraldry sometime after 1100 A.D., and the end of the War of the Roses in 1845".¹ The ideal is simple in design, sufficient contrast to be clearly identifiable at a distance, is balanced in a symmetrical way, and is static as if every element is frozen and fixed in place. There is a perception that simple armory is difficult to design. With the vast number of both SCA arms and historic arms, the prevailing belief is 'it's already been done'. I made the same assumption. However, simple armory is possible and the possibilities are staggering.

First, a little background. Heraldry uses seven tinctures: 2 metals, yellow/gold (Or) and white/silver (argent), and 5 colors, black (sable), blue (azure), green (vert), purple (purpure), and red (gules). The background of a design is called the 'field'. It can be one tincture or a combination of two tinctures.² If two the best contrast uses one metal and one color. What does that leave for possible arrangements?

Consider dividing the field in half vertically, called 'per pale'. Use blue and white (azure and argent). The center dividing line does not have to be straight. There are ten common lines of division. That means there are eleven possible device designs using blue and white. Reverse the placement on the field to white then blue (argent and azure) and that results in eleven additional different devices. Of these twenty-two total possibilities, in the Society and history, only five of these designs have been used. Now, a little more math.

Replace the blue (azure) with another one of the colors. Each has twenty-two possibilities also. $22 \times 5 = 110$ potential devices using white and a color. There are an additional 110 possibilities using yellow (Or) instead of white. Total: 220 devices just divided per pale.

Besides plain color there are patterns historically used to represent fur. There is a fur pattern called 'ermine', ermine spots on a background tincture. Ermine could be used instead on part of the field. A color background could be used with the spots in a metal tincture or a metal tincture background could have colored spots. What kind of possibilities does this result in?

110	possibilities with a white background with
550	ermine spots of some color (5)
110	possibilities with a yellow background with
550	ermine spots of some color (5)
22	possibilities with a colored background (5)
110	with white spots
22	possibilities with a colored background (5)
110	with yellow spots
1,320	Total ermine possibilities

There is another fur pattern called 'vair' which is supposed to represent squirrel fur. It resembles a repeat pattern on interlocking bell shapes. Vair has the same potential number of combinations, 1,320. Vair has 4 different methods of coloring in this pattern: 1,320 becomes 5,280. Another fur pattern is called 'potent'. It is another repeat pattern that uses a letter 'T' shape. This has 3 coloring patterns- results 3,960 possibilities.

What does this mean for an individual trying to come up with a simple design? With just a per pale field division the numbers are impressive.

220	metal with color combinations
1320	a metal ermine with color & metal with a color ermine
5280	vair combinations
3960	potent combinations
10,780	Total

Per pale is just ONE field division. There are eleven other common ones. Total possibilities for just a field only design - 129,360.

You could add a 'chief' to your design. This is a horizontal section at the very top of the shield that is different tincture than the rest of the field. You could do the same with a 'bordure' around the outside edge. You could change the tincture of the chief or bordure to match the tincture of the

opposite part of the field (counterchanging). With per pale you would now have another 10,780 designs using a chief and another 10,780 using a bordure. Do this with all the common field divisions: total 388,080 possible shield designs. Foster's Dictionary of Heraldry has 14 of these designs. Simple is possible.

Author's note: The figures above are based on specific instances. NO color with color, metal with metal, fur with fur, color with a color fur, etc. combinations were calculated. There are also some less commonly used Continental lines of division that were not considered. Rather than too high, the figures are lower than the actual number of possibilities. To re-iterate: Simple is possible.

End notes:

1. S.C.A. College of Arms "Glossary of Terms", S.C.A., Inc., 1986.
2. There are three other tincture arrangements, but these are less common and will not be considered in this discussion.

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• Elizabeth: A Review •

His Lordship Friar Thomas Bacon

This is another movie review again looking at the historical accuracy of a given film. This time it is the movie *Elizabeth*. Again the point is not to belittle the film for its inaccuracies, it is after all entertainment not a documentary, but to use it as a jumping point to explore history. A film does not have to be accurate to be entertaining, for example *Shakespeare in Love*. What I'll attempt here is to elucidate some of the aspects the film, that by necessity, were glossed over.

As usual for these films, the time span of the events portrayed is greatly compressed. The end titles state that Elizabeth ruled for another forty years, implying that the events first shown took place in the first five years of her reign. The beheading of the Duke of Norfolk, the climax of the film, actually took place in 1572, just short 14 years after Elizabeth was crowned. The sequence of events were also rearranged. The courtship by the Duc d'Alencon, which takes up the middle part of the film actually took place in 1579.

The movie does start with the right year, 1554. Mary had ascended the throne and married Philip of Spain. This provoked the revolt of Sir Thomas Wyatt which failed at the gates of London. The film opens with the burning of three people and implies that one of them is Sir Thomas. Sir Thomas was actually beheaded. People were burned at the stake, beginning in 1555, their crime being their refusal to accept the Catholic Church. The three hundred or so victims were clerics and common folk.



Elizabeth was implicated in Sir Thomas' revolt and was sent to the Tower of London. She was there for two months before she was sent to the palace of Woodstock for a year then to Hatfield. I found no reason why Mary refused to have Elizabeth executed.

Mary did indeed had several false pregnancies and died of a tumor. The bit with the ring was that it was Mary's engagement ring which she always wore. Elizabeth, circumspect as always during these years, had refused to talk about her ascending to the throne until she saw the ring. Her line upon

receiving the ring are the words Elizabeth is recorded as actually saying.

I'm not sure why they threw in the establishing shot of London, but they did get it right. Dominating on the right side is the Tower of London, while to the left center is a boxy tower with spires. That is St. Paul's Cathedral as it existed then. The current structure was built by Christopher Wren after the Great Fire of 1666. The crown used in the coronation is pure speculation as the original was broken up by Oliver Cromwell, and there are only vague descriptions remain.

You occasionally do learn something from movies. At first I thought the Scottish expedition was another fiction. However, after some research I found that the English did indeed send an expedition into Scotland in April of 1560 where it helped the Scottish rebels in the siege of Leith, a castle that protected the harbor for Edinburgh. The English army did perform poorly there, although it was not defeated. Mary of Guise was the mother of Mary Stewart and was acting as regent. She died in June of that year, but apparently not by assassination.

The other main political battle of the movie is the passage of the Act of Uniformity. The purpose of the act was to re-establish Protestant religious practices. There was a companion bill, The Act of Supremacy, which made the ruler of England the head of the church. The Parliamentary action took place January and April of 1559. They easily passed the House of Commons, the main battle was in the House of Lords. I found nothing that said that Elizabeth addressed the House of Lords. At one point there was a public debate which resulted in two bishops being sent to the Tower. At the final vote, the Abbot of Westminster just happened to be absent. The final vote was 21 to 18 in favor. The machinations appeared to be the result of Sir William Cecil and Sir Nicholas Bacon's efforts and not Sir Francis Walsingham as the movie portrays.

At several points in the movie, dances with Robert Dudley, each time calling for a Volta. There is such a dance, but the version done in the movie is a much more sedate rendition. A true Volta is faster and calls for some rather athletic leaps for both partners. It was for this reason that the Volta was considered a scandalous dance. It was Elizabeth's favorite dance. Dancing was one of her passionate pastimes in which she indulged until late in life.

The movie ends with Elizabeth entering as a sort of living marble icon proclaiming that she is married to England. No such scene actually occurred. As late as 1583 (when she was 49), the question of marriage was used as a diplomatic ploy. Such a definitive statement was uncharacteristic of Elizabeth. The intent of the scene was to dramatize the endpoint of

Elizabeth's personal evolution.

There are many other aspects of the movie that for lack of space I must pass on, and leave to others to explore. The men who swirled around her each have their own interesting story to tell which is just hinted at in the movie. The movie is not a true biography as the distortions noted above show. Mainly, it is a character sketch. An exploration of the kind of person Elizabeth was, and why she was that way. As such the movie is true to its subject and very successful.

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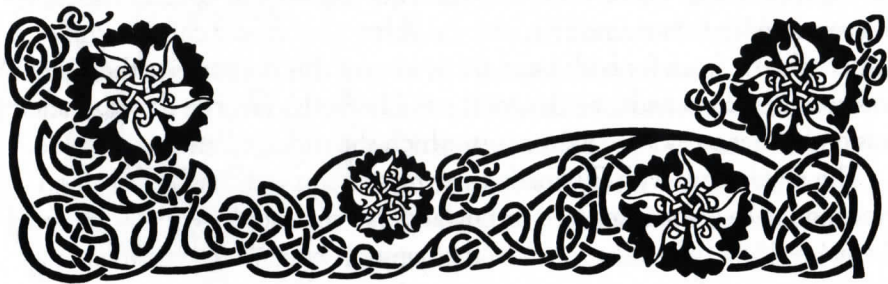
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• Officers' Minutes •

March 3, 1999 - 21 members attended: 14 officers/deputies/champions; 5 members of the populace; 1 child; 1 guest

Several events are planned in the future. A site is still being sought for Valor that meets the needs and some of the desired amenities required for this event. It is hoped this will be finalized in the next two weeks. There was a general discussion about the future of the Valor event. A bid for the BUSH event was presented. A site is being found for the Newcomers 101 to be held May 2nd. There are two demonstration requests for April. Cerridwyn and Eleanor are each coordinating one of these. The Ren Faire steering committee is holding two meetings this month, the 8th and 22nd. The meetings are open to any interested individuals. The Ren Faire coordinator had nothing to report as Newman College was in the process of finalizing their plans. The coordinator for Shakespeare's Birthday at Botanica had nothing to report for the same reason.

The Chronicler requested some storage containers to organize the archives for his office. The Chatelaine has been in contact with members who have become inactive during the winter just to keep in touch and let them know of current activities. She has begun work on the Newcomers 101 and preparations for Ren Faire. The Heralds office reported that all reports had been completed and turned in. The current bardic champion (Zevack), Luisa of the Willows, announced that she would be sponsoring a children's bardic competition at the spring champions' event. The Baroness requested that the populace let her know what things they would be doing at Lilies. Lady Eliane is doing the ball. There are some who are planning to teach RUSH classes. She would like to know about these things.

The Treasurer reported a balance of \$2157.03. The final financial report from Gathering of the Clans was given. \$123.79 was made on the event. The final inventory by the Property Mistress has been held up by uncooperative weather. The different interest groups and officers need to have copies of their inventories of Baronial property turned in. Any other persons with Baronial property need to get a list of the items and their location to the Property Mistress. A property handbook will to be written to assist future office holders. Suggestions from past autocrats, feast-o-crats, marshals, etc.

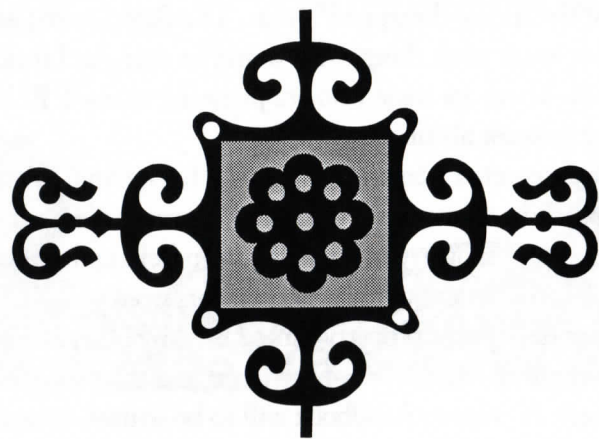
are requested. The Order of Precedence is in process to be published. It is planned to include descriptions of the various Vataavian award orders.

Fighter practice continues to follow the winter schedule. Practice on Sunday will take place with weather permitting; otherwise fighters meet at Lord Ebhan's for War College. With the beginning of Daylight Savings Time, Wednesday practice at the park will begin. It was announced that several marshals plan to attend Calon Con. When weather permits weekend archery practice at the Maize site will commence. The prominence of Vataavians in the MEWS report on archery scores was noted.

Letters for the position of Minister of Arts and Sciences will be accepted until the March populace meeting. The schedule for interviews for the position was discussed. The Fighter Marshal is taking applications for a possible opening in that position. The positions of Chirurgion and Minister of Children still remain available. Officers are encouraged to submit letters to the *Dragonflyre* to reduce the amount of reporting time needed during populace meetings.

Currently a change in Kingdom law would be required to change dates with Lonely Tower for hosting Crown Tournament. Revising the rotation is already under consideration by Kingdom. Vataavia therefore plans to submit a bid for the Winter Crown for acceptance. The Kingdom is working on a pavilion project to have local groups have a purple shade fly available for use for their own events and for Kingdom events.

The meeting adjourned.



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