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Zpevak: (Bardic) Ld. Moriyama Katsutoshi

Estradni Umelec: (Arts & Sciences) Ly. Eyfrídr Geirsdóttir

Unto our most honorable populace of V'tavia,

Congratulations to everyone who had a hand in the running and organization of Valor XXXIX; Valor continues to be the longest running event in Calontir as well as host to one of the preeminent tournaments in the Kingdom and Knowne World. Thirty nine years is marvelous and we know that the success of this event takes a tremendous amount of work and dedication.

Special thanks to Honorable Lady Maria Arosa de Santa Olalla and Lord Yurik Gronson, for the effort and care you have given this event over the past year. Valor would not have been nearly so successful without all the positive publicity and personal invitations that so many of you shared with our friends throughout the Kingdom. To everyone who has helped in the months leading up to the event - largesse, prizes, calligraphy & illumination, site tokens, food prep, site cleanup, activity planning and coordination, etc. You honor us with your fine work. Thank you.

Did you enjoy hosting Valor on Memorial Weekend this year? We did too! Remember, we have an agreement to trade to dates for Valor and Horse and Falcons this year. This is a trial change in order to see the effect the dates have on each event. As Forgotten Sea supported us during our event, we strongly encourage everyone to attend and support Horse and Falcon's this Labor Day weekend. Let's show them that change can be a very good thing!

While His Majesty Jason Drysdale found himself unable to attend Valor at the last minute, our dear friend Sir Jean Paul de Sens acted as His personal Emissary and brought forth a sizable company of Ansteorran cousins. We were humbled to bear witness to the strength of the lion's roar come forth from the lands of the Sable Star, and were delighted to raise a glass with Ansteorra in friendship.

We wish to properly thank His Majesty for the grace of His presence and love – to that end we will be traveling south to Ansteorra later this year to Triumph of the Eclipse in the Province of Mooneschadowe (Stillwater, OK). We encourage all who are able to travel with us to show Ansteorra our support and gratitude.

After months of searching and deliberation we have chosen our new location site for Officer's, Arts and Sciences, and Populace evenings. When looking for a new site, we stressed the need for meeting our Barony's needs within our budget that was open to the public and was not a personal residence. We are excited to let you know that going forward we will be meeting at the American Legion Post 256. We are aware that the biggest (and truly only) concern with the site has been the smoking issue. We discussed this with the leadership of the Post and they have gone out of their way to accommodate and address our concerns. We look forward to our continuing relationship with them over the next year.

We met with Their Royal Highnesses Xerxis and Belanna during Lilies War, during which time They stressed Their desire for Award Recommendations to be submitted early and often. We have had a busy time these last few months, what with Ren Faire, Champions, Valor, Lilies War, and Swords for St. Jude. We have no doubt that you saw at least one person do something cool or go out of their way to be helpful and courteous to those around them. Please, please, please snatch on your friends and let TRH know all the cool things your friends have been doing. If you would do us a courtesy and let us know if you recommend someone for an award we would greatly appreciate it. Our duty is to help advocate on your behalf.

Once you have submitted someone for an Award Recommendation, great! Help them get to events and make sure they attend court. And do not forget to go to court yourself so that you can be there for them when they are recognized for their hard work!

If for some reason someone you submitted for an award recommendation does not receive their award please do not be discouraged! The King and Queen are only two people, They do not have time nor ability to award everyone. Simply update your recommendation and submit it again next reign.

In ever faithful service,

Baron Uldin of Ravenscroft and Baroness Sung Sai-êrh

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FROM THE SENESCHAL

Greetings friends!

This quarter was a busy quarter, with Valor and Lilies. Valor went well by most standards. The problems were addressed in our Post Mortum, and our bid for the next Valor is ready for the Kingdom. Lilies was hot, windy, and wonderful, with congratulations going out to a couple of our people for awards gained, several of ours teaching classes and running activities. Thank you to everyone who volunteered to help run anything at the war!

On that note, we have Renfaire coming up in September and I have not received any offers to run it. If you are considering running an event at any time, drop a message to the Baronage or I and we can give suggestions, but running Renfaire is a good practice for the organization side of it.

Locally, we have a signed contract now with the American Legion group to have Officers, A & S, and Populas at the same location again! If you made it this past meeting, they had an event already scheduled concurrently, serving hotdogs and hamburgers for charity. The burgers were Really good.

Officers, please remember that reports are due this month by the 15th, and CalonCon is on the 21st. If you can't attend, please contact your kingdom officer to make other arrangements to get the information shared there, but it is very important that you go if at all possible.

Thank you all!

Lady Catlin Marie du Moretaine
Seneshal

FROM THE EXCHEQUER

Good Day to all.

Here is where The Barony sits on available monies at the end of 2nd quarter of 2018. We currently have a \$18,206.97 in the bank. We have not yet received the June bank statement as of the writing of this message to you all, so the balance is according to the register and the May bank statement. According to the May's statement we do have some outstanding checks totalling \$993.13. If you have any questions please feel free to message me through the Baronial website email exchequer@baronyofvatavia.org.

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Lady Margaret MacKenzie

FROM THE CALTROP PURSUIVANT

Greetings good gentles of Vatavia!

First, my utmost thanks to all those who stepped up to help HL Johann at Valor.

Are you loud and friendly? Are you interested in research? Then being a herald might be for you! Heralds do both "book" work- helping people document their names and develop their own arms- and "voice" work- camp cries, courts, tournaments, and the like. Please do not hesitate to ask about either of these areas! I am here to help (and so is HE Marie).

Yours in love and service,
Zoe

FROM THE DEMO COORDINATOR

Greetings Vatavians.

This July 29th will be our summer presentation for Exploration Place. To tie in with their traveling exhibit it will be on sharks in period and mail since that is still used for shark suits. As always any members interested in participating need only to contact me. We have in the past been asked by the Museum of World Treasures to be part of their Customer Appreciation Day in mid August. As of this missive we have not been contacted by the museum. If we are invited again information will be posted with the details.

This Fall at the end of October will be the annual Night of the Living Zoo. That same Sunday will be the Fall Exploration Place presentation: 'Things That Go Bump in the Night'. This will be looking at the bestiaries in period and the 'monsters' they described.

May all the paths you walk be shady
with cool breezes at your back.

YIS

Marie CD

FROM THE KNIGHT MARSHAL

FROM THE ARTS AND SCIENCES MINISTER

Greetings from the Knight Marshal of Vatavia,

Our fighter practice time has moved to Summer hours. Practice begins at 10:00am on Sunday mornings to beat the heat of the day. Still at the far north end of OJ Watson Park.

Recently though mother nature has made other plans for our Sundays together. As the storms rain down upon the Lands that Burn, keep in mind the safety hazards. Other than the obvious lightning, which makes for a bad time with metal helms, the unstable footing on wet terrain could cause twisted ankles, knees, and lower back. Which is why I always say practice is on with weather permitting.

Heat, of course, is another concern. Stay hydrated throughout our practice times. Listen to what your body is telling you. If you stop sweating, stop fighting. Don't push yourself too far to cause heat exhausting, or worse, a heat stroke.

Many events are coming up in the following months. Coronation July 14th; Feast of Eagles July 28th; Pennsic Wars Aug. 4th-12th just to name a few.

Warranted marshals that want to remain warranted, reports are due by the 15th of July.

Stay safe and see you at practice...

~Master Hanashi no Kagemoto

Knight Marshal of Vatavia

FROM THE ARCHER MARSHAL

Ah Another season of archery is in full swing. Practices are running at OJ Watson park in the horse corral.

Great fun was had by all at Valor, I would like to thank and congratulate everyone who participated and/or won over that weekend.

Hope to see everyone on the Sundays to come for more practice.

Archery Marshall of Vatavia

Lord Konrad von Roth

What a wonderful few months its been for the Arts and Sciences!

While our search for a new home has put weekly meetings on hold, Vatavia has been busy. There were a number of beautiful and well-made entries at Valor, the theme of which was 'Norman Invasion'. Of note from the Barony were Lady Catlin's bayeux-style embroidery and Lady Margaret's stunning scroll. The winner of the Arts and Sciences Valor competition was our dear neighbor from the Shire of Moonstone, Lady Grainne, for her cheeky double-meaning ballad.

There were many classes taught at Valor by our residents, including 'Viking History' by Her Excellency Marie de Chantal, Embroidery 101 by Lady Margaret MacKenzie, Norse Women's Clothing: Authenticity and Archaeology by Lady Eyfríðr Geirsdóttir, and two classes on books by His Lordship Sean Angus.

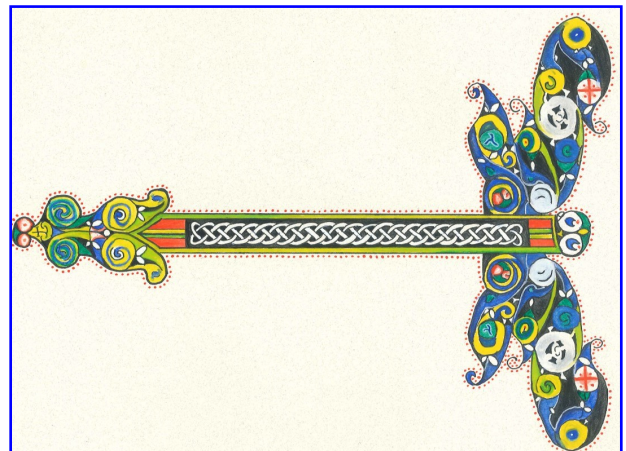
Lilie's War saw many classes, and Vataivians contributed well. Lady Eyfridr taught Norse Women's Clothing and Wire Weaving on Norse Day, Lady Isibil Edvinsdottir taught a class on Naalbinding, and Mistress Genevieve de Chambery taught Beginning Pottery, Sprig Stamps, and had two individual Yafa students.

We hope to start regular A&S meetings back up soon, so keep a watchful eye out for that announcement. It's never too early to start thinking about Queen's Prize (weekend of September 15-16) entries and sponsorships!

As always, please contact me if you want to schedule a class.

In service,

Lady Eyfrid Geirsdotir



OFFICERS' MEETING MINUTES

OFFICERS' MEETING | MAY 9, 2018

Spangles 612 S. Broadway, Wichita, Kansas

15 members: 10 Baronage/ officers/deputies; 2 event steward and deputy; 3 members of the populace

Officers were updated on the Valor final planning. Specifics on registration procedures and ticket sales for tavern were discussed. The designated smoking area will have a shade fly and table and will be indicated on the site map. Arrangements have been made for using the pool. Only those individuals who help with site set up Friday will be allowed on site before 5 pm. There will be no reserving camping space. Designated areas for Royals pavilions will be done and marked ahead of time.

The schedule of Exploration Place presentations for the rest of the year has been done: July 29 on sharks and mail; October 28th on monsters, and December 16th.

The status of 14 Vataavian heraldic proposals was given. Twelve are at Laurel (national) and two on the current internal Kingdom letter. It was announced that voice heralds are needed for Valor. The next *Dragonflyre* issue will be in July. Articles and artwork are needed. The website has been updated with the current Champions. Eyfríðr will resume scheduling arts and sciences classes once a new meeting location is decided.

The Exchequer is awaiting this month's bank statement. The balance is approximately \$12,000. It was noted that all scheduling, scheduling changes and location changes must go through official sites. Facebook is not an official means of communication.

Archery practice and fighter practice continue on Sundays at O.J. Watson Park. It was decided in advance that there will be no indoor fighter practice at Exploration Place on Sunday December 23rd.

Their Excellencies presented the three possible sites under consideration for Officers', arts and sciences and possibly populace meetings. These are the American Legion Post where populace has been meeting, a private residence, unoccupied owned by 'Doc' and Genevieve, and the La Familia Community Center on 21st near Woodland Park. Specifics on each location were given. Feedback was obtained from the officers present. The information will be posted for comments from the populace. Before a final decision is made.

There being no other business the meeting adjourned.

OFFICERS' MEETING | JUNE 2, 2018

OJ Watson Park, 3022 S McLean Blvd, Wichita, Kansas

29 members: 11 Baronage/ officers/deputies; 14 members of the populace; 2 children; 2 newcomers

The schedule of Exploration Place presentations for the rest of the year has been finalized: July 29 on sharks in period; October 28th Things That Go Bump in the Night on monsters, and December 16th with a scavenger hunt. A special request for their summer camp will be done June 20th on daily life and 'Medieval Survivor'. Night of the living Zoo is October 26th-28th.

The deadline for the next *Dragonflyre* issue will be Sunday July 1st. Articles, photos and artwork are requested as always. Also on site reports on Lilies activities would be appreciated so they can be included. The website has been updated with the awards received at Valor and the Valor tournament and competition winners. Numerous heraldic proposals are in process at the national level. The Chatelaine proposes to schedule modern meetings at local venues for newer members to just talk about what we do.

Archery practice and fighter practice continue on Sundays at O.J. Watson Park. There was no practice June 2nd due to a graduation party. There will be no practice at OJ Watson June 10th due to the River Festival volleyball tournament. The cut and Thrust Marshal reminded fighters that their armor needs to be punch tested every two years for wear and tear. Weapons and blades need to be checked as well since failure can occur in an old blade without any sign of flaw, blemish, crack, etc.

Their Excellencies thanked everyone who helped make Valor look so great and look so easy. Thanks to a Moonstone volunteer the gate shit for Vatavia at Lilies has been stretched. Her Excellency will be posting about donations of non-perishable items for the meal to be served for Vashti at the Broken Harp Wednesday at Lilies. Other foog items will be obtained the day prior.

There being no other business the meeting adjourned.

THEIR ROYAL MAJESTIES

XERXIS & BELANNA

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UPCOMING KINGDOM EVENTS

... July ...

- 14 Summer Coronation | Lonely Tower | Omaha, NE
- 21 CalonCon | Forgotten Sea | Belton, MO
- 28-29 Summer Slaughter | Coeur d'Ennui | Des Moines, IA
- 28-29 Feast of Eagles | Cum an Iolar | South Johnson County, KS

... August ...

- 4-12 Pennsic | Aethelmarc | Slippery Rock, PA
- 11-12 Regional Fighter Practice | Crystal Mynes | Joplin, MO
- 18-19 Heraldshill Annual Event | Heraldshill | Charles City, IA
- 18-19 Masters of the Duel | Oakheart | Springfield, MO
- 25-26 Cattle Raids | Mag Mor | Lincoln, NE

... September ...

- 1-2 Tournament of Horse and Falcons | Forgotten Sea | KC, MO
- 8-9 King's Companie of Archers | TBA
- 15-16 Queen's Prize Tournament | Crystal Mynes | Carthage, MO
- 22-23 Crucible at the Crossroads | Three Rivers | St. Louis, MO
- 29-30 Coeur d'Ennui Event | Coeur d'Ennui | Des Moines, IA

BARONIAL GATHERINGS

Populace Meeting Third Wednesday, 7-9 PM American Legion Post 256, 4301 W Pawnee St, Wichita, KS 67209

Fighter Practice (Armored Combat and Calon Steel) Sundays 10 AM | | O.J. Watson Park, 3022 S McLean Boulevard, Wichita, KS 67217 For more information, contact: Master Hanashi no Kagemoto (Kage) knightmarshal@baronyofvatavia.org

Archery Practice Sundays 10 AM | | O.J. Watson Park, 3022 S McLean Boulevard, Wichita, KS 67217 Contact: Lord Konrad von Roth archermarshal@baronyofvatavia.org

Officers Meeting & Finance Meeting

First Wednesday of the month, 7-9 PM. Open to the populace. American Legion Post 256, 4301 W Pawnee St, Wichita, KS 67209

Arts and Sciences Gathering 1st, 2nd and 4th Wednesday, 7-9 PM American Legion Post 256, 4301 W Pawnee St, Wichita, KS 67209

Baronial Demos:

Exploration Place

July 29th, 2018 | Sharks in period and Chain Mail

Great Plains Renaissance Festival

September 29th & 30th, 2018 | Sedgwick County Park 6501 W. 21st St. North, Wichita, KS 67212

Contact the Castellan or Demonstration Coordinator for more information concerning demos.



TO GET A COPY OF THE KNOWN WORLD HANDBOOK

Contact His Lordship Friar Thomas | 316-685-1182
Handbooks are \$23.00

July 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Fighter Practice 10 AM	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 Fighter Practice 10 AM	9	10	11 A&S Gathering 7-9 pm	12	13	14
15 Fighter Practice 10 AM	16	17	18 Populace Gathering 7-9 pm	19	20	21
22 Fighter Practice 10 AM	23	24	25 A&S Gathering 7-9 pm	26	27	28
29 Fighter Practice 10 AM Exploration Place Demo	30	31				

August 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Officers & Finance Meeting 7-9 pm	2	3	4
5 Fighter Practice 10 AM	6	7	8 A&S Gathering 7-9 pm	9	10	11
12 Fighter Practice 10 AM	13	14	15 Populace Gathering 7-9 pm	16	17	18
19 Fighter Practice 10 AM	20	21	22 A&S Gathering 7-9 pm	23	24	25
26 Fighter Practice 10 AM	27	28	29 A&S Gathering 7-9 pm	30	31	

September 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
2 Fighter Practice 10 AM	3	4	5 Officers & Finance Meeting 7-9 pm	6	7	8
9 Fighter Practice 10 AM	10	11	12 A&S Gathering 7-9 pm	13	14	15
16 Fighter Practice 10 AM	17	18	19 Populace Gathering 7-9 pm	20	21	22
23 Fighter Practice 10 AM	24	25	26 A&S Gathering 7-9 pm	27	28	29 Great Plains Renaissance Festival
30 Great Plains Renaissance Festival						