

The Dragon Flyre

NEWSLETTER FOR THE BARONY OF VATAVIA



Cats with thumbs processing flax into linen.

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Greetings unto our most Treasured Populace of Vatabia!

This Fall's Great Plains Renaissance Faire was a resounding success. Thank you to everyone who came out to help setup, fight, work, and share the joy and love of our hobby with a very enthused crowd. None of this happens without you!

To those who have found us and are interested in learning more about what we do: Welcome!!! Feel free to introduce yourselves and ask questions on our either our Facebook group or mailing list. Better yet, join us one of our local meetings. Our Castellan, Lord Øyriki Radúlfsson (chatelaine@baronyofvatabia.org), highly recommends joining us out at the park on Sundays!

Champions, we would like you to begin overseeing the smooth transition of your leadership this next year. We are asking to meet with you briefly at our Populace Gathering in November to begin discussing our next Champions Tourney.

We are seeking both cords and medallions for Baronial Award Orders. To this end, we are encouraging all to contribute with an Arts and Science competition to be held during Yule Populace. Medallions may be made with leather, glass, ceramics, metal, etc. The possibilities are nigh endless! We thank Mistress Genevieve de Chambery graciously donating a custom feast gear set for the chosen winning entry.

Fighters, keep your blade sharp and your shield strong. Do you plan to muster for war next year? Joining your Kingdom in the good fight? Do not miss War College hosted this month on our side of the Kingdom in Moonstone (Burlington, KS). Plan to use a Scutum! Are you interested in fighting? Archery? Fun classes and arts and sciences competitions? You won't want to miss Vertigo (Lost Moor, Easton, MO) and Harvest Home (Standing Stones, Columbia, MO). Interested in the Scribal Arts? Fall RUSH: Book Arts in Lonely Tower (Glenwood, IA) is where it's at.

Competitions, classes, round-table discussions, and to top it all off a supply swap! Toys For Tots in Wyvern Cliffe (Jefferson City, MO) is one of the most prestigious tournaments held in the Kingdom, alongside Crown and Valor. It makes for quite the show, and some of the best pick up fighting can be found here. In the midst of the hustle and bustle of the Holiday season, don't forget Kris Kinder (Forgotten Sea, Kansas City, MO). A wonderful, laid-back event to visit with friends near and far. And, of course, the shopping!

We are hosting Winter Coronation January 12th here in Vatavia, and we encourage everyone that is able to consider providing crash space to visiting members attending this prestigious event. If you think you might be able to host even one guest, please consider doing so. Let us treat our guests as the treasured friends they are. Our Event Steward Honorable Lord William is still looking for help with gate, site set-up, tear-down, and kitchen clean-up. Please let him know if you can help in any way. Thank you!

There are many good folks in this Barony and Kingdom who are worthy of recognition. Please send award recommendations to Their Majesties so that they may know and have time to make plans. Do it now!

Kingdom Award Recommendation Form - <http://op.calontir.org/award.php>

Kingdom Order of Precedence - <http://op.calontir.org/>

If you have suggestions or ideas for group projects, fund-raising, largess, recruitment and retention.. we would love to hear it! We are always excited to try new things! You are welcome to present your ideas at our monthly Officers' Meetings which are held on the first Wednesday of the month at the American Legion Post. These meetings, as always, are open to all members.

In ever faithful service,

Baron Uldin of Ravenscroft and Baroness Sung Sai-êrh

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Yule Populace Arts and Science competition

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Here is what we currently have. Quantity of each in parenthesis..

CORDS

- Blue- Citizen of Vatavia (5)
- Red- Victor in Competition (VinC) (10)
- Blue/White- Achievement in the Arts (AinA) (13)
- Red/Gold- Achievement in the Sciences (AinS) (12)
- White- Act of Dedication (AoD) (4)
- Blue/Gold- Vojak (veteran) (Baronial Guard) (Voj) (15)
- Red/White- Vesslar (oarsman) (Baronial Archer Guard) (Ves) (7)
- Green/Gold- Salve (Cut & Thrust Baronial Guard) (OS) (3)
- Green- Foreign citizen Act of Dedication (12)
- Yellow/White- Act of Promise (AoP) (Youth Award) (0)
- Black/ White- Zevack (Zvck) (Baronial Bardic) (1)

AWARD BADGES

- Golden Heart of Vatavia (OGH) (2)
- Cepel Straz (Captains of the Baronial Cut & Thrust Guard) (C-Stz) (1)

In ever faithful service,

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FROM THE SENESCHAL

Greetings Vatavia!

Renfair is just past, and we had a wonderful attendance, and beautiful weather for it. To everyone who helped out, thank you! Our next major effort will be Coronation in January. I am sure our Autocrats will need just as much help. If you can, I hope you will go to Crown tournament to see who will be the heirs for that event.

In the meantime, our Exchequer and the finance committee have been hard at work getting a new financial policy ready. If you are in possession of any Baronial regalia or other property, please get in touch with us for a form to list what you have.

I have Lost and Found in my possession from Renfaire and some other prior events. If you are missing something please contact me so I can check the box.

In Service,

Lady Catlin Marie du Moretaine

Seneschal of Vatavia

FROM THE CASTELLAN

Greetings unto the populace of Vatavia,

The Fall Great Plains Renaissance Festival has come to a close and it was one of our most heavily attended in a long time. Thank you to everyone who came out and for doing what you do. We had what seemed like a large amount of interest in several aspects of the SCA which means we did a great job at showing off the best the Society (and Barony!) has to offer.

If you see any new faces around at practice, meetings, or populace be sure to introduce yourself and welcome them to the Barony.

In service,

Lord OyrikR Randulfsson CT

FROM THE CALTROP PURSUIVANT

Greetings from your friendly heralds!

First and forever, a big THANK YOU to HL Johann and Master Donald for their hard work as shouty men at Ren-Faire. It is truly appreciated. If you are loud and friendly please consider trying out voice heraldry!

All gentles with an Award of Arms are entitled to register a personal device. We are fortunate locally to have a great resource in HE Marie Chantal to help with this. If you don't have a device registered but are interested in doing so, please contact her or me.

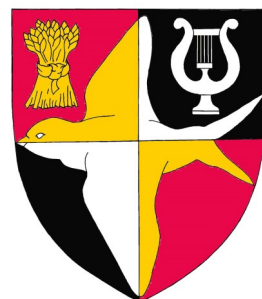
We are pleased to announce the registrations of the following items:

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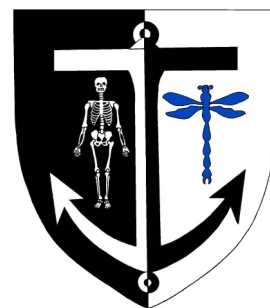
Kathryn dei Fiamma: name

Veyl robertsson: name

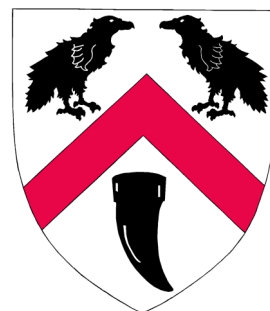
Alis Kerwen: name and device- Quarterly gules and sable, a swallow volant counterchanged Or and argent between in chief a garb Or and a lyre argent.



Angus Sinclair of Glasgow: name and device- Per pale sable and argent, an anchor counterchanged between in fess a skeleton argent and a dragonfly azure.



FlíR Fróðason: device- Argent a chevron gules between two ravens respectant and a drinking horn sable



Genève de Chambéry: badge-
Purpure a fleur-de-lys per pale Or
and gules



Sorcha O'Riain: badge- Fieldless A
dragon's head close couped palewise
contourny vert breathing flames proper



Congratulations to these Vataivians.

Finally, we are hosting Coronation this winter! What a great
time to display your fantastic heraldry! On a banner, on a
dress... So many choices!

Zoe Mikre

FROM THE EXCHEQUER

Good Day to all.

Here is where The Barony sits on available monies at the
end of 3rd quarter of 2018. We currently have a
\$16,639.22 in the bank. We have not yet received the Sep-
tember bank statement as of the writing of this message to
you all, so the balance is according to the register and the
August bank statement. According to the August's statement
we do have one outstanding check totalling \$134.68. If you
have any questions please feel free to message me through
the Baronial website email exchequer@baronyofvatavia.org.

YIS

Lady Margaret MacKenzie

FROM THE KNIGHT MARSHAL

Unto the Populace of Vatavia,

Our fighter practice time has moved back to 11:00a, still at
the far north end of OJ Watson Park for the rest of the
month of October; weather permitting.

No practice for the Thanksgiving Holiday weekend.

Our first indoor practice at The Exploration Place will be
on December 2nd beginning at noon. There will only be
two practices there for December, the 2nd and the
16th. The hall where we practice has been rented out on
the 9th, and no practice for the Christmas and New Year's
weekends, the 23rd and 30th.

Which brings me to my last point of business, my retire-
ment as the Knight Marshal of Vatavia. If you are a war-
ranted marshal and are interested in becoming my successor,
send a letter of intent to our Seneschal, Their Excellen-
cies, and to myself. I plan to step down the first part of
January.

On a final note, warranted marshal reports are due no later
than October 15th.

~Master Hanashi no Kagemoto

FROM THE ARCHER MARSHAL

As another season draws to a close I hope everyone enjoyed the
many events and practices that were held. The final Archery practice
of the year will be Oct 14th. Looking ahead to next year I will be
adding some throw weapons practice in as well as archery.

Archery Marshall of Vatavia

Lord Konrad von Roth

FROM THE ARTS AND SCIENCES MINISTER

Vatavia had an excellent presence at the Great Plains Re-
naissance Festival, and we had many artisans out to show off
their work and recruit. With plenty of weaving, woodwork-
ing, spinning and sewing, we cultivated interest in the arts
and the SCA.

We had wonderful individual projects completed as well. HL Marie
Chantal wood burned three board games for gifts and local use, to
name one prominent example.

Please contact me if you're interested in teaching a class at
our new and improved arts and sciences location!

Upcoming events include:

Arts and Sciences classes at Fall War College in Moonstone
Oct 27-28

Fall RUSH: Book Arts I'm Lonely Tower Nov 3-4

Queens Prize in February, 9-10. Never too early to start!

In service,

Lady Eyfríðr Geirsdóttir

FROM THE DEMO COORDINATOR

Autumn Greetz All-

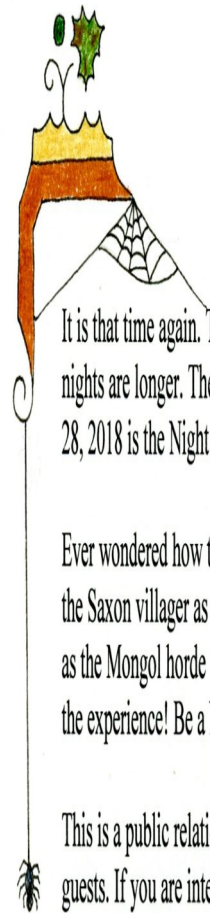
First my thanks for all who came to the Fall Great Plains Renaissance Festival to show and share what we do with the Festival guests. Besides the opportunities to share what we do and see potential new members, it is also an opportunity to help the Festival with their pop booths for which we receive a gratuity.

As days get longer plans are finalized for the coming winter months. Although it is not considered a demonstration, the indoor fighter practice at Exploration Place is a weekly opportunity to share what we do with the guests who come to the Water Walk Hall. It also is an opportunity to work on those projects you might not want to take outside. We have been notified that there is a scheduling conflict December 9, 2018. There will be no practice that Sunday.

There will be theme presentations at Exploration Place as in the past. At this time dates have been tentatively selected. These are from 1 pm- 4 pm on the scheduled dates. October 28th the presentation is 'Things That Go Bump in the Night' on the medieval bestiaries (encyclopedias). On December 16th the presentation will be. games (Fun is Fun No Matter When You Are From) and Heroes scavenger hunt (from last year). Presentations for 2019 are either January 27 (OR February 3) on Middle Ages espionage to tie into the new traveling exhibit, *Top Secret*. March 31 or April 7 will be over Medieval Trivia, Believe It or Not. As soon as these dates are finalized the information will be posted.

And this month is the annual Night of the Living Zoo. Vataavians have been involved in this PR 'demo' since 1995.

Marie Chantal Delaire

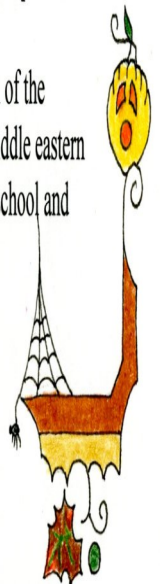


It is that time again. The wooly worms are crossing the road; leaves are beginning to fall; nights are longer. The costumed hoards are making their costumes and plans. October 26-28, 2018 is the Night of the Living Zoo from 6:30 – 8:30 pm. at Sedgwick County Zoo.

Ever wondered how the Roman legionnaires on Hadrian's wall felt as the Picts charged; the Saxon villager as the Viking fleet sailed out of the fog; the citizens of Buda and Pest as the Mongol horde advanced on the city? Volunteer for Night of the Living Zoo. Relive the experience! Be a NLZ Survivor!

This is a public relations demo. We have been accused of having a better time than the guests. If you are interested in joining the ranks of the few, the proud, the Survivors, contact HE Marie through this web site, Dragonfly on line, at Wednesday gatherings, etc. Deadline to volunteer October 20, 2018 to allow the Zoo time to finalize their plans.

Strict garb standards are not required. We have had a Viking Jedi, Phantom of the Scottish moors, spaghetti with a side salad, the fairy godfather, a Viking middle eastern belly dancer, candy witches and princess rejects. Many zoo guests are pre-school and early elementary age. No extreme, scary costumes. No masks.



OFFICERS' MEETING MINUTES

OFFICERS' MEETING | July 16, 2018

American Legion Post 256

4301 Pawnee, Wichita, Kansas

12 members were present: 8 Baronage/ officers/deputies; 2 members of the populace participated

The next Kingdom event in Vativia will be Coronation in January 2019. Members are encouraged to travel to other events. The schedule of presentations is set for the rest of the year at Exploration Place. December will be on toys and games to tie in with the fall exhibit there, Toytopia. The invitation from the Museum of World Treasures to again be part of their Customer Appreciation Day August 11th has been accepted. Ld. Øyrikr will be organizing this demo.

The Caltrop Herald encourages interested individuals to become involved with voice heraldry. It was announced that 4 Vativian proposals have been registered. The quarterly *Dragonflyre* has been posted on the Baronial website.

The Exchequer reported a balance of \$17,406.97. She noted there was still one bill from Valor for over \$700 still needing to be paid. Replacing, repairing and modifying the Baronial tent stakes to prevent injuries was discussed.

Fighter practice is on summer hours: 10 am until it is too hot. When OJ Watson Park is unavailable practice will be held at the auxiliary site at South Linwood Park. Padding on helmets is now included as part of the equipment inspection. Fighters need to check theirs in order to continue to pass this inspection. It was announced that Exploration Place has extended an invitation for the fighters to have indoor practice in their Water Way Hall again this winter.

Their Majesties requested award recommendations be sent in. It was also stressed to give specifics and details, instead of general statements as to what an individual being recommended has done. Since there are no Kingdom events locally until next year include events that you know the individual will be attending.

Both the Knight Marshal and Exchequer noted that their warrants are up in December. The Exchequer has discussed extending her tenure, if need be, with her Kingdom Officer.

There being no other business the meeting adjourned.

OFFICERS' MEETING | August 8, 2018

American Legion Post 256

4301 Pawnee, Wichita, Kansas

16 members: 10 Baronage/ officers/deputies; 1 other member participated; 2 children

Their Excellencies encourage members to attend Horse and Falcon Labor Day weekend. Former Vativian Dirik von Rosswald will be elevated to the Chivalry. Arts and Sciences Minister Eyfríðr encourages members as well to enter Queen's Prize Tourney.

A presentation will be done at the Museum of World Treasures August 11th for their Customer Appreciation Day. This Fall's Renaissance Festival will be organized by the Officers Corps. The next Exploration Place presentations are the end of October on monsters in the bestiaries and December 16th on games. The same weekend in October is the Night of the Living Zoo.

The Caltrop Pursuivant announced the posting of the External Letter for Calontir. Decisions on Vativian proposals that were made in June have not yet been received. Interested members are encouraged to try voice heraldry.

The Chronicler passed on a message from the Kingdom Chronicler on timelines for publishing event fliers. She has a copy of the guidelines for those event stewards needing it. Castellan Øyrikr has had positive results from the fliers in a local gaming venue. These new Society members just happen to be from outside Vativia.

The Exchequer Margaret reported a balance of \$16,776.90. There will be a finance committee meeting after the Officers' meeting to discuss the prices found for canvas for making new tents.

The Fighter Marshal and Archer Marshal had no changes to report. It was announced that there would be no archery at the Fall Renaissance Festival due to safety concerns related to unsafe actions by Festival attendees.

Their Excellencies brought up the need for a procedure for notifying members of cancellations and changes on local activities. Such information must go through official channels. It was stressed that Facebook is not an official site.

The Seneschals office announced an opening for a Deputy for Social Media.

There being no other business the meeting adjourned.

OFFICERS' MEETING | September 5, 2018

American Legion post 256
4301 W. Pawnee, Wichita, Kansas

20 members: 10 Baronage/ officers/deputies; 2 event steward; 6 members of the populace; 2 children

It was announced that His Excellency Uldin has received permission to fight in the upcoming Crown Tournament. Contingency arrangements are already in place should he become the next Calontir Crown.

Their Excellencies announced plans to attend the Moonshadow event in Ansteorra the same weekend as Queen's Prize. They encourage all others not attending QPT join them in supporting our southern cousins as they have supported us at our events.

The end of this month is the Renaissance Festival. The officers are organizing the different activities for their office. Her Excellency Sung is handling the pop booth schedule. All interested members must turn their names in to Robert the Scott prior to that weekend to be on the volunteer list for the Festival organizers to get free admission.

The Winter/Spring schedule for themed presentations and fighter practice is being finalized.

The deadline for officer letters for the 3rd quarter *Dragonflyre* is October 3rd. The June registrations of Vataavian proposals was announced. July decisions are expected toward the middle of this month.

The Exchequer announced a balance of \$16,645.22. There will be a meeting of the financial committee after the Officers' meeting.

The Fighter Marshal announced the practice schedule for the rest of the year: OJ Watson Park till the end of October; the first 3 weeks of November at South Linwood Park; December indoor practice at Exploration Place December 2nd, 9th, and 16th. His Excellency Uldin announced Wednesday evening practices at the American Legion when there is not an Officers' meeting or populace meeting.

Archery practice will not be held September 9th due to the King's Companie of Archers event.

The Seneschal announced the publication of the revised SCA Inc. Mission Statement. The new statement does not specify European only history.

The warrants of the Fighter Marshal and Exchequer are up this December. Members interested in either position should turn application letters in to Their Excellencies, Seneschal, and the current officer,

There being no other business the meeting adjourned.

OFFICERS' MEETING | October 3, 2018

American Legion post 256
4301 W. Pawnee, Wichita, Kansas

16 members: 9 Baronage/ officers/deputies; 5 members of the populace; 2 children

Coronation will be held here in January. Their Excellencies encouraged members to offer crash space to our visiting guests. There will be classes on banner making to help members produce banners for the event.

Presentations for Exploration Place are scheduled for October 28th and December 16th. Dates are being finalized for 2019 presentations on espionage in the Middle Ages and on historical trivia. Night of the Living Zoo is October 26th-28th. The deadline to contact Marie to volunteer is October 20th.

The Caltrop Herald thanked Donald and Jóhann for stepping up and doing heraldry at the Renaissance Festival when she was unable to. She encourages members interested in voice heraldry to become involved. Marie updated the status of Vataavian heraldic proposals in process.

Mistress Genèvieve announced a mini arts and sciences symposium to be held in conjunction with the Fall War College being hosted by Moonstone in Burlington on October 27th. Banner making classes will be schedule to help members prepare display for Coronation. HE Zoë offered to do a class on a Byzantine hat from the 12th-13th century. Genèvieve also thanked all artisans that presented at the Renaissance Festival.

The Web Minister has added links for monthly officers' meeting minutes and finance committee minutes to the Baronial site. The Exchequer reported a balance of \$17,139.22 with one check from Valor still outstanding.

Fighter practice will not be moving. It will continue at OJ Watson Park till the indoor practice starts. Potential new members have already been told to come to this site to find us. Archery practice has been posted for the next two weeks; and, then will shut down for the season.

The Seneschal has the lost and found from the Renaissance Festival and some prior gatherings. Their Excellencies have some also. A list was requested. A new Census will be compiled. The last was two years ago.

It was announced that Their Excellencies' letters for the upcoming Crown Tournament were accepted. Contingency arrangements are already in place should he become the next Calontir Crown. They also announced an arts and sciences competition for cords or medallions at Winter Populace. The entries will become largess to the Baronage. A list will be provided. Mistress Genèvieve is donating a set of feast gear to be made using the winner's heraldry.

There being no other business the meeting adjourned.

THIRD QUARTER FINANCE MINUTES

July 27

Due to changes at the national level regarding financial policy and the position of Chairman, aka Baron or Baroness, was removed as a signatory on local groups' bank accounts. Jennifer Langley is to be removed as a signatory on the account of the Society for Creative Anachronism Inc. Wichita, Kansas, aka Barony of Vatavia pursuant to this policy change. Notification of this financial policy change was made at a regional gathering in Omaha, Nebraska on July 14, 2018.

Mary J. Day, Committee recording secretary

August 8

A meeting of the financial committee was held August 8, 2017 after the monthly populace meeting at the Richard Gilbert American Legion Post #256, 4301 W. Pawnee, Wichita KS. Committee members present were Marie Mills/ Caitlin Marie de Moretaine, Jayme Jones/ Margaret Mackenzie; Damien Woodworth/ Uldin de Vatavia, Jennifer Langley/ Sung Sai-êrh, and Mary J. Day/ Marie Chantal Delaire. Populace members attending or participating Kurt Jones/Konrad von Roth, Nicholas Green/ Øyrikr Raðúlfsson, Lynne Ahlgren/ Zoë Mikre, Sherrie Moreno/ Sorcha O'Riain, David Moreno/ Friar Thomas Bacon, and Nate Grunden.

The meeting was called to present cost figures for canvas for production of new tents. The committee approved an expenditure of about \$300 for per tent for canvas in two colors. Each will be a separate book entry and therefore no issue on the required depreciation policy.

Kurt Jones brought up about building thrown weapons targets. He will be presenting exact cost figures for the next meeting. Nicholas Green requested obtaining specific loaner armor pieces to increase the number who can participate. Specifically needed are knees, elbows, and maybe a helm. He is to present estimated costs for the next Officers' Meeting.

There being no other business the meeting adjourned.

Mary J. Day, Committee recording secretary

September 8, 2018

A special meeting of the finance committee was held Sep-

tember 8, 2018 at the Woodworth-Langley residence/ Their Excellencies to start updating and revising the local group financial policy. Policies are due by October 31, 2018. Committee members present: Marie Mills/ Ly. Caitlin Marie de Moretaine, Jayme Jones/ Ly. Margaret Mackenzie, Jennifer Langley/ HE Sung Sai-êrh, Damien Woodworth/ Uldin de Vatavia and Mary J. Day/ HE Marie.

It was presented that at the Calon Con meeting in June the Regional Treasurer/ Kingdom Exchequer presented items that are to be included in local group financial policy: the Pay Pal policy, cash handling policy for events, documented policy for complimentary site and feast, and that the decided incoming Treasurers/ Exchequers are be responsible for changes to the local group account.

Local situations were discussed by the committee Identified local concerns are the annual tithe, the use of tickets at events for tavern, insurance coverage for items maintained by members, and the committee secretary position. Wording was proposed for those items to be included. Wording was also proposed for the required items mentioned at Calon Con. For some of those the Regional Treasurer/ Kingdom Exchequer will be consulted for suggested wording for items not covered in the currently available Regional/Kingdom Policy. It was decided to determine the format once all the content is finalized.

The first draft will be done and ready for the next meeting September 19, 2018

There being no other business the meeting adjourned.

Mary J. Day

recording secretary

September 19, 2018

a meeting of the financial committee was held during the monthly populace meeting at American Legion Post 256 Richard Gilbert, 4301 W Pawnee Wichita, KS. Committee members present: Marie Mills/ Ly. Caitlin Marie de Moretaine; Jayme Jones/ Ly. Margaret Mackenzie; and Mary J. Day/ HE Marie. Also attending were Kristina (Griffith) Bumgardner/ Mistress Genèvieve de Chambéry; Larry Bumgardner/ HL Lawrence Taillefer the Leech and Nate Grunden.

The first draft of the updated financial policy was reviewed and wording refined for clarity and non-ambiguity. It was decided to add appendices to provide flexibility and to establish local policies and procedures related to or affected by the financial policy. These appendices can be revised to reflect changes without requiring rewriting the

financial policy. The analogy given was the Amendments to the US Constitution.

The revisions will be reviewed at the next special meeting of the financial committee September 23, 2018 at the weekly fighter practice.

There being no other business the meeting adjourned.

Mary J. Day, committee recording secretary

September 23, 2018

a meeting of the financial committee was held during the fighter practice at O.J. Watson Park, 3022 S. McLean, Wichita, KS 67217. Committee members present: Marie Mills/ Ly. Caitlin Marie de Moretaine; Jayme Jones/ Ly. Margaret Mackenzie; and Mary J. Day/ HE Marie. Also attending were Kristina (Griffith) Bumgardner/ Mistress Genèvieve de Chambéry and Larry Bumgardner/HL Lawrence Taillefer the Leech.

The committee worked on the final wording on the meeting and the banking account requirements, on the policy regarding complimentary passes and wrote the appendices to the financial policy. Recommendations were made on wording changes to enable non-committee members to be familiar with the local financial policies and the related procedures.

The final draft will be reviewed by the financial committee September 26, 2018 at the arts and sciences gathering. Copies will be sent to all committee members prior to the meeting.

There being no other business the meeting adjourned.

Mary J. Day, Committee recording secretary

October 3, 2018

A meeting of the financial committee was held after the October 3, 2018 Officers' meeting at American Legion Post 256 Richard Gilbert, 4301 W Pawnee Wichita, KS. Committee members present: Marie Mills/ Ly. Caitlin Marie de Moretaine; Jennifer Langley/ HE Sung Sai-êrh, Damien Woodworth/HE Uldin de Vatavia Jayme Jones/ Ly. Margaret Mackenzie; and Mary J. Day/ HE Marie. Also attending were Kristina (Griffith) Bumgardner/ Mistress Genèvieve de Chambéry; Larry Bumgardner/HL Lawrence Taillefer the Leech and Nate Grunden

The final drafts of the Vatavia revised Financial Policy and Appendices, and the draft of the gate policy were pre-

sented. Both were approved with reservations being expressed by the Seneschal/ CEO as to the legality of Appendix Section VII A. 2-4 and B. 2-4. on Complimentary Passes.

There was renewed discussion about the procedure, cost, timing, and reasoning for requiring Pay Pal for pre-registration for events. Taking credit cards at gate was also covered. The impact of this new policy, new gate forms, and the physical separation of site monies from food (feast/ tavern) monies on the gate physical set up and staffing requirement changes was also discussed.

The approved Financial Policy and Revisions, i.e. creation of Appendices were signed by those committee members present. Signature of the Property Manager will be obtained as soon as possible. The Policy and Appendices will be forwarded to Kingdom for review and approval with a copy of the meeting minutes.

There being no other business the meeting adjourned.

Mary J. Day, Committee Recording secretary

Local court- Fall Great Plains Renaissance Festival Saturday September 29, 2018

On the field:

Kurokage Kyojin- Straz (Captains of the Vatavia Guard)

Kurokage Diatan- Straz (Captains of the Vatavia Guard)

Evening court-

Nesscia inghean Chearnaigh- green cord (act of dedication for non-Vataians)

Roise inghean ui Ruaidhri- green cord (act of dedication for non-Vataians)

Kennocht Armstrag- Victory in Competition -Man at Arms tourney Horse and Falcon

Kolsveinn Styrismaðr – Victory in Competition- Westumbria

Thorvi Mishova – Achievement in the Arts- sewing garb, block printing,

Genèvieve de Chambéry- Achievement in the Arts- largess, help others make garb, making garb, painting pavilion floor

Morgan (Sameerasdottir)- Act of Promise- help with feast, teach other youth, help other youths, her promise of a future of great things. Also promise of Their Excellencies to help her with anything

Announce Winter Court Competition theme- Baronial award items, cords and medallions. All entries to become largess.

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UPCOMING KINGDOM EVENTS

... October ...

20-21 The Silk Trade Road | Grimfells | Pineville, AR

20-21 Vertigo | Lost Moor | St. Joseph, MO

27-28 Fall War College | Moonstone | Burlington, KS

27-28 Harvest Home | Standing Stones | Columbia, MO

... November ...

3-4 Fall RUSH: Book Arts | Lonely Tower | Omaha, NE

10-11 Plebian Games | Amlethsmore | Hallsville, MO

17-18 Toys for Tots | Wyvern Cliffe | Jefferson City, MO

... December ...

8-9 Kris Kinder | Forgotten Sea | Kansas City, MO

... January ...

5-6 Twelfth Night | Lonely Tower | Omaha, NE

12-13 Winter Coronation | Vatavia | Wichita, KS

26-27 Winter War Maneuvers | Mag Mor | Lincoln, NE

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 11 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 *On hiatus until spring.*

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 1:00 to 4:00 PM

October 28th | 'Things That Go Bump in the Night' based on medieval bestiaries (encyclopedias)

December 16th | Medieval Games and Heroes scavenger hunt

Night of the Living Zoo (Sedgwick County Zoo)

October 26, 27, & 28th 6:30-8:30 PM

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

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The Flax about Linen

By **HL Thomas Bacon**

The Friar's Corner



Throughout most of the medieval period, the predominate fabrics were wool and linen. Silk was largely restricted to the upper nobility, while cotton would not become important until the Renaissance. Linen is one those commonplace items that is so ubiquitous no one wrote about it. There are many references to it but few details, and very little of it survived.

Flax has been used since the Upper Paleolithic era. Flax comes in two forms, one optimized for fiber, the other for oil, each equally important in the Middle Ages. The structure of the flax stem consists of a hollow center surrounded by a wooden core. Outside that core are bundles of bast fibers which are the source of the textile. From sowing to harvest is roughly a hundred days.

Flax was universally grown throughout Europe during the Middle Ages. However, flax grows best in Northern Europe, with France and Flanders being major growing regions. While most linen used would be produced locally, finer linen was an object of international trade. Different regions during different times were considered to produce the finest linen.

The processing of flax occurs in six steps. The first step is harvesting the flax by pulling it from the ground. This was done by hand up until almost the Second World War to preserve the length and quality of fibers. After the flax had dried, the next step, called rippling, is to remove the seed pods with specialized combs. The following step of retting is soaking the flax in water almost to the point of rotting to dissolve the pectins (polymer sugar molecules) that held the fibers together. This is followed, after the flax is again dry, by breaking in which the flax is beaten to breakup its wooden core. Next is scutching which removes the wooden core that is sticking to the textile fibers. The final step is hackling in which the long fibers are removed from the short fibers by another specialized comb. The long fibers (strick) are now ready to be spun into thread, while the remainder, called tow, can be put to various uses.

The spinning, dyeing, and weaving of flax into linen in much the same way as any other fiber, though technique slightly differs to match the nature of the fiber. The invention of the spinning wheel and the horizontal loom sped up the production of linen.

While undergarments were a major use of linen, it was not the only use. Sheets, table cloths, napkins, and towels were also major products. Religious vestments and coverings were almost exclusively linen. Gambesons, jupons and other similar armor were constructed with linen, often using tow as padding. Bow strings were made of linen. Around 1400 linen began to be used as a painting surface. Courser fibers were used to make sail cloth. Tow would be spun to form candle wicks.

Even when worn out, linen still had a use. The rags would be collected, soaked in water and pounded to a pulp to be remade into paper. As linen production increased in the last half of the period, so did the supply of linen rags, and thus an increase in the availability of paper. To the point it became vastly cheaper than parchment, the previous preferred writing material. With the invention of the printing press, book making took off.

Cotton first appeared in Europe around 750 in Spain. However cotton there was largely used only by the local Arab population. For the rest of Europe, cotton was introduced by returning Crusaders. Its use slowly spread north from Italy, reaching England only shortly before 1600. Cotton eventually replaced linen because it was cheaper, easier to process therefore easier to mechanize that process, and amenable to print patterns. But that is all in the 18th century.

While wool is what usually comes to mind when thinking of medieval fabrics; that is a bit of historical accident. Wool survived better than linen, and outer garments were usually made of wool, giving wool a higher visibility. Nevertheless, linen was a key fabric through the Middle Ages, renowned for its strength, sheen, and coolness to the touch. And that is the flax.

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October 2018

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	1	2	3 Officers & Finance Meeting 7-9 pm	4	5	6
7 Fighter Practice 11 AM	8	9	10 A&S Gathering 7-9 pm	11	12	13
14 Fighter Practice 11 AM	15	16	17 Populace Gathering 7-9 pm	18	19	20
21 Fighter Practice 11 AM	22	23	24 A&S Gathering 7-9 pm	25	26 NLZ 6:30—8:30pm	27 NLZ 6:30—8:30pm
28 Fighter Practice 11 AM Demo: 1-4pm Exp. Place NLZ 6:30	29	30	31 A&S Gathering 7-9 pm			

November 2018

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11 Fighter Practice 11 AM	12	13	14 A&S Gathering 7-9 pm	15	16	17
18 Fighter Practice 11 AM	19	20	21 Populace Gathering 7-9 pm	22 Thanksgiving	23	24
25 Fighter Practice Canceled	26	27	28 A&S Gathering 7-9 pm	29	30	

December 2018

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2 Fighter Practice 12 PM	3	4	5 Officers & Finance Meeting 7-9 pm	6	7	8
9 Fighter Practice Canceled	10	11	12 A&S Gathering 7-9 pm	13	14	15
16 Fighter Practice 12 PM Demo: 1-4pm Exploration Place	17	18	19 Populace Gathering 7-9 pm Yule A&S Competition	20	21	22
23 Fighter Practice Canceled	24	25 Christmas	26 A&S Gathering 7-9 pm	27	28	29
30 Fighter Practice Canceled	31					