

The Dragonflyre

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Greetings and Warm Salutations to the Populace of Vatabia,

It is both an honor and a privilege to serve the Barony of Vatabia as your next Baron and Baroness. This is a task that we do not take lightly. It is with the knowledge and hope that we continue on a firm path of growth and prosperity forged for all of us, through the hard work of the past baronages and members of Vatabia. At this time of transition Their Majesties asked each of the populous to reflect on how you think the Barony is doing, what we are doing well, and in what ways we could be doing things better. (because there is always something we can improve!) What would you like to see for the future of your Barony. We are here to serve you, so please, we want you to feel free to offer your thoughts on these questions as well as your suggestions, comments and ideas. We are always here to listen.

Now that we have all recovered from Lilies, We want to extend a sincere thank you, one more time, to all of those in the Barony that contributed to the war effort by donating their time and energy through serving as gate staff, water bearing, teaching classes, serving or donating food for the Barony sponsored luncheon, marshalling, driving the chariot, and serving on retinue. Helping out at events helps to make everyone's experience better.

We congratulate Johann on his elevation to the order of the Pelican, as well as other individuals that have been recognized by the Crown. We are very proud of your accomplishments, you bring honor to yourself and to your Barony.

Preparations to play host to the Kingdom at our Valor tourney continue. Your help is greatly needed to ensure a successful and enjoyable event for our guests. There are many ways to assist while having fun.

We are entering the busiest part of the eventing season. Try something new as you plan your activities, be mindful of your physical conditioning and hydration needs, so that you may enjoy all of the wonderful opportunities available. Enrich your experience by volunteering your services in some way at the events you attend. We bid you please be safe in your travels, share a ride with a friend, check on your campmates, plan carefully and plan ahead.

The Drums of war are calling to all those willing and able to join the army as they muster for Pennsic war.

In faithful service and love,

Lawrence & Genevieve
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Baronial Court

Oyez Oyez!

The first court of Their Excellencies Vatabia, Baron Lawrence Taillefer the Leech and Baroness Genèvieve de Chambéry, was held June 19 Anno Societatis LV being 2019 Gregorian.

Their Excellencies thanked all who came. They read the missive from Their Majesties Calontir regarding consent. A flier on the subject was also passed out to those assembled.

All Officers of the Barony present were called forth to pledge their oath to the new Baronage. Each Officer was presented with a belt favor as an Officer of Vatabia.

Those Champions present were called forth to pledge their oath to the new Baronage and were presented belt favors as Champions of Vatabia.

Announcements were made about the upcoming Calon Con in a week. It is a requirement of Kingdom Law that all officers meet with the Kingdom officer once a year. The Con is an excellent opportunity and a chance to get to know local member traveling companions and other officers in the Kingdom. The event stewards for Valor explained about the move of Valor back to Labor Day due to weather. The spread sheet for volunteering will be reset. Volunteer needs were listed.

It will be posted on Facebook when sewing on the Baronial shade fly will be done. Heavy duty sewing machines will be needed. Helpers need not be experienced in sewing. Members are needed just to help get the large pieces of canvas through the machine- canvas pushers. During work on this project the Officers' meeting will be combined with the monthly populace meeting providing additional days for project work.

Their Excellencies requested counsel from local members about the scheduling of Valor for next year. They also encourage all to bring to their ideas and goals and vision for the future of Vatabia to Their attention.

Their Excellencies announced that meetings would be held at the current venue, American Legion Post 256 Richard Gilbert for the coming year. The positions for Social Media and Knight Marshal are still taking applications.

Thus closed the first court of Their Excellencies Lawrence and Genèvieve.

Their Royal Majesties Donngal and Catalina and Their Royal Highnesses Anton and Iselt

wish it be known

that they take the responsibility to protect their populous very seriously. They ask everyone within the realm to be aware, be vigilant and honest in all interactions. It is important that everyone feel safe, secure and without fear. Consent is a topic that transcends its importance through not only mundane but Kingdom and Society life.

A flier is being passed around that was posted in all of the blue rooms throughout the Lilies site. This topic was also discussed in each of the order meetings held at the War. Their Majesties asked that we bring this back to our baronies and let it be known the importance of these discussions. No longer will inappropriate behavior be tolerated or stepped over. We must listen openly and without judgment to all sides of a story. If there is a need, we must encourage those who have been wronged to seek mundane authorities without fear of retaliation. This is just the beginning of our conversation, but it is vital. However, We caution everyone not to spread rumors or hearsay, for this is just as damaging, but rather encourage those directly involved to seek assistance. For if we want to have a society where all can truly take safe refuge, we must rely on those chivalric virtues we hold dear,

**Honesty, Respect, Truth, Courage,
Trust, and Honor.**

GET CONSENT BEFORE YOU ENGAGE!



STAND YOU BOTH PREPARED?

- Do not engage in intimate activity without affirmative consent from your partner.
- Consent is a clear and freely given “Yes,” not the absence of “No.”

SAFETY AND HONOR COME FIRST!

- There are no marshals! It’s up to you to check in on the safety and comfort of your partner.
- It’s wise to check your calibration. If you’re not totally sure something’s good, ask.

CALL HOLD!

- Circumstances can change in the middle of an exchange.
- Look, listen, or ask to be sure you still have affirmative and ongoing consent.
- Either party may stop the engagement at any time, for any reason.

NO UNAUTHORIZED PARTICIPANTS.

- People under 18 cannot give consent.
- Those who are incapacitated by alcohol or drugs cannot give consent.

YOU DON’T HAVE TO ENGAGE.

- Do not feel obligated to do anything you do not want to do. “I do not want to” is always a good enough reason.
- If you start to feel concerns about a person or a situation, trust your instincts and try to remove yourself as quickly as possible, even if it is someone you know and even if it feels awkward to leave.

As a society we aim for nobility and honor, but we know there are those who fall short of the mark. No one should do anything to you without your clear, unequivocal, positive consent, and if they have, it isn’t your fault.

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY YOU CAN:

Go to an Officer or Baronage | At an event, Find any staff member with a radio | Call 911

This consent flyer was first posted at Great Western War XXI in the Kingdom of Caid in October 2018. It was approved for use at that war by the Caid Kingdom Seneschal and the President of the SCA on Oct 3, 2018. It has the creators’ consent to be used at any SCA event in any kingdom. Emergency Information may be updated as appropriate. This document is shared as read-only, but can be copied and edited locally as needed. Original Text developed by Donna Mora Spadera. Layout, Review, and Graphic provided by Baron Cormac Mor. Acknowledgements for language development to UC Santa Barbara and Don Todde Mac Donnell. Image source: Opus Amplissimum de Arte Athletica by Paulus Hector Mair (Cod.icon. 393 II, 257v)

FROM THE SENESCHAL

Greetings my friends.

We have by now all recovered from Lilies if we were able to go and are readying for Caloncon and eventually Valor in the fall. In the meantime, the crown has left us with a new discussion, and it is an ongoing one. Consent. They posted a flyer at Lilies, and sent copies out to the baronies for populas, of a catchy little poster that refers to the idea.

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1CEu77IqA3Ir6oh2to6nksItdfBSt80LFN6Ac5FLjTM/edit?usp=sharing>

Think over your time as an adult, attending events. Think about times that your actions may have made someone uncomfortable accidentally. This is a chance for us all to grow from those moments. If you have been the victim of an incident, you Always have the right to contact police. You may if you prefer to do so contact the local officers or the kingdom advocate, who will help you find your options. Her contact information is:

Mistress Roselyn of Aberdeen Advocate@calontir.org

This is a society that is based on the ideals of honor and chivalry. If you cannot behave with either, step back and consider Why. There are plenty of people who can help you find better ways to act and react to others.

On a related note, when discussing any intense and sensitive topic, any one of us might find ourselves unable to come to agreement. Likewise, as in any large social group, there will always be those with whom we cannot get along. I expect that those people can be civil to one another in public in a manner that befits our hobby. If you find yourself in a situation where your temper is in danger of being lost, or where you feel threatened by someone's actions, walk away. If someone walks away from you during an argument, Let them. Take up the conversation again when everyone has calmed down again. Nothing is ever gained by losing your temper.

Yours in Service,
Catlin Marie du Moretaine
Seneschal

FROM THE CASTELLAN

Greetings unto the populace of Vatavia,

The weather has put a damper on things (literally) and we have not been able to be out in public as much as we need to be. Encourage people to come out and join us but remember to get some sort of contact information from them to keep them apprised of any changes that may come along.

Do your part by doing what you love in the Barony and sharing it with everyone. Encourage people to come join us for a practice or a meeting, offer rides when you are able, and help people get kitted out as they begin their SCA career.

But mostly, just talk to people about all the positive things you see happening in the Barony!

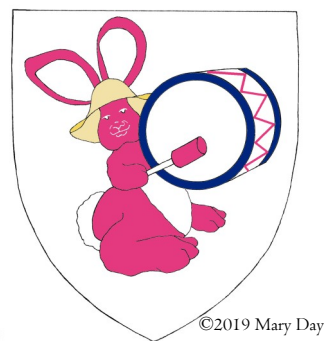
In service,

Lord OyrikR Randulfsson CT

FROM THE CALTROP PURSUIVANT

Greetings good gentles all!

Congratulations are in order for Master Johann Steinarson! He is an inspiration to many and a gifted herald and bard. We are blessed indeed that he dwells in Vatavia!



Have you ever considered displaying your arms? There are many ways to do so- from marking your belongings to banners to heraldic arms. If you have an AoA you are able to register arms, your local heralds are here to help you design them. If you want to display your arms, I'm happy to help you devise ways to do so!

Yours in Service,
Zoe Mikre

FROM THE EXCHEQUER

Good Day to all.

Here is where The Barony sits on available monies as of the middle of June, 2019. We currently have a \$15,361.33 in the bank. We have received the bank statement as of the writing of this message to you all, so the balance is according to the June statement and checks that were written earlier this month. 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 ARCHER MARSHAL

Ah Another season of archery is in full swing.

Practices are running at OJ Watson park in the horse corral, weather permitting.

Great fun was had by all at Lilies, I would like to congratulate Roderick de Graham, Friar Thomas Bacon and Bertram Grunrock for making it to the finals of the 100 Arrow Shoot at Lilies. Congrats to Roderick being the overall winner.

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

Lord Konrad von Roth
Archery Marshall of Vatavia

FROM THE ARTS AND SCIENCES MINISTER

I would like to encourage anyone with a skill to teach to reach out to me so we can get your class on the schedule!

Additionally, if there is a class you'd like to take, let me know and I can try to make it happen.

Kingdom Arts and Sciences is July 20th, and I encourage all who are able to enter!

With Valor rescheduled, you have plenty of time to work on your 'Opulence' entry. I am looking forward to seeing the submissions!

In service,

Eyfríðr Geirsdóttir

OFFICERS' MEETING MINUTES

OFFICERS' MEETING | April 3, 2019

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

25 members- 2 children: 11 Baronage/ officers/deputies and 4 members participated in the meeting.

Sunday April 7th is the last scheduled theme presentation at Exploration Place. Presentations for July to December will be planned and scheduled soon. Other requested demos are in process and not yet finalized. It was announced that there would be a documentary video crew at the Spring Great Plains Renaissance Festival. The Kingdom Social Media officer was contacted as to policy when a local group does not have a Social Media officer in place. To promote The Great Plains Festival Eagles Realm is asking for individuals wanting to assist at Pop-Con May 31st as part of the Wichita River Festival. This is not a request for Vatavia.

April 13th-15th is the Renaissance Festival. Many Vatavians have other obligations that weekend. Their Excellencies thanked everyone in advance who are heading up activities and already volunteered. Sunday April 28th will be Champions'. Their Excellencies would like to meet with the members of Their Orders at that time.

The Dragonflyre has been published and posted. The Laurel decision on Eyfríðr's badge proposal is expected in May. Anyone interested in voice heraldry are encouraged to try it. The schedule for classes for Valor will be posted soon. There are still openings for those wishing to do a class. Contact Eyfríðr to be added.

The Exchequer reported a balance of \$15,206. The quarterly report will be sent to Kingdom as soon as the bank statement is received. The cut and thrust Marshal is looking for a gently used extra large mask for the loaner equipment. New loaner equipment for armored combat has been obtained and a list will be given to the Property Master. It was reminded that any reimbursement not pre-approved will need to be decided by the financial committee after receipts are provided.

Armored combat and cut and thrust practice both have moved to outdoor practice. Both will start meeting now at 10 am to 1 pm with the warmer weather. Archery will resume April 7th, depending on weather and horses. The paperwork to the park is ready for delivery.

Their Excellencies reminded individuals that wished to send letters to Their Majesties regarding the new Baronage selection have a very short time to respond. They stressed that these are for information; not as a vote. These are your words and are in writing. Be informative, honest, courteous, and forthright. At Champions' and other meetings Their Excellencies will be asked to sit in. For Themselves and the new Baronage they requested largess for Valor.

The Seneschal is accepting letters for the position of Social Media officer which is the front line person for all social media platforms. Eyfríðr offered to show interested members about Instagram; Zoë offered for Twitter.

The Seneschal also announced that due to some unforeseen changes in her work schedule that she will not be at the Great Plains Festival until Sunday.
There being no other business the meeting adjourned.

OFFICERS' MEETING | May 1, 2019

American Legion post 256, 4301 W. Pawnee, Wichita, Ks
21 members: 9 Baronage/ officers/deputies/ event stewards; 5 members participated in the meeting

Valor is May 24th-26th. Volunteers are needed for set up, take down, trash and bathroom checks. Servers for feast can also be signing up. Gate shifts are being scheduled as well. Their Excellencies have been informed they will step down in Saturday evening court. The schedule of classes will be posted tonight.

Lilies volunteering is being organized. Vatavia's traditional gate shift of Sunday 8am to 2 pm is open for signing up. the Barony is also sponsoring arts and sciences luncheons on Monday and Wednesday volunteers and food donations are being requested.

The schedule of themed presentations at Exploration Place for June through December has been arranged. There is a special 'Storm the Castle' event tentatively planned for July 27th EP would like us to be involved with. There are no details at this time. The next Renaissance Festival is September 28th-29th.

The deadline for the next issue of the Dragonflyre is June 20th. Several heraldic changes on name policy from national were read. One Vatavia badge proposal was returned for conflict. Arts and sciences the rest of this month will focus on largess and the tent/shade fly construction.

Currently there is \$15,703.83 in the bank. Money has been received for heraldic proposals. Purchase of loaner armor is still being finalized.

The interim Marshal will continue to hold practice at OJ Watson Park. One individual has expressed interest in the

position and is writing a letter of application. Archery practice continues at the same site and same time. Stumps are available to have thrown weapon practice as well. Cardboard is needed for the archery targets. An individual expressing interest in becoming warranted for archery was referred to Ld. Konrad.

The Baronage thanked all who have served during Their time on the thrones. They ask all officers continuing with the incoming Baronage to provide their warrant date and membership information.

The Seneschal is accepting letters of application for Knight Marshal. A social Media officer is still needed.
There being no other business the meeting adjourned.

OFFICERS' MEETING | June 5, 2019

American Legion post 256, 4301 W. Pawnee, Wichita, Ks
14 members: 7 officers/deputies/ 2 / deputies event stewards; members of the populace and 1 child.

Valor has been rescheduled to Labor Day weekend due to weather. All changes have been made and contracts modified to reflect the change. The new Kingdom format does not yet reflect the rescheduling. Insurance and Pay Pal for the event have been handled as well.

The request to participate in Exploration Places Storm the Castle event celebrating the renovation of that area was approved. The request to be involved in the Liberal Memorial Library Back to the Future time travel event will be passed onto Westumbria due to concerns over distance and it now tentatively scheduled for Thursday or Friday July 25th or 26th.

Two Vatavia proposals are on the May internal letter for consideration. There were no local proposals on the March registration Letter of Acceptances and Returns. Names associated with historically infamous, horrible are to be included in the expanded policy for offensiveness. The next Dragonflyre will be due June 30th. Deadline for officer letters is June 20th.

The Exchequer reported \$15,675.83 in the bank. The Valor insurance payment will be reimbursed and new payment issued for the rescheduled date.

Fighter practice for June 9th is cancelled to encourage members to attend the Baronial investiture and Jóhann's elevation to the Order of the Pelican. It will resume June 16th at the regular 10 AM time.

The Seneschal needs applications for the deputy position of Social Media Officer. She has received one application for the Knight's Marshal position but is still accepting applications. She would like to have more than one person to choose from.

There being no other business the meeting adjourned.

A Valor Lament

by Abigail bat Michael ha-Cohen

(Filk to the tune of "On My Own" from Les Misérables)

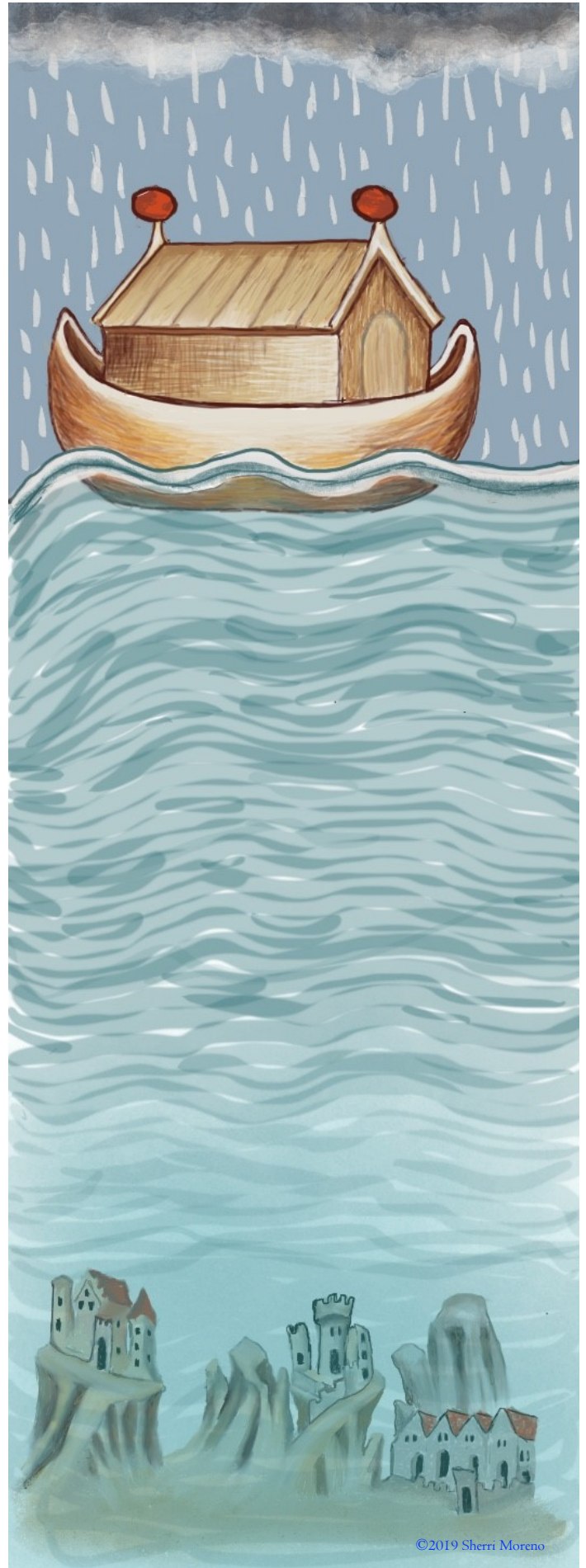
Soaking wet
Pretending that it's sunny
Can we bet
The rain will stop by morning?
There's no hope
We see the water rising
The Valor site's become a lake and knights
Don't fight while swimming.

In the rain, the herald drips and shivers.
"Hear ye, all," he says, his voice a-quiver.
"News of darkness: we must postpone our tourney,
The water swells, and doom it spells for all who'd make the journey."

Right the call, we know deep in our minds,
And repeat it to ourselves, our voices grim.
But although the weather is unkind,
Still we say, "Valor's day shall come!"

The rain falls,
But when at last it's over
We'll emerge
And camp out by the river.
Without fear,
We'll sing and joust and gather,
And celebrate our honored kin and barons of renown!

The rain falls
And thunders
And storms on...
But Valor's day shall come!



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Champions Baronial Court

April 28, 2019 | OJ Watson Park

Baron Uldin of Ravenscroft and Baroness Nü Tzê Sung Sai-êrh

Bertram Grunrock – blue cord (paid membership)

Varrus/Connor More- AoD, service at Gulf Wars- soup kitchen, Vataavian water lads

Samuel Strangefellow/ Samuel Gorges- AoD, service at Gulf Wars- soup kitchen, Vataavian water lads

Release of current Champions

Arts and Sciences — Eyfðr Geirsdóttir

Archery — Konrad von Roth

Cut and Thrust — Donald Andrew MacDonald

Bardic — Moriyama Katsutoshi

Armored Combat - Øyríkr Raðúlfsson

Coronation event steward William Douglas was awarded a gift certificate to Castile Armory

New Installed Champions: oath, receive regalia of their office

Luchisnik/ archery - Jóhann Steinarsson

Borec/ armored combat - Erik Tokesson

Zpevak/ bardic - Samuel Strangefellow

Cut and Thrust - Øyríkr Raðúlfsson

Estradni Umelec/ Arts and sciences - Wulfic Tyrrell

Robert the Scott and Konrad von Roth- announce about Valor positions sanitation/trash and help at gate.
Eyfðr in charge of gate.

Moriyama Katsutoshi Zevack cord (bardic) Order for efforts in the bardic arts and encouraging others
Avigail bat Michael ha-Cohen Zevack cord (bardic) Order for composing and performing an original piece
for a Barony she just moved to.

Green cord Erik Tokesson- comes often, traveled to our fighter practices and demos

Erik Tokesson- Vojak- acknowledgement of his commanding of guardsmen

Kennocht Armstrang— Vojak

Vashti al-Ash'ariyah-Radiant Lioness-for weaving, teaches even traveling to other groups.

Received medallion made by Sorcha.

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THEIR ROYAL HIGNESSES

ANTON & YSEULT

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UPCOMING KINGDOM EVENTS

•••July•••

- 6-7 Known World Heraldic and Scribal Arts Symposium |
Coeur d'Ennui | Des Moines, IA
- 9-14 Battlemoor | Kingdom of the Outlands | Buena Vista, Co
- 26-31 Pennsic War | Kingdom of Aethelmarc Slippery Rock, PA
- 27 Feast of Eagles | Cúm an Iolair | Overland Park, KS

•••August•••

- I-II Pennsic War | Kingdom of Aethelmarc Slippery Rock, PA
- 17 Heraldshill Annual Event | Heraldshill | Mason City, IA
- 17 Regional Marshal Event | Crystal Mynes | Joplin, MO
- 24 Cattle Raids | Mag Mor | Weeping Water, NE
- 30-9/2 Valor | Vatavia | Wichita, KS

•••September•••

- 7 Kings Companie of Archers | Calontir | TBA
- 14 Masters of the Duel | Amlethsmor | Hallsville, MO
- 19-22 Ansteorra 40th Year Celebration | Cleveland, OK
- 28 Vertigo | Lost Moor | St Joseph, MO

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:
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

FROM THE DEMO COORDINATOR

Greetings fellow Vataivians

Summer has officially started. With it are some traditional and some special presentations. There is a special celebration for the opening of the refurbished castle at Exploration Place on July 27th from 10 am to 4 pm. They are calling it 'Storm the Castle Celebration.' We have been invited to join the festivities which includes music, hands-on activities and medieval demonstrations from local groups and Ren fair participants. We have the area we use for winter fighter practice to present fighting, arts and sciences, and other aspects of the SCA. Please let me know if you are interested. No one person need to be there the entire day.

Traditionally we have also presented at the customer appreciation day at the Museum of World Treasures in August. At this point in time we have no specific date. It often is provided on short notice. Also with the weather and farmers' market fighting is not done at this presentation since it would be outside mid-afternoon.

The rest of the Exploration Place presentations for the rest of the year have been scheduled. July 28th, after the special Castle event the display on Medieval Trivia will be repeated to tie in with the new traveling exhibit, 'Ripley's Believe It or Not.' October 27th again will include EP and Night of the Living Zoo presentations. December 8th we will be doing the traditional scavenger hunt for the season and present on holiday historic traditions.

YIS, Marie

July 2019

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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

August 2019

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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

September 2019

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

1 Fighter Practice 10 AM	2	3	4 Officers & Finance Meeting 7-9 pm	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	30					