

The Dragonflyre

NEWSLETTER FOR THE BARONY OF VATAVIA



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Our Dauntless,

The world continues to turn, and Tamar and I are so proud to see you all doing your parts to see to that.

Staying home when you can, seeing to the continued operation of the essential services of our communities, taking care of yourselves and each other.

In these times of uncertainty, speculation and negativity are natural. In apparent isolation these feelings can become compounded.

Please hear this reminder:

"Bravery is not the absence of fear, but action in spite of it".

You are not alone.

Our Calontir community thrives, every morning the horn sounds and every day each of you does your part great and small.

Some of you have taken greater responsibilities and leadership upon yourselves to guide others through seemingly dark times. We mark you well. Yours is the heart of Calontir.

The famed stubbornness of The Heartlands.

Our hearts are happy that one day, when we can take off our mantles, there will be hands there to take them up.

A favored Calontir tradition of mine is the telling of others heroic deeds, drawing strength and inspiration from our brothers and sisters while spreading their word fame.

Tell us a tale. Who has lifted you up? Who had made us all better?

Rage Calontir!

Lucian and Tamar

Unto the Populace of Vatabia, Greetings!

Campaign season is finally here, the weather is warming and singing can be heard in the halls of Calontiri. *War horns are sounding, all across the lands, take up ax and spear, and together we shall stand. Please travel safe, and stay healthy as there are many wonderful events and festivities to enjoy in the coming days.*

As Campaign season is a dangerous endeavor, TRM Lucian and Tamar have decreed a tournament of combatants to secure the future of our Kingdom. We invite everyone to join us at Crown Tourney for the fun and excitement in discovering the new Heirs.

We are enthusiastically looking forward to a new twist planned for Spring Renfaire this year. Renfaire and Champions will be run concurrently. It is an opportunity for recruitment and to present the very best of ourselves to the public. The officers will be in charge of their areas, and once again we will plan for two pop booths. Please come bring your projects, banners and dancing shoes to join in the fun and frivolity.

Robert and Lucia have Valor plans shaping up nicely. We look forward to hosting Calontir's oldest running Tournament and welcoming many guests to our lands.

We want to extend a heartfelt THANK YOU! to each and everyone for giving their time to help out, every little bit we do contributes to the fun for everyone! Volunteerism is the backbone of our society. This will be a busy season, there will be many opportunities, demos. event and activities, where we will need many hands to make light work of it. Thank you. for all you do to make The Dream come true.

In faithful service and love,

Lawrence and Genevieve
Baron & Baroness

Barony of Vatabia, Kingdom of Calontir

FROM THE SENESCHAL

Greetings Vatavia!

What a great past couple of months we have had with out of town events, Clothiers, Queen's prize, Chieftains and Winter War Maneuvers weather fighting, going to classes or just doing your favorite Arts and Sciences projects much fun seemed to be had! Now onto some spring events, Gulf Wars here in March, Spring Ren-fair / Champions 18-19 April and Valor 41 22-25 May. We love to play at other groups events and with their hard work to make their events fun for all those who visit them, lets return the favor and pool together with our Spring Ren-fair / Champions and our Valor 41 events we have here in our Barony. If you would like to help, please ask me and we can put you in the right direction to help.

Please email me at seneschal@baronyofvatavia.org.

In June we have the Lilies War and while we do have fun helping as a Barony, there is a lot to do in a week! Classes, Archery, Fighting, singing and of course my favorite: **eating**. If you have not experienced Lilies war yet come on out when you have time and see what is going on.

Last and not least, if you are an Officer, remember your reports are due in April, please have them in on time and cc me in on your reports.

Yours in Service

Robert Steven MacLaren

Aka Robert the Scot

Seneschal

FROM THE CALTROP PURSUIVANT

Hello Vatavia!

It's spring, which means RenFaire will soon be upon us! Please consider volunteering as a herald if you are blessed with the gift of volume.

Master Johann does an excellent job- it's a lot for one person!

Yours in Service

Zoe

FROM THE EXCHEQUER

Good day to all.

Here is where the Barony sits on Available monies as of the end of February 2020. We currently have a balance of 15,718.16 in the bank.

If there are any questions I can be reached at the Baronial website email exchequer@baronyofvatavia.org.

YIS

Lord Konrad von Roth

FROM THE KNIGHT MARSHAL

Greetings Vatavia!

Warmer weather is finally upon us. Thank you all for a great indoor season. It was amazing to see so many new fighters out in loaner armor enjoying our strange hobby. Special thanks to Sir Wulfric Tyrell, Master Hanashi no Kagemoto and Lord Torin O'Carr for all the help and leadership during the indoor season. With that, our last Exploration Place fighter practice of this season will take place on March 18th. We will be back out at the far north end of OJ Watson Park on March 22th beginning at 12:00PM. We will move the time earlier as the hateful sun grows stronger, so keep an eye out on the website and Facebook page for any changes.

There will be no practice on April 12st in observance of Easter.

In service,

Lord Brynjólfur 'Brynki' Fálkason

FROM THE ARCHER MARSHAL

Greetings from the archery range,

The winter months have drawn to a close and we are ready to resume practice. Practice will pick back up on April 5th at OJ Watson Park back in the horse coral near where fighter practice is held.

Start time will be the same as Fighter practice and go until no one wants to shoot .

YIS

Lord Konrad von Roth

FROM THE ARTS AND SCIENCES MINISTER

Many thanks to HE Genevieve for providing all of the supplies for our hobby horse project. Due to her generosity, Vataavian horses will be ridden by pages at Gulf Wars.

As always, please contact me if you are interested in teaching a class or would like to learn something.

For those going to Gulf, you have many excellent classes at your disposal, and we hope you will return to teach us what you've learned!

In service,

Eyfríðr Geirsdóttir

FROM THE DEMO COORDINATOR

The days are longer. Birds are singing. Dandelions are blooming. It's Spring!

After March 15th fighter practice moved from Exploration Place to outdoor practice at the park. I want to thank all the fighters who attended through the winter months. I especially want to thank those who came early and stayed after others left to reset the tables and chairs. Our willingness to help the staff is part of why we get invited back.

March 29th there was a themed presentation for Exploration Place on engineering and inventions. The next EP presentation will be May 31st on music and instruments. Several requests have been scheduled for the summer reading program, *Imagine Your Story*. The Fowler Library presentation will be May 2nd. There are two presentations for the Clearwater Library: June 22nd for children, 'Cat tales and Knight Stories'; and June 29th for teens on the bestiaries and Shakespeare. Moundridge Library has tentatively scheduled July 17th, with the subject still to be determined.

Our Spring 'time to shine' and show Wichita and her guests what we do is April 18th-19th at the Great Plains Renaissance Festival and our Vataavians Champions' competitions. Great plans are being finalized and new signage made. Artisans sign up or inform the Arts and Sciences Minister of your plans. Specific signage will be done for your particular item or demonstration. Other sign ups will be available. Our service at the pop booth is a major fund raiser for the Barony. There is something for everyone. Shadow a Vataavian to learn a new skill or a new way to serve the group.

Marie CD

OFFICERS' MEETING MINUTES

OFFICERS' MEETING | January 8, 2020

Make ICT, 5920 E. Mt. Vernon, Wichita, Kansas

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

The next presentation at Exploration Place will be January 26th on engineering. April will be the local Renaissance Festival at which the local Champions' competitions will be held. The officers will each be organizing their area of responsibility. Right after the Renaissance Festival will be Vatavia's Valor event. HL Catlin is the event steward. A former local member has asked to hold her wedding during the event.

The next required bid from Vatavia for a Kingdom event will be in 2021 for the 2020 Winter Coronation. However proposed Kingdom event bids are welcome at any time. It was asked and agreed by the officers to hold another Mid Winter Merriment for this year.

The *Dragonflyre* is accepting artwork, creative writings and articles for the upcoming publication. Two members had heraldic proposals registered in October: Catlin Marie's badge and Brandulfr Bascum's name and shield design. Several other proposals are in process. Classes for January were announced; the tentative February classes were discussed. A class to work on sock horse heads for the Lilies children's activity will be scheduled. Those wishing to donate materials can check with the Arts and Sciences for the list of needed items.

The Social Media and Seneschal are updating and coordinating the information on all postings of the Baronial calendar through the first quarter. Calontir and nearby Ansteorran events will be included in addition to local classes and meetings. Cross posting Facebook information to the Baronial website or providing a link to reach those not on Facebook. The new Web Minister is looking into refreshing the website look and locating a less complicated hosting option. A new Minister of Youth will take office once the background check by Kingdom is complete.

The Exchequer reported a balance in the bank of \$17,898.30. At least one check from 2019 will not clear until the first quarter of this year. It was noted that all reimbursements require approval by the finance committee and a receipt. The new Exchequer will take over the office at this month's populace. It was reported that the Mid Winter Merriment event made a profit of \$130 in donations.

Projects for upcoming events need to be worked on. Specifically the touch up painting the shade flies, the entrance banner; cleaning and stain removal on the marquee; building signage and weather sealing. It was announced that in the next 6 to 8 months a new storage location for the Baronial property needed to be found.

Winter fighter practice has begun at Exploration Place. Due to weather predictions it will be posted this Saturday if practice needs to be cancelled. Cut and Trust practice happens at the same location at the same time. Archery continues to be suspended until Spring. An archery project for arrow making is deciding on a date. Sponsoring a regional fighter practice at a nearby shire was proposed.

The Seneschal provided his personal email address to everyone. All correspondence and reports should be sent via that address until the forwarding issue with the web site is resolved. It was added that quarterly reports to that address could be sent early and not wait till the 15th.

It was announced that the Castellan will be needing to step down due to real life obligations and considerations.

Interested individuals can submit letters of application.

There being no other business the meeting adjourned.

OFFICERS' MEETING | February 5, 2020

Make ICT 5920 E. Mt. Vernon, Wichita Ks

18 members were present: 8 Baronage/ officers/ deputies/ event stewards; 3 members of the populace participated

Numerous opportunities to attend events are coming up: Winter War Maneuvers January 29th, Gulf Wars March 14th-21st, Hibernatus March 28th, Crown Tournament April 11th, Valor May 22nd-25th, and Lilies June 12th-21st. Their Excellencies are encouraging Vativians to attend Gulf Wars and Lilies. There will be an open Vativian encampment at each of these events.

The Great Plains Renaissance Festival here is April 18th-19th. This is an opportunity for us to show Wichita what we do and as a fund raiser through our work at the pop concession. This year the Champions' competition will be held during the Festival. Champions and each officer will coordinate on the competition planning. Other presentation opportunities are scheduled. March 29th at Exploration Place will be another of our special demos on engineering specifically focusing on tools and inventions. May 2nd there is an all day presentation scheduled in Fowler Kansas for the beginning of the Summer library reading program, *Imagine Your Story*. Other requests are being considered, depending on the dates needed.

February 12 arts and sciences class will be on embroidery. The rest of February A and S will be devoted to Baronial projects: shade flies and their poles the 19th and sock horse heads for Gulf Wars hobby horses the 26th. March 18th will be a night for personal projects with populace being moved to the 25th. It was announced that the name change to Heidi Anne Draper was registered in November. The *Dragonflyre* will be published the end of March. Officer letters need to be in by March 11th. The Web Minister is working on updating all officer information and job descriptions to current. The Social Media officer reported that a program has been obtained that will automatically update messages to all social media platforms the group is using.

The new Exchequer reported a ledger balance of \$17,787.16. The check for the Valor site fee will be done tonight. Paperwork is being obtained from Kingdom to update the bank signature card. March 7th and April 4th are scheduled as work days to finish up work on Baronial property and projects for the upcoming Renaissance Festival and Valor.

Fighter practice will continue indoors at Exploration Place through March 15th. Cut and Thrust practice is cancelled for March 1st due to Winter War Maneuvers. Armored combat may be held that day if a marshal is available. There was no archery report.

The Seneschal announced that Heidi Anne Draper has stepped in as the emergency arts and sciences deputy. Deputies will now also be listed on the Baronial website. Torin is his emergency deputy. He thanked all who participated in the engineering for arms, armor and archery presentation January 29th at Exploration Place.

Both the Seneschal and Her Excellency repeated their encouragement to attend Gulf and/or Lilies and to be in the Vativian encampment. Other items on projects and scheduling had already been presented.

There being no other business the meeting adjourned.

OFFICERS' MEETING | March 4, 2020 Make ICT, 5920 E. Mt. Vernon, Wichita, Kansas

15 members participated: 7 Baronage/ officers/deputies/ champions; 8 members of the populace

A very full Spring calendar was given. Events will be noted on the weekly news blasts. Locally the populace meeting has been scheduled for after Gulf War on Wednesday March 25th. Their Excellencies will be providing the meat. March 28th is Westumbria's Hibernatus in Raymond Kansas.

RUSH is in Clalanais Nuadh, Rolla Missouri April 4th. Crown Tournament is the next weekend April 11th in Wylvorn Cliffe, Jefferson City, Missouri. April 18th -19th is the Great Plains Renaissance Festival here in Vatavia. The following weekend, April 25th a clean up day at the Valor camp site. St. George and the Dragon in Oakheart, Springfield, Missouri starts the month of May. Followed by Melees and Mayhem May 16th Crescent Moon, Topeka, Kansas. Then Valor is here May 22nd- 25th. Lilies begins June 12th and goes till June 21st.

Spring also has the start of a very busy demo schedule. The summer reading program, Imagine Your Story,

Has resulted in several requests. Currently presentations are scheduled in Fowler, Kansas May 2nd. Clearwater has scheduled programs for children on June 22nd and one for teens on June 29th. A date for a presentation in Moundridge is still being finalized.

The Ren Festival was discussed and a map of the Dell set up drawn. There will be new signage made for display and demo tents. There will be additional signage in the tents. Sign up for demonstrating arts and sciences and the pop booths will be posted online.

Three Vatavians currently have heraldic proposals in process. Any interested teachers or members wishing a specific class should contact the Arts and Sciences Minister. The deadline for Officer letters is March 11th. the next issue of the Dragonflyre will be posted the end of the month.

The Exchequer reported a balance of \$15,721.16. The site check for Valor is still outstanding. The financial policy is nearing completion. A new location for storage of the Baronial property will be needed. Two current options are to use a storage facility rental like in the past or store property at a member's house. Other options and suggestions would be appreciated. A decision will be made at the April Officers' meeting.

Fighter practice will move back to OJ Watson Park March 22nd. Archery practice will start at the same location but starting April 5th. Both practices will be held at noon.

Her Excellency requested suggestions from the members of what activities or events they would like to see Vatavia sponsor. Also this year each Barony has been asked to do an additional Minister of Youth activity. Again any suggestions would be appreciated. Vatavia has already been scheduled to do gate from 8 am to 8 pm the first Sunday of Lilies. It was announced that the theme for this year's war is 'Romans vs. Barbarians'.

There being no other business the meeting adjourned.

FROM THE BARONIAL CHAMPIONS

Fellow Vatabians,

All good things must come to an end, and our tenure as your Baronial Champions is drawing to a close. But we shall not allow our Barony to stand unguarded, thus we have arranged to hold our Champions' Tournament at the coming Great Plains Renaissance Festival demo, April 18th and 19th. All Champions' Challenges shall be conducted in the grounds of our Baronial Dell, with the following tentative schedule.

On Saturday the 18th, the Archery challenge will commence at the very start of the fair, at 10 AM sharp. Our range will be open just long enough to complete the Challenge, at which point we will close it down for the safety of the fair-goers. At the same time, the Arts & Sciences challenge will accept entries throughout the day, with a deadline of 4 PM for the judging.

On Sunday the 19th, the Armored Combat challenge will commence at 10 AM sharp, to be immediately followed by the Cut & Thrust challenge. This early start time is to ensure our warriors are rested and ready to go. The Bardic challenge will take place Sunday afternoon, at Their Excellencies' and the Champion's discretion, before the fair closes down.

In addition, we would like to encourage the generosity of our people. We are inviting everyone who enters the Champions' Challenges to consider donating a small toy of at least \$5 value, which will be deposited in the Vatavian Toys For Tots donation bin. Yes, Toys For Tots is months away in November, but it never hurts to start putting away for such a worthy cause. So if you are planning to enter any of the competitions, please consider a donation at the same time. Your Barony will be very grateful.

We look forward to seeing you at the RenFaire Champions' Tournament.

Yours in service,

Honorable Lord Erik Tokesson, Borec

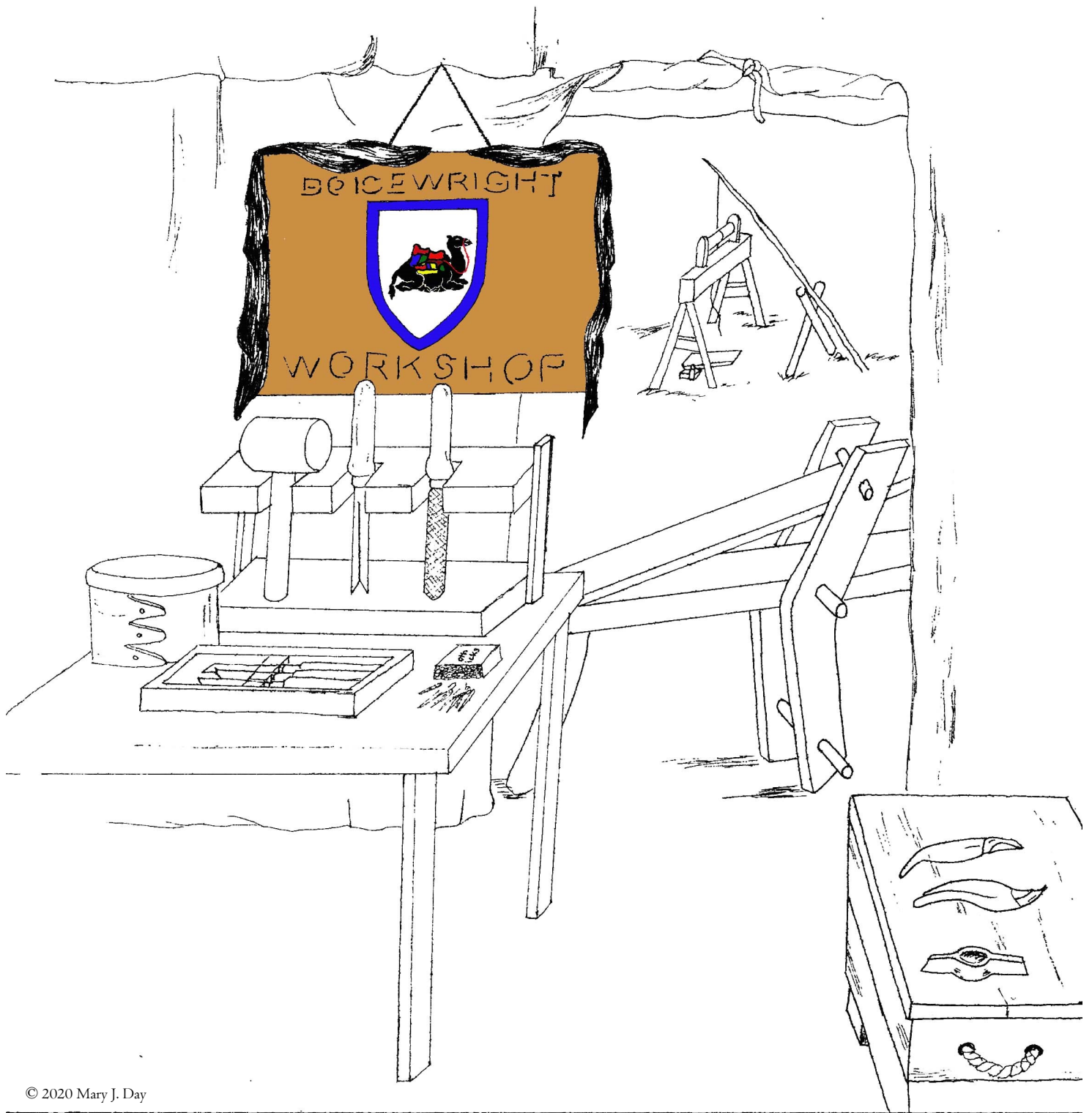
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Master Jóhann Steinarsson, Luchisnik

His Excellency Sir Wulfric Tyrrell, Estrēdni Umelec

Lord Samuel Strange fellow, Zevack

Chronicler's Note: The spring Great Plains Renaissance and Scottish Festival originally scheduled for April 18th and 19th has been postponed until the fall date of September 26th and 27th, 2020. This is being done in accordance with the temporary ban of public events of more than 10 people enacted by the Sedgwick County leadership.



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Master Cadweard Boycewright

September 14, 1949

July 6, 2019

THEIR ROYAL MAJESTIES

LUCIAN & TAMAR

Falcon-Crown@calontir.org



UPCOMING KINGDOM EVENTS

...April...

All Calontir SCA activities

are suspended

Until April 30th.

...May...

- 2 Spring War College | Amlethsmor | Hallsville, MO
- 9 St George & The Dragon | Oakheart | Springfield, MO
- 16 Melees & Mayhem | Crescent Moon | Topeka, KS
- 17 Bardic Bedlam | Barony of Coeur d'Ennui | Des Moines, IA
- 22-25 Valor | Barony of Vatavia | Valley Center, KS

...June...

- 12-21 Lilies War | Calontir | Smithville, MO
- 13 Spring Crown Tournament | LILIES WAR
- 27 CalonCon | TBD

BARONIAL GATHERINGS

Populace Meeting Third Wednesday, 7-9 PM

Make ICT, 5920 E Mt Vernon St, Wichita, KS 67218

Fighter Practice (Armored Combat and Calon Steel)
Sundays 12PM | **O.J. Watson Park**, 3022 S McLean
Boulevard, Wichita, KS 67217

For more information, contact:

Lord Brynjólfur Fálkason

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Archery Practice

Sundays 12PM | **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.

Make ICT, 5920 E Mt Vernon St, Wichita, KS 67218

Arts and Sciences Gathering 1st, 2nd and 4th

Wednesday, 7-9 PM

Make ICT, 5920 E Mt Vernon St, Wichita, KS 67218

Demos

May 2nd | Fowler Library | TBD

May 31st | Exploration Place | Music and Instruments

June 22nd | Clearwater Library | Cat tales & Knight Stories

June 29th | Clearwater Library | Bestiaries and Shakespeare

Great Plains Renaissance Festival postponed until

September 26th and 27th

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316-685-1182

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April 2020

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COVID-19
Restrictions In Effect



May 2020

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

June 2020

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