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— From Their Majesties Calontir —

Hail Calontir!

The best this beautiful Kingdom has to offer has been on display! Kingdom Arts and Sciences was an amazing showcase of all the skills and abilities We are fortunate to have. Thank you to all those who entered their crafts as it was truly wondrous to see!

At Cattle Raids, We saw Our gracious equestrians offer their time and efforts to help any who sought to ride that day achieve that goal! The displays of skill in the Joust were truly awesome!

The hospitality of the Barony of Coeur d'Ennuï was on full display at Raid or Trade. The bonds of friendship were clear as We shared in roast lamb and toasted the arts, sciences, and fighting displays from throughout the day.

A reminder, as We look to the future of this great Kingdom, We seek heirs. Letters of intent are now being accepted for the Fall Crown Tournament. The Crown Tournament shall be held on November 14th, 2026, in the Barony of Lonely Tower. This tournament shall be fought as bring-your-best, best two out of three.

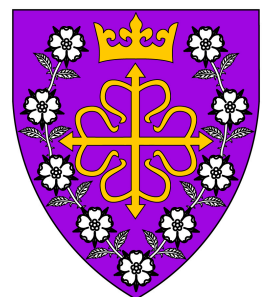
In the Finals, it shall be best two out of three of three.

Each finalist shall select a weapon form for one round. Should a third round be needed, The Crown has selected a 6-ft thrusting spear as the weapon.

To be considered, fighters must be able to span their shield across the longest points, and each couple must submit the following:

- Names of both Fighter and Consort
 - Proof of current SCA Membership for the fighter and consort at the time of the tournament
 - If membership is due to expire at any time during the reign, proof of renewal within 10 days of winning Crown Tournament will be required
 - List of SCA events attended within the past 12 months
 - A copy of a legal ID for the fighter and consort.
 - Both must reside in Calontir (or Treaty) and meet the age requirements of Kingdom law.
- A Statement of Intent: Why do you wish to be Crown?
- Names of your:
 - Chamberlain
 - Head of Household
 - Scribe
 - Herald

In service to the Dream,
Øyríkr Raðúlfsson & Alicia Niel,
King and Queen of Calontir



— From Their Excellencies Vatavia —

We would like to offer our heartfelt congratulations to the Vataavians who have been recognized thus far during this historic Vataavian reign!

Baronial preprints are out in full swing and being painted and colored beautifully. Many thanks to all who have turned in completed preprint page; we are so excited to share them during court!

To that point, our local Harvest Fest is coming up soon on Nov 28th, 2026, from 1-6pm. It will feature crafts, gaming, and a potluck dinner, so please check out the event page on Facebook or email Aia to sign up to bring sides and desserts.

Prior to the Harvest Fest, the Barony is joint hosting Chilies this year. Please message or email Brynki to sign up for gate.

Thank you for your time and service to the Dream!

Baron Brynki & Baroness Aia



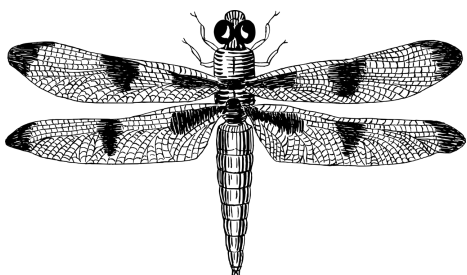
— From The Baronial Officers —

FROM THE CHATELAINE

Thank you to everyone who attended Ren Faire and shared a friendly conversation with the fairgoers! I sincerely appreciate the effort you all put into our demo interactions.

We have several exciting baronial and kingdom events coming up this fall so keep an eye on the calendars! Visit vatavia.calontir.org/calendar for local events and calontir.org/calendar for kingdom events.

Lady Astrid Arrowbreaker



FROM THE KNIGHT MARSHAL

Greetings unto the Barony of Vataavia,
The weather has finally started to cool down so fighter practice will be much nicer to have outside. The event season is still continuing.

There are events almost every week. We have Winterfylleth III - Return of the Kith is just around the corner, of which we are hosting. So I encourage you to go to as many as you can throughout the Kingdom as well as our neighbors. So be sure to check your padding and gear.

We also have a Demo at Taunamicon coming up in October.

Fighter Practice is at MakeICT (5920 E Mount Vernon St, Wichita, KS 67218) from 10am to 2pm on most Sundays.

In Service

Lord Kentaro

— From The Baronial Officers —

FROM THE C & T MARSHAL

Greetings Vatavian steel fighters. With the worst of the heat behind us Sunday practices should be a more enjoyable. Wednesday practices will continue for the foreseeable future. Outside while it's light enough, inside once it gets dark. Providing the indoor open space isn't being used for something else. I've acquired several pairs of earlier period swords. Arming swords and Norse style short swords. I'm bringing them out so we can practice earlier styles of fighting as well later period weapons. As always I intend to have the loaner gear available as well as the punch tester for those who need their jackets checked. Lord Vladimir Zinonovich

FROM THE CHRONICLER

Hello everyone! In this issue, I've included one of my fall time favorite poems. I adore the how the words really conjure up a spooky feeling. The poem is by our own Master Johann Steinarsson. Much like Master Johann, you too can have things put into the DF! How, you ask? Just send them to me at chronicler@vatavia.calontir.org either in email format, google doc, or a PDF and I'll make sure we have your legal paper permission to use it! See that's not so hard! YIS
Lady Murasaki

FROM THE DEMO COORDINATOR

Greetings one and all.

As I write this we are a week away from the Fall Renaissance Festival. We are fortunate this time that there are no major Kingdom events requiring attendance from several of our populace. As is tradition, a half day of volunteering in the Dell or at one of the drink concessions gets you free admission for that day. Please, especially consider doing time at the concessions: a sit down job, in the shade, with access to cold water and no garb requirement. This is one of our major fundraisers for the Barony.

It has been a busy Spring and Summer with presentation requests from the community and working on participation in local conventions. All that in addition to the Barony's hosting three Kingdom events. The last six months have seen a presentation a month with two to come in October. I would like to express my thanks to HE Heidi and Ld Leonardo for their assistance at the Museum of World Treasures Customer Appreciation Day and 25th Anniversary celebration. We actually had double the number of guests from last year. Regrettably two conventions confirmed our participation at their event with only two days notice.



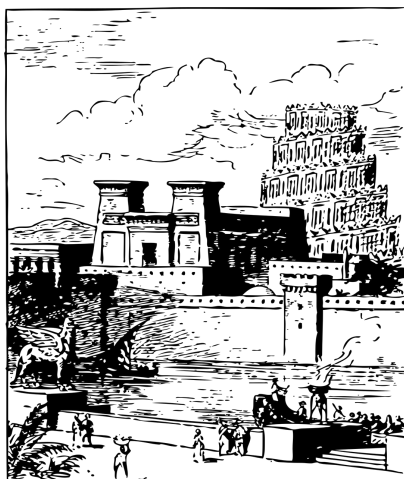
FROM THE DEMO COORDINATOR

Such short notice was not enough to organize and get the volunteers needed. With heart felt gratitude I want to thank HL Torin and Ld Lugaid for offering to represent Vatavia at the ICT Comic Con the end of August.

The last of the presentations are this October : DIY Day at the main Wichita Library, October 17th and Tsunami Con, October 17th-18th. Additional members wanting to come to the Library are welcome. However numbers have already been turned in; and, there may not be a free lunch for you. Contact me if you are interested in participating. HE Aia is organizing the presentation for Tsunami Con.

My sincerest appreciation to all who "demo" every day to the public, to new members, to transplant members. Your efforts help Vatavia to thrive.

M Marie CD



FROM THE EXCHEQUER

Hello fellow Vatavians!

Third quarter has ended and that means our Fall Ren fair pop booth and demo is also completed. We raised \$515.00 in two days time. The money we raise from pop booth sales help cover expenses that we occur as a Barony from our storage rental to membership dues required for MakeICT so that we can have our weekly meetings and fighter practice. Those funds from Spring and Fall do not cover all but do help out a great deal. Thank you to all who volunteered their time at the pop booth and helped enrich our Barony coffers. We also hosted Kings Company at our beloved Lilies site and many Vatavians made the trek to cheer on our Kingdom archers in competition. We are still waiting for our Paypal income, but I believe we have profited over \$1500.00 by my calculations. Yay!

As we look toward the final quarter of 2026, Chilies will be happening in a few days. We are co hosting this event with our cousins in the north, Lonely Tower. If you are attending, you can still pre register until October 8th. If you are newer and are considering going, I highly recommend this long weekend event.

Currently our bank balance is \$23902.05 with \$8803.14 earmarked for Chilies expenses.

I am looking for a deputy who will eventually replace me when my tenure is up, if you are interested, please reach out.

YIS,

HL Tove Brianesdohter

FROM THE CALTROP HERALD

Caltrop is pleased to announce the following registrations this quarter.

Astrid Arrowbreaker
Name 5/17/2026

Fiachán mac Eochadha
Name 7/19/2026

Gearóid Ó Cléirigh
Name 6/14/2026

Ottar Langfótr
Name 5/17/2026

Congratulations from Caltrop and
Caltrop Staff

FROM THE SENESCHAL

Good afternoon to the Barony!

We are needing to get a new Archery marshal to replace Master Donald. If you want to be considered for that position, please talk to Master Donald about what it requires, and we can get an interview set up for you.

We are coming out of having several events and demos back to back, thank you to everyone for your hard work.

YiS
Catlin Marie du Moretaine
Seneschal for Barony of Vatavia



— Award Report —

KINGDOM

Kyleigh of Vatavia- Torse 9/12/2026

'Friar' Thomas Bacon- Boga Fyrd
9/12/2026

Úlfr Halfdan- Boga Fyrd 9/12/2026

Other: Matthias Worcestershire- Royal
Brewer 7/11/2026

RUSH - Praeceptors (taught 5 or more distinct
classes)

Genève de Chambéry 7/25/2026

Jóhann Steinarsson 7/25/2026

Tove Brianesdohter 7/25/2026

BARONIAL

July 15 Populace

Carol Barlow AoD (gate first event, teaching A/S classes)

Kentaro ViC +2 (Unslung Heroes and Valor Torchlight)
and Vatavia Corps of Engineers-Mechanized (set up and tear down at any event he's at)

Kyleigh ViC (1st- cord – Valor Bunny Shoot)

Joachim Courtney der Marxbruder ViC +5 (3 Battlemoor, ? ?)

Uldin of Ravenscroft (AKA de Vatavia) ViC +1 (Valor)



September 26 Great Plains Fall Renaissance Festival

Astrid Arrowbreaker Radiant Lioness – scroll illumination painting and teaching others

Iziaslava Veronikeia Myshkovicha ViC Valor Arts and Sciences; Radiant Lioness -block printing and teaching others to do prints, costuming and construction, i.e. Minoan gown

Jean MacNeill AoD +1 leaf event support and a skein's worth of white cords

Jóhann Steinarsson ViC +2 archery Cattle Raids and King's Companie of Archers

Óttar Langfotr AiA- stone carving; ViC (cord) Feast of Eagles arts and sciences rune stone carving

Ragnar Markison Green Cord +1

HE Robert the Scot was presented a gift- a carved rune stone (done and text read by The Ld Óttar)

— Meeting Minutes —

FINANCE COMMITTEE

A special meeting of the financial committee was held August 26, 2026 at the Make ICT 5920 E. Mt. Vernon Wichita Kansas.

Committee members present HE Aia, HL Caitlin, Ld.Úlfr Halfdane (by phone), M. Marie. HL Tove had sent a request from Equis Uldin to take the Baronial ;Mcentrons to the Chillies event in October. HL Tove sent her approval with the request. The committee members approved the request. M Marie Chantal Delaire- recording secretary

There was a brief discussion about the Newcomer's Glen doing tavern at the upcoming King's Companie of Archers event. M Óttarr will be contacted to clarify who is providing seed money for the tavern food. If Vatavia is to be providing these funds then reimbursement will be required from the gross before profit goes to Newcomer's Glen. M Marie Chantal Delaire- recording secretary

A special meeting was held of the financial committee September 2, 2026 at the Make ICT 5920 E. Mt. Vernon Wichita Kansas.

Committee members present HE Brynki, HE Aia, HL Caitlin, HL Tove, Ld.Úlfr Halfdane, M. Marie.

Due to increased rental costs the budget for the Chillies event will not have sufficient funds to cover the remaining expenditures. Tent rentals, the anticipated site fee and miscellaneous expenses remain to be covered. The major cause is the 100% plus increase in the tent rental. This would leave a balance that would not even cover last year's event site fee. The committee approved a \$1500.00 event budget increase with Vatavia being responsible for \$750.00 of that increase. By the event agreement this will be sent for approval to Lonely Tower's committee and the event stewards for their approval. Any expenditures above and beyond this approved amount will the responsibility of the one making those expenditures.



OFFICER'S MEETING

August 12, 2026 at Make ICT 5920 E Mt. Vernon , Wichita, KS 67226
23 members were present: 9 Baronage/ officers/ deputies were involved in the meeting.

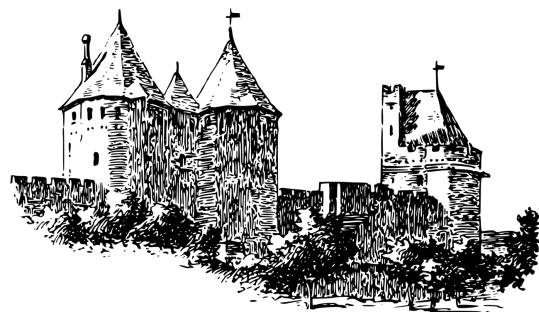
There are several events in the north of the Kingdom the end of the Summer and early Fall. Two are in Iowa. Kingdom Arts and Sciences is August 29th in Crystal Mines. Individual displays are planned as part of the event. Members can send items for display if they cannot attend. HE Brynki encouraged members to join Him for Cattle Raids. Raid or Trade in Labor Day weekend in Coeur d'Ennui. Vatavia is the sponsor for King's Companie of Archers September 11th. Vatavia is also co-sponsor of Chilies: Winterfylleth October 8th – 12th.

The Vatavia local Fall event will be November 28th at the St. James Episcopal Church on Douglas. The flier and information will be available in the near future. The scheduled presentations continue with the next at ICT Comic Con August 29th 30 th at Century II. HE Aia will be handling this presentation. The registration for the DIY Day presentation at the main library October 17th has been done. The Great Plains Renaissance Festival is September 26th – 27th. Each officer or an individual replacement they arrange for will be responsible their office's activities at the Festival.

The Chatelaine has inventoried the Gold Key loaner garb. Members are encouraged to spend time with our newer members. Caltrop reported the registration of two Vatavia's names. The contributions by heralds at Pennsic were also provided. 13 members participated in the Japanese finger loop braiding class. Future classes are being arranged. Next week, Ld Ottar will do a class on dyeing with woad. Vatavians were reminded that there is a Goggle form to report attendance and to take classes. The web site has been updated. Due to a technical issue contact for Mistress Sung about the website should be directed to her via Facebook.

HL Tove reported a balance of \$22,282.05, this includes the funds from Chilies co-sponsor Lonely Tower. The Vatavia share of the event expenses have been paid. An estimated profit based on last year's event was given. She has he e-pay form for King's Companie of Archers and Chilies. Neither event will be doing card swipes due to the lack of reliable internet access at the site.

Fighters have still been meeting on Sunday despite the extreme hot weather. The 6 or 7 discuss and share about martial activities. There was no archery report. Master Donald plans to do a class archery marshaling.



Their Excellencies repeated about the possible Kingdom events. HE Brynki is in charge of gate for Chilies and asked Vataivians consider doing a shift. . HE Aia encouraged people to share Her gate shift at this event. The Seneschal stressed that officers should make sure that their area of responsibility for the Renaissance Festival is covered by them or a replacement person.

There being no other business the meeting adjourned.

September 2, 2026 at Make ICT 5920 E Mt. Vernon , Wichita, KS 67226

27 members were present: 13 Baronage/ officers/ deputies/event steward were involved in the meeting.

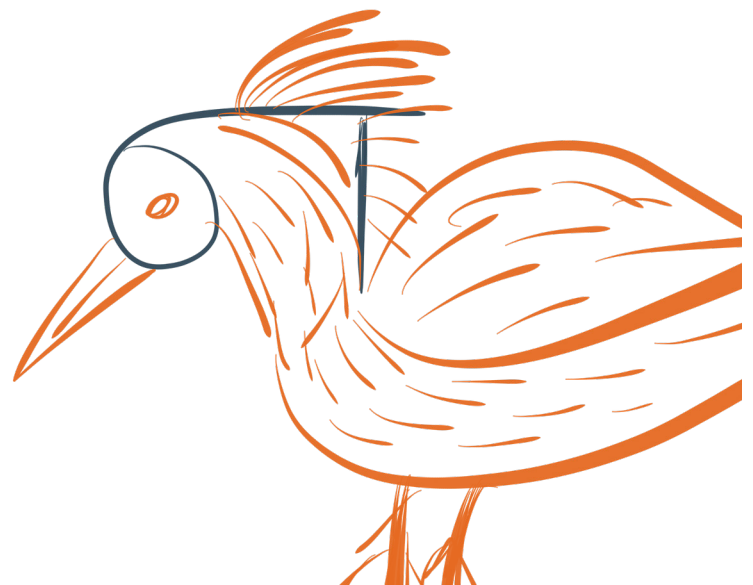
Their Excellencies noted the Kingdom's upcoming events. King's Companie of Archers hosted by Vatavia is September 12th -13th at Smithville MO. Vertigo is September 26th-27th in Lost Moor. October 1st-4 th near Ponca City will be Namron's Protectorate Epic 50. It is just a two hour trip. Going to another Kingdom means not being obligated to help and the chance to just enjoy. Chilies is October 8 th - 12 th at the same site as Lilies and King's Companie.

The Fall Great Plains Renaissance Festival is September 26 th -27 th. Each officer is responsible for their office's part of running the Dell. October 17th is the DIY Day at the main Wichita Library. This is a presentation for recruitment and public relations goals.

Her Excellency announced the local Fall Harvest event is November 28 th. There is no site fee. Members are encouraged to sign up their contributions to the potluck.

Caltrop reported that The Óttar's shield redraw is in process on the Kingdom letter. Heraldry will be needed during Ren Festival. The Chatelaine's access to the Baronial website has been established. Our Web Minister still needs Kingdom to get hers done. Currently Kingdom needs to find a Kingdom Web Minister. The chronicler needs officer letters. She plans to start on this quarters Dragonflyre this weekend.

The Exchequer reported a balance of \$21,507.05, \$4946.20 which is Chilies funds. Due to a 100% increase of one rental, the finance committee will be meeting to discuss options for meeting this extra needed budget. Ultimately it means reduced profit to be shared after expenses. Master Óttarr will be running the Newcomer's Glen tavern at King's Companie.



The archery practice has not occurred due to the hot weather. Cut and Thrust practice has been held but fighters have not been suiting up. The Knight Marshal sent no report.

The Seneschal noted that the two Votavian Kingdom events, King's Companie of Archers and Chilies, need volunteers. Also members are needed at Ren Festival to do water bearing and man the pop/ drink concessions. It was announced that if there were not enough volunteers the second water booth would be closed. Their Excellencies repeated about the need for volunteers. Those interested in volunteering for the DIY Day October 17th should contact the Baronage, Seneschal or M. Marie. Even though the convention presentation requests would not be occurring Ld. Lugaid and HL Torin were thanked for volunteering to come help with the conventions. There being no other business the meeting adjourned.

— Submissions —

Harvest Time

by Johann Steinarsson

As emerald leaves upon the trees their tincture
start to shed,
Exposing to a wand'ring eye the hues of
flaming red, So too do blackbirds leave their
perch in search of warmer climes,
And all do feel the chilling air that beckons
Harvest Time.

A figure stands upon the hill, his eyes do scour
the land.

'Tis many a crop to be brought in with
weathered, gnarled hands,
And as the days grow shorter now, he knows
he must work fast.
This is not his first harvest, and it shall not be
his last.

Through many days the fields have stood the
test of rain and sun,
And what was sown so long ago has either
come undone,
Been washed away on unseen tides or dried
into a shell,
Or managed to take root, grow strong, and
bear fine fruit as well.

The wind now carries rich aroma, crisp and
sweet, the sign
Of apples, ripe upon the tree, mixed with the
smell of pine
And pumpkins, too, and cinnamon, and in
the fields beyond,
The waving heads of ripened wheat, a sea of
golden blond.

But these hold not the interest of the figure
on the hill.

Not for this man the sheaves of wheat, to
cart off to the mill,
No fields of corn, nor apple cider mulling by
the fire,
Not one of these shall ever hold this
harvester's desire.

For there is but another crop which carries
great demand,
A timeless sort of harvest most familiar to his
hand.

And now he turns and casts an eye to other,
darker fields...

The ones oft scarce of winter wheat, yet filled
with swords and shields.

An echo on the wind now brings the dreaded
warhorn's cry,

The distant shouts of armored men who dare
to fight and die.

And further still, the silent tears for children
fallen ill,

And aged parents, strength long gone, their
voices thin and shrill.

The shadows spill across the land, the chill is
in the air,

The man in black upon the hill beholds the
scene with care,

And as the darkness gathers with the sounds
of battle's din,

The Reaper's scythe is readied... and the
Harvesting begins.

— Royal Contact Info — Events & Meetings —

Their Royal Majesties

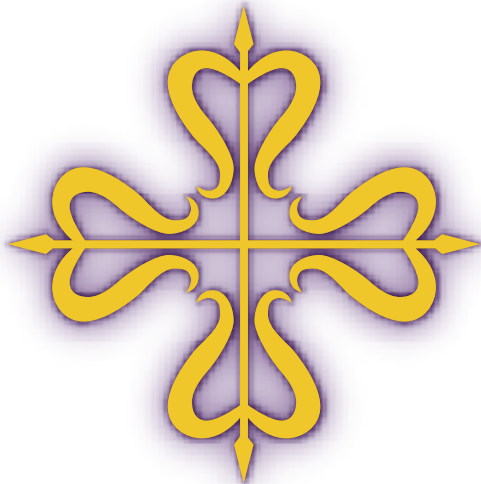
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VATAVIA MEETINGS & PRACTICES

Fighter Practice (Armored Combat and Calon Steel)

Sundays 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM | Location:
Make ICT Outdoors (March-Oct) |
Indoors (Nov-Feb)

Contact: Sir Øyríkr Raðúlfsson
knightmarshal@vatavia.calontir.org

Archery Practice | Sundays 2:00 PM
Location: 12705 SW 90th, Andover , KS
Contact: Master Donald MacDonald
archermarshal@vatavia.calontir.org

Officers' Meeting & Finance Meeting

1st Wednesday of the Month | 6:30 -
9:30 PM Location: **Make ICT** | *Open to
the populace.*

Populace Meeting

3rd Wednesday of the Month | 6:30 -
9:30 PM Location: **Make ICT**

Arts & Sciences Gatherings

1st, 2nd, and 4th Wednesdays | 6:30
- 9:30 PM Location: **Make ICT**

Make ICT Address:

**5920 E. Mount Vernon St. | Wichita, KS
67218**

— October 2026 —

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
Fighter Practice 4 Archery Practice	5	6	Officers & Finance Meeting 7	8	9	10
				<u>Winterfylleth III -Return of the Kith</u>		
Fighter Practice 11 Archery Practice Winterfylleth III	12	13	Arts & Sciences Gathering 14	15	16	17
Fighter Practice 18 Archery Practice	19	20	21 Populace Meeting	22	23	24
Fighter Practice 25 Archery Practice	26	27	28 Arts & Sciences Gathering	29	30	31 <u>Calon Con</u> <u>Grimfells Homecoming</u>

— November 2026 —

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Fighter Practice 10am Archery Practice	2	3	4 Officers & Finance Meeting 7 pm	5	6	7
8 Fighter Practice 10 am Archery Practice	9	10	11 Arts & Sciences Gathering 7 am	12	13	14 Fall Crown Tournament
15 Fighter Practice Archery Practice	16	17	18 Populace Meeting	19	20	21 Toys for Tots
22	23	24	25 Arts & Sciences Gathering	26	27	28
29	30					

— December 2025 —

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	Officers & Finance Meeting 7 pm2	3	4	5
6	7	8	Arts & Sciences Gathering 7 pm9	10	11	12
						<u>Kris Kinder</u>
Fighter Practice Archery Practice13	14	15 Officer's Letter for The DragonFlyer Due	16 Populace Gathering 7 pm	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

— Officers —

Don't forget your quarterly Reports are due by the 15th of next month!