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From the Baronage

APRIL

Unto the populace of Vatavia, Greetings from Their Excellencies,

We hope that all of you are enjoying spring! As you know Ren Faire is coming up. Lady Elizabeth Anne has graciously volunteered to organize this demo. This is our biggest opportunity for fundraising and recruitment. The more people who come to spend time helping out the more fun everyone will have.

Vatavia is hosting an event on April 25, called "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Colosseum." Look for more information on this event soon! It's going to be a good one.

As always we are glad to serve both the crown of Calontir and the populace of Vatavia.

In service,
HL Donald Macdonald, Baron
Ly Zoe Mikre, Baronessa

From the Chronicler

Greetings and Salutations!

Another bare bones issue of the Dragonflyre this month, but improvements are coming. This issue is a bit late, throwing off schedule, so I will be creating a new 'Flyre at the beginning of next month to get back on track. As always, I am more than willing to accept submission of any variety if you want it published and criticisms are always welcomed.

May you be well, you may as well be.

~ Kolsveinn Stýrismaðr, Vativian Chronicler.

From the Seneschal

Greetings Vatavia,

The days soon will be growing warmer. Camping event season is and will be upon us, and with that our hibernation will end. It is good to be in Calontir and I hope everyone is ready for another wonderful year of fun with family and friends.

Officers, please remember that Reports will be due no later than April 15th. This does not mean, however, that you have to wait until then. Let's get them all in as soon as possible. April first is not too early. Let us continue our shining example to the rest of the known world. Get them in early and let's be the first Barony to have everything in.

Ren faire is right around the corner. Lady Elizabeth will be steward of the SCA Dell area. Please get with her to see how you might help. This is a huge fundraiser and growth opportunity for us all. So please, come out, help and support her and Vativia in this endeavor.

Lady Deidre is holding a Roman event at the end of April. It's going to be a blast. Lots of fun games and activities are planned throughout the entire weekend. Holding an event like this takes a lot of work and a lot of teamwork. Please see where she may need help and help Vativia shine for Calontir.

The Tournament of Valor will soon be creeping up on us all. Her Excellency Zoe and I are stewarding the event this year. Please get in touch with us if you are interested in helping with the festivities. The theme for Valor this year is....VALOR. Stay tuned for updates, sign-up sheets, etc.

Finally, I just want to take a moment to remind everyone to communicate. Communication is a key element to many if not all the things we do. Communication on the list field, the battle field, the officer corps, and just between family and friends. Please be kind to everyone, even if they choose not to be so to you. Discretion is the better part of Valor after all.

In Service to Crown and Kingdom,
Ottar Surtson

From the Populace

Here begins the tale of Darius van Delphin, son of Otto van Delphin and his dutch bride, Heidi.

Though he was born in the small town of Brunsbüttel in Germania in the year 1484, Darius van Delphin was the son of a poor blacksmith. As the family had little money, the local lord, Heinrich von Holstein, was given lien over the business to train the boy from the age of seven, tutoring him in the ways of reading and writing as well as swordplay and the proper care of arms and armor.

Unfortunately, just after Darius turned twenty his parents died during a raid, and he traveled with the lord away from his village to the city of Hamburg. After staying in the city for the winter, they embarked on to where the two of them, with what little money there was to be had from the sale of his family's possessions, arrived in Luxemburg with a landsknecht unit.

Though he spent his days with the lord in his training, his evenings were filled with the tales of battles fought and tales told by the landsknechte. Finally, as the soldiers left town, he gathered his meager possessions and followed them out to join their ranks while the lord returned to his lands in the north.

After a decade in their ranks, he grew tired of battle on the front lines and, after the Battle of Marignano in 1515, he studied the military engineering manuals of the era and moved his commission to the engineers in the general military, where he began working on new siege engines and battlement designs for the crown and assorted nobility.

After six years of work that led to him being an officer in the engineers, in 1521 at the age of 37, Darius took leave of the military to pursue a life as a civilian engineer and advisor to the military as needed.

James Wilkinson

"Darius van Delphin"

From the Archer Marshal

Greeting unto Vatavia,

I write this month of the weather getting warmer and the grass growing longer. It's getting to be archery season and I want to hear from you as to what you want to see and do with Vatavia archery this year. Please feel free to write me or meet with me if you have any ideas or suggestions as to what you want out of archery this season. More practice, practice during the week, one on one teaching, classes on shooting or repairing your equipment, making your own equipment, anything! Let me know.

Also, I am still looking for my replacement for after Valor. If you are interested please come speak with me directly, there are a few things that need to be started (commitment to serve, Marshal in Training stuff, etc.) and I hope to have you warranted before or shortly after you take over. Thank you to everyone that has helped me over the years, I am forever in your debt.

Lord William Douglas

Vatavia Archer Marshal

From the Caltrop Pursuivant

Good gentles of Vatavia,

March has certainly come roaring in like a lion; let us hope it becomes more like a lamb before too much longer. There is little to report from the Caltrop office, apart from one upcoming heraldic opportunity in the next month- at the Roman Fun & Games event, last weekend in April, we will need strong voices for camp announcements, tournament heralding, and the Roman Triumph for the winners of the day's contests. If you have a strong voice and wish to assist at this event, contact me or any other heraldic officer.

I myself will be heading South with the Calon Army fairly soon, as Gulf Wars XXIV is imminent. I plan to help in whatever capacity I can, as I am sure will every other Vatavian who can make it this year. We will carry the well-wishes of all Vatavians who, sadly, cannot make it to Gulf this year.

If you have any questions on ideas for a name or device, as ever, please contact myself or my deputies, HE Marie Chantal and Lord Karl. We heralds are always available for your voice and/or book heraldry concerns!

Ever in service,

HL Johann Steinarsson

Caltrop Pursuivant of Vatavia

From the Chatelaine

Unto the Faire Barony of Vatavia, do I, Lady Deirdre de Warenne, send warmest greetings...

As my first year as your Chatelaine ends, I look back over all the good times we've had this year, and I am really looking forward to more this upcoming year! We have events and demos to look forward to, and more new people to invite into our family.

Please keep our newcomers in mind when you are headed to an event. Find one to throw in the back seat and take them with you!

Newcomers: Hey! If someone offers to throw you in their car to go to an event, say yes! Events really are the best part of the SCA. They are the culmination of everything we do locally, the classes and practices and meetings...

Kingdom A&S is coming up in April, followed by the Great Plains Ren Fair, followed on the weekend of the 24th thru the 26th by A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Coliseum, our local event, a weekend of roman fun!

Try to hit a couple of these events - they're a great way to kick off an SCA summer of FUN!!!!

In Service to the Dream,

Lady Deirdre de Warenne,

Chatelaine, Barony of Vatavia

Upcoming Events

Baronial events

Wednesday, April 8 - Arts and Sciences, 7pm to 9pm
-Martinson Avenue Christian Church, 1653 South Martinson

Sunday, April 12 – Fighter Practice, Noon to 3pm
-Exploration Place, 300 N. McLean Blvd

Wednesday, April 15 – Populace, 7pm to 9pm
-VFW Post 112, South Topeka Street

Saturday-Sunday, April 18-19 – Great Plains Renaissance Festival DEMO, 10am to 6pm
-Sedgwick County Park, Wichita KS.

Friday, April 24- Sunday April 26 - Roman Fun and Games
- Whispering Winds Camp Valley Center, KS

Sunday, May 3 – Fighter Practice, 11am to 2pm
- Linwood Park, 1900 S. Hydraulic (Hydraulic & Mt. Vernon)

Wednesday, May 6 – Officer's Meeting, 7pm to 9pm
-Martinson Avenue Christian Church, 1653 South Martinson

Sunday, May 10 – Fighter Practice, 11am to 2pm
- Linwood Park, 1900 S. Hydraulic (Hydraulic & Mt. Vernon)

Wednesday, May 13 - Arts and Sciences, 7pm to 9pm
-Martinson Avenue Christian Church, 1653 South Martinson

Sunday, May 17 – Fighter Practice, 11am to 2pm
- Linwood Park, 1900 S. Hydraulic (Hydraulic & Mt. Vernon)

Wednesday, May 20 - Populace, 7pm to 9pm
-VFW Post 112, South Topeka Street

Sunday, May 24 – Fighter Practice, 11am to 2pm
-Exploration Place, 300 N. McLean Blvd

Wednesday, May 27 - Arts and Sciences, 7pm to 9pm
-Martinson Avenue Christian Church, 1653 South Martinson

Kingdom events

Saturday, April 11 – Kingdom Arts & Sciences

- Hosted by the Shire of Wyvern Cliffe
- St. Peter catholic Church, 216 Broadway, Jefferson City, MO. 65101
- Site opens at 9:00 AM
- Site Closes at 7:00 PM

Saturday-Sunday, April 18, 19 – The Last Ceilidh

- Hosted by the Barony of Forgotten Sea
- Fort Leavenworth Hunt Lodge, Fort Leavenworth, KS 66027
- Site opens at 8:00 AM
- Site closes at 1:00 PM

Friday-Sunday, April 24-26 – Melon Wars

- Hosted by the Shire of Flinthyll
- Langwood Education Center
14001 H. Avenue Grandview, IA 52653
- Site opens at 5:00 PM
- site closes at 12:00 PM

Friday-Sunday, April 24-26 – Roman Fun & Games

- Hosted by the Barony of Vatavia
- Whispering Winds Camp, 9601 West 73rd Street North, Valley Center, Kansas 67217
- Site opens at 6:00 PM
- Site closes at 12:00 PM

Friday-Sunday, May 1-3 – War College

- Hosted by the Shire of Amlesmore
- 14313 Monroe Rd 921, Madison MO 65263

Saturday, May 2 – Social Event

- Hosted by The Canton of Axed Root
- Roland Area Community Center, 208 N Main Street, Roland, Iowa 50236

A Funny thing happened...
on the way to the
COLOSSEUM

Come One, Come All to ROME,
that fabled city, for a day of games:

April 24-26, 2015

9601 West 73rd Street North, Valley Center, KS 67217

Hosted by the Barony
of **VATAVIA**

SHOW YOUR PROWESS WITH

CUT & THRUST

**PERIOD
GAMES**

**B STRUT YOUR
BARDIC SKILLS**

**VATAVIAN SPRING
MAN-AT-ARMS
TOURNAMENT**

Site Fee \$10
ages 6-17 \$5
5 & under Free

Non Member Surcharge \$5
Family Cap \$30 Not including NMS

Feast \$10
Tavern \$5

Site Is WET

www.baronyofvatavia.org/roman-games-2015.php

Directions: Take your best route to Hwy 96 & Ridge road, Wichita. Travel North on Ridge to 73rd street. Turn West and continue to the end of the road. Turn Left/south into the Whispering Winds Camp. Gate will be at the building.

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A PROVE YOUR SKILL
ARCHERY SHOOT &
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ROMAN FEAST

**TAKE SOME
CLASSES**

**A&S Themes are: Roman Graffiti
and Roman Food & Wine**



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