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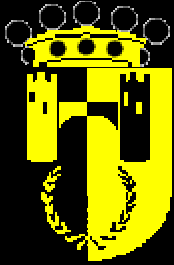
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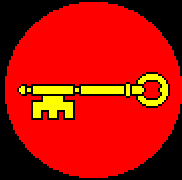
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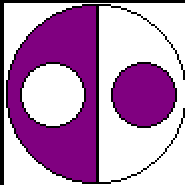


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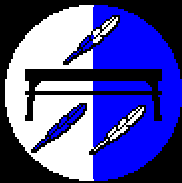




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meeting minutes – august 25, 2004

Held in the Education Building of St. Paul's, Falls Church

17 Attendees

6:05 pm

officer reports

- * Meeting started with a short announcement from Baroness Denise Duvalier (Denise Hundley) regarding Kingdom 12th Night. Site has been secured at Foxchase Manor. The theme is Spike (Atlantian seahorse) in any style or medium. Theme colors are gold and blue. By request of the Royals, there will be a Japanese emphasis as well.

Seneschal:

- * Miles' is conducting his last meeting. Marie-Therèsé will be taking over as Seneschal.
- * Reminder that Pennsic draws nigh and that all Baronial quarterly reports not already submitted are now late.
- * There will be a Known World Costume Symposium (the IVth) in Ohio on September 24th through the 26th. Please look online for more information.

Exchequer:

- * There is less money in the account currently because we have several upcoming events, which will refill the coffers.
- * Pictures of the baronial regalia have been taken and will be available online soon. Baronial storage was cleaned up and broken items were thrown out. Pictures of other baronial property are in the works.
- * Baronial policy adjustments are appended for the final month. The vote to finalize the changes will be held at the August meeting.

A&S:

- * A lot is happening with the Arts and Sciences in the next few months. Greta is stepping up from deputy after Chalice and Lady Celia will be stepping down to Acting Deputy until a replacement Deputy can be found.

Marshal:**Heavy:**

- * Practices continue, with attendance up for Pennsic. The baronial picnic resulted in 17 authorizations, including some dual authorizations. There were some practice bouts in addition to the authorizations.



Rapier:

- * Fencing practices are cancelled through Pennsic because almost all (7 or 8) of the rapier fighters will be attending Pennsic.
- * Seamus won Novice Tourney. Vivat Seamus!

Archery

- * Archery practices continue.

MOM:

- * The Barony is looking for a NEW Minister of Minors.

MOL:

- * The Baronial Picnic went well, with several authorizations. Baroness Denise Duvalier handled the paperwork during the picnic and will be turning in the report.

Web Minister:

- * Website is still up-to-date and going well. Thanks going to Courtney for publishing the last Il Tempo.
- * A new page with pictures of Baronial equipage is coming soon.

Chronicler:

- * Got the last Il Tempo published.
- * Acting Chronicler is awaiting warrant.

Herald:

- * Not present.

Chatelaine:

- * Newcomer meeting went well. Thanks to everyone for being helpful to newcomers when they attend events. Several new members attended the picnic and a few made it to the meeting as well.
- * The next newcomers meeting will be in September at the Marsaili Johnston (Terelynn Marks) house will take over as Chatelaine when Luce steps down in November.
- * Registration for Baronial awards will be submitted to the Kingdom Laurel at Pennsic to ensure that the paperwork will not go missing again.



- * A reminder that loaner garb donations are welcome but that they should be clean, with no holes, and things that are simple to wear. Ornate and complicated garb that you wish to donate to the Barony should be given to a silent auction.

baron and baroness

- * Another very active month, including a relatively new member of the Barony, Seamus, winning Novice Tourney.
- * The royals have committed to visiting every Barony and we are still working hard to make their visit coincide with Chalice. The Barony has agreed to provide at least 2 personal retainers for the royals while they are visiting. Volunteers are still welcome.
- * We fielded 12 pontoons at Assessments.
- * Baron Marcellus is requesting the purchase of a set of folding wooden chairs be purchased from Stephen of Stierbach with backs for the Barony to be used as portable thrones.

old business

- * No old business.

new business

- * No new business.

upcoming events

Pennsic:

- * We will be camping in a different area this Pennsic, as a favor to one set of Royals. The bonus land we were granted for agreeing to move has been ceded to the Atlantean Royals for use in their Royal encampment.
- * Camp fees will be \$11 per camper. We currently have 45 registered campers. For further information, please see the attached letter from our Pennsic land mistress.

Chalice: Sept 17-19

- * Teams need to register by the 11th. Registration needs to include the name of the team, name of the team members, and the discipline in which they will be competing. NO LATE REGISTRATIONS will be accepted.
- * Rules are available for Chalice competitions on the Ponte Alto website. You do NOT need to be on a team to participate in the competitions. However, a team MUST consist of at least 4 people competing in separate areas. Note that the Baronial Champions will compete as Champions, but will not be competing as a single team.
- * Day trip price is \$10 for members with a cabin being an additional \$4. More information regarding the event is available on the website.



- * We still have sign up sheets available for volunteers to help with Troll, site set-up, site breakdown (EXTREMELY IMPORTANT as it must be done by noon on Sunday), feast servers, feast hall cleanup, and autocrat assistants.
- * Making Chalice a stopping point on the Royal progress is still in the works.

A Day at the Races:

- * A site has been found for the Italian Palio (Banner) Race event on November 13th event—the Church of the Good Shepherd. The event will be listed in the September issue of the Acorn. Sign up sheets for volunteers will soon be making the rounds.
- * Tentative plans for a 'Make your own Pallio' day are in the works.

Baronial Birthday (and Performers Symposium?):

- * The Baron and Baroness have graciously agreed to holding a performers symposium on the same date, if interest continues.

Bloodbath:

- * Angelique is still tentatively scheduled to autocrat Bloodbath in February, pending schedules and promises of assistance.

announcements

- * Andrew Grey and Lady Sorchia are having a baby, due somewhere around January 18th, 2005.
- * Please do not forget the Pennsic Blood Drive. Also, Chirugeons Point is always happy to receive gifts of snacks, drinks, money, band-aids, Tylenol, pepto-bismal, ice, cups, and other items.
- * Additional items you might want to bring to Pennsic: water pistols, croquet, chess and backgammon sets, as well as other games.
- * The Prince and Princess are still in need of Pennsic retainers, and her Highness needs rapier guards
- * Denise and Thomas may still have extra staves of rattan for those in need.
- * Laurels gathering at Pennsic.
- * The Barony needs more volunteers to stand guard duty at MilAcre.
- * We are hosting a Hospitality tent at the Atlantian 5-man Rapier Tourney. Please volunteer time and/or beverages and food.
- * Baronial Court will be Tuesday, 7:30pm; Atlantian Royal will be Wednesday around 7pm; and the Known Worlde Choir on Thursday at 7pm.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:05 pm.



officer reports and letters

Seneschal

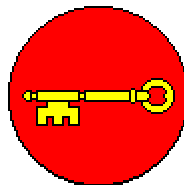
Greetings Ponte Alto,

As your new Seneschal I wanted to take a moment to introduce myself. My name is Lady Maria-Thérèse de Normand. I have been playing with the SCA for more than fifteen years. My main focus is heavy combat, and 95 percent of the time you will find me on the tourney field. I have been fighting for 11 years, with 1 year spent serving as Knight Marshall of the College of Yarnvid, and have enjoyed that aspect of SCA life immensely. I am currently Deputy Northern Regional Warlord and Heavy Weapons Champion for Ponte Alto. However, when I moved to Ponte Alto from Caer Mear four years ago, I wanted to do more here than just fight. In the time I have been in this fair barony, I have built a day shade, begun advising women on fighting, thrown myself into the scriptoriums, expanded my knowledge of Arts and Science by learning and teaching what I know, and have now become your Seneschal for the next few years, so that I can get to know the populace better. Please help me in this endeavor by introducing yourselves to me as you find out who I am.

My wish for the next two years is a smooth term with no major conflicts or brush fires to put out. However, being a bit of a pessimist, I know this will not happen, and expect with the Barony's support and cooperation, any problems we run into over the next two years will be easily overcome. In that vein, I would ask that the populace of Ponte Alto pull together in support of the Baron, Baroness, Seneschal (me) and Barony, because in researching all the things I will need to know to become an effective Seneschal, I realized one very important thing: it is not the Seneschal alone that makes, or breaks, a Barony; it is the populace and their support that makes everything work smoothly. During Miles' term as Seneschal, we, as a Barony, got to see the best of that type of cooperation and support. It is my hope that during my term as Seneschal the populace will continue to help and nurture the Barony, its new Seneschal, and any new members we recruit while maintaining the welcoming atmosphere that we are already known for.

Yours in service,

Lady Maria-Thérèse de Normand
Seneschal, Ponte Alto



past times

What was reported in our past issues of *Il Tempo* (The Times)?

Highlights from Ten Years ago, *Il Tempo*, August, 1994:

Pennsic: Come hear Harp & Drum Corp as we compete in the Polyphonic Challenge on Thursday. Also, the Knowne World Choir will be giving a concert on Friday which should be beautiful visually (thanks to the backdrop that is being built) as well as audibly....Three pages of classes being tentatively planned for Pennsic is provided...The Herald noted that registrations of names and devices can be submitted at Herald's Point at Pennsic, located across from East Kingdom Royal Encampment.... Tirloch described the on-going debate over the heraldic "modest proposal" and indicated that there are places to write if you want to express your opinion.

Highlights from Five Years ago, *Il Tempo*, August, 1999:

Congratulations to Lady Karen Larsdatter and Lady Anastasia de Firenze, two of the newest inductees to the Order of the Pearl, done at Kingdom A&S....There will be no August meeting of the cooks guild, or anything else for that matter...polling package for next Baron and Baroness should be out by 10 September...Siege of Acre event shows that we lost \$8.80, because less people turned out due to the heat. But it was counted as a success as the feast was great, the park ranger called the site "extra clean" at the end, and the Queen did not go into labor at the event.



pontooners say...

The Pontoon populace was polled. As Pennsic draws ever closer, we asked for the one item would you say you could not do without at Pennsic?

kisan mcgroyne of the lowland mcgroynes

Mine is easy.... I'd be lost if I forgot baby wipes! May seem silly, but I use them for everything from spot-cleaning myself to wiping portacastle seats to wiping food spills to getting mud off my boots to... well, you name it! All the garb and period accoutrements in the Known World don't make up for that one package of baby wipes.

Allasan inghean Fhaolain

Two things: 1) battery operated fan for those awful hot nights where it's too hot to sleep and
2) plastic ground tarp to keep the floods going under your pavilion instead of through your pavilion.

Baroness Agnes Daunce

Marshall Tabard and staff.

angelique du cambion

Extra socks and undies. Last year it rained for 5 days straight, so the 'spares' were especially nice.

marlin pierce

Coffee.

Last year, the morning of land grab, none of the stoves were unpacked, (but I found my water kettle), so I heated up water for coffee on my car's engine.

Survey submissions gathered and organized by Gabrielle / Sandra

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upcoming events

baronial progress

Date	Event
August 6-22	Pennsic War (Kingdom of Aethelmearc)
September 17-19	Chalice of the Sun God

august 2004

Date	Event	Group	Location
6-22	Pennsic War XXXIII	Kingdom of Aethelmearc	Slippery Rock, PA
14	Pennsic Paupers Pity Potluck	Marinus	Portsmouth, VA
21	WOPP & The Princess Bride	St. Georges	Pickens, SC
28	Post Pennsic Dessert Revel	Storvik	College Park, MD

september 2004

Date	Event	Group	Location
4	Coronation (R,H)	Atlantia	TBD
10-12	Lochmere Baronial Birthday	Lochmere	Annapolis, MD
10-12	Sacred Stone Baronial Birthday	Sarced Stone	Blacksburg, SC
17-19	Autumn Fest VI	Crannog Mor	Blowing Rock, NC
17-19	Chalice of the Sun God	Ponte Alto	Triangle, VA
17-19	Feast of the Unicorn	Cyddlain Downs	lexington, SC
17-19	Raiders of the Lost Cove	Raven's Cove	Swansboro, NC
24-26	Celtic Cattle Raids	Nimenfeld	Holly Springs, NC
24-26	Viking Thyng	Yarnvid	New Canton, VA



ponte alto weekly activities

The Barony of Ponte Alto again will have a baronial encampment at [Pennsic War](#), August 6-22, 2004. [Perronelle la peintre](#) has graciously agreed to be the Barony's Land Agent for Pennsic. **NEW! Land assignments have been made!** Visit the [Baronial Pennsic Encampment page](#) for more information.

There will be no **Newcomer's Meeting** in August due to Pennsic.

Rapier Fighter Practice (Thursdays and Sundays) is **CANCELLED** during Pennsic: **Thursday, August 5, 2004 through Sunday, August 22, 2004**. Practice will resume on Thursday, August 26, 2004.

Heavy Fighter Practice (Thursdays and Sundays) is **CANCELLED** during Pennsic: **Sunday, August 8, 2004 through Sunday, August 22, 2004**. Practice will resume on Thursday, August 26, 2004.

The August **Dance Practice** will be held on **Thursday, August 26, 2004 at 7:30PM** at the [summer dance practice location](#). Dance practice is now being held on fourth Thursdays rather than last Thursdays. Please contact [Lady Allasan bhán inghean Fhaoláin](#) for more information.

The yearly **Lochmere Arrow** competition will be conducted during the afternoon at the Ponte Alto event the [Chalice of the Sun God](#). As always it consists of teams of two members of the same Barony, Shire, etc. There can be as many teams as a group can muster. Be prepared for some stiff competition between groups as you go on a hunt for animals from rats to deer. A number of other familiar targets will be seen during the competition. So get your group's team members together and come out to have some fun in the competition for the Lochmere Arrow.

SUNDAY

Ponte Alto Baronial Business Meeting	Last Sunday of the month at 6 pm at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Idylwood Road, Falls Church. Business Meeting Directions.
Outdoor Heavy Weapons Practice	Weather permitting, Noon - Dark, outdoors at Tysons-Pimmit Park, behind Tysons-Pimmit Library, Falls Church. Please contact the Baronial Knight Marshal for more information. Sunday Fight Practice Directions.
Outdoor Rapier Practice	Weather permitting, 2 pm - Dark, outdoors at Tysons-Pimmit Park, behind Tysons-Pimmit Library, Falls Church. Please contact Baronial Rapier Marshal for more information. Sunday Fight Practice Directions.

MONDAY



Alle Psallite (Vocal Music)	Every Monday, 7:30-9 pm in Herndon. Please contact Mistress Anne of Carthew through e-mail at anne AT ravenstreet.org for more information or directions. Music files can be found at http://www.ravenstreet.org/Anne/alle_psallite/alle_psallite.htm .
Ponte Alto Scriptorium	Meets the second Monday of the month. Please contact Lady Renata von Hentzau for more information and directions.
Asian Nights (Exploration of all things Asian)	Second Monday of every month, starts at 6:30 in Centreville. Please contact Lady Áine at 703-815-0310 (nlt 10:30 pm) or <i>ellen.m.davis AT att.net</i> , or Lord Ii at <i>logan AT modzer0.cs.uaf.edu</i> for more information or directions.
Ponte Alto/Stierbach Archery Practice	Mondays at 4:30 pm, Ponte Alto's outdoor season archery practice site is the home of Rene Hollebrandse (thanks, Rene!). Archery Practice Directions. Practices are jointly held with Stierbach. You may also contact the Baronial Archery Champion for carpool or other information. Contact and practice time/location information for Stierbach practices can be found at the Stierbach Archery website: http://mysite.verizon.net/vze4ks38/archery/main.html .
TUESDAY	
Harp and Drum Corps (Instrumental Music)	Directed by Mistress Anne of Carthew who can be contacted through e-mail at anne AT ravenstreet.org. Held every Tuesday, 7:30 - 9 pm at the home of Master Corun, in Annandale.
WEDNESDAY	
No Activities	
THURSDAY	
Outdoor Rapier Practice	Weather permitting, 6 pm - 9 pm, outdoors at Tysons-Pimmit Park, behind Tysons-Pimmit Library, Falls Church. Please contact Baronial Rapier Marshal for more information. Fighter Practice Directions.
Dance Practice	Fourth Thursday of the month outdoors, weather permitting, at Tysons-Pimmit Park, behind Tysons-Pimmit Library, Falls Church from 7:30 pm to 9 pm. Please contact Lady Allasan bhán inghean Fhaoláin for more information. Dance Practice Directions.
Outdoor Heavy Weapons Practice	Weather permitting, 6 pm to 9 pm, outdoors at Tysons-Pimmit Park, behind Tysons-Pimmit Library, Falls Church. Please contact the Baronial Knight Marshal for more information. Fighter Practice Directions.
Lady's Instructional Heavy Weapons Practice	First Thursday of every month, weather permitting, 6 pm to 9 pm, outdoors at Tysons-Pimmit Park, behind Tysons-Pimmit Library, Falls Church. Contact Lady Maria-Térèse de Normande for more information. Fighter Practice Directions.
Needlework Nights	Every Thursday, 7 pm in Sterling. Contact Jaine the Embroiderer at <i>wombat AT lazywench DOT com</i> for directions.



FRIDAY

<p>Ponte Alto Scriptorium/A&S Night</p>	<p>May meet on a Friday during the month, as posted on the home page under "Upcoming Events". Please contact Lady Renata von Hentzau for more information and directions.</p>
<p>Stierbach/Ponte Alto Bardic</p>	<p>Come and share your songs and stories! Meets the fourth Friday of the month at 7:30 pm. Contact the Baronial A&S Officer, the Baronial Bard, or Baroness Briana (<i>darbyjanie AT hotmail.com</i>) for more information.</p>

MONTHLY

<p>SCA Newcomer Meetings</p>	<p>Newcomer Meetings occur once a month on a weeknight from 7-9 pm at the home of the Baronial Chatelaine, whom you should contact for directions and information, or check out the home page under "Upcoming Events" for the most recently posted information.</p>
<p>Newcomers Garb Night</p>	<p>We have newcomers garb night once a month on a weeknight at 7 pm, at the homes of various members of the Barony. Please contact the Baronial Chatelaine for more information, or check out the home page under "Upcoming Events" for the most recently posted information.</p>

*** Note on school locations for activities:**

There will be no activities at schools during school holidays or on other days when Fairfax County schools are closed or all nighttime school recreational activities are cancelled. Notification of cancellation or alternate site location will be posted on the web as soon as possible.



monthly calendar

July 2004						
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
July 26 4:30 pm - Archery Practice	27	28	29 6 pm - Rapier Practice 6 pm - Heavy Weapons Practice 7 pm - Needlework Night	30	31 Last Chance IV	August 1 Noon - Heavy Weapons Practice 2 pm - Rapier Practice
2 4:30 pm - Archery Practice	3	4	5 6 pm - Heavy Weapons Practice 6 pm - Ladies Instructional Heavy Weapons Practice 7 pm - Needlework Night	6 Pennsic War	7 Pennsic War	8 Pennsic War
9 Pennsic War	10 Pennsic War	11 Pennsic War	12 Pennsic War	13 Pennsic War	14 Pennsic War	15 Pennsic War
16 Pennsic War	17 Pennsic War	18 Pennsic War	19 Pennsic War	20 Pennsic War	21 Pennsic War	22 Pennsic War



July 2004						
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
23 4:30 pm - Archery Practice	24	25	26 6 pm - Rapier Practice 6 pm - Heavy Weapons Practice 7 pm - Needlework Night 7:30 pm - Dance Practice	27	28 Post Pennsic Dessert Revel	29 Noon - Heavy Weapons Practice 2 pm - Rapier Practice 6 pm - Business Meeting
30 4:30 pm - Archery Practice	31	September 1	2 6 pm - Rapier Practice 6 pm - Heavy Weapons Practice 7 pm - Needlework Night	3	4	5 Noon - Heavy Weapons Practice 2 pm - Rapier Practice



welcome to the ponte alto encampment at pennsic 33

Seven days and counting until the start of Pennsic 33. Have you got all that garb sewn? Packed yet? Some how it all manages to get done, or not, and we survive. Below are some guidelines for camp. Please read them thoroughly.

We are camping in N05 next to Atlantian Royal this year.

Camp fees

Camp fees are \$11 per person. That includes all children except babes in arms (under two). Camp fees are the actual cost of all the supplies we use in camp. Water filters, propane and firewood are our biggest expenses. Cash or checks are accepted. Please make checks payable to The Barony of Ponte Alto. Camp fees must be paid the day you arrive in camp or before. You can mail me payment but please email or call me and let me know you have sent it. I will be leaving August 6th. My address is:

Debbie Irwin

7588 Seabrook Lane

Springfield, VA 22153

703-455-0298 until 8 am Aug. 6th

571-239-9283 cell at Pennsic – good until the battery dies! If you leave a message on my cell please speak your return number slowly! Twice would be good.

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We are also asking each camper to donate 1 gallon of water to the Hospitality cooler. We want to make sure everyone stays hydrated and that we are able to offer all our guests refreshment.

Waterworks - SOS – Save Our Sump

One of the most important issues in camp is management of our sump. In order to have camp showers and a sink we must manage our water use. There is enough water but a limited way to drain it. If the sump fills up there will be no showers until it drains sufficiently. Please shower as efficiently as possible.

The same goes for using the sink. Please do not keep the water running. Bleach will be provided to add to rinse water. (1 tsp/2 gallons water) to disinfect dishes. To encourage hand washing, antibacterial soap will also be available.

Arrival in camp

I have worked Troll and it is amazing how many folks leave this information home.

In order to get into Pennsic you must have the following:



YOU MUST HAVE A PHOTO ID WITH YOUR LEGAL NAME AND BIRTH DATE

YOU MUST BRING PROOF OF MEMBERSHIP TO RECEIVE YOUR SCA DISCOUNT

TROLL DOES NOT ACCEPT CHECKS! CASH, VISA AND MASTERCARD, TRAVELERS CHECKS AND MONEY ORDERS ONLY!

For more detailed information on Troll:

<http://www.pennsicwar.org/penn33/GENERAL/siterules.html#TROLL>

We are assigned to N05 this year. We will be camping next to Atlantian Royal. You can see where the block is here: <http://land.pennsicwar.org/maps/>

Scroll down to see the full map.

When you get through troll you may drive over to N05. Find me. If I am not in camp there will be a map in the common tent that shows where you are camping. Your spot will also be marked with flags. Place the front corners of your tent where these flags are. Your space is precisely measured to ensure that we all fit on the block and you are the proper distance from your neighbors. If for some reason you do not fit – Find me.

Most people are arriving on the Saturday the 14th. I will be in camp all that day.

You must move your car to the parking lot after you are unloaded. We need to make room for other arrivals. It is important to move your vehicle ASAP. After last year's mud there was unprecedented leniency on vehicles in camp. It has been brought to my attention that towing regulations will be in full force this year. If you don't want to be towed, do not leave your vehicle parked at camp.

Trash

Please do not put personal trash from your tent in the common tent garbage can. There is a large dumpster not far from the encampment for trash disposal.

Cooper's Lake does recycle aluminum. There are recycle bins in the food court and near the Camp Store

The encampment is our home for the duration of the war. Treat it as if you are a guest in someone else's home. Clean up after yourself. Pitch in. Ask permission to use a chair, enter a day shade or tent. Deal with each other kindly and with tolerance and we shall all get along just fine.

Tents and pavilions only provide the illusion of privacy. If you talk loud enough everything you say will be heard. If it's night and you light the tent from the inside, we can see everything you do. Ignore these facts at your peril.



There are several Newcomers camping with us. Welcome them. Tell them your Pennsic stories and let them know how things work. If you note someone camping with us who you don't know, be friendly and introduce yourself.

Not all of us are going to be keeping the same schedule. Some will rise early, and some will rise late. Some will go to bed early, some will go to bed late. If it is before 9 a.m. or after 11 p.m., please keep noise levels down in camp.

There will be children in camp. Families have special needs and these should be honored. Parents bringing children should understand that many activities at Pennsic (particularly in the evening) might not be appropriate for children and they should be prepared to monitor their children as they would at home. In addition, we would like to remind everyone that there are things that should not be done or said in front of children.

If there is a problem you don't feel you can resolve with a neighbor, then speak to me.

Camp Management

The members of the Pennsic Planning Committee have spent many, many hours to make our encampment a comfortable place to be. You can do your share by helping with the day to day management.

We have a variety of tasks that will help keep our encampment safe, clean and a comfortable place to be. Everyone is expected to help in some way. There will be a list of "things that need to be done". Please sign up in the camp notebook in the common tent.

There will be a marker board with the day's tasks listed and other messages. Please check this daily.

Common Tent and Fire Pit

The common tent is there for all to enjoy. Bring your chair and your projects and socialize with our guests and other campers.

Be alert to security issues. If you see someone in a place that you know they aren't supposed to be, ask, "Can I help you?" The person probably means no harm and genuinely needs help. But if it is an intruder, this is a non-threatening way to let him know he has been identified and should leave.

Unfortunately because of our change in location and the fact that we are no longer sharing facilities with Stierbach we feel there is not enough room to provide a food prep area in the common tent. When we were with Stierbach we were going to share a 15 x 20 common tent and have a separate 10 x 20 tent for food prep. We are now up to 45 people in the encampment and our common tent is only 10 x 20. If you need space to



cook please plan on bring your own table to do so. There should be enough space to accommodate a table close to your tent.

If you light a fire in the fire pit, you are responsible for monitoring it and making sure that fire is completely out before you retire. Two buckets of water must remain at the fire pit at all times. If you use them you must refill them.

In Conclusion!

Please review the Pennsic Site Regulations before leaving for war. They can be found at:

<http://www.pennsicwar.org/penn33/GENERAL/siterules.html#TROLL>

Please also read the fire safety regulations

<http://www.pennsicwar.org/penn33/GENERAL/siterules.html#FSR>

We recommend each camper have a fire extinguisher for their tent.

Have a good war!

YIS,

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baronial financial policy proposed changes

The current baronial financial policy can be found at <http://pontalto.atlantia.sca.org/financialpolicy.php>.

Proposed changes to the Baronial Financial Policy are as follows:

Sections 1 and 2 (Ponte Alto Financial Policy and The Chancellor of the Exchequer) remain unchanged.
New Section 3, Disbursement of Funds, moved to the Financial Policy, with minor edits, from the Charter (Section IV).

Financial Committee Section revised significantly

Populous Votes Section removed

Events Section revised minimally

New Section 6, Special Funds, added

1. Ponte Alto Financial Policy

- a. Ponte Alto Financial Policy shall be accepted by a majority vote of the populace of the group and replace all previous financial policies and may be amended or replaced by a majority vote of the group
- b. Ponte Alto Financial Policy is superceded by: Kingdom Exchequer Policy, Kingdom Financial Policy, Kingdom Law, Society Exchequer Policy, Corpora, State and Federal Law.

2. The Chancellor of the Exchequer

- a. The Exchequer shall maintain a checking account with appropriate signature cards for the group, file all quarterly and event reports as required by Kingdom and Society law and policy, enforce and maintain the group's financial policy, serve as chairperson of the group's Financial Committee and hold primary responsibility for coordinating with other members of the Financial Committee, and communicating the committee's actions with the populace.
- b. The Exchequer shall, upon request, provide access to the group's financial reports and books to any member of the group and shall publish to the group the annual doomsday report.
- c. The Exchequer shall pursue any NSF checks received by the group according to the policy outlined in the Society Exchequer's Handbook.

3. Disbursement of Funds

- a. Signatories on all Baronial accounts shall be the exchequer, deputy exchequer, and seneschal.
- b. Authorization for disbursement of funds.
 - i. Routine expenses [e.g. rental of meeting rooms], expenses incurred through scheduled events, or newsletter publication expenses, disbursement may be authorized by either the seneschal or the exchequer. The exchequer shall report all such expenses at the Barony meeting following their disbursement.
 - ii. For all other expenses, authorization shall require a majority approval by the paid members of the population in attendance at the barony monthly meetings. Prior to voting,



proof of membership will be required for those baronial members wishing to vote at the meeting, this includes the baronial officers and the Baron & Baroness of Ponte Alto.

4. Financial Committee

- a. For emergencies, defined as money that needs to be spent before the next business meeting, the Financial Committee shall have spending approval up to \$1000 unless the spending is for a site fee. This meeting may be in person, over the phone, or via email.
- b. The Financial Committee shall consist of the Exchequer, the Seneschal, and a third officer whose position rotates on an annual basis each January. The rotation shall be Knight Marshal, Minister of Arts & Sciences, Chatelaine, Herald, Minister of the Lists, Chronicler, and Web Minister. Each member of the Financial Committee must be a paid member of the Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc, be at least 18 years of age, and possess a valid warrant for their office.
- c. Members of the Financial Committee shall have one vote and recuse themselves from voting on any financial decisions in which there is a conflict of interest or appearance of impropriety.
- d. These expenses will be submitted and justified to the barony at the next meeting.

5. Events

- a. The autocrat shall present an itemized budget for an event to the Barony for review.
 - i. The paid members of the Barony must authorize any itemized expenditure in excess of the approved amount.
- b. Event reservations and check in (troll):
 - i. All checks shall be photocopied and deposited in a timely manner.
 - ii. No funds shall be removed from the cash box except as change for funds received.
- c. Event Refunds shall be provided as follows:
 - i. No refunds shall be provided if the event does not make a profit.
 - ii. The Exchequer must receive refund requests in writing no later than seven days after the event.
 - iii. All refunds shall be paid by check from the group's checking account.
 - iv. No refund shall be issued until the event books have been closed and all reservation checks have cleared.
- d. The event financial report shall be presented to the populace at the first regular business meeting of the group after the event books have been closed.

6. Special Funds

- a. Any funds raised for a specific purpose will be maintained as separately allocated for a period of one year. After this time, if they have not been spent, they will be transferred to general funds. These funds will be maintained within the baronial checking account.



Baronial Charter Proposed Changes

The current baronial charter can be found at: <http://pontealto.atlantia.sca.org/charter.php>

Proposed change to the Baronial Charter is as follows:

Section IV, Disbursement of Funds, revised to reference Financial Policy.

IV. Disbursement of Funds

- A. Shall be as stated in The Barony of Ponte Alto Financial Policy.

