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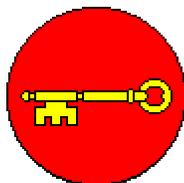


Ponte Alto Officers



Baron and Baroness of Ponte Alto

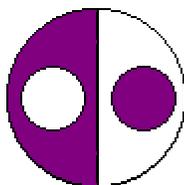
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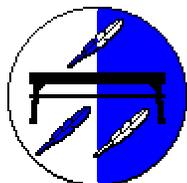
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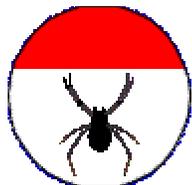
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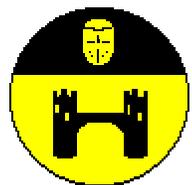
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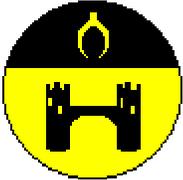


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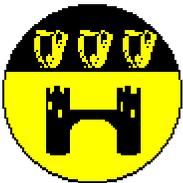
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Barony Meeting Minutes - September 26, 2004

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

31 Attendees

Meeting Start Time: 6 pm

Officer Reports

Web Minister: Lady Cassandra Arabella Giordani

- The Baronial Awards, Roll of Arms, Order of Precedence and Officers pages have been transitioned over to a database-driven system. Please let the Web Minister know if you run across any issues.

A&S: Lady Celia of Rosedale/Baroness Greta Klusenaere

- Baroness Greta Klusenaere stepped up as Baronial A&S Officer at Chalice, replacing Lady Celia of Rosedale. (Greta is currently acting A&S officer until her warrant comes through.)
- Celia worked with the web minister to put up an A&S Gallery link on the Baronial web site to display works of the populace. Currently items include a few from Chalice, Pennsic, and Baronial Birthday by Belphoebe, Marsaili and Allasan. If you have A&S items you would like displayed on the web site, Celia will be glad to help take digital pictures of projects for posting. Our Seneschal suggested including information about the willingness of artisans to teach their crafts to others.
- Lady Renata von Hentzau held a successful special Scriptorium in September on the subject of gilding.
- Lady Perronelle will be holding an A&S Night/Bardic Circle/Whatever on October 15th. Baroness Belphoebe will be teaching beginning lucet at the meeting.
- Lady Allasan has been asked to run dance at 12th Night in January. Contact her before the next dance practice (Thursday, 10/28) if you are interested in being part of a dance performance for 12th Night.

MOL: Baroness Agnes Daunce

- Baroness Denise was head MOL at Chalice. Baroness Agnes says see Denise for details.

MOM: Lady Marsaili Johnston of Lochwood Moss

- Lady Marsaili reports that Laura, potential MOM replacement, ran Children's Corner at Chalice. Marsaili will check to see if Laura is still interested in the position now that she has experienced MOM duties firsthand, and get the Chalice event report from her.

Rapier Marshal: Baroness Greta Klusenaere



- Deputy Rapier Marshal Greta, RMIC for Chalice, reports no authorizations or injuries at the event.
- Rapier practice continues outdoors at Tysons Pimmit Park on Sundays until it gets too cold (below 40 degrees) (November?), and indoors at Shrevewood Elementary on Thursdays.

Chatelaine: Lady Luce Antony Venus

- September had a successful Newcomer's meeting and garb night. Five newcomer night attendees came to Chalice of the Sun God event
- Luce will pass the office to Marsaili at the November event.
- The next Newcomers meeting will be held on October 20, 2004 at 7:00 pm at Luce's home. Marsaili will be running the meeting as she prepares to step up.
- Kingdom Crusades, October 9, 2004, is requesting help for Newcomers Point. Volunteer if you can!

Archery Marshal: Arnfridr

- Arnfridr is recovering from her illness (yay!), which caused her to miss Chalice (awww...). Archery did happen at Chalice without her, as the show must go on. Lord Miles de Locwode filled in for her, but she was missed!
- A closer practice site in Arlington is being sought, due to traffic issues getting to the current site in Oakton.
- In the meantime, practice still continues in Oakton on Mondays after 5:00 pm. Carpools out to Oakton are in the works; East Falls Church Metro Station is a potential meeting place. Contact Arnfridr (nlcovington AT mindspring.com) for more carpool information.

Exchequer: Lady Katherine Devereaux

- There is currently \$7,790.49 in the Baronial account, after most of Chalice expenses have been paid.
- Under the assumption that no news is good news, the new Baronial Financial Policy is considered approved by the Kingdom. Katharine will send copies to the Chronicler and Web Minister for posting in the Il Tempo. (*Note: signature cards have to be signed and brought to next meeting and Financial Committee defined for seneschal*)

Herald: Lord Connor Sinclair

- The Baronial Court Report from Chalice included the following accolades:
 - Ladies Katharine, Cassandra and Delphina were awarded the Ponte d'Oro for their Exchequer, Web, and Odd Job services to the Barony, respectively.
 - Lady Renata was awarded the Ponte d'Argento for her scribal work for the Barony.
 - Sir Thomas was awarded the Ponte di Ferro for his work as Warlord, building an army of heavy fighters for the Barony.
- Royal Court included AoAs for Lord William, Lord Jonah and Lady Branwen; Vivant!
- No word yet on where submissions have gone for baronial heraldry (or anyone else, for that matter). Connor will try to track something down this week, as Miles continues to



grind his teeth (How many years has it been now, Miles?). Money and paperwork for the "new" baronial awards have been sent to Kingdom. Speculation is that backlog at a Laurel level keeps submission slow in going through the process. Don't expect anything for at least six months.

Heavy Marshal: Lord Duncan the Elder

- Thursday night heavy practices are now indoors again at Lemon Road Elementary.
- Things are generally going well; no injuries or problems to report.
- Sunday, October 3, 2004 a War Practice will be held in conjunction with the normal Sunday practice. Lord Abel, Northern Regional Warlord, is coordinating War Practice.

Warlord: Sir Thomas of Calais

- Sir Thomas was MIC at Chalice, where 20 heavy weapons fighters competed. The Challenger round winner was Lord Conal Macleod (of the Clan Macleod? ☺), who defeated the defending Chalice Heavy Champion, Lord Connor Sinclair, to become the new Chalice Heavy Champion. There was a minor incident where a weld on a helm failed and a fighter was briefly stunned, and a second incident of overheating, but no injuries were sustained.
- Kingdom Crusades is coming! Our Baronial Warlord would like to see 12 to 14 Ponte Alto tabards out on the heavy field that day. No siege will be happening at Crusades, but Combat Archery will be in play. Crusades is also a great place to do armor shopping (or any kind of shopping!), so come out and support the Barony and Atlantia against the East.

Chronicler: Angelique de Cambion

- Out sick

Baron Marcellus and Baroness Belphoebe

- Chalice was a fantastic event! In addition to the awards mentioned by our Herald the following Pontoons were also recognized by the Crown:
 - Myghell O'Kelly was awarded the Hippocampus for doing so much, so soon!
 - Marcellus and Belphoebe recommended each other as King's Missiliers for their work in siege craft, and both requests were granted. We learned that Her Excellency plans ahead more so than His Excellency, as evidenced by the difference in scrollwork.
 - Lady Catalina dell'Acqua was awarded the Sea Dragon, most especially for her way with knives.
 - Master Kevin of Thornbury was awarded a Shark's Tooth for his prowess on the field.

Events

Chalice - 2nd First Annual: September 17-19, 2004



Lady Luce, Autocrat

- Chalice had 191 attendees, with 17 teams competing. The winning team was Walking Wounded, a highly impressive feat as the team included several newcomers (along with Master Kevin and Lady Marsaili), most of whom had never met and only communicated via email prior to attending the event. Vivat to the Walking Wounded (and may they all feel better soon; this win should help)!
- In addition to the winning Chalice Team, each discipline had a respective winning Challenger and Chalice Champion:
 - A&S: Challenger and Champion: Baroness Belphoebe
 - Rapier: Challenger and Champion: Baron Marcellus (Luce swears it wasn't rigged)
 - Heavy: Challenger and Champion: Lord Conal Macleod
 - Bardic: Challenger: Master Ruaidhri an Cu and Champion: Lady Cassandra Arabella Giordani
 - Archery: Challenger and Champion: Lord Siegfried Sebastian Faust
- Net profit was \$570.00
- Baronage from all five of our local neighbors attended the event.
- Luce will shortly begin planning for Chalice II: The Posiedon Adventure (if you can't beat the hurricanes, join them!). Next year Isadore will be the hurricane to watch.

A Day at the Races: November 13, 2004

Baron Marcellus and Baroness Belphoebe, Co-Autocrats

- SITE CHANGE! Due to a potential reconstruction project at the originally secured site, Church of the Good Shepherd, an alternate site was found: the Presbyterian Church in Falls Church has completed renovations, including a large hall with a balcony for musicians (And at Harp and Drum, there was much rejoicing, yay!).
- Master Tirloch has prepared a menu for feast, and Baron Marcellus can't wait to eat it!
- Lady Delphina is preparing the horses for the rental stable...be afraid, be very afraid!
- Master Corun dug up footage from Ponte Alto's first Palio event, complete with flag tossing and prancing yaks. Ladies Delphina and Cassandra will endeavor to top the flag tossing, but will leave the yak-ing to Master Corun.

Baronial Birthday/Performers Symposium: February 19, 2005

Lady Allasan and Lord Odde, Co-Autocrats

- Lady Allasan and Lord Odde are Autocrating, but home sick tonight, so Baron Marcellus related the latest news.
- A site is secured: King of Kings Lutheran Church, the same site Performer's Symposium/Birthday was held two years ago.
- Event submission form is being sent into SPIKE today.
- Eight instructors have already been confirmed, including Duke Cuan (it's good to have his squire as an autocrat!)
- Lady Renata will be preparing feast (she is already starting her research!)
- Evening activities include about an hour or so of musical performance followed by an hour or so of dancing.



- No word yet on whether the Royals will attend, but we're not expecting them since they came to Chalice and have a lot of territory to cover.

Bloodbath: March 2005

- Angelique has volunteered to autocrat Bloodbath, with assistance from Lord Connor Sinclair.

Old Business

- Framing of the Charter: Lady Alesia has volunteered to make the framing of the Baronial Charter happen. She will research materials and costs, and if the total is under \$200, she will purchase required materials at her own discretion, otherwise she will return to the Barony meeting next month with cost estimates for further action to be determined. Lady Renata suggests an acid neutral mat and ultraviolet protected glass.
- Other Chalice happenings: Baroness Denise Duvalier stepped up as Kingdom Clerk of Law, replacing Lady Cecily Clervaus. Lady Cecily, neatly trapped on stage, was then made a Companion of the Order of the Golden Dolphin for all her service to the Kingdom.
- A volunteer to run the silent auction is needed for A Day at the Races - Lady Courtney volunteered. Proceeds will go to the Baronial Travel Throne fund (for smaller, portable chairs with backs for Their Excellencies to use in court). Donations to this fund are also welcome (currently \$15 has been donated and \$350 is needed).

New Business

- None

Announcements

- Word from our Seneschal: Someone in the West Kingdom is asking to be an alcohol distributor at SCA events; if such a person approaches you, JUST SAY NO!
- Our new Baronial A&S Officer and our Baronial Rapier Marshal will be unavailable from October 1-10 while on their honeymoon in London. Congrats Jeff and Barb/Vivant Geoffrey and Greta!
- Lady Katharine and Lord James will be running a patterning workshop, hosted by Baroness Denise, on Sunday, October 17, 2004. Ten (10) spots are available. Please contact Katharine or James ahead of time to reserve space and indicate the time period/pattern you would like to have fit.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:05 pm.



Upcoming Events

**A Day at the Races
Barony of Ponte Alto
November 13, 2004**

Falls Church Presbyterian Church, Falls Church, VA

It is racing time in Siena! The 17 Contrade are getting ready for their beloved palio races and the Barony of Ponte Alto invites everyone to join in the fun! Since the 11th Century, the city of Siena has been holding a yearly horse race whose "official" motivation has been to give thanks to the Madonna - but any excuse is a good excuse to have a horse race! The backbone of Il Palio are Siena's 17 Contrade, which are the city wards designated to aid the many military companies hired to defend Siena's fiercely-earned independence from other nearby city states. The horses tear around the Piazza del Campo at breakneck speed, and they and their jockeys wear the colors and designs of the Contrade: Tortoise, Wave, She-Wolf, Goose, Shell, Porcupine, Dragon, Owl, Snail, Panther, Eagle, Caterpillar, Unicorn, Ram, Giraffe, Forest and Tower. So come join us and race a horse or simply join a Contrade and cheer for your favorite horseman!

The Races: We could not hold a day at the races without horses! Hobby horses that is! Bring your best steed and try your luck. Get creative! There will be a limited number of "rental" horses of various qualities available to those folk who did not bring their own mounts, courtesy of our local used horse dealer. There will be two sets of races during the day - one division for adults and one for youth - and there will be a prize for each division.

A&S Competitions: There will be a competition in artifact A&S. For questions about the A&S competition, please contact Maestra Giuliana Salviati (Jessica AT summertreemosaics.com). The A&S competition theme is "The Symbols of the Contrade" (as listed above). There will also be a cooking competition with a theme of "Period Italian Desserts", to be judged by Baron Marcellus and Master Kevin of Thornbury. The third spot in the judging of this competition will be raffled as a fundraiser for the Barony. (Documentation is required.)

Lord Connor Sinclair and Lady Courtney de Houghton are sponsoring a "**Horse and Rider Heraldry Contest**". The rules are simple: 1. Best heraldry wins! (Extra points to those who feature matching or complimentary horse and rider heraldry!) 2. Neigh, documentation is not necessary. 3. Heraldry does not need to feature an animal of the contrade, it can be your own personal heraldry.

Bardic Competition: The bardic competition will also have an Italian theme. Please contact Baron Corun McAnndra (corun AT medievalist.org) and see the Bardic Information addendum below for details. Competitors may perform a 16th Century period Italian piece, or a piece based upon period Italian construction.

Chess Tournament: For those inclined to exercise their minds, we will be holding a chess tournament during the day.

Merchants: Merchants are welcome. Please contact the Autocrat to register for space.



Feast: A sumptuous Italian feast shall be prepared by Master Tirloch of Tallagt (tirloch AT ravenstreet.org). Please contact Master Tirloch with any dietary concerns.

Site: The site will be the Falls Church Presbyterian Church (<http://www.fallschurchpresby.org>), 225 East Broad Street, Falls Church, VA 22046. This site is DRY.

Cost: NON-SCA MEMBERS: add \$3 to all prices below.

	Off Board	On Board
Adult	\$8.00	Add \$7.00
Child (5-17 yrs.)	\$6.00	Add \$7.00
Under 5 yrs.	Free	Free

Reservations: Barbara Reed, 6036 Richmond Highway, Apt. #613, Alexandria, VA 22303
 Email: bereed26 AT yahoo.com. The only good reservation is a paid reservation. No phone reservations. Please make checks payable to Barony of Ponte Alto, SCA Inc.

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Directions: Take your best route to the Capitol Beltway (I-495) in Northern Virginia. Exit onto Route 7 East towards Falls Church. Follow for 3.1 miles. The church is on the left, just past the intersection with Route 29, Lee Highway.

Bardic Information

Greetings Fair Atlantia,

I wish to announce that there will be a performance competition at the upcoming Ponte Alto event "A Day at the Races" in November. The theme of the event is 16th century Italy and so to the competition will be focused on this country and period. Here are some criteria to consider for the competition:

- An actual period piece
- An original piece done in a style commensurate with 16th century Italy (this can be about the SCA, Atlantia, and/or the Barony of Ponte Alto and/or its Baron and Baroness).

Minimal documentation will be necessary. Types of performances can be vocal or instrumental music, dance, poetry, theatrical presentation or any other proven period performance art. No performance will be turned away, but adherence to the above criteria will count toward your overall score. Naturally the judges will be looking for performance skill and style as well as what is performed and accompanying documentation. In the case of theatrical presentations, please keep them under five minutes in length. If you have written an original play please have a copy of the entire work available for perusal by the judges.



I need judges. I will be judging but I need at minimum two more to make up an odd number. If you wish to judge please contact me. I would like judges who are familiar with judging performances. Anyone having direct familiarity with 16th century Italy will certainly be most welcome.

I have chosen to put a narrow focus on this competition so that it may make it easier for the competitors to research their entry. I would like this to be a learning experience more than "just another bardic competition". I hope this will encourage you, the performers of Atlantia to come out and show off your skills.

If anyone has any questions or concerns or just needs some help in research do not hesitate to [contact me](#).

In service,
Baron Corun MacAnndra, OP

Kingdom of Atlantia Twelfth Night

Barony of Stierbach
January 8, 2005
Foxchase Manor
8310 Chatsworth Drive
Manassas, VA 20109

As the sun shines brightly in the azure sky, so shine Atlantians in colors to match. Don your finest BLUEs and GOLDs in celebration of Atlantian glory and pride! Their Royal Majesties, Janos and Rachel invite you attend Atlantia's marking of the Feast of 12th Night in Their most noble Barony of Stierbach. It is also the Royal Whym that you honor the symbol of Atlantia's pride, which is her populace, with many diverse images and representations of Spike. Lastly, as the Magi were honored, you should also greet warmly and merrily our visitors from the East as they bring a taste of the Celestial Court of Japan to the festivities.

Many details about the activities held at 12th Night may be found on the official website. A brief listing may be found below.

Arts & Science Competitions:

- Competition for choosing the next Royal Bard
- Tempore Atlantia Competitions (Highlighted time period: 1250 - 1492)
- "All Things Middle Eastern" (any object of Middle Eastern design)
- Young Artists (open competition for artisans under the age of 17)
- Best work of religious art, in any medium
- Japanese Garb for Men or Women
- Books of Hours. (Calligraphy & Illumination, must be in book form)
- Metal Thread Embroidery



- Use of Atlantia's "Spike" in any medium
- Feast table decoration competition.

There will also be an open A&S display for Atlantia's artisans, a grand ball, and a silent auction fundraiser for The Oak. For additional information on A&S activities, please see our website or contact Lord li Saburou Katsumori (Josh Badgley) at arts AT stierbach.org.

Costs:

	Day Trip	Feast
Adult	\$8.00	\$10 per person 5 years and up Please note no discount for children on feast.
Children 5-17	\$4.00	

Infants and Toddlers (Ages 4 and younger) are guests of the Barony.
Non members please add \$3.00 to the aforementioned fees.

Feast: Lady Grace Whyting and House Longbow shall prepare a delicious feast. Menus will be posted to tempt you on the website. Please contact Grace Whyting (Kristi Kelly) with any allergy concerns at 540/338-6498 or KristiWhyKelly AT aol.com. SEE ALSO RESERVATION NOTES ABOUT ADVANCE FEAST TABLE SIGN UP. Thank-you.

Reservations: Something new and exciting is being offered for Kingdom 12th Night: online feast table sign-up! You and your friends can sign up for feast spots in advance. When pre-registering for feast, please make sure you include names of everyone in your party you are paying for. Please include your e-mail address in your registration. Your e-mail address will be used as a confirmation for your reservation and be used to send you a code and URL link to see the feast seating chart and sign up in advance for feast tables. Deadline for online feast seating is Dec 31st 2004. After that date you will have to wait till the day of the event to sign up for feast table selections.

Please make checks payable to Barony of Stierbach, SCA Inc. Mail reservations to:

Alys of Foxdale
c/o S. Montuori
4121 Lees Corner Road
Chantilly, VA 20151-3409
Contact: montuos AT gmail.com
703-802-6385

A confirmation message will be sent for each set of paid reservations, whether you sign up for feast or not.

Site Information:

[Foxchase Manor Weddings and Corporate Events](#)

8310 Chatsworth Drive
Manassas Virginia 20109



The site opens at 10am and closes at 10pm. Anyone on-site after 10pm will be asked to participate in cleanup. The site is discreetly wet. No original containers.

Hotel information: A block of rooms has been reserved at the Comfort Suites ~2 miles from the site for the group rate of \$59.00 per night under Society for Creative Anachronism. The cut-off date for reservations is December 20th.

Comfort Suites of Manassas
7350 Williamson Blvd
Manassas, VA 20109
703-686-1100

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Directions to Site: [From the Foxchase Manor website](#)

From Washington D.C.: Take Route 66 West to Exit 47A (Route 234 Business South). Follow from * below.

From Northern Virginia: Take Route 66 to Exit 47 (Route 234 Business). Go South on Route 234 Business. Follow from * below.

From Maryland: Take the Beltway 495 to Rt. 66 West. Take Route 66 West to Exit 47A (Route 234 Business South). Follow from * below.

* At the 4th stoplight (one mile) turn right onto Sudley Manor Drive. Follow that until it ends (one mile) and turn Right onto Chatsworth Drive. Turn Left into Foxchase Manor.

Baronial Birthday and Performers Symposium

- * Lady Allasan and Lord Odde ap Tam are Autocrating. This will be held on the day of Baronial Birthday (February 19, 2005). Site will be at King of Kings church (thanks to Anne).
- * Head cook will be Lady Renata von Hentzau. We're going to estimate 75 for feast.
- * Sending in form via SPIKE. Will coordinate with Web Minister to have a link on the Ponte Alto webpage with the class list around the end of November.
- * We have 8 confirmed class instructors already with bunches of others checking their schedules. Duke Cuan is on the confirmed list.
- * Format for evening will be an hour (or so) of musical performances (by sign up earlier in the day) followed by an hour (or so) of dancing. Dance list has been asked for teachers and the Performer's Guild will be very soon.
- * Have asked about a royal presence there, told to check in again in a few months so will continue to follow up again.



- * Allasan will be looking into getting a discount rate at a close hotel to encourage people from the south to come up. Any hotel recommendations, please let her know.
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Bloodbath

- * Angelique and Lord Connor Sinclair are co-autocrating Bloodbath in March.



Officer Reports and Letters

Baron and Baroness

Unto the populace of Ponte Alto do Marcellus and Belphoebe, Baron and Baroness, send greetings,

September was a very busy month for all of us, what with Mother Nature threatening to spoil our event, Chalice of the Sun God, for the second year in a row. We did prevail, however, and much fun was had by all thanks in great part to Lady Lucia, autocrat extraordinaire. Not only did Lady Lucia run one of the best events ever in this neck of the Known World, but also she has told us that she is willing to do it again! Next year: Chalice II, The Poseidon Adventure. Hopefully the deities of weather will send some sunshine our way. We can't wait!

University was a lot of fun and we were beaming with pride at seeing our Pontoons teaching and taking classes. Well done and keep up the good work!

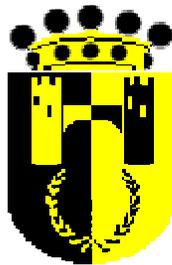
Kingdom Crusades are looming in the horizon. The Northern Regional War practice was a huge success and a large number of both heavy and rapier fighters showed up to sharpen their skills. We are looking forward to see every one of you there showing your support to our Kingdom!

We are also preparing for A Day At The Races, our November event. Registrations have started to arrive and we are hoping that this little event will be a huge success. Gentles are getting busy getting their horses ready and a new prize has been added to the competitions, courtesy of Lady Courtney of Houghton and Lord Connor Sinclair. Also, Mistress Anne of Carthew has informed us that Harp and Drum will be making an appearance, which means that we will be having dancing in the hall in the afternoon. We will be posting "help wanted" ads to the Ponte Alto list in order to complete our staff roster.

As usual, please keep those award recommendations coming! They are extremely useful and recognition for good work is important!

Yours in Service,

Marcellus and Belphoebe
Baron and Baroness of Ponte Alto



Seneschal

Greetings unto Ponte Alto!

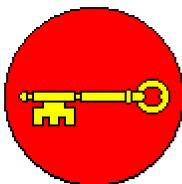
Seneschal forgot her report. Eep! Nothing to really report. We had a lovely event and several A&S, Bardic nights this last month that were covered under other officer reports.

Paperwork is being filed and sent up to Kingdom level superior's for the Offices of Chatelaine, A&S, Archery Marshal, Exchequer and possibly MOM as they begin to turn over in the next few months. I'm settling into the office of Seneschal rather slowly, because of my broken arm, but expect my level of activity will increase after the cast comes off on September 29, 2004. Until next month be serene and don't make me work too hard.

Yours in Service,

Lady Marie Therese (Mary
Bowles)

Seneschal



Past Times

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

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

Sea Wars may have fallen by the wayside this year, but still there will be WAR. Atlantia and the East Realm find themselves involved in a Pointless War. November 11, 12, and 13...MoAS reports that Tournament of Roses II activities included: roving minstrels; a fine feast with much musical and other entertainment by our own and visiting performers; an impressive array of prizes and award scrolls; and much shtick. Much new and different garb was also to be seen. An arts and sciences competition was also held...The winning recipe from the beer competition is provided: Black Honey Spruce Beer...

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

Proposed badges for the Baronial Orders are shown....Fall picnic is planned for October 24 at Lake Fairfax Park....The next business meeting will be on October 31st at 5pm. First we'll have our meeting, then a Halloween party. Come in costume, but not in garb...Ponte Alto is hosting a Harvest Revel in November at Falls Church Presbyterian...The autocrat for Barony Birthday and Investiture is relocating and stepping down, so Dame Aislynn is taking over.



Other Articles

This month we received two sets of lyrics, one for an original song by Lady Luce Antony Venus, and another a filk by Lady Cassandra Arabella Giordani.

The Rose of Atlantia by Lady Luce Antony Venus

See her on fields of honor green,
The Rose of Atlantia blooms in spring.
The fairest of flowers the world has seen
is the lady who rules beside our King.

By this we know that the King's hand is sure,
that he fights for the Rose of Atlantia pure.
Take heart all ye soldiers behind your shields
for the Rose of Atlantia is on the field.

See her on fields of honor gold,
The Rose of Atlantia blooms in fall.
Hearken ye gentles young and old,
Heed ye the Rose of Atlantia's call.

We will not rest 'till the foe's brought to heel
Then before the Rose of Atlantia we'll kneel
Paying homage and honor to our Queen
To the fairest of flowers the world has seen.

See her on fields of honor red
Ground soaked in blood of Atlantia's foes
And the mighty shall kneel beside the dead
Seeking favor from gracious Atlantia's Rose

Did you bring swift death to the enemy?
Did you meet your foe in chivalry?
Then take now this favor from my hand,
for you have won honor for our land.

Long as on fields of honor she stands
Atlantian warriors ne'er shall yield
Sure our defense from enemy hands
When the Rose of Atlantia is on the field.

The Rose of Atlantia is on the field.

Words and music by Lady Luce Antony Venus.

*Composed as a gift to HRM Cuan MacDaige at Pennsic XXXIII in honor of his lady Padraign,
Queen of Atlantia.*



To Drive Hurricanes Far Away by Lady Cassandra Arabella Giordani

O woe are the rains
that merit more strains
on autocrats all down the coast
Last year at this time
Beware of the clime!
And Isabel by far the most
Bad fortune attends
Events of our friends
who wanted to go out and play
So we huddled inside
and prayed for a guide
to drive hurricanes far away

Now it is time
AS 39
We've had Frances, Gaston and Ivan
Rain, rain, go away
Can't we play today
With rapier, bows and rattan?
Events cancelled south
Caer Mear is rained out
Flooding is causing dismay
May the top Chalice team
Take on the dream
to drive hurricanes far away

To the tune of "To Drive the Cold Winter Away"
Words by Lady Cassandra Arabella Giordani
Composed as a gift to Lady Luce Antony Venus, Autocrat of Chalice of the Sun God



Upcoming Events

Baronial Progress	
Date	Event
October 2	University
October 8-10	Kingdom Crusades

October 2004			
Date	Event	Group	Location
2	Fall University (R)	Storvik	College Park, MD
2	University Feast	Storvik	College Park, MD
8-10	Kingdom Crusades (R)	Atlantia/East	Darlington, MD
15-17	On to Babylon/Market Day	Charlesbury Crossing	Booneville, NC
22-24	Silver Chalice XVII	Hidden Mountain	Harleyville, SC
22-24	Pilgrim's Progress	Tyr-y-Don	Williamsburg, VA
23	Games Tourney	Isenfir	Crozet, VA
23	A Sheep's Tale	Roxbury Mill	Damascus, MD
29-31	All Hallows	Berley Cort	Sedley, VA
29-31	Fall War College	Sacred Stone	Booneville, NC
29-31	Thegns and Thralls: A Night in Heorot	Bright Hills	Street, MD
30	Academie of the Rapier (R)	Buckston-on-Eno	Bahama, NC



Ponte Alto Weekly Activities

Ponte Alto is hosting a [Northern Regional War Practice](#) in conjunction with Sunday fighter practice on **Sunday, October 3, 2004**. Contact Lord Abel Brem (AbelofRegnesfolc AT aol.com) for more information on heavy fighting activities, and Baron Marcellus (afpopa AT cox.net) for rapier activities.

Our Baronial Herald, Lord Connor Sinclair, will be hosting a **Heraldic Night** on **Wednesday, October 13, 2004 at 7:00PM** at his home in Reston. [Contact Connor](#) for more information or directions.

Scriptorium/A&S Night/Bardic Circle/Whatever! will be held **Friday, October 15, 2004 at 7:00PM** at the home of [Lady Perronelle la peintre](#). Please contact her for more information. Bring a snack or drink to share. Directions can be found at <http://atlantia.sca.org/pipermail/ponte-alto/2004-July/002582.html>

Lady Katharine and Lord James will be running a **Patterning Workshop** on **Sunday, October 17, 2004 at noon** at the home of [Lady Perronelle la peintre](#). The workshop is limited to 10 people. [Contact Katharine](#) or James ahead of time to reserve space and arrange patterns/time periods to be fitted.

The October **Newcomers Meeting** will be held on **Wednesday, October 20, 2004 at 7:00PM** at the home of the [Baronial Chatelaine](#). Please contact her for more information.

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, starting September 13, 2004. 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 ellen.m.davis AT att.net , or Lord li at logan AT modzer0.cs.uaf.edu for more information or directions.



MONDAY

**Ponte Alto/
Stierbach Archery
Practice**

Mondays from 4:30 pm until dark, 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 for more information when instrumental music resumes after Labor Day on September 7, 2004. Held every Tuesday, 7:30 - 9 pm at the home of [Master Corun](#), in Annandale.

WEDNESDAY

No Activities

THURSDAY

**Outdoor Heavy
Weapons Practice**

Weather permitting, 6 pm to dark, 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**

Suspended until October due to Lady Maria-Térèse's broken arm. Contact [Lady Maria-Térèse de Normande](#) for more information. [Fighter Practice Directions](#).

Rapier Practice*

Every Thursday at Shrevewood Elementary school from 6 pm to 9 pm. Please use the rear entrance to the Gym. Please contact the [Baronial Rapier Marshal](#) for more information. [Indoor Rapier Directions](#). This is a [school location activity](#).

Dance Practice *

Last Thursday of the month at Shrevewood Elementary school from 7:30 pm to 9 pm. Please use the rear (outside) entrance to the cafeteria. Please contact [Lady Allasan bhán inghean Fhaoláin](#) for more information. [Dance Practice Directions](#). This is a [school location activity](#).

Needlework Nights

Every Thursday, 7 pm in Sterling. Contact Jaine the Embroiderer at wombat AT lazywench DOT com for directions.

FRIDAY

**Ponte Alto
Scriptorium/ A&S
Night**

May meet on a Friday during the month, as posted on the at the top of this page. Please contact [Perronelle la peintre](#) for more information and directions.



FRIDAY

<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>
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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 top of this page 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 top of this page 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

October 2004

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27 4:30 pm - Archery Practice 7:30 pm - Alle Psallite	28 7:30 pm - Harp and Drum	29	30 6 pm - Rapier Practice 6 pm - Heavy Weapons Practice	October 1	2 Fall University University Feast	3 Northern Regional War Practice Noon - Outdoor Heavy Weapons Practice 2 pm - Outdoor Rapier Practice
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<i>Columbus Day</i> 11 4:30 pm - Archery Practice 6:30 pm - Asian Night 7 pm - Scriptorium 7:30 pm - Alle Psallite	12 7:30 pm - Harp and Drum	13 7 pm - Heraldic Night	14 6 pm - Rapier Practice 6 pm - Heavy Weapons Practice	15 7 pm - Scriptorium/A&S Night/Bardic Circle	16 On to Babylon/Market Day	17 Noon - Patterning Workshop Noon - Outdoor Heavy Weapons Practice 2 pm - Outdoor Rapier Practice



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18 4:30 pm - Archery Practice 7:30 pm - Alle Psallite	19 7:30 pm - Harp and Drum	20 7 pm - Newcomer's Meeting	21 6 pm - Rapier Practice 6 pm - Heavy Weapons Practice	22 7:30 pm - Stierbach/Ponte Alto Bardic Circle	23 Silver Chalice XVII Pilgrim's Progress Games Tourney A Sheep's Tale	24 Noon - Outdoor Heavy Fighter Practice 2 pm - Outdoor Rapier Fighter Practice
25 4:30 pm - Archery Practice 7:30 pm - Alle Psallite	26 7:30 pm - Harp and Drum	27	28 6 pm - Rapier Practice 6 pm - Heavy Weapons Practice 7:30 pm - Dance Practice	29	30 All Hallows Fall War College Thegns and Thralls: A Night in Heorot Academie of the Rapier	31 <i>Halloween</i> Noon - Outdoor Heavy Fighter Practice 2 pm - Outdoor Rapier Fighter Practice 6 pm - Business Meeting
November 1 4:30 pm - Archery Practice 7:30 pm - Alle Psallite	2 7:30 pm - Harp and Drum	3 7 pm - Newcomer's Garb Night	4 6 pm - Rapier Practice 6 pm - Heavy Weapons Practice 6 pm - Ladies Instructional Heavy Weapons Practice	5	6 Fall Crown Tournament	7 Noon - Outdoor Heavy Fighter Practice 2 pm - Outdoor Rapier Fighter Practice

