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Ponte Alto Activities

There will be no **Newcomers Meeting** in August due to Pennsic. Please contact the [Baronial Chatelaine](#) for more information.

Rapier Practice will be **CANCELLED** on the following dates due to Pennsic War: **Sundays August 5, 12, and 19, and Thursdays August 10 and 17**. The last practice before Pennsic will be **Thursday, August 3, 2006**, and the next practice will be **Thursday, August 24, 2006**. Please contact the [Baronial Rapier Marshal](#) for more information.

Heavy Weapons Practice will be **CANCELLED** on the following dates due to Pennsic War: **Sundays August 5, 12, and 19, and Thursdays August 10 and 17**. The last practice before Pennsic will be **Thursday, August 3, 2006**, and the next practice will be **Thursday, August 24, 2006**. Please contact the [Baronial Knight Marshal](#) for more information.

SUNDAY

Ponte Alto Baronial Business Meeting

Fourth 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](#).

Ladies Instructional Heavy Weapons Practice

First Sunday of every month, Noon - Dark, outdoors, weather permitting, at Tysons-Pimmit Park, behind Tysons-Pimmit Library, Falls Church. Contact Lady Marie Thérèse Normand (***mariatheresapontoon AT yahoo.com***, (703) 690-9453 (H)) 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

Ponte Alto/Stierbach Archery Practice

Starting May 15, 2006, Mondays from 5 pm (setup at 4:30 pm) until dark, Ponte Alto's outdoor season archery practice site is Earl Mika's place of work, Jefferson Millwork and Design, 44098 Mercure Circle, Sterling, VA 20166. [Archery Practice Directions](#). Practices are jointly held with Stierbach. You may also contact the [Baronial Archery Marshal](#) 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>.

Alle Psallite (Vocal Music)

Every Monday, 7:30-9 pm in Herndon. Please contact Mistress Anne of Carthew (***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 and on the [Yahoo Group AllePsallite](#).

Asian Nights (Exploration of all things Asian)

Second Monday of every month, starts at 6:30 in Centreville. Please contact Lady Áine Sindradóttir (***ellen.m.davis AT att.net***, (703) 815-0310 (H)) or Lord Ii Saburou Katsumori (***logan AT modzer0.cs.uaf.edu***) for more information or directions.

TUESDAY

Harp and Drum Corps (Instrumental Music)

Meets first Tuesdays, 7:30 - 9 pm at the home of Mistress Anne of Carthew (***anne AT ravenstreet.org***) for practice and polishing of more advanced musical pieces. Meets third Tuesdays, 7:30 - 9 pm at the home of Lady Celia of Rosedale (***celia AT ravenstreet.org***, (703) 378-2441 (H)) for practice of SCA Dance music. Contact the respective hosts for more information, and visit the [HarpAndDrum Yahoo Group](#).

Ponte Alto Scriptorium

Meets the first Tuesday of the month at 7 pm. Please contact Brigid Ohara (***mill3rs AT yahoo.com***, (703) 620-4945 (H)) for more information and directions.

WEDNESDAY

Weaving Nights

Second and fourth Wednesdays of every month from 7-9 pm, at the home of Lord Jürgen van der Vols (Joorkin Volz) (***jcfrench AT mac.com***), whom you should contact for more information and directions.

THURSDAY

Outdoor Rapier Practice

Weather permitting, 6 pm to dark, outdoors at Tysons-Pimmit Park, behind Tysons-Pimmit Library, Falls Church. Please contact the [Baronial Rapier Marshal](#) for more information. [Fighter Practice Directions](#).

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](#).

FRIDAY

Ponte Alto A&S Night

May meet on a Friday during the month, as posted on the =at the top of this page. Please contact Lady Perronelle la peintre (***dwatsonirwin AT cox.net***, (703) 455-0298 (H)) for more information and directions.

Stierbach/Ponte Alto Bardic

Come and share your songs and stories! Meets the fourth Friday of the month at 7:30 pm. Contact Baroness Briana Maclukas (***darbyjanie AT hotmail.com***) for more information.

MONTHLY

SCA Newcomer Meetings

Newcomer Meetings occur once a month on a weeknight from 7-9 pm at the homes of various members of the Barony. Contact the [Baronial Chatelaine](#) for more information, or check out the top of this page for the most recently posted information.

Embroidery Night

Their Excellencies of Ponte Alto host a monthly embroidery night starting at 7:30 pm. Please contact the [Baron and Baroness](#) for more information, or check out the top of this page for the most recently posted information.



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Directions to Ponte Alto Meetings

Baronial Business Meeting (Fourth Sunday of each month, except December)

The meeting is at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 7426 Idlywood Rd., Falls Church.

Take your best route to I-66. Get off at the exit for Route 7 West (Tysons Corner). Turn left at the first light after the interchange onto Idlywood Rd. The church is up the hill on the right about 1/4 mile.

Fighter Practice (Sundays Noon (Heavy) or 2 PM (Rapier) - Dark, Weather Permitting)

Heavy Fighter Practice (Thursdays 6 PM - Dark, Weather Permitting)

Rapier Practice (Thursdays 6 PM - Dark, Weather Permitting)

Practice is behind the Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library 7584 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church.

Take your best route to I-495. Get off at the exit for Route 7 East (Falls Church). The library is on the left about 1 mile. Park in the library lot and go down the hill to the park.

Special Thursday Night parking instructions:

We have received some complaints about lack of parking spaces from residents of the Peachtree of McClean apartment complex which adjoins our practice site. After some informal negotiations we have arrived at an agreement with the building management. We beseech those attending Thursday night practices to adhere to the following procedures from now on:

You may unload your gear from parking spaces adjoining our practice area. But then please move your car to another space either at least a block further away from Route 7 in the complex parking lot or in the library parking lot closer to Route 7. At the conclusion of practice you may once again move your car to a space adjoining the practice area in order to reload your gear before exiting the site.

In this way we hope to be able to continue to use the parking facilities of the complex without inconveniencing the residents.

Archery Practice (Mondays 5 PM - Dark, Weather Permitting)

Practice is at a field beyond Goose Creek Golf Course outside Leesburg on Cochran Mills Road.

Take Dulles Toll Road / Greenway West to its end
Merge right at exit 1B Route 15 and Route 7
Travel .8 miles to exit on Route 7 East
Travel 1.7 miles and watch for the signs telling you about 2 traffic lights ahead - Cochran Mills Road is the second one
Turn right at the second light onto Cochran Mills Road
Continue from * below

OR

Take Route 28 North to Route 7 West
Travel 5 miles and watch for the signs telling you about 2 traffic lights ahead - Cochran Mills Road is the first one
Turn left at the first light onto Cochran Mills Road
Continue from * below

THEN

* From Cochran Mills Road:

Continue for .7 miles

There will be a curve to the right and an unpaved road/driveway to the left, along the golf course

Turn left onto the unpaved road, Kittany Point, just before the small house

Take the first driveway on the right (Ramsbridge Farm)

Head straight back and park.



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Monthly Calendar

August 2006

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
July 31 4:30 pm - Archery Practice	August 1 7 pm - Scriptorium	2	3 6 pm - Rapier Practice 6 pm - Heavy Weapons Practice	4 Pennsic War	5 Pennsic War	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 History of the W.O.P. P.....Part I	20 Pennsic War
21 4:30 pm - Archery Practice	22	23 7 pm - Weaving Night	24 6 pm - Rapier Practice 6 pm - Heavy Weapons Practice	25 7:30 pm - Stierbach/Ponte Alto Bardic Circle	26 Harvest Moon Storvik Post Pennsic Revel Flight of the Falcon II	27 Noon - Outdoor Heavy Weapons Practice 2 pm - Outdoor Rapier Fighter Practice 6 pm - Business Meeting

<p style="text-align: center;">28</p> <p>4:30 pm - Archery Practice</p> <p>7:30 pm - Alle Psallite</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">29</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">30</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">31</p> <p>6 pm - Rapier Practice</p> <p>6 pm - Heavy Weapons Practice</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">September 1</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">2</p> <p>Coronation</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">3</p> <p>Noon - Ladies Instructional Heavy Weapons Practice</p> <p>Noon - Outdoor Heavy Weapons Practice</p> <p>2 pm - Outdoor Rapier Practice</p>
<p><i>Labor Day</i> 4</p> <p>4:30 pm - Archery Practice</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">5</p> <p>7 pm - Scriptorium</p> <p>7:30 pm - Harp and Drum</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">6</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">7</p> <p>6 pm - Rapier Practice</p> <p>6 pm - Heavy Weapons Practice</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">8</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">9</p> <p>Sacred Stone Baronial Birthday Vyking Thyng</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">10</p> <p>Noon - Outdoor Heavy Weapons Practice</p> <p>2 pm - Outdoor Rapier Practice</p>



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Upcoming Events

Baronial Progress

Date	Event
August 4-20	Pennsic

September 2006

Date	Event	Group	Location
1-4	Coronation of Ragnarr and Anneke	Sacred Stone	Reidsville, NC
8-10	Sacred Stone Baronial Birthday	Sacred Stone	Booneville, NC
9	Vyking Thyng	Yarnvid	Richmond, VA
15-17	Chalice of the Sun Gods III	Ponte Alto	Triangle, VA
15-17	Tourney of the Diamonds	Hidden Mountain	Point South, SC
Cancelled	Sheep Raids - Cancelled	Seareach	Wallace, NC
22-24	Celtic Cattle Raids 4	Nimenefeld	Apex, NC
22-24	Siege of Glengary	Highland Foorde	Hedgesville, WV
23	Masters of Defense/Baronial Birthday	Lochmere	Lothian, MD
23	Marinus' Baronial Birthday	Marinus	Virginia Beach, VA
Cancelled	Priory of Legends	Hawkwood	Robbinsville, NC



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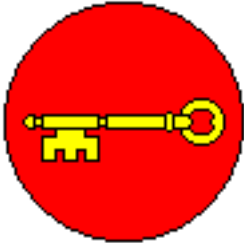
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Meeting Minutes - July 23, 2006

Held at the Education Building of St. Paul's Lutheran Church
26 Attendees
Meeting Start Time: 6:00 pm

Officer Reports

Seneschal: Lady Katharine Devereaux

- Lady Katharine Devereaux is our new Seneschal!
- Wants to have one on one meetings with each officer, to get status info and transition/future plans

Exchequer: Lady Millicent Chandler

- 2nd quarter report ready for signature
- Current balance is \$7071.61 in our account, general fund \$5842.39
- Need to post refund policy in event flyers
- Proposing a few financial policy changes: see Exchequer's Report
- One storage unit (5x5) quoted at \$25/month with \$25 deposit at Pennsic
- Sheet wall receipts (fabric and grommets) in - under budget of \$150 (approved in April)

Heavy Marshal: Lord Duncan the Elder

- Waivers have been mailed
- Four heavy and siege authorizations at Stierbach yesterday - Brigid Ohara and Lady Katharina von Bayern authorized in Siege. Ruth and Alaric the Mad authorized sword and shield

Rapier Marshal: Lord Geoffrey ap Clywd

- Ponte Alto had the largest number of fencers (six) of any group at Stierbach's b-day event. Helena authorized epee and schlager.
- Last practice before Pennsic is on 8/3, will resume on 8/24

Archery Marshal: Lord Miles de Lochwode

- Two Ponte Alto archers at Kingdom Archery Championship (Miles and Brigid)
- Mark your calendars - October 21st is the Lochmere Arrow event
- Bring your bows to Pennsic to come shoot a war point. Go shoot! Fewer days of Pennsic war point shoot this year.
- Cassandra is now a ranked archer of rank Archer

A&S: Lady Renata von Hentzau

- Pennsic preparation going on
- New Coral Branch at Stierbach birthday - Ana Beig de Rosslyn
- Go take a look at the Pennsic A&S display
- Workshop potentially planned after Pennsic - cordials
- Domesday book an after Pennsic project

Chatelaine: Lady Marsaili Johnston of Lockwood Moss

- One very enthusiastic newcomer at last meeting
- One newcomer came to Stierbach yesterday
- No meeting in August due to Pennsic

Herald: Lord Séamus Ó Maoil Riain

- From Connor - The one badge that had been sent back from Kingdom has been resubmitted with a change of colors on the bottom half - should hear from Kingdom after Pennsic

MOL: Lady Delphina the Mad

- Storvik Novice Tourney MoL for rapier

Chroniclers: Lady Courtney de Houghton and Lord Connor Sinclair

- August II Tempo on track after last month's attack of life - thanks to Cassandra for July save
- Submit articles, artwork, reports

Web Minister: Lady Cassandra Arabella Giordani

- Not intending to step down anytime soon, but looking for a deputy and potential successor. HTML skills required, knowledge or willingness to learn other skills (PHP, MySQL) a plus.

Baron and Baroness: Baron Marcellus Capozziello da Napoli and Baronne Belphoebe de Givet

- We had many Pontoons authorize at Stierbach Birthday

- Stierbach awards - Damian Cray - Hippocampus, Flora de Bayeaux - AoA, Brigid Ohara - AoA, Ana Beig de Rosslyn - Coral Branch
- Looking forward to Pennsic - Baronial Court will be on Tuesday night 7:00 pm
Want to fight in as many war point battles as possible
Atlantian Royal Guard - Ponte Alto 6-10 pm - 2 people per hour, so 8 people -
Thursday night of war week - contact Geoffrey ap Clywd to coordinate
Opening ceremonies - anyone who wants can come walk with the B&B, please do!
More info forthcoming to the list
- B&B Progress: Pennsic, Chalice, maybe Coronation, possibly Masters of Defense
- Chalice - would like to bring back the baronial brewer position at Chalice, so come bring your brewing specialties
- Send in recommendations!

Warlord: Lord Connor Sinclair

- Supporting the East, along with AEthelmearc
- Connor won't be at Pennsic on Monday - Mathieu will be leading
- Each day, muster on the battlefield at Atlantian day shade - meet both before and after battle
- Need the most folks on Friday for the field battle
- About 30 heavy fighters from Ponte Alto for Pennsic

Archery Champion: Lord Miles de Lochwode

- New champion to be selected at Chalice - bring your bows!

Artisan: Lady Millicent Chandler

- Will be displaying things at Pennsic

Events

Pennsic: 2006

Lord Miles de Lochwode, land agent

- We got N31 - been negotiating with the 9 other groups - Windmasters' Hill also there - we should get all our pre-registered space, near a footpath to the bridge
- Camp fees are \$11 payable to Miles in cash before or your day of arrival at Pennsic
- Still need to make sheet walls - will be done this weekend
- Open house at encampment after Baronial Court Tuesday night
- Miles will be working on archery over-the-shoulder quivers at Pennsic, if anyone wants to look over his shoulder as he works

Chalice: September 2006

Lady Katharine Devereaux, autocrat

- Budget same as last year - break even 120 attendees/85 onboard - \$1270 rent, \$500

feast, \$200 lunch, \$25 grill, \$100 misc, \$320 portajohn for field, \$2425 total

- Budget approved by the Barony
- Their Highnesses have been invited
- Need help - Troll, cleanup, setup, Friday night, head server - will email to the lists after the meeting

Day at the Races III: November 2006

Anne of Carthew, autocrat

- Flyer being entered August 1

Tournament of Love and Beauty: February 2007

Autocrat: Lady Courtney of Houghton

- Everything expected to be about the same as last year - A&S will be moved in the hall
- Looking for more virtues to add
- More requests of Their Highnesses to come
- Sell lunch - fund raiser for Kingdom Travel Fund

Old Business

- Need to put 2nd coat of paint on list fences, and add Ponte Alto bridge "marker" on fence - need to find a place to do painting in early September - will revisit in August
- There are 3 tabards in the storage unit to give to new fighters; 3 have already been given to Duncan to hand out

New Business

- Joint Crown Tourney bid with Stierbach in progress in May 2007 - same site as TOLAB - Vitha and Grace offered to do feast (Tirloch's apprentices)
Kingdom officers run lots of pieces of the event, so a relatively easy event to run
Looking at renting multiple buildings to hold fighting inside in case of rain
Asking about camping on site
Looking for Leesburg hotels
Main feast upstairs in upper hall, children's feast (pizza, mac and cheese, etc.) in lower hall
Bids due October 1
Barony agreed to move ahead with joint venture (Ponte Alto will handle money and reimburse Stierbach) Marcellus and Iustinos co-autocrats
- Costuming Symposium - December 9th - site is free, same site as University (UVA) - \$500 for guest speaker - lunch by Isenfir - probably no more than 10 people to run this
Barony voted against taking this on; feels this will be too much with the other events on our plate
- Expired annual funds: Heavy (\$250), rapier (\$150), archery (\$100) - each special fund must be spent within a year, or it goes back to the general fund - you have 60 days to submit receipts after cash is advanced
Barony voted to reinstate these funds for another year

- Time to think about rescheduling with the church for business meeting - Barony voted to keep the 4th Sunday as the meeting time

Announcements

- Brigid has a friend with a 66 acre farm out in Warrenton that we might be able to use

Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:05 pm.



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Announcements

Baronial Officer Openings

There are several openings available for Baronial officer and deputy positions. Enthusiastic newcomers looking to get more involved in the day-to-day workings of the Barony are encouraged to apply!

Minister of Minors: Potential candidates should contact the [Baronial Seneschal](#) for more information or to apply.

Deputy Web Minister: Lady Cassandra is not intending to step down anytime soon, but she would like to bring on a deputy as a potential successor to the office. Please contact the [Baronial Web Minister](#) for more information or to apply.

Ponte Alto Directory

Lady Perronelle volunteered to coordinate a hard copy directory for Pontoons to use to stay in touch. If you would like to be included (only people included in the directory will be allowed to get a copy), please [download the form \(MS Word\)](http://pontealto.atlantia.sca.org/ponte_alto_directory_form.doc) (http://pontealto.atlantia.sca.org/ponte_alto_directory_form.doc) , fill it out, and email or snail mail it to Lady Perronelle la peintre (***dwatsonirwin AT cox.net***, (703) 455-0298 (H)). Or use the [online directory form](http://pontealto.atlantia.sca.org/directory.php) (http://pontealto.atlantia.sca.org/directory.php) to submit your information via email. The first printing of the directory was at the Day at the Races event in November 2005, and copies are \$2.50 each.

Historical Event Matrix

Since the historically traditional event weekends for northern Atlantian groups have been under heavy discussion lately, Mistress Anne of Carthew put together an [event matrix \(PDF\)](http://pontealto.atlantia.sca.org/group_event_history_summary.pdf) (http://pontealto.atlantia.sca.org/group_event_history_summary.pdf) showing which northern Atlantian groups hosted events which weekends from 1998 through 2005.

News

Stierbach Baronial Birthday

Many Pontoons came out to celebrate the birthday of our neighboring Barony of Stierbach. There were several authorizations, including Ruth and Lord Alaric the Mad in sword and shield, Brigid Ohara and Lady Katherina von Bayern in siege, and Helena in rapier, both light and heavy.

Vivant for the new members of our growing army!

Their Majesties were in attendance, and graciously bestowed well earned awards on members of our populace:

- Damian Cray was awarded the Hippocampus
- Brigid Ohara was awarded arms
- Flora de Bayeaux was awarded arms
- Lady Ana Beig de Rosslyn was awarded the Coral Branch for her costuming, bardic and poetic skills

Vivant for Damian, Lady Flora, Lady Brigid, and Lady Ana!

Storvik Novice Tourney

Several Pontoons were authorized at Storvik's Novice Tourney:

Matthew Dredge authorized in sword and shield

Lady Cassandra Arabella Giordani authorized in combat archery

Vivant for the new members of our growing army!

Sapphire Joust

Sapphire Joust was a lot of fun, and it was great to see so many Pontoons there. Many thanks to Lord Geoffrey, our fearless land agent, and to all who retained for Their Excellencies and kept Them fed and watered. You were wonderful.

A special thanks to Ladies Wulfwynn and Renata for creating the extremely spiff banner that was displayed, and to Lady Celia of Rosedale for transporting the Baronial Charter used in the Atlantian Historical display.

Pontoons also made a good show on the archery, armored and rapier fields. The finals of the rapier tourney ended up being between our current rapier champion, Hadrurus, and our current herald and last year's rapier champion, Lord Seamus. In the end, Hadrurus won the Ruby prize, but it was absolutely fantastic to know that two Pontoons held the field that day! Also, the Consortium Turrium, household of our own Master Kevin of Thornbury, won the melee tournament.

Ponte Alto also has a new companion of the Order of the Sea Dragon, Lord Seamus, for his excellent work on the rapier field. Also, Éamonn Wallace is now Lord Éamonn, and one of the youngest gentles to be awarded arms in our Kingdom.

Vivant for all of our Pontoons! You are an inspiration to us and to the Kingdom!



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The Dog Days of Summer

The Dog Days or the dog days of summer are typically the hottest and most humid times of the year. They are a phenomenon of the northern hemisphere where they usually fall between July and early September but the actual days vary greatly from region to region, depending on latitude and climate. Dog days can also define a time period or event that is very hot and/or stagnant. Also many religious cultures believe that dog days are holy.

They get their name because the period this occurs is often during the time the star Sirius, known as the Dog Star (and the brightest star of all as seen from Earth), both rises after, and sets before, the Sun and is hence lost in the latter's glare. This period of invisibility, for Northern Hemisphere observers, is caused by the fact that the position of Sirius in the celestial sphere is well to the south of the ecliptic. The ancient Egyptians observed that the annual flooding of the Nile Delta would typically occur shortly after the star returned to view immediately before sunrise, taken to be around mid-August in the current calendar.



By contrast, "dog days" as defined herein do not occur at all in the Southern Hemisphere, for there even when the star is least favourably placed for viewing (around July 1), it will be briefly visible both in the east before dawn and again in the west after dusk -- and throughout most of Antarctica Sirius is circumpolar; that is to say, constantly above the horizon.

The further north one goes, the longer Sirius remains invisible each year, and beyond a latitude of approximately 74°N the star never appears above the horizon at all, making the colloquial, modern use of the term "dog days" to refer to the hot days of summer less than universally accurate.

The term itself was coined by the ancient Romans, who called these days *caniculares dies* (days of the dogs) after the constellation of *Canis Major*, (bigger dog) within which Sirius (a *Canis Majoris*) is found. As the hottest and most humid days of summer generally coincided with the period where Sirius rose/set with the sun, they believed that heat from Sirius was increasing the heat of the sun.

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Greetings from the Chancellor of the Exchequer,

Please [view the PDF \(24 KB\)](#) to see the proposed changes to the Financial Policy for the Barony of Ponte Alto. Italicized words and phrases are to be removed from the policy; underlined words and phrases are additions to the policy. These proposed changes are not set in stone; please contact me at exchequer AT pontalto.atlantia.sca.org if you have questions, concerns, or critiques about the wording.

For comparison, the current Financial Policy can be found at <http://pontalto.atlantia.sca.org/financialpolicy.php>.

We will vote on these policy changes at the August business meeting. The approved changes will then be forwarded to the Kingdom Chancellor of the Exchequer for final approval and published again in the Il Tempo. Upon their publication after final approval, the policy changes will be in effect.

Yours in Service,

Lady Millicent Chandler
Baronial Exchequer



The Barony of Ponte Alto Financial Policy

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 shall be reviewed yearly.
- c. Ponte Alto Financial Policy is superseded by: Kingdom Exchequer Policy, Kingdom Financial Policy, Kingdom Law, Society Exchequer Policy, Corpora, State, and Federal Law.

2. Financial Committee

- a. The Financial Committee
 - i. Defined as all paid members of the Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc who attend the Barony of Ponte Alto's business [~~strike *baronia*~~] meeting.
 - ii. At business meetings all financial needs will be brought to the Financial Committee for voting purposes. A majority vote will allow the money to be spent. In the event of a tie, the vote shall be moved to the Emergency Financial Committee. The Financial Committee may allocate money only up to the amount that is currently in the General Fund and no greater.
 - iii. A roster of paid members shall be kept by the Exchequer [~~strike *Chronicler*~~].
- b. The Emergency Financial Committee
 - i. Emergencies are defined as money that needs to be spent before the next business meeting.
 - ii. This 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 and Sciences, Chatelaine, Herald, Minister of the Lists, Chronicler, & Web Minister. Each member of the Emergency 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.
 - iii. Members of the Emergency 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. If there is a tie, the final vote will be cast by the deputy exchequer.

- iv. Spending approval is permitted up to \$1000 unless the spending is for a site fee. Spending approval is permitted up to \$2000 for a site fee.
- v. Meeting of this Emergency Financial Committee may be in person, over the phone, or via email.

3. The Chancellor of the Exchequer

- a. The Exchequer shall maintain a checking account with appropriate signature cards for the group, file all annual, 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 Emergency Financial Committee and hold primary responsibility for coordinating with other members of the Emergency Financial Committee, and communicating the committee's actions with the populace.
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- c. The Exchequer shall pursue any NSF (non-sufficient funds) checks received by the group according to the policy outlined in the Chancellor of the Exchequer Local Officer's Reference Handbook [~~Society Exchequer's Handbook~~].

4. Disbursement of Funds

- a. Signatories on all Baronial accounts shall be the exchequer, deputy exchequer, and seneschal.
- b. Authorization for disbursement of funds.
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 - ii. For all other expenses, authorization shall require a majority approval by the Financial Committee. 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 and Baroness of Ponte Alto. The Exchequer [~~Chronicler~~] shall verify membership before the vote.

5. Events

- a. The autocrat shall present an itemized budget for an event to the Financial Committee before any expenditure for the event is made and before the event flyer has been published.
 - i. The budget may include provisions to waive gate and feast fees for sitting Monarchs, Their Heirs, and the event's Head Cook.
 - ii. The budget may include provisions to waive gate fees for the event's Autocrat and Head Troll.
- b. The Financial Committee must authorize any itemized expenditure in excess of the approved amount.
- c. Event reservations and check in (troll):
 - i. All checks shall be [~~strike~~ *photocopied and*] deposited in a timely manner.
 - ii. No funds shall be removed from the cash box except as change for funds received.
- d. The Exchequer must receive event-related receipts and requests for reimbursement no later than five business days after the event.
- e. Event Refunds shall be provided as follows:
 - i. Feast refund may be provided if the feast spot was resold to another attendee. 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 five business [~~strike~~ *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.
- f. 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.
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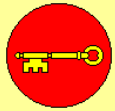
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