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## Monthly Calendar

January 2006

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<i>Hanukkah</i> / <i>Kwanzaa</i> December 26	27	28	29	30 4:30 pm - <a href="#">Archery Practice</a>	31	New Year's Day <b>January 1</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 7 pm - <a href="#">Scriptorium</a> 7:30 pm - <a href="#">Harp and Drum</a>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 6 pm - <a href="#">Rapier Practice</a> 6 pm - <a href="#">Heavy Weapons Practice</a>	<b>6</b> 4:30 pm - <a href="#">Archery Practice</a>	<b>7</b> <a href="#">Kingdom Twelfth Night</a>	<b>8</b> <a href="#">15th Century Workshop - Museum Trip</a> Noon - <a href="#">Outdoor Heavy Weapons Practice</a>
<b>9</b> 6:30 pm - <a href="#">Asian Night</a> 7:30 pm - <a href="#">Alle Psallite</a>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 6 pm - <a href="#">Rapier Practice</a> 6 pm - <a href="#">Heavy Weapons Practice</a>	<b>13</b> 4:30 pm - <a href="#">Archery Practice</a>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Noon - <a href="#">Outdoor Heavy Weapons Practice</a>
<i>Martin Luther King Day</i> <b>16</b> 7:30 pm - <a href="#">Alle Psallite</a>	<b>17</b> 7:30 pm - <a href="#">Harp and Drum</a>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 6 pm - <a href="#">Rapier Practice</a> 6 pm - <a href="#">Heavy Weapons Practice</a>	<b>20</b> 4:30 pm - <a href="#">Archery Practice</a>	<b>21</b> <a href="#">Interbaronial 12th Night Midwinter's Tale</a>	<b>22</b> Noon - <a href="#">Outdoor Heavy Weapons Practice</a> 6 pm - <a href="#">Business Meeting</a>

<p style="text-align: right;"><b>23</b></p> <p>7:30 pm - <a href="#">Alle Psallite</a></p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>24</b></p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>25</b></p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>26</b></p> <p>6 pm - <a href="#">Rapier Practice</a></p> <p>6 pm - <a href="#">Heavy Weapons Practice</a></p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>27</b></p> <p>4:30 pm - <a href="#">Archery Practice</a></p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>28</b></p> <p><a href="#">Mannonan mac Lir</a></p> <p><a href="#">A Feast for Charlemagne</a></p> <p><a href="#">Barnacled Bullfrog</a></p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>29</b></p> <p>Noon - <a href="#">Outdoor Heavy Weapons Practice</a></p>
<p style="text-align: right;"><b>30</b></p> <p>7:30 pm - <a href="#">Alle Psallite</a></p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>31</b></p>	<p>February 1</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">2</p> <p>6 pm - <a href="#">Rapier Practice</a></p> <p>6 pm - <a href="#">Heavy Weapons Practice</a></p>	<p style="text-align: right;">3</p> <p>4:30 pm - <a href="#">Archery Practice</a></p>	<p style="text-align: right;">4</p> <p><a href="#">University</a></p>	<p style="text-align: right;">5</p> <p>Noon - <a href="#">Outdoor Heavy Weapons Practice</a></p> <p>Noon - <a href="#">Ladies Instructional Heavy Weapons Practice</a></p>

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**Heavy weapons and light weapons fight practices for THURSDAY, December 15, are cancelled because all community activities in Fairfax County Public Schools are cancelled on account of the inclement weather. Weather permitting there will be a final heavy weapons practice next Thursday, December 22nd at Lemon Road Elementary before the Christmas winter break**

Winter **Archery** season begins at [Bull Run](#) starting **Friday, November 4, 2005 from 4:30 pm until 8 pm**. Contact the [Archery Marshal](#) for more information.

**Sunday Outdoor Rapier Practices** have ended for the year. They will resume in the spring. Indoor Thursday night practices continue through the winter on days when the school is open. Please contact the [Baronial Rapier Marshal](#) for more information.

One of our enthusiastic newcomers, Karen Miller, has offered to host **Scriptorium** on first Tuesdays of each month at 7 pm starting December 6, 2005. Please contact Lady Renata von Hentzau (*starfox5 AT msn.com*) for more information.

There will be no **Newcomer's Meeting** in December. The next Newcomer's meeting will be in January.

There will be no **Business Meeting** in December. The next Business meeting will be in January.

There will be no **Outdoor Heavy Weapons Practices** on **Sunday, December 25, 2005** or **January 1, 2006**, due to the holidays.

There will be no **Indoor Heavy Weapons or Rapier Practices** on **Thursday, December 29, 2005**, as Fairfax County Schools are closed for winter break.

The **15th Century Workshop** for January will be held on Sunday, January 8, 2006 and will be a field trip to visit the Walters Art Museum in Baltimore, MD. Contact Lady Courtney of Houghton (*courtneydehoughton AT yahoo.com*) and Lord Connor Sinclair (*connorsinclair AT yahoo.com*) 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](mailto:mariatheresapontoon@yahoo.com), (703) 690-9453 (H)) 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 ([anne AT ravenstreet.org](mailto:anne@ravenstreet.org)) for more information or directions. Music files can be found at [http://www.ravenstreet.org/Anne/alle\\_psallite/alle\\_psallite.htm](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](mailto:ellen.m.davis@att.net), (703) 815-0310 (H)) or Lord Ii Saburou Katsumori ([logan AT modzer0.cs.uaf.edu](mailto:logan@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](mailto:anne@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 ([rosedale703 AT aol.com](mailto:rosedale703@aol.com), (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, starting December 2005. Please contact Lady Renata von Hentzau ([starfox5 AT msn.com](mailto:starfox5@msn.com)) for more information and directions.

**WEDNESDAY**

**All Things 15th  
Century  
Workshops**

Third Wednesdays of every other month from 6-9 pm in Reston, VA, at the home of Lady Courtney of Houghton (***courtneydehoughton AT yahoo.com***) and Lord Connor Sinclair (***connorsinclair AT yahoo.com***), whom you should contact for more information and directions.

**THURSDAY**

**Rapier Practice \***

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

**Heavy Weapons  
Indoor Practice  
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Lemon Road Elementary School on Idylwood Road, 6 pm - 9 pm. Practice is geared to developing beginning and intermediate fighters through intensive hands on training with experienced instructors, as well to providing ample opportunity for more advanced fighters to sparr with knight level combatants. All are welcome. Contact the [Baronial Knight Marshal](#) for more information. [Indoor Heavy Directions](#). This is a [school location activity](#).

**FRIDAY**

**Ponte  
Alto/Stierbach  
Archery Practice**

Fridays from 4:30 pm until 8 pm, the indoor season archery practice site is Bull Run Regional Park's shooting center. [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>.

**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 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 Lady Celia of Rosedale (***rosedale703 AT aol.com***, (703) 378-2441 (H)), Lady Cassandra Arabella Giordani (***cassandra AT jordanclan.net***), or 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.

#### \* **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. You can visit the Fairfax County Public Schools Emergency Announcement page for school closure status: <http://fcps.edu/news/emerg.htm>

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## Upcoming Events

### Baronial Progress

Date	Event
January 7	Kingdom Twelfth Night

### January 2006

Date	Event	Group	Location
7	<a href="#">Kingdom Twelfth Night</a>	Dun Carraig	Hollywood, MD
21	<a href="#">Interbaronial Twelfth Night</a>	Tir-y-Don	Williamsburg, VA
21	<a href="#">Midwinter's Tale</a>	Border Vale Keep	Augusta, GA
27- 29	<a href="#">Mannonan mac Lir</a>	Tear-Sea's Shore	Harleyville, SC
28	<a href="#">A Feast for Charlemagne</a>	Lochmere	Elkridge, MD
28	<a href="#">Barnacled Bullfrog</a>	Marinus	Suffolk, VA



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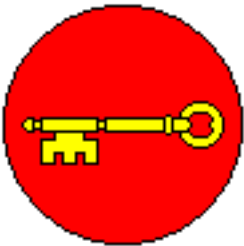
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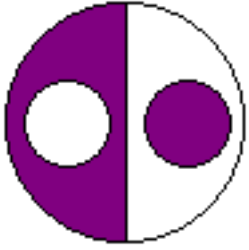
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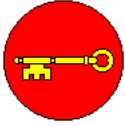
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# **Il Tempo of Ponte Alto**

## **Officer Reports and Letters - Seneschal**

Greetings Ponte Alto,

The following is my report on Unevent 2005 which took place in Nottingham Coill on December 3, 2005. Let me first thank everyone who showed up to attend their officer's meetings, and also helped me cover meetings for those that were not able to make the event. I really appreciated the dedication you showed in supporting the Barony by supporting other officers in this way, especially since it was way down south. My special thanks go out to Countess Denise, Baroness Greta, Baron Thomas, Lord Geoffrey, Lady Lucia, Lord Miles, Lady Cassandra, Lady Millicent, Edward de Clare, Mistress Anne, Master Tirloch, Lady Renata, and Lady Delphina. Thank you once again.

I first attended the Seneschal's meeting. Countess Denise handed out holiday cards and treats. Dame Anne Le Couer began by informing the baronial seneschals of a big change in the reporting cycle. Now the reporting cycle will be February 15, May 15, Aug 15, and Nov 15. This change will be made as of the reporting cycle after next, because of a need to disseminate information, and will apply to the Chatelaine's office as well. Please check with your offices as this new ruling may affect other office's reporting cycles. There will be a normal reporting cycle for January 2006, and on May 15, 2006 the new reporting cycle will begin.

We were introduced to all the Kingdom Deputy Regional Seneschals of which Countess Denise is Virginia's representative.

Mistress Ghita, the Society Level Exchequer, was introduced. She spoke briefly about the change in cycle dates as they related to other officers reports. Apparently Society has a different reporting cycle, and to synch up with them Atlantia is shifting their cycle to that of Society's.

We were then introduced to the Kingdom Web Minister, Meistr Gruffudd ap Cadfael, and he spoke briefly on some of the problems the servers have been having due to a change in the DNS (domain name servers). Then he asked if there were any questions regarding the online reporting system. I asked about the bi-weekly and bi-monthly tabs to the pull-down menu for event times, and as a few other people had things they wanted addressed, Gruffudd sent around a piece of paper so that we could write down our concerns.

The issue of current memberships for officers was touched on and Anne told us this was going to be checked with an e-mail being sent out to those officers who had let their membership lapse. Also, numbers were being tabulated to allow each Seneschal to know how many paid members they had in their Barony/Canton/Shire. I received this information a week after the event and can report that we now have 194 paid members living in our Barony.

It was reiterated that the Seneschals should not be a source of conflict. There is a grievance procedure that describes how to deal with situations and that all Seneschals should read it. Corporate Guidelines are there to guide the Seneschals so they can guide others with

questions. It was reiterated that we should look for ways to alleviate problems and prevent them from escalating.

June University 2006 does not have a bid yet. Her Highness is making Atlantia's youth the platform for the next reign.

I have something written down about Kingdom thru 2006, specifically Crown and Coronation. I think this refers to the fact that the Kingdom Calendar through 2006 is set except for Crown and Coronation, but, this should be researched as my handwriting was a bit messy.

Baron William the Kingdom's Media/Public Relations officer (media AT atlantia.sca.org) was the next to address our assembly, and he wanted us to be aware that because his office was still so new, things were still being hammered out. However, if the group has any interaction with the Media it should be reported to him within 7 days of the contact. If there is an incident (bad situation) that makes the news refer to the SCA or our local group, we should report it immediately. This means searching the web, our local paper, or news stations for such things as Ponte Alto, SCA or Society of Creative Anachronism and sending these articles to Baron William. This is so he and his office can build up a portfolio of good promotional materials.

Also when a news (team, paper or source) approaches us we should have designated media relations people. This is the responsibility of the Seneschal but they can designate whomever they feel appropriate as a deputy, with the understanding that they are ultimately responsible for this office. The Media Relations online source will have set statements and guidelines with which we can use and to guide us in modifying our language for interviews and talking to the public. People who speak with the media should be presentable, clean cut, and knowledgeable on their subject matter. Storvick's Seneschal had some concerns about the validity of limiting the media's access to a site, meaning by escorting the person we could not expect them to stay out of private areas. Baron William explained several polite ways of doing so, and pointed us to the website for more information. I asked if there would be classes given in media relations and Baron William assured us that at University there would be something in place.

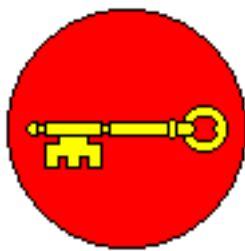
Dame Anne took the floor after Baron William and stated that the waivers needed to be in to the waiver secretary. The percentage of people getting them in was not so good. She encouraged us to follow up on this.

Also we were encouraged that at the first mention of a new branch to send them to Baroness Fiona for advisement, because once guidelines and ideas were set in motion on a local level, it was difficult to get them to change to be more in line with Atlantia's guidelines without trouble. Also, as Seneschals we have a voice in who the new branch Seneschal will be and we should use that power for good. This ended the Seneschal's meeting.

My Second Meeting was for the Office of Chancellor of Minors. A lot of the stuff we discussed here was the same as last year. Sign the kids in and out to the same adult. Identify the child with a nametag, but don't display the name openly. Ceredwen suggested a necklace or bracelet turned inside out. Don't ever serve food to kids as there is liability with food allergies. The office is not a baby sitting service. Two adults need to be in attendance at all times. Parents are encouraged to attend the corner to do service for short periods of time. And the Kingdom is looking for a teen liaison to speak on teen issues.

Yours in Service,

Lady Maria-Therese de Normand



# **Il Tempo of Ponte Alto**

## **Officer Reports and Letters - Exchequer**

Greetings to the Populace of Ponte Alto and our noble Chroniclers from Lady Millicent Chandler:

The Society Exchequer attended Atlantia's Unevent and stressed the importance of verifying that all branch checks are compliant to Society policy by stating that the account name includes "SCA, Inc." and that the check must require two signatures to be valid. I am happy to report that our branch checks are indeed compliant.

Atlantian branch exchequers are to use the Atlantian version 1.1 report forms for fourth quarter 2005 and 2005 Domesday reports. Fourth quarter and Domesday are due January 31, 2006.

Clarification of "fund-raising" was provided so the branch exchequers would know how to designate those monies:

1. Non-medieval activities such as carwashes count as External Fundraising.
2. Medieval activities such as demos, events (donation for entrance), bake sales at events, silent auctions at events count as Internal Fundraising.
3. Someone gives us money just because we're swell counts as a Donation.

Stale checks count as Direct Contributions.

It appears that many branch exchequers have been adding fundraising monies to the event reports and noting those monies as Income. This is incorrect. Those monies are to be reported as one of the three classes of funds raised listed above. As such, I will be revamping a few event reports from this past year before I compile the Domesday. It will not change the amount of money Ponte Alto has in the bank, but it will change the locations of those funds on the reports.

Advertising income has been okayed by the Kingdom Exchequer; branch chroniclers has final say over the content of advertising booklets. I do not see this being something Ponte Alto will need to worry about in the short term as we don't host much in the way of merchant-heavy events.

The forgiveness of bad debts must be approved by the financial committee.

In the coming year, I want to make this office much more transparent. Financial reports will be published in the Il Tempo and on the Ponte Alto website.

As always, if you would like to see the books or would like more information about the Exchequer office, I will happily schedule time to meet with you and answer your questions. This is your money! I am merely the steward.

Yours in Service,  
Lady Millicent Chandler  
Baronial Exchequer



# **Il Tempo of Ponte Alto**

## **Officer Reports and Letters - Archery Marshal**

Greetings from the Archery Marshal,

Just quick notes from the archery meeting at Unevent:

- \* State of archery in the Kingdom is good ... almost 200 archers at Kingdom Archery
- \* Seamus Incident - Please make sure to inspect your arrows as you pull them from the target, and if you have a 'slightly broken' arrow, please break it the rest of the way so that you do not accidentally shoot it later.
- \* Make sure that you are doing bow inspections at events.
- \* Recommend (not required), that metal crossbow prods have sicherns or leather wraps for WHEN they break.
- \* Remember to classify bows for Royal Round correctly. A Period longbow is scored in the 'Period' division, and NOT the 'Longbow' division, and so on. Each bow fits in one division, and one division only. We are simply trying to categorize what bow type was used to shoot the Royal Round, so that the different types of bows can be compared against each other. You wouldn't score a crossbow as a recurve, so don't score a Period bow as a Longbow.
- \* Noted that the Current definition of Longbow vs. Recurve is the same as the NFAA standard ... any recurve in the limb when strung means it is a recurve.
- \* A 'hint' for the future ... If you wish to participate in the next Seasonal challenge (for this summer), you may wish to aquire a 122cm target face (The 5 color ring target (like Royal Round), that is 4 foot wide) ... and think 'distance'.
- \* The new rules were brought up, but there were no questions.

Yours in Service,

Lord Miles de Locwode  
Archery Marshal of Ponte Alto





# Il Tempo of Ponte Alto

## Officer Reports and Letters - Minister of the Lists

Greetings from the Minister of the Lists,

The MOL meeting at unevent consisted on basic tips that the KMOL wanted the MOLs to be aware of. They suggested that MOLs try to learn all of the types of tournies there are. They also reminded people who needed to renew their membership and or warrant to do so. Renata is choosing at this time to not renew her warrant as an MOL.

Yours in Service,

Lady Delphina the Mad  
MOL of Ponte Alto



# **Il Tempo of Ponte Alto**

## **Officer Reports and Letters - Chronicler**

### **Unevent Chroniclers meeting report**

Lady Cassandra the Forlorn will be stepping down as Kingdom Chronicler in February 2006. Lord Otto von Schwyz, the current Calendar Deputy, will be stepping up to replace her.

Yours in Service,

Lady Courtney de Houghton and Lord Connor Sinclair  
Co-Chroniclers of Ponte Alto



# Il Tempo of Ponte Alto

## Officer Reports and Letters - Web Minister

### Unevent Web Minister meeting report

#### **New Web Minister's policy:**

If a group web minister should step down without an immediate replacement, the group chronicler becomes responsible for the group's web site so that it may continue as a recognized web page in Atlantia. If the group does not have a chronicler, the responsibility falls to the group seneschal.

Yours in Service,

Lady Cassandra Arabella Giordani  
Web Minister of Ponte Alto



# **Il Tempo of Ponte Alto**

## **Officer Reports and Letters - Arts and Sciences**

Greetings from the A&S Minister,

Both Lady Renata, who will take over the office in February, and I attended the A&S Officer meeting at Unevent.

1. The Kingdom A&S officer emphasised the need for A&S officers to be familiar with the A&S handbook. End of year reports are currently not required, but the KMOAS is considering making them mandatory again. At this time, the KMOAS requires all A&S officers to report at least twice per year.
2. The KMOAS suggested that each A&S officer have a "kit" which he/she takes to events. The KMOAS kit is a three-ring binder with pens, paper, notecards, extra entry forms, extra judging forms, etc.
3. The new, streamlined judging forms were introduced. Instead of the judging form and instruction form being separate sheets, the judging instructions are printed on one side of the sheet, and the other side is divided so that three judges may mark their scores without inadvertently marking one another's boxes.
4. Copyright issues in regards to photographs of artwork was discussed. There is a link on the Chronicler page of the [atlantia.sca.org](http://atlantia.sca.org) website to the Atlantian Publication Permission Form. It was not clearly explained how this impacts the A&S officers, nor how it impacts any pictures taken of A&S displays.
5. The Kingdom Deputy for Historical Combat (Edward de Clare) gave a short presentation on what it is and what it is not. It is basically choreographed combat based on historical precedence and research. See Edward (who plays with Ponte Alto) for more information.

Yours in Service,

Baroness Greta Klusenaere  
Minister of Arts and Sciences of Ponte Alto



# Il Tempo of Ponte Alto

## Officer Reports and Letters - Herald

### Unevent - Heralds Meeting

All Atlantian Heralds should subscribe to the email list either via the Yahoo Group web site: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/AtlantianHeralds/> or by sending email to AtlantianHeralds-subscribe AT yahoogroups.com or Triton (herald AT atlantia.sca.org).

Since Mistress Alisoun stepped up as Golden Dolphin Herald, Atlantia has had a 92% success rate on submission items passing Laurel. This is definitely a better than average rate.

The Internal Letter of Intent (ILOI) process for Kingdom Level submissions has passed its trial period and is now firmly part of the Atlantian submissions process. Consulting via email has removed the geographic barriers preventing many heralds from participating in meetings, as well as allowing newer heralds to learn by asking questions "on the side" without disturbing the flow of commentary by more senior heralds.

The Laurel College of Arms has been talking about changing the submissions forms to clear up some of the authenticity confusion. Once these new forms have been finalized, the Golden Dolphin Herald will work with the Atlantian College of Heralds (CoH) web minister to create PDFs of the submissions forms that can be filled in online and printed (except for the drawing of devices/badges). Then at least the text should be legible more often.

Heralds accepting submissions are reminded of the following items:

- Only warranted heralds may send in submissions. Warrants can be verified on the CoH Roster web site: <http://herald.atlantia.sca.org/roster/index.htm>. If roster information is incorrect, send corrections to Triton (herald AT atlantia.sca.org)
- Don't forget to put your name on the forms in the "Consulting herald" lines so that Golden Dolphin may keep you in the loop on your clients' submissions!
- Checks must be made out to "College of Heralds of Atlantia/SCA Inc." NOT the College of Arms.
- Once money is received from a client, the submission MUST be sent to Golden Dolphin within 14 days. Do NOT accept a check until the submission packet is ready to send.
- If items from your clients have been returned, keep on top of the timelines. Remind the client that they have 12 months to resubmit without extra cost, but after that they will have to send more money to register their items. If six months or nine months have passed and they have not resubmitted, remind them.
- Set a good example! If you have a registered name, USE IT. If you don't like your registered name and are using something else, get the new name registered! If you, as a herald, blow off your registered name, clients are not likely to take the submissions process seriously.
- Make sure your email ISP/software accepts emails from the Golden Dolphin Herald (silverdragon AT charleston.net) so you can receive email updates on the status of your clients' submissions.

Although post office rates will be increasing next year, with our high submissions success rate and the financially good shape of the CoH, no submissions rate increase is expected.

Current submissions timelines:

Month 1: Complete submissions packet (forms, documentation, check) received by Golden Dolphin

Month 2: Kingdom ILOI - If the item passes Kingdom, it will be submitted to Laurel College of Arms (CoA) at the end of Month 2.

Months 3-5: Comment/reply period for Laurel CoA

Month 6: Laurel makes decision

Month 9: Decisions reported to Kingdom Submissions heralds and letters mailed to clients

Laurel decision letters should be sent at Month 7. There is currently a letter backlog: the August 2005 Laurel decisions were reported to Golden Dolphin in November 2005. The Laurel office is catching up with the backlog, though, since last year the May 2004 decisions were what was reported in November 2004.

Signora Cassandra Arabella Giordani stepped up as Atlantian Clerk of Precedence. Please send all court reports to op AT [atlantia.sca.org](http://atlantia.sca.org) as well as Triton at herald AT [atlantia.sca.org](http://atlantia.sca.org) and the presiding crowns/coronets. Baronial heralds are asked to review the baronial award listings on the new OP web site at <http://op.atlantia.sca.org> and send updated lists to the Clerk of Precedence. Please send other updates and corrections to the OP via the Corrections form on the new OP web site.

Yours in Service,

Lord Seamus 'O Maoil Riain  
Herald of Ponte Alto



## Il Tempo of Ponte Alto

Greetings Ponte Alto,

The Holiday's are once again upon us, and as we rush around from store to store trying to find the perfect gift for 12th Night and other holiday celebrations, don't forget to kick back and relax with a good drink or a hot cocoa.

This December proved active. I traveled to Unevent, sat through several meetings concerning the Seneschal's office, and listened to the changes Curia would like to make and has made to Atlantian Law (See Atalntia's [Great Book of Law](#) for details).

This next year will see changes in several offices, including mine as Seneschal. With those change overs will come the need for deputies. As we expand in membership we should encourage the new people of our Barony to spread their wings and help guide Ponte Alto into the New Year.

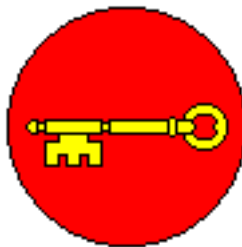
As of December, we have 194 paid members in our Barony. Of those 194, we probably see about 50 on a regular basis. And out of those 50, maybe 25 are active with regards to Barony policy. In the next year I would like to see those numbers become higher. So I'm encouraging everyone to look around and welcome new people into our Barony and mentor those that express even the slightest interest in an office. It is only through mentoring that our Barony will grow, and it is only through growth that we will remain a strong and healthy Barony.

So take a deep breath, relax and enjoy the holidays. Next year ought to be fun.

Have a Cool Yule and a Happy and Joyous New Year.

Yours in Service,

Lady Maria-Therese de Normand





## Il Tempo of Ponte Alto

### New Caption Contest for January!



This month's caption contest is for the above woodcut. Please submit your captions to [connorsinclair AT yahoo.com](mailto:connorsinclair AT yahoo.com). The results will be posted in next month's "Il Tempo".

Source: Dover Pictorial Archive Series: Dover Coloring Book: The Middle Ages. Permission is granted for graphics and crafts applications, free and without special permission. Page 1.

**Winners from Last Month's Caption Contest:**



**Allasondrea (Winner!!): "Gee, you'd think these Renn Faire people would be a bit more lively."**

Dave Aronson: "Ever since the Stairway to Heaven had been bought out, the angels had to climb up the fire escape to get home."

Belphoebe:

An Angel: "You coming up or what?"

The Sleeper: "Nah, wake me up when they install the escalator."

Pagan Grendel: "Yeah you're right, the air out here does smell better! Now why did we need the ladder again?"