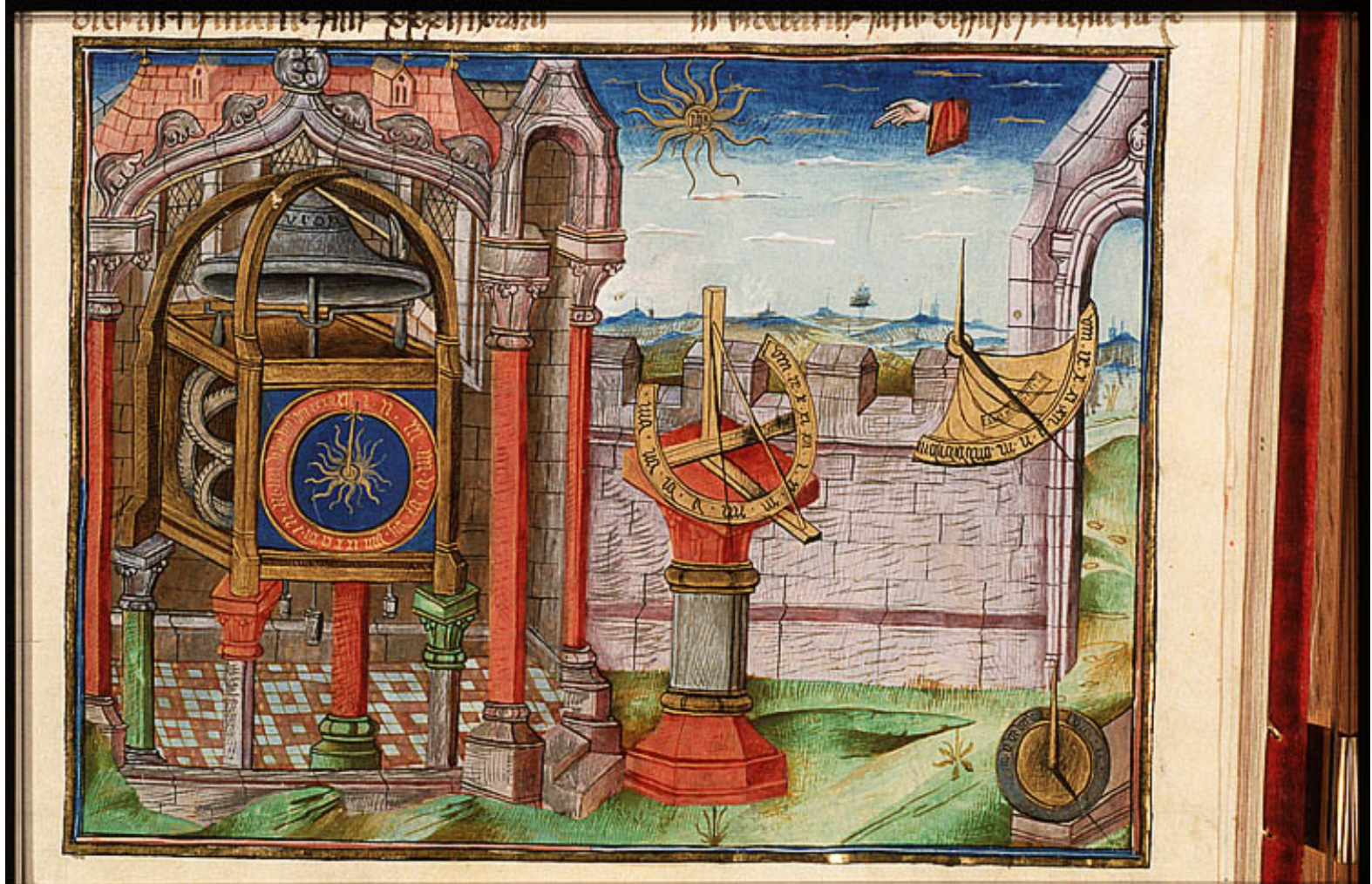




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Ponte Alto Activities

As usual, there will be no **Baronial Business Meeting** in December due to the holiday season.

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](#).

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 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

**Ponte Alto
Scriptorium**

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

WEDNESDAY

Armor Night

Third Wednesdays of every month from 7-10 pm (when she's home from college - look for emails on the list) at the home of Helena Kaltenbach ((703) 503-3459 (H), (571) 232-9055 (M)), whom you should contact for more information and directions.

THURSDAY

Rapier Practice

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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 A&S Night

May meet on a Friday during the month, as posted 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.

*** 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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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.

Heavy Weapons Fighter Practice (Sundays Noon - 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.

Indoor Heavy Fighter Practice (Thursdays 6 to 9 PM)

Lemon Road Elementary

From Southern Virginia, Maryland and Alexandria, VA

Take I-495 (the beltway) to the VA-Route 7 East exit at Tysons Corner labeled Leesburg Pike/Falls Church, Exit #47B. Continue on Leesburg Pike towards Falls Church for 1.2M. Turn left onto Idylwood Road for 0.3 miles. * Turn left into the Lemon Road Elementary School front parking lot. Park and enter the building through the main front entrance on the right hand side of the building. Proceed straight ahead past the cafeteria entrances, turn left into the hallway which leads past the stairs to the second floor and walk past the stairs to the entrance to the gym.

From Northwestern Virginia and Washington, DC

Take I-66 to the VA-Route 7 West exit for Leesburg Pike/Tysons Corner exit #66B. Continue on Leesburg Pike under 0.1M towards Tysons Corner. Turn right at the first light onto Idylwood Road for 0.3 miles. Follow from * above.

Indoor Rapier Practice (Thursdays 6-9 PM)

Shreveewood Elementary School in Falls Church

From 495 North

Travel 495 South and go to exit (Arlington Blvd/50 West). TAKE 50 WEST. Make a right onto Gallows Rd/Merrifield exit and exit to the right onto Gallows Road.

* Travel past two traffic lights (Landmarks Giant, Boyds Piano). At the third light (Landmark German AutoBody shop on right), make a right onto Route 29 (Lee Highway). ** At the third light, make a left onto Shreve Road. The School will be on your right, where Shreve Road divides. We will be in the gym; please use the rear door.

From 495 South

Travel 495 North and go to the Gallows Road exit and take a left. Travel pass the Fairfax Hospital and proceed with directions above starting at the *

From Tysons

Travel on Gallows Rd. towards Fairfax Hospital. Make a left onto Route 29 (Lee Highway). Follow from ** above.

From Lee Highway Rt. 29 from Fairfax

Travel on Lee Highway until you come to intersection of Lee Highway and Gallows Road. Follow from ** above.

From Rt. 7 Leesburg Pike (From Falls Church)

Take left onto Shreve Road (just past Chicken Out Catering on your right). If you reach I-66 intersection, you have gone too far. After approximately 1 mile, Shreve Road divides, directly in front of the school. Make a left turn into the school parking lot.

From Rt. 7 Leesburg Pike (From Tysons)

Take a right onto Shreve Road (Landmark McDonalds on right, after I-66 intersection).

After approximately 1 mile, Shreve Road divides, directly in front of the school. Make a left turn into the school parking lot.

Archery Practice (Fridays 4:30 PM - 8 PM)

Practice is at Bull Run Regional Park's Shooting Center

I-66 to exit 52, US Rt 29.

RIGHT from exit ramp onto Rt 29 (south) for about 2 miles
(see sign for Bull Run Regional Park).

LEFT on Bull Run Post Office Rd (VA Rt 621).

LEFT onto Bull Run Dr (note this is about a 90-degree turn; *do not* take the tighter left onto VA 658).

Cross over 66 and then follow signs to shooting center at Bull Run Regional Park.



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Monthly Calendar

January 2007

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<p><i>New Year's Day</i></p> <p>January 1</p>	<p>2</p> <p>7 pm Scriptorium</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>6 pm Rapier Practice</p> <p>6 pm Heavy Weapons Practice</p>	<p>5</p> <p>4:30 pm Archery Practice</p>	<p>6</p> <p>InterBaronial Twelfth Night</p>	<p><i>Epiphany/Twelfth Night</i></p> <p>Noon Outdoor Heavy Weapons Practice</p>
<p>8</p> <p>7:30 pm Alle Psalite</p> <p>7:30 pm Asian Night</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>6 pm Rapier Practice</p> <p>6 pm Heavy Weapons Practice</p>	<p>12</p> <p>4:30 pm Archery Practice</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Kingdom Twelfth Night</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Noon Outdoor Heavy Weapons Practice</p>
<p><i>Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day</i></p> <p>15</p> <p>7:30 pm Alle Psalite</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p>6 pm Rapier Practice</p> <p>6 pm Heavy Weapons Practice</p>	<p>19</p> <p>4:30 pm Archery Practice</p>	<p>20</p> <p>-Storvik Baronial Investiture*</p> <p>-Midwinter's Tale</p> <p>-Fool's Twelfth Night</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Noon Outdoor Heavy Weapons Practice</p>
<p>22</p> <p>7:30 pm Alle Psalite</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p> <p>6 pm Rapier Practice</p> <p>6 pm Heavy Weapons Practice</p>	<p>26</p> <p>4:30 pm Archery Practice</p> <p>7:30 pm Stierbach/Ponte Alto Bardic Circle</p>	<p>27</p> <p>-Manannan mac Lir</p> <p>-Midwinter's Dance*</p> <p>-Ice Castles</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Manannan mac Lir</p> <p>Noon Outdoor Heavy Weapons Practice</p> <p>6 pm Baronial Business Meeting</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">29</p> <p>7:30 pm Alle Psalite</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">30</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">31</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">February 1</p> <p>6 pm Rapier Practice</p> <p>6 pm Heavy Weapons Practice</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">2</p> <p>4:30 pm Archery Practice</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">3</p> <p>-Winter University</p> <p>-Bright Hills Baronial Birthday</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">4</p> <p>Noon Outdoor Heavy Weapons Practice</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">5</p> <p>7:30 pm Alle Psalite</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">6</p> <p>7 pm Scriptorium</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">7</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">8</p> <p>6 pm Rapier Practice</p> <p>6 pm Heavy Weapons Practice</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">9</p> <p>4:30 pm Archery Practice</p> <p>Tourney of Ymir</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">10</p> <p>Tourney of Ymir</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">11</p> <p>Tourney of Ymir</p> <p>Noon Outdoor Heavy Weapons Practice</p>

* = Baronial Progress



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Upcoming Events

Baronial Progress

Date	Event
January 20	Storvik Investiture
January 27	Midwinter's Dance
February 24	Tournament of Love and Beauty

January 2007

Date	Event	Group	Location
13	Kingdom Twelfth Night	Charlesbury Crossing	Charlotte, NC
20	Fool's Twelfth Night	Crois Brigitte	Winston-Salem, NC
20	Midwinter's Tale	Border Vale Keep	Augusta, GA
20	Storvik Baronial Investiture	Storvik	Cheltenham, MD
27-28	Manannan mac Lir	Tear-Sea's Shore	Cordesville, SC
27	Midwinter's Dance	Lochmere	Severna Park, MD
27	Ice Castles	Black Diamond	Fincastle, VA



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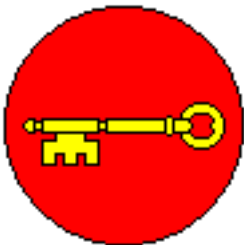
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Announcements

Baronial Officer Openings

Openings available for Baronial officer and deputy positions are listed below. 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.

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) , 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>) to submit your information via email. The next printing of the directory will be at Tournament of Love and Beauty February 24, 2007, and copies are \$2.50 each. Submission deadline for this printing is January 30, 2007.

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) showing which northern Atlantian groups hosted events which weekends from 1998 through 2005.

News

Holiday Faire

Congratulations to Lady Marsaili Johnston of Lockwood Moss, whose woven basket won a prize in the A&S competition.

And our own Baron Marcellus Capozziello da Napoli showed his fighting prowess by winning the rapier tournament.

Also, Their Majesties awarded Emily, daughter of Lord Mathieu Chartrain, the Sea Urchin. Vivant for Lady Marsaili, Baron Marcellus, and Emily!

Day at the Races III

One if by land, two if by sea, and three if by air! The third Day at the Races event took to the air, racing falcons of all kinds (though mostly of the balsa wood glider variety). Sir Aelfred of Cres, last year's winner of the boat races, returned to defend his title, and succeeded with his bird, a pelican named Nellie the Pellie. The winner of the children's races was young Robert, son of Talitha. And the prize for the best bird went to Lord Pagan Grendel for his well dressed bird, Jezabelle, who sported a hood with a red plume.

Falcon races were not the only tournament of the day, however. Sir Thomas of Calais ran a chess tournament, which was clearly won by Haddrurus.

After the competitions were complete, Their Excellencies held court and conducted the following business:

- Lady Marsailli Johnston of Lockwood Moss stepped down as Baronial Chatelaine, and Lord James de Biblesworth took on the office.
- The Bead of Ponte Alto was given to Mistress Anne of Carthew for her work as autocrat, Lady Delphina the Mad for being rental coordinator for all three DATR events and the Minister of the List for the past two years (with an injunction to submit a report for this one to the Kingom MoL), Signora Cassandra Arabella Giordani for being Baronial Bookie for the past two years, and Lady Perronelle la peintre for running an on-site bird hospital.
- The Ponte di Ferro was awarded to Baroness Catalina dell'Acqua for her excellent work in the rapier community.
- Baroness Greta Klusenaere was inducted into the Order of the Garland for her many years of service to the Barony.

Vivant to all deserving award recipients, and to all the race and tournament participants!

War of the Wings

Windmasters' Hill battled Sacred Stone at the War of the Wings. It was a beautiful day for war! Ponte Alto allied with Windmasters' Hill for the day.

Four Ponte Alto rapier fighters, Lord Geoffrey Clywd, Baroness Catalina dell'Acqua, Baroness Greta Klusenaere, and Haddrurus, took to the field and the woods in battle. Haddrurus, as baronial champion, was also invited to participate in the Champions rapier battle.

The Ponte Alto Performance Mercenaries, Mistress Anne of Carthew, Mistress Allasondrea de Fano, Lady Celia of Rosedale, Signora Cassandra Arabella Giordani, and Lady Millicent Chandler, earned 475 points for Windmasters' Hill in the Performance competition, to help win the war point for our allies.

Vivant for the Ponte Alto Mercenaries!

In other news of note, the last piece of business at royal court involved a former Pontoon, Master Herveus d'Ormande, who was served with a writ to contemplate joining the Order of the Laurel at a future date to be determined. Vivat for Master Herveus!



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New Year's Around the World

The **New Year** is an event that happens when a culture celebrates the end of one year and the beginning of the next. Cultures that measure yearly calendars all have **New Year** celebrations.

The most common modern dates of celebration are:

1 January: The first day of the year in the Gregorian calendar used by most countries.

Rosh Hashanah (Hebrew for 'head of the year') is a celebration that occurs 163 days following Pesach (Passover). In the Gregorian calendar at present, Rosh Hashanah cannot occur before 5 September, when it occurred in 1899 and will occur again in 2013. After the year 2089, the differences between the Hebrew Calendar and the Gregorian Calendar will force Rosh Hashanah to be not earlier than 6 September. Rosh Hashanah cannot occur later than 5 October, when it occurred in 1967 and will again occur in 2043.

The Chinese New Year, also known as the Lunar New Year, occurs every year on the new moon of the first lunar month, around the beginning of spring (Lichun). The exact date can fall anytime between 21 January and 21 February (inclusive) of the Gregorian Calendar. Because the lunisolar Chinese calendar is astronomically defined, unlike the Gregorian Calendar, the drift of the seasons will change the range. Each year is symbolized by one of 12 animals and one of five elements, with the combinations of animals and elements (or stems) cycling every 60 years. It is the most important Chinese holiday of the year.



Janus on his throne (the celestial god or sky) and Tellus (terrestrial goddess or earth) between animals. Maître François (illuminator). Currently on display at The Hague.

The Tamil New Year and Vishu are celebrated on the same day respectively in the Southern

Indian states of Tamil Nadu and Kerala. They generally fall on 13 April or 14 April. The first month of the Tamil New Year is called Chithrai. Every year in the month of Chithrai, in the temple city of Madurai, the Chithrai Thiruvizha is celebrated in the Meenakshi Temple. A huge exhibition is also held, called Chithrai Porutkaatchi. In some parts of Southern Tamil Nadu, it is also called Chithrai Vishu. The day is marked with a feast in Hindu homes and the entrance to the houses are decorated elaborately with kolams.

Some neo-pagans celebrate Samhain (a festival of the ancient Celts, held around November 1) as a new year's day representing the new cycle of the Wheel of the Year, although they do not use a different calendar that starts on this day.

The Islamic New Year occurs on 1 Muharram. Since the Muslim calendar is based on 12 lunar months amounting to about 354 days, the Gregorian date of this is about eleven days earlier each year. 2008 will see two Muslim New Years.

In the Middle Ages in Europe a number of significant feast days in the ecclesiastical calendar of the Roman Catholic Church came to be used as the beginning of the Julian year:

* In *Christmas Style* dating the new year started on 25 December. This was used in Germany and England until the thirteenth century, and in Spain from the fourteenth to the sixteenth century.

* In *Annunciation Style* dating the new year started on 25 March, the feast of the Annunciation. This was used in many parts of Europe in the Middle Ages, and was the style introduced by Dionysius Exiguus in AD 525. Annunciation Style continued to be used in the Kingdom of Great Britain until January 1, 1752, except Scotland which changed to *Circumcision Style* dating on 1 January 1600. The rest of Great Britain changed to *Circumcision Style* on the 1 January preceding the conversion in Great Britain from the Julian calendar to the Gregorian calendar on 3/14 September 1752. The UK tax year still starts on 6 April which is 25 March + 12 days, eleven for the conversion from the Julian to the Gregorian calendar plus a dropped leap day in 1900.

* In *Easter Style* dating, the new year started on Easter Saturday (or sometimes on Good Friday). This was used in France from the eleventh to the sixteenth century. A disadvantage of this system was that because Easter was a movable feast the same date could occur twice in a year; the two occurrences were distinguished as "before Easter" and "after Easter".

* In *Circumcision Style* dating, the new year started on 1 January, the Feast of the Circumcision (of Jesus).

Whomever your persona and however you celebrate the festival, remember those around you at this time of year, and wish them a Happy New Year's in their own language:

Afrikaans	Gelukkige nuwe jaar
Arabic	Antum salimoun
Chinese	Xin Nian Kuai Le

Czechoslovakia	Scastny Novy Rok
Danish	Godt Nyttår
Dutch	GELUKKIG NIEUWJAAR
Finnish	Onnellista Uutta Vuotta
Gaelic	Bliadhna mhath ur
German	Prosit Neujahr
Hebrew	L'Shannah Tovah
Iranian	Saleh now mobarak
Irish	Bliain nua fe mhaise dhuit
Italian	Felice anno nuovo
Japan	Akimashite Omedetto Gozaimasu
Norwegian	Godt Nyttår
Persian	Saleh now ra tabrik migouyam
Russian	S Novim Godom
Spanish	Feliz Año
Swedish	GOTT NYTT ÅR! /Gott nytt år
Turkish	Yeni Yiliniz Kutlu Olsun
Vietnamese	Chúc Mừng Tân Niên
Welsh	Blwyddyn Newydd Dda

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