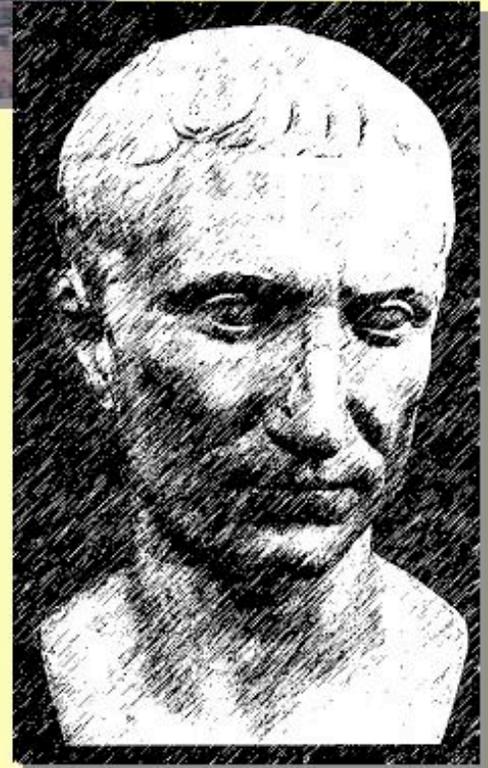


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“The Ides of March”
Articles, Events,
and Games with the
month of March
theme!!!



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Greetings Ponte Alto,

Do you have any ideas you'd like for me to address, an art form, or a bit of history you know about that the populace might not? Send it in!

Now that I've begun to settle into the office of Chronicler, I need art, articles and trivia from history. If you give me enough history, you will be entitled to your own trivia page. How does that sound? However, you must provide the answers to the questions and they must be searchable either on wikipedia or the Ponte Alto website.

Thanks for all the submissions, ideas, and critiques for the last newsletter; it will help to get the next one and those that following out in better shape.

Now, comes the hard part. I need volunteers to edit and help with articles on A&S, Combat, and Service. I know many of you don't have the time to commit to this, but think about it, and if you have any old articles or art work that you would like to share with us, I'd like to publish them.

Beginning with the next issue, I would like to begin having submission for the Il Tempo the 20th of the month for which its published. As you will have noticed, I'm going to start calling the issues by dual month names. This is because our meetings are so late in the month that by the time the issue is published the content for the calendar is out of date. So March-April newsletter covers the last weeks in March and the following month April. This will have an overlap in months and sometimes dates and calendar events but the content will be up to date with what's going on. So submissions for the next issue should be submitted on or before March 20th to give us enough time to figure out what is needed to round out the issue. The only exceptions to this rule will be the offices of the Seneschal, the Exchequer, and any Kingdom news that might arrive at the last minute. There will always be something that comes in late, but without enough time to read, edit, or look over the content of the newsletter it may not make that months issue of the Il Tempo.

Thank you for your support of the Barony's Newsletter.

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Baronial Meeting Minutes

Meeting Started at 6:00 pm March 26, 2010 Gregorian, Anno Societatus 44

Officer's Reports

Seneschal- Baron Marcellus Capozziello da Napoli: Three things were discussed at Curia yesterday. Fall Coronation is being moved to the 1st weekend in October. This will even out the reigns to six months each. Also, since they are moving Coronation, Fall University is now going to be the last weekend in August unless it is Labor Day weekend, and then it will be moved a week earlier or a week later, depending. Next, the 2nd weekend in June is now a no-conflict weekend for Summer University. Also, Tourney of the Golden Rose was put on the books for the 3rd weekend in May. This is not a protected or Kingdom level event, which means anyone can run it.

Exchequer-Baroness Celia of Rosedale: The current balance is \$11,914.70. This does not include the second check from Tournament of Love and Beauty which is not confirmed as torn up for the second installment of the site fee which we got back for not having had the site plowed, allowing us to claim non-use of the barn. (a brief discussion ensued where the second check was verbally confirmed torn up.)

Tournament of Love and Beauty made at the gate \$760, the lunch made \$216. The total profits from the event were \$976. It is to be noted that had we been changed for the barn, the full profit made by the event would have been and estimated \$40.

The park did not refund all of the deposit for St Paddy's Day Bloodbath because we (Ponte Alto) cancelled on them and not the other way around. The autocrat Brennain decided to donate that money, so it didn't cost the Barony a thing.

Knight Marshall-Charles the Bull: Heavy Practices, no one's gotten hurt. No reports were received so no one has filed anything yet. A listing of the dates for quarterly reports was discussed for the office by the gathered populace and a reminder to check on waivers was extended.

Rapier Marshall-Lord Geoffrey ap Clywd: Practice continues except that it is canceled this next week because the school is closed.

Archery Marshall-Lord Miles de Locwode: Not in attendance.

Herald- Lady Sian verch Gwilim ap Lewelin: Heraldry continues. Currently she is working on submitting James' device and working on one for Yohanna. Last month she turned in two other devices whose names she could not remember. However, heraldry is happening in the barony. The issue of a baronial badge and its resolution came up. The heralds will not pass a device unless it has a color. Metals don't work and Iron is unacceptable. So our device as it stands won't go through. Negro was discussed but put aside because it might be offensive and not go through under that pretext. White bridge, sanguine, etc. Silver/white were discussed but shot down as well because they may not be colors, out of period, or interpreted as metals. Will try getting the badge thorough with another color title with the new herald perhaps red bride will go through because of the red blood spilt in defending the barony –it is the fighting badge we are trying to get through after all.

A&S- Mistress Belphoebe de Givet: Arts and Science continue, (Allie Psalite) which had taken a brief sabbatical because of the snow is back on. Tournament of Love and Beauty had several entries in the A&S contests. For A&S champion (Caitilin Irruis inghen ui Riada) won. And for the Bardic Champion Pipa won.

The A&S officer was not at KA&S but (Caitilin Irruis inghen ui Riada) the Baronial A&S champion competed in KA&S and came in second by half a point difference in the scoring. Cheering and congratulations were extended to the A&S Champion.

The A&S officer said to think about the Chalice Champion Theme: Out Staring The Medusa. Anything can be used besides the Medusa herself as long as it relates to the tale. For instance, travel, serpents, or ships might be good ideas to use. Note: no live snakes, please.

Chatalaine- Lady Emma West: At the newcomers meeting 20 people showed up, 3 brand new, 1 returning, 7 less than a year, 1 person out barony brought new person because we do it better, and 2 people were at Defending the Gate and couldn't make it to the newcomers meeting. Alasond from Draconvald will host the April's Newcomer's Meetings.

Chancellor of Youths - Gráinne inghean Dauídh: Not in attendance.

MOL - Not in attendance.

Web Minister- Giovanna Rossellini di Firenze: Not in attendance.

Baron and Baroness Report-Master James Bibleworth and Baroness Katherine Devereaux: Cool stuff happened at Defending The Gate Reilly Menton, 7 years old, authorized as a new fighter for Ponte Alto. Bridget O'Hara got an Opal and supported the winning team at the Archery shoot. Domanic fenced and was on the rapier team that won. Candace, Marcellus, Bele, the Baronial Champion and a few others fought rapier on other teams and had fun. The Heavy field included our Baron and Baroness James and Katherine, as well as 6 other Pontoons. Four or five other teams fought to defend the gate and Blackspear and Ponte Alto where the two best on the field in our Barons opinion. They did not award the Gate Champion this year, so no one knew who did the best at Defending the Gate. Giovanna finally got an AOA, which the Baroness has in her possession waiting to give to Giovanna.

The events that their Excellencies will be making over the next few months are: Blackstone Raids, Sapphire Joust, and perhaps Stepping Stones Demo in the middle of May. That is going to be done like an Artisan's row in a living history house open to the public which is a particular interest to both the Baron and Baroness.

Chronicler-Baroness Marie-Therese Normand: I babbled again. But I pretty much touched on the fact that I now have a new deputy who will be doing the editing. I published two issues within a very short period of time and they were full of editorial errors. I pointed out that within the first couple of months there would be bumps to the office while I was changing layouts and getting a deputy and working out the publishing schedule. I also mentioned that if I did not get articles, artwork, or anything to publish in the Il Tempo that the barony would have to put up with my fictional writings about the SCA. I then shilled for articles and art and reminded people if they did submit something they needed to fill out an approval form when they sent their contribution in or I would not be able to publish their submission. It was suggested that I put the form in the Il Tempo and I assured the populace that it was going to be apart of the Il Tempo going forward. Then it was suggested to put it online with my email so that people know where to send the articles and art work.

Event:

Sapphire-A land agent was needed The baron and baroness volunteered.

Pennsic-A land agent is needed The recommend candidate doesn't have to be there the entire two weeks they can recruit a co-land agent. However, the group had not been registered yet because the normal person to do it didn't want to put a land agent down that wasn't even going to be there, and was waiting to see if we had one yet.

Chalice – Wulfwyn (Patty) had to change date for Chalice because the camps closed the week of the 27th. So the date was moved to the 15th through the 17th so that we could use camps 1 and 4. It was agreed by all that camp 5 is not suitable for our use. The paperwork went in and it wont be a problem to change the dates via verbal consent from the park. Bel Spiked the event for Wulfwyn since Wulfwyn's computer access is limited, but Wulfwyn can't find the info that was forwarded to her by Kingdom and Bel never had it. Will talk to Cassandra the—Kingdom Web Minister—to see about getting the snag with spiking information figured out. Date wrangling was done but the end result was that the weekend of the 15-17 was good especially with all of September being occupied by events we all wanted to go to or were to big to compete with.

Meet Us Under the Bridge - A December event was proposed in the same vain as prior December events, and before 4.5 minutes past the cook was found (Char), a new site was offered (an American legion hall), an autocrat was found (Caitilin Irruis inghen ui Riada) and a general occupation for the event, and name where decided upon: Socialize as per prior events, on a small scale with singing, performers and dancing. The name became, Meet Us Under The Bridge. December 11th. Is the date and 9am – 8pm are the initial date and time we are asking for

The Site quotes as outlined by another event were quite reasonable at; \$300 for the use of the Hall; \$100 with the use of the Kitchen; and with an alcohol 24-hour use license-another of \$156. These quotes were based on an eight-hour event that the Autocrat was currently setting up for some other responsibility.

Old Business:

Coronets: Can we just say we like so and so's and vote from there. It's been two and a half years since the process started. Currently there is \$900 in the fund for the coronets. By December we should have the rest. Bel, Liked Denise's coronets and for less than 1500 the Barony should have coronets. A motion was asked for to change the directions of the current acquisition process. When voted on the ayes carried the vote unanimously with no nays, Sir Thomas was absent.

Katherine and Bel will bring info on coronets to the next meeting. The \$900 we have should be the down payment needed for the coronets. Filigree and sections were discussed for the past coronets. Master Lothar and Dark Ridge were mentioned and it was reiterated that they don't have to be wire, they can do solid plates.

New Business.

\$200 dollars was requested to upgrade the rapier stuff. We were reminded by the exchequer that "There is a renewable fund that renews every year with both the Heavy and Fencing fund."

Announcement-

(Baroness) Heavy/Fencing Champions will be chosen at a practice and they will post the practice time and format to the Ponte Alto list when they get home

6:54pm meeting adjourned.

14 people were in attendances.

Monthly Calendar

March/April 2010						
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
29 4:30 pm - 8 pm Ponte Alto / Stierbach Archery Practice	30 6:30 pm - 9 pm Fiber Arts 7:30pm- 9pm Alle Psallite	31	April 1 6 pm - 9 pm Indoor Rapier Practice 6 pm - 9 pm Indoor Heavy Weapons Practice	2 Night on the Town 4:30-7pm Archery Practice	3 Night on the Town	4 Night on the Town 1:30-4:30pm Indoor Heavy Weapons Practice
5 4:30 pm - 8 pm Ponte Alto / Stierbach Archery Practice	6 6:30 pm - 9 pm Fiber Arts 7:30pm- 9pm Alle Psallite	7	8 6 pm - 9 pm Indoor Rapier Practice 6 pm - 9 pm Indoor Heavy Weapons Practice	9 Spring Coronation (R,H) 4:30-7pm Archery Practice	10 Spring Coronation (R,H) Slavic University	11 Spring Coronation (R,H) 1:30-4:30pm Indoor Heavy Weapons Practice
12 4:30 pm - 8 pm Ponte Alto / Stierbach Archery Practice	13 6:30 pm - 9 pm Fiber Arts 7:30pm- 9pm Alle Psallite	14 7 pm - 9 pm A&S Night	15 6 pm - 9 pm Indoor Rapier Practice 6 pm - 9 pm Indoor Heavy Weapons Practice	16 4:30-7pm Archery Practice Le Grand Tournoi d'Amitié	17 Le Grand Tournoi d'Amitié Feast of the Dragon Saint GeorgesA Moose Tale Collegium and Tournament Siege of the Black Tower	18 1:30-4:30pm Indoor Heavy Weapons Practice Le Grand Tournoi d'Amitié
19 4:30 pm - 8 pm Ponte Alto / Stierbach Archery Practice	20 6:30 pm - 9 pm Fiber Arts 7:30pm- 9pm Alle Psallite 12:00 pm Articles due for the Il Tempo	21	22 6 pm - 9 pm Indoor Rapier Practice 6 pm - 9 pm Indoor Heavy Weapons Practice	23 4:30-7pm Archery Practice 6:30 pm - 9 pm Open House at Viscount Eldrid's	24 Blackstone Raid XIX Southern Atlantian Archery Day (SAAD) Beltane XXIX	25 1:30-4:30pm Indoor Heavy Weapons Practice 6 pm Baronial Business Meeting
26 4:30 pm - 8 pm Ponte Alto / Stierbach Archery Practice	27 6:30 pm - 9 pm Fiber Arts 7:30pm- 9pm Alle Psallite	28 7 pm - 9 pm Armoring Night 7pm - 9pm Newcomers Meeting	29 6 pm - 9 pm Indoor Rapier Practice 6 pm - 9 pm Indoor Heavy Weapons Practice	30 4:30-7pm Archery Practice	May 1	2

* = Baronial Progress

Weekly Activities

Weaving night will resume in March on the Second Wednesday of the month at the home of Lord Jürgen van der Vols (Joorkin Volz) (jcfrench AT mac.com), whom you should contact for more information and directions.

Armoring night will resume in March on the Fourth Wednesday of the month at the home of Lord Jürgen van der Vols (Joorkin Volz) (jcfrench AT mac.com), whom you should contact for more information and directions.

***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>*

SUNDAY	
Ponte Alto Baronial Business Meeting	Fourth Sunday of the month at 6 pm at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Idylwood Road, Falls Church. Baronial Business Meeting (Fourth Sunday of each month, except December) The meeting is at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 7426 Idylwood 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 Idylwood Rd. The church is up the hill on the right about 1/4 mile.
Outdoor Heavy Weapons Practice	Weather permitting, Noon - Dark, outdoors at Tysons-Pimmit Park, behind Tysons-Pimmit Library, Falls Church. Contact the Baronial Knight Marshal for information. Sunday Fight Practice Directions. 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.
MONDAY	
Ponte Alto / Stierbach Archery Practice	Every Monday, 4:30 pm - 8 pm Contact the Archery Marshal at: archery AT pontealto.atlantia.sca.org for further details.
TUESDAY	
Alle Psallite (Vocal Music)	Every Tuesday, 7:30-9 pm in Herndon. 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.
Ponte Alto Scriptorium	Meets the first Tuesday of the month at 7 pm. Contact Lady Brigid O'Hara (mill3rs AT yahoo.com, (703) 620-4945 (H)) for information and directions.
THURSDAY	
Rapier Practice	Every Thursday at Shreveewood Elementary school from 6-9 pm. Please use the rear entrance to the cafeteria. Contact the Baronial Rapier Marshal for more information. Indoor Rapier Directions. This is a school location activity.
Heavy Weapons Practice	Lemon Road Elementary School on Idylwood Road, 6-9 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 4:30-8 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. Contact Lady Perronelle la peintre (dwatsonirwin AT cox.net, (703) 455-0298 (H)) for 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 (darbyjanieAT hotmail.com) for 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 information, or check out the top of this page for the recently posted information.

Friday, March 26th starting at 7pm at Lord Jurgen's house. Their address is 4964 Swinton Drive, Fairfax, VA 22032. If you get lost call me on my cell at 301-943-2469.

Baronial Progress for March /April

Date	Event	Baron and/or Baroness
March 6	Kingdom Arts & Sciences Festival	James and Katharine
March 13	St. Paddy's Day Bloodbath	James and Katharine
March 27	Defending the Gate (R)	James and Katharine
22-25	Blackstone Raid XIX	James and Katharine

March /April 2010 Calendar of Scheduled Events

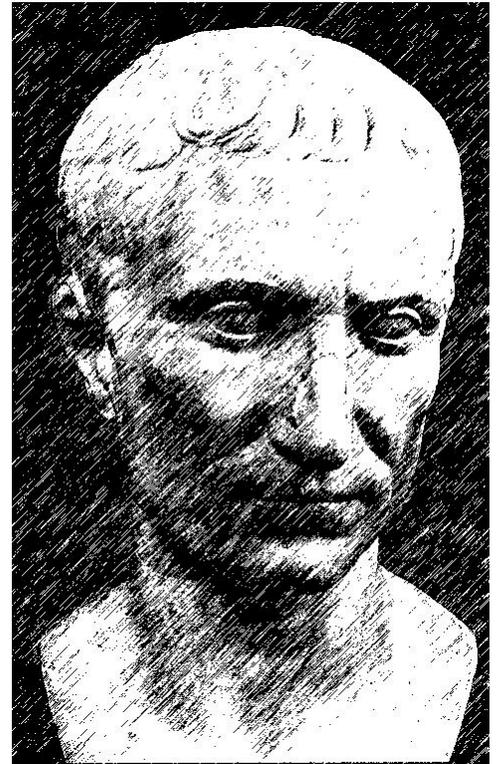
Date	Event	Group	Location
Mar 6	Kingdom Arts and Science Festival	Tir-y-Don	Newport News, VA
12-14	Tir y don Baronial Birthday	Tir-y-Don	Lanexa, VA
13	St Urho's Tourney	Salesberie Glen	Salisbury, NC
13	A Roxbury Collegium	Roxbury Mill	Damascus, MD
13	St. Paddy's Day Bloodbath	Ponte Alto	Vienna, VA
14-21	Gulf Wars XIX (R, H)	Gleann Abhann	
27	Defending the Gate (R)	Sudentorre	Spotsylvania, VA
27-28	Feast of St. Pyr VII	Black Diamond	Blacksburg, VA
April 2-4	Night on the Town	Lochmere	Annapolis, MD
9-11	Spring Coronation (R,H)	Raven's Cove	Swansboro, NC
10	Slavic University	Aethelmearc	
16-18	Le Grand Tournoi d'Amitié - The Great Tournament of Friends	Attilium	Bunnlevel, NC
17	Feast of the Dragon Saint Georges		Pickens, SC
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The Ides of March – March 15, 44BC

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The Ides of March! This historic event is commemorated in Rome each year on the 14 of March, the day before Caesar's death, in the Roman Forum near the statue of Caesar.

Prior to 44BC, the Roman Empire flourished under the reign of Julius Caesar. His political savvy and military background helped expand Rome as far as Asian Minor, Africa, Egypt, and Gaul. The military organized under his personal guard was allowed by the senate to be larger than those of past leaders and this gave Caesar the opportunity to explore innovative new ways to wage war. His favorite, use of his army was demoralizing his enemies. He did this by rotating fresh troops in smaller units into and out of the field so that the enemy was always fighting new energetic troops and his units sustained less serious injury; thereby keeping more men on the field longer. He cared for his veterans by giving them land to farm, which gave them the assurance of food to maintain their families and a reason to fight harder for their country. The people of Rome loved him so much, they would have made him dictator or god over all of Rome and her territories. However, this very popularity would spell his doom. Many in the senate saw his adoration by the public as a threat to their power and so conspired to bring down this man that was almost a god. The end result was that on the 15th of March, as Caesar passed from the stairs to the Senate this man and his dream's where silenced forever.



The phrase "Beware the Ides of March" prophesized his death, but in truth, with greatness comes betrayal. He knew his death was near at hand, a soothsayer had all but told him this, but he trusted his friend, Brutus, to protect him from the mechanizations of the Senate and his enemies. Unfortunately, Brutus was in on the conspiracy, and when Julius Caesar entered the Senate on March 15 44 BC, the Ides of March, Brutus greeted his friend distracting him while the others senators of the conspiracy gathered and struck a blow for Roman tradition and the Republic. Brutus' participation in this act is marked by Caesar's dying words in Shakespears's play: Julius Caesar: "Et tu, Brutus?" meaning "You to, Brutus?" Thus the great Roman general, politician, and tactician, once an unyielding demoralizer of armies, died demoralized by his own friend under the statue of Pompeii, the former ruler of Rome.

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