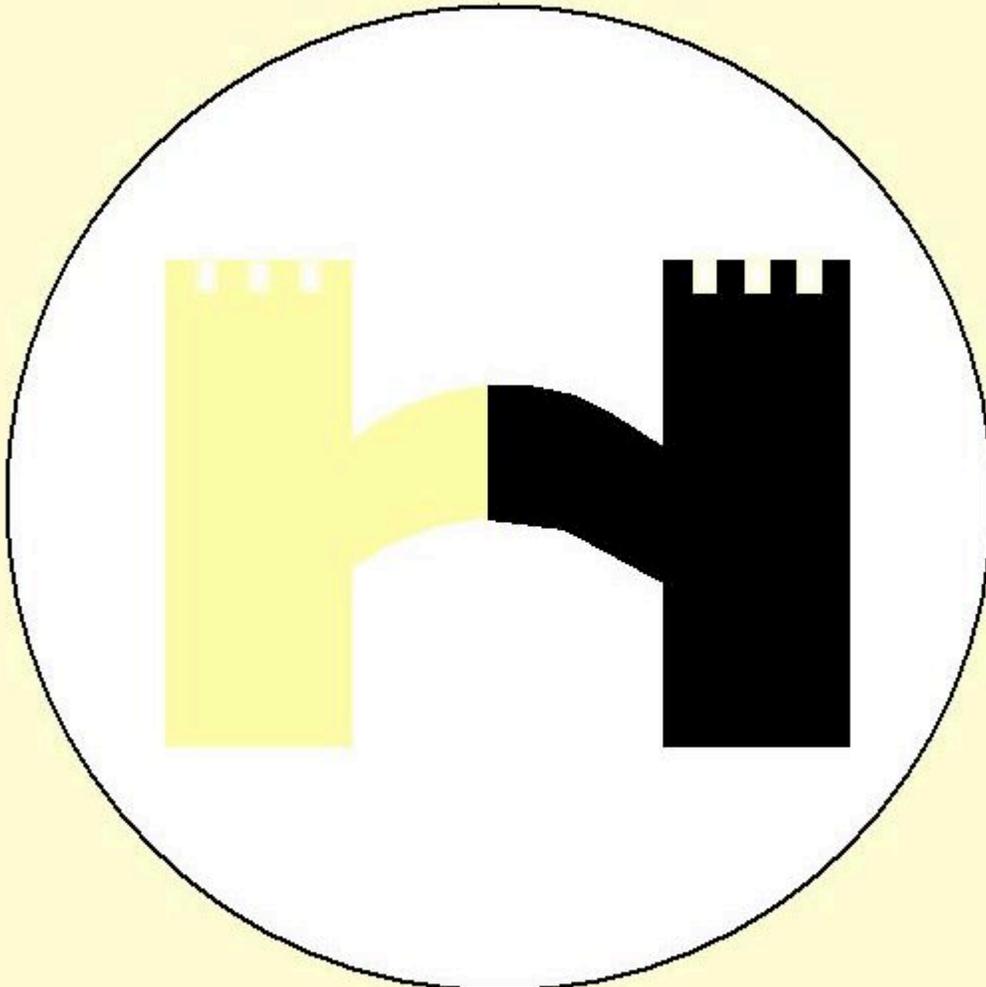


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Chronicler

Greetings Ponte Alto,

I'm back from the trek South to learn new things about my office as Chronicler. There are a few things that you will need to know so that you can submit the many ideas, articles, and art work I know you want to submit to the Il Tempo.

First, let me touch on citations. Yay! The subject I know and love. Citations are not there to scare you. They are there to acknowledge the creator/originator of a work even in a derivative format of an illustration or article. The form I am going to use to cite works is as follows:

For Art:

Artist, Work of Art, Date, (Where it is housed, Who owns it [if at all possible])

For Books/Articles:

Title of the book, Author, publishing house, date it was published, (page and paragraph [if at all possible]).

For a Web site:

The same citation information as above but also the web link. Such as:

Title of the article, Author, Site, date/time it was published, (page and paragraph [if at all possible]).

Also, if there is a question I will call who ever it is to gain permission to use the item, if possible. This is part of the job I have as the Chronicler. But in all of this I need as much information as necessary to contact the Louvre or the MET or any other place your article or art work might have come from or used information from.

Then we discussed electronic newsletters and the publication of information online before it appears in the Acorn. The Acorn is the official newsletter of the SCA Atlantia group. It is how policy is officially passed along to those living within our borders. Even so, the event fliers must appear in the Acorn before they can appear on an SCA-Hosted site. All Baronial sites are hosted on SCA sites; therefore, the fliers should not appear online before the Acorn is mailed and therefore received by the populace. The work-around to this problem, is that we may publish fliers to Facebook or other social networking sites, even to other sites not connected to the SCA, but to be official and within the chronicler guidelines, a flier must appear in the Acorn before any other publication to be official. Also, don't forget to list the time the event starts. It has been left out of many fliers in the past and this information is vital to being considered an official SCA-sanctioned event.

That said, please fill out the form on the back page of this publication when you want to submit art or articles to the Il Tempo and please fully Spike your events by remembering to put start and stop times so that the event is considered official.

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On to the next task . . .

Originally before I visited Unevent and found all this information out I wanted to publish the themes for the next year. So, I will do that now.

The following listed by month are the themes I will be gearing the Il Tempo for:

January – Yule, 12th Night and Investiture.

February – Courtly Love

March – St. Paddy's Day Blood Bath and the Irish Traditions

April –Fools and Folly

May – May Day and the Sport of Spring

June – Summer

July – Fireworks and the Night Sky

August – Pennsic War

September – School is Back in Session; Guilds, Collegiums, and Universities

October – Spooks, Spirits and Traditions of the All-Hallowed Past

November – Fall Hunt and Feast

December – End of the Year. The Sleep of Winter

Sincerely,

Baroness Marie-Thérèse Normand
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Calendar

Baronial Progress for November/December

Date	Event	Baron and/or Baroness
December 11	Meet Us Under The Bridge	Katharine and James

December						
Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun
		1	2 6 pm - 9 pm Indoor Rapier Practice 6 pm - 9 pm Indoor Heavy Weapons Practice	3	4	5 1 pm - 5 pm Outdoor Rapier Practice 1 pm - 5 pm Outdoor Heavy Weapons Practice Business Meeting
6 4:30 pm - 8 pm Ponte Alto/Stierbach Archery Practice	7 7:30pm- 9pm Alle Psallite	8 7 pm-9 pm A&S Night	9 6 pm - 9 pm Indoor Rapier Practice 6 pm - 9 pm Indoor Heavy Weapons Practice	10	11	12 1 pm - 5 pm Outdoor Rapier Practice 1 pm - 5 pm Outdoor Heavy Weapons Practice Business Meeting
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***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>

Weekly Events

SUNDAY	
Ponte Alto Baronial Business Meeting	Fourth Sunday of the month at 6 pm 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.
Outdoor Heavy Weapons and Rapier Practice	Weather permitting, Noon - Dark, outdoors at Tysons-Pimmit Park, behind Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library, 7584 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. Contact the Baronial Knight Marshal for information. Directions: 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	
Ponte Alto Scriptorium	Meets the first and third Tuesday of the month at 7 pm. Contact Lady Brigid O'Hara (mill3rs AT yahoo. com, (703) 409-0780 (C)) for information and directions.
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.
WEDNESDAY	
Arts and Sciences/Weaving Night	Weaving night is on the Second Wednesday of the month at the home of Lord Jürgen Göttsfürböter (jcfrench AT mac.com), whom you should contact for more information and directions.
Armoring	Armoring night is on the Fourth Wednesday of the month at the home of Lord Jürgen Göttsfürböter (jcfrench AT mac.com), whom you should contact for more information and directions.
THURSDAY	
Rapier Practice	Every Thursday, outdoors at Tysons-Pimmit Park, behind Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library, 7584 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church from 6-9 pm. Contact the Baronial Rapier Marshal for more information. Directions: 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.
Heavy Weapons Practice	Weather permitting, outdoors at Tysons-Pimmit Park, behind Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library, 7584 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church from 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 spar with knight level combatants. All are welcome. Contact the Baronial Knight Marshal for more information. Directions: 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.
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 the Weekly Activities page for the recently posted information.

Baronial Business Meeting Minutes

Meeting — October 24, 2010-6:00 p.m.

OFFICER'S REPORTS

Seneschal- Baron Marcellus Capozziello da Napoli: Welcomed everyone. Then assured the populace gathered that the Polling would go out this week. Finally! As soon as he gets the labels on Monday or Tuesday they would go on the already stuffed envelopes and be dropped in the mail as soon as possible.

Unevent (Winston-Salem) this weekend - If you are an officer, be there or arrange for a deputy or another officer to be your proxy.

Exchequer- Baroness Celia of Rosedale: It was a good month. We have \$13,653.37 in the bank.

Expenditures were less going out than expected.

Is this the first time we've broken \$13,000? (Baroness Katharine)

No it broke \$15,000 once but didn't stay there. (Baroness Celia, Exchequer)

She then reported the purchase of the first aid kit discussed at our last meeting for \$42. Totals for our last event will be discussed under events.

Chamberlaine- Lady Sian verch Gwilim ap Lewelin: We have a lot of stuff. There will be an inventory done in the next week or so. We've lost some signs but nothing else as far as the chamberlaine knows. It was speculated that like the town of Vienna the signs might have been taken because we lacked a local permit to display them along the median strip. The wire frame plastic signs were mentioned again and it was stated that we would very likely get some in this style that we don't have at the moment, that we need (parking, archery, etc.) soon.

Knight Marshal- Charles the Bull: Is working on getting a marshals class for those that need them. He is culling the list of inactive marshals so we can get a current roster of those still participating.

Rapier Marshal- Lord Geoffrey ap Clywd: In December the decision was made to drop the age for youth rapier to the age of 6. Baby foils would be used for this.

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

Arts and Sciences- Lady Bevin an Broc Drannach: People are doing A&S. She would love to hear about the things going on. She also announced due to family issues she is looking for a deputy that can take over from her when she relocates in the next year. Contact her if you are interested in the job.

Chatelaine - Baroness Emma West: 17 people attended the November newcomer's meeting. Seven of those that attended were new and that makes a total of 24 in attendance this last month. The next meeting will be at Lady Celia's house on December 17.

Herald- Lady Sian verch Gwilim ap Lewelin: Waiting for Kingdom to look at some submissions. The court report is done (Crown)—Just entered—and [quarterly] reports are in.

Chronicler- Baroness Marie-Therese Normand: This last month on the radio I heard that Web sites could be pulled down if something on them was not cited. The whole Web site and not just the images or information. This has had me in a tizzy since last week when I heard it on NPR. Now I'm in the middle of a research frenzy dealing with this. I think we are okay. Don't get excited just yet. I will be going to Unevent to speak directly to my superiors on this subject. The question was asked by our Webminister what was in violation and I responded I was uncertain but maybe everything. Still researching. This is one of the reasons I hate using Wikipedia stuff. Not everything on the site

is FREE to use. The citations of works of art and articles must be clearly cited for it to make it into any publication and sometimes sites like Wikipedia get it wrong because anyone can post to them. That said, as per normal articles and art work are needed to fill out the Il Tempo.

Web Minister- Giovanna Rossellini di Firenze: She has forms for photographers, for website for blanket or websites and making it so you can fill out the form on line.

Electronic signature? (Baroness Katharine)

Yes. (Geoffrey)

Webminister is still working on figuring out forms. However, she has rolled out a new calendar. It is everything she wants the calendar to be. It works on everything except mobile access. Weird headers are coming through on some computers, and some mobile access devices. Finally, she is looking at how to restructure the web site like Lochmere did theirs. This is an odd set up where Guild leaders for each guild page have rights to edit, add and subtract information in keeping with their guild; a cooking blog can be done, A&S, chatelaine, or Marshalett can have things to their liking. She is currently trying to pick a program and redesign the site to that program's strengths.

BARONIAL NOTABLES

Warlord – Not in attendance..

Heavy Champion – Not in attendance.

Rapier Champion – Not in attendance

Archery Champion – Not in attendance

A&S Champion – Attended, but gave no report.

Bardic Champion – Not in attendance

Brewing Champion – Attended, but gave no report.

BARON AND BARONESS

Baroness Katharine –We had Crown, went to Holiday Faire, and did Chalice.

Their Majesties liked Crown and the B&B entertained their Majesties mightily at high-table.

Marcellus won the Holiday Faire cut-and-thrust tourney.

Semja won the inspirational fighter.

Lucas won heavy.

And Lady Caitilin Irruis inghean ui Riada's son, Reilly, was inducted into the Atlantian Pages' Academy and taken as page by Baron James in a ceremony witnessed by the Queen of Atlantia.

In Two weeks we will be at Meet Us Under the Bridge and shortly after that Investiture (January).

EVENT

2010 Fall Crown Tournament- Their Majesties loved the feast. High table cut up a great deal and enjoyed the frivolities provided by our Baron and Baroness. The site looked good afterward. Site people approved. There were 424 paid adults and 38 paid children for a total profit of \$3024. The profit was split 50/50 with the Kingdom and both the Kingdom and Ponte Alto banked \$1,512 (rounding up for change) for the event. We did have an emergency financial vote. There was a mix-up where the insurance for the SCA was concerned and since we had to rush order the certificate and therefore incurred an extra fee, it was decided by the financial committee that we, instead of the Kingdom, would absorb the fee.

Meet Us Under the Bridge – The autocrat published the schedule and menu. However, due to technical difficulties the Ponte Alto list didn't go through. So she used Facebook and Merry Rose to list the event. Confirmed the performing arts guild and Alle Psallite for the event. There will be a Silent Auction, which Katharine is hosting. Helga volunteered to donate a bead necklace for the silent auction. Also, the site fees have been paid and we can get onsite at 9:30.

Ponte Alto Baronial Investiture - Got a revised budget from Baroness Emma. First off, the site fee was wrong at \$300, it is actually \$700. We changed the site fee at the barony meeting. Did a roll-call of the breakdown:

- ◆ New site fee: \$700
- ◆ Feast for 150 people: \$350
- ◆ Break-even point: 100 people.

Falls Church Presbyterian Church is the site. And if everyone is amenable we will go ahead and vote.

Liz had questions about size of site and parking. But several people (Marcellus, Celia, and Katharine, and maybe more) assured her that it was an okay site since they expanded the parking lot along the side and front of the church.

A motion was put forth, seconded and carried with Thomas of Calais casting his traditional "nay." The new budget for Ponte Alto Baronial Investiture passed almost unanimously.

The Acorn flier was just sent so it should be there by the first of December.

St Paddy's Day Blood Bath - The budget was printed but did not print the whole form correctly. So we are going to review last year's budget and pass that at a vote with last year's money, just in case, to have a budget passed. Budget last year was \$450; we increased it slightly because of the issue with how much of a percentage the park would get for Bloodbath and the take to \$500.

A motion was put forth, seconded and carried with Thomas of Calais casting his traditional "nay." The budget of \$500 passed for Bloodbath.

Kingdom Archery Event- Emma is the autocrat. The date we settled on is June 25, 2011. It is the only free weekend on the calendar. The location is going to be Loudoun County Fair Grounds.

OLD BUSINESS

Requesting money for two Sunday Tournament-Style Practices at the indoor site. One is proposed for January 16th and the other for February 13th. The money is in the account and those funds having been already allotted to this endeavor are readily available to the heavy fighting community. Duncan will deal with the site and send receipts to the exchequer.

Coronets. We are still waiting for word from Lothar of Drakenstein about the coronets. He has been e-mailed but the e-mails are not being returned.

NEW BUSINESS

At Holiday Faire we were lucky enough to be introduced to Agnes' household. They donated her high-table serving stuff to Ponte Alto.

Also, donated to the barony was a large Kingdom banner for display.

Rapier- needs \$200 for youth rapier equipment. A motion was put forth, seconded and voted upon. The motion was carried with Thomas of Calais casting his traditional "nay." The motion passed for \$200 to go for youth rapier equipment

ANNOUNCEMENTS

December 18th Countess Denise will hold the 3rd Annual Baronial Cookie Bake-Off at her home.

Alle Psallite – Will sing at the Moose Lodge this coming weekend.

Next Baronial Meeting will be January 2, 2010, 6pm so that we can have a meeting before the Baronial Investiture to discuss any upcoming issues we may have before this event, since we don't normally have a December Baronial Meeting because of the holidays. Then our regular meeting for January will be held Jan 23, 2010 at 6pm.

End of meeting 6:45 p.m. with 24 people in attendance.

Chatelaine

Baroness Celia will be hosting December's newcomers gathering. The gathering is scheduled for Friday, December 17th starting at 7:00 PM. The address is 3714 Sudly Ford Court, Fairfax, VA 22033. No dogs or cats in the house, so no need to medicate.

Note for parking .This is a townhouse community and there is not actual guest parking on Sudley Ford. However there is plenty of street parking on Brandy Station.

If any one gets lost please contact me on my cell 301-943-2469 or Celia 703-378-2441.

Hope to see you all there.

Baroness Emma West
Chatelaine of Ponte Alto

(As Copied from Baroness Emma's email of November 24, 2010)

EVERYONE IS A CHATELAINE!

By Lady Rosanella Vespucci
Barony of Windmasters Hill

Ummm... excuse me? I thought that YOU were the Chatelaine, Lady Rose? Well, yes, I am! I do hold the Office of Baronial Chatelaine and as such I am responsible for welcoming newcomers and getting them started in the SCA. But no matter how hard you work to welcome someone, if you aren't doing any work toward **RETENTION**, your efforts can be futile. **RETENTION** is the key to keeping newcomers interested and involved so that our Society grows and flourishes. There has been much discussion on the Merry Rose and in other forums about the dwindling membership numbers in the SCA. Some believe it is because of the economy—people cannot afford to travel to events, cannot afford site fees, etc. This is most certainly a factor as regards participation. Some believe it is because we have become an “old timers’ club” and have nothing to offer the younger generation so we are basically “dying out.” Like any organization, there are probably many factors that affect membership roles off and on during the life of the organization.

I would argue, however, that a positive and welcoming attitude by the populace at large has a huge impact on our membership. That's why I say **EVERYONE IS A CHATELAINE!** Think about it. Have you ever gone to an event (SCA or otherwise) and had no one say hello? Or you stood there wanting to get involved in something you were observing and no one invited you to participate? Or asked someone for more information and you never got it? Or worse—you were new to the club/group/organization and heard people talking about all the things they **HATED** about the group or some of the members? I cannot tell you how many times I have spoken with someone who no longer attends and the reason was “the politics” or “I just never felt like I was a part of the group.” **So what can you do?** Be mindful of people you see at events—if you don't recognize them, introduce yourself! Or point them out to the Chatelaine to be sure they've been welcomed. If you are fighting/talking/crafting/dancing/singing—make sure that everyone around you has been invited to participate!

And most importantly, **WATCH WHAT YOU SAY.** We are a large group of diverse humans. We **WILL** disagree at times. But the ears of a newcomer are **NOT** the place those disagreements should fall. Let's be positive and remember always to share the love of the Dream that got US started in the SCA! **Vivat the Dream!!**

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Holiday Faire....Baron and Baroness

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Semja won the Inspirational Fighter on The Heavy Tournament Field

Lucas won the Heavy Tournament.

Agnarr Gunnvaldsson was inducted into the Pages' Academy and taken as page by James in a ceremony Witnessed by the Queen of Atlantia.

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