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# Chronicler

Greetings Ponte Alto,

This month I was overjoyed to find I was inundated with ideas, photographs, and articles for the *Il Tempo*! I appreciate all the effort the populace has put forth in helping me make the *Il Tempo* a success. However, we still need articles and art work going forward.

I want to thank Cellach Mór and Lady Theresa O’Cahir for their photographs and help in keeping track of what’s going on at events as I try to work two and sometimes three jobs at once. You ladies rock!! And while I’m at, it I would like to thank Baroness Adina, for her knowledge and friendship—she added the articles on documentation to this issue of the newsletter.

Thank you all for your help. I truly appreciate it!

Sincerely,

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# Calendar

March/April 2011						
Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun
28 4:30 pm - 8:00 pm Ponte Alto/Stierbach Archery Practice	1 7:30pm - 9:00 pm Alle Psallite 7:00 pm Ponte Alto Scriptorium	2 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm A&S Night	3 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm Indoor Rapier Practice 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm Indoor Heavy Weapons Practice	4	5	6 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm Outdoor Rapier Practice 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm Outdoor Heavy Weapons Practice
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March 17, 461 is popularly believed to be the date of Saint Patrick's death.

The very first date that can be attributed to April Fools was in France in 1582. The eight day New Years/First day of Spring celebration began on March 25th and ended on April 1st with parties, dances and fairs dedicated to the beginning of the New year and the end of Winter.

## Baronial Progress for March/April

Date	Event	Baron and/or Baroness
April 2, 2011	Coronation	Adina and Drogo
April 9, 2011	Sacred Stone Investiture	Adina and Drogo
April 16, 2011	Tournament of the Golden Rose	Adina and Drogo
April 21-24, 2011	Blackstone Raid XX	Adina and Drogo
May 7, 2011	Crown Tournament	Adina and Drogo
May 27-30, 2011	Sapphire Joust	Adina and Drogo

## Weekly Events

<b>SUNDAY</b>	
<b>Ponte Alto Baronial Business Meeting</b>	Fourth Sunday of the month at 6:00 p.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 7426 Idylwood Rd, Falls Church. Directions: 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. Go ¼ mile; the church is up the hill on the right.
<b>Outdoor Heavy Weapons and Rapier Practice</b>	Weather permitting, 12:00 noon until dark, outdoors at Tysons-Pimmit Park, behind Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library, 7584 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. Contact the Baronial Knight Marshal for information (see Regnum). Directions: Take your best route to I-495. Get off at the exit for Route 7 East (Falls Church). Go about 1 mile; the library is on the left. Park in the library lot and walk down the hill to the park.
<b>MONDAY</b>	
<b>Ponte Alto/Stierbach Archery Practice</b>	Every Monday, 4:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Contact the Archery Marshal at archery AT pontealto.atlantia.sca.org for further details.
<b>TUESDAY</b>	
<b>Ponte Alto Scriptorium</b>	Meets the first and third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Contact Lady Brigid O'Hara (mill3rs AT yahoo. com, (703) 409-0780 (c)) for information and directions.
<b>Alle Psallite (Vocal Music)</b>	Every Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in Herndon. Contact Mistress Anne of Carthew (anne AT ravenstreet.org) for more information or directions. Music files can be found at <a href="http://www.ravenstreet.org/Anne/alle_psallite/alle_psallite.htm">http://www.ravenstreet.org/Anne/alle_psallite/alle_psallite.htm</a> and on the Yahoo Group AllePsallite.
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	
<b>Arts &amp; Sciences Weaving Night</b>	Weaving night is on the second Wednesday of the month at the home of Lord Jürgen Göttsfürböter. Contact him at jcfrench AT mac.com for more information and directions.
<b>Armoring</b>	Armoring night is on the fourth Wednesday of the month at the home of Lord Jürgen Göttsfürböter. For more information and/or directions, contact him at jcfrench AT mac.com.
<b>THURSDAY</b>	
<b>Rapier Practice</b>	Every Thursday, outdoors at Tysons-Pimmit Park, behind Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library, 7584 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.. 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). Go about 1 mile; the library is on the left. Park in the library lot and walk down the hill to the park.
<b>Heavy Weapons Practice</b>	Weather permitting, outdoors at Tysons-Pimmit Park, behind Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library, 7584 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Practice is geared to developing beginning and intermediate fighters through intensive hands on training with experienced instructors, as well as providing ample opportunity for more advanced fighters to spar with knight-level combatants. All are welcome. Contact the Baronial Knight Marshal for more information (see Regnum). Directions: Take your best route to I-495. Get off at the exit for Route 7 East (Falls Church). Go about 1 mile; the library is on the left. Park in the library lot and walk down the hill to the park.
<b>MONTHLY</b>	
<b>SCA Newcomer Meetings</b>	Newcomer Meetings are held once a month from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the home of various members of the Barony. Contact the Baronial Chatelaine for information, or check out the Events/Activities page on the website for the most recent 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>

# Baronial Business Meeting Minutes

January 23, 2011

6:00 p.m.

## OFFICER'S REPORTS

**Seneschal** - Baron Marcellus Capozziello da Napoli

Light turn out this evening. Curia will be happening at Coronation this next weekend. They will be discussing several kingdom events dates. Reminder: April 15—quarterly reports are due.

**Exchequer** - Baroness Celia of Rosedale

The balance of the Barony's account is \$11,500.88. The site for Kingdom's Royal Archery Championship has been paid. The cost was \$550, with a security deposit (\$150).

The proposed Baronial Budget published in last month's *Il Tempo* was reviewed. Marcellus put forth the motion and half a dozen others gathered at the meeting seconded the motion. The motion carried with the single "nay" of protest as usual.

A word change to the Financial requirements was proposed in last month's *Il Tempo*. Marcellus put forth the motion and Marie-Thérèse seconded the motion. The motion carried with the single "nay" of protest as usual.

**Chamberlain** - Lady Sian verch Gwilim ap Lewelin, not in attendance

**Knight Marshal** - Charles the Bull, not in attendance

Duncan's Marshal paperwork is up to date until June. Also, Baron Drogo and Mistress Cunian are halfway through their required events to get their warrants.

The Seneschal reported that the Knight Marshal was encouraging those that had missed out on taking their required courses to keep their Marshal's warrant should get their paperwork in order and take the class (this can be done by phone).

**Rapier Marshal** - Lord Geoffrey ap Clywd, not in attendance.

The numbers of people at practices are exploding! There are many new people—so much so that three categories for youth rapier are now active in our Barony.

**Archery Marshal** - Lord Miles de Locwode

They are still shooting indoors. We have had a pretty good turnout for Fridays. Miles is not sure where we're shooting when we move outdoors. We're only sending one archer to shoot at Tourney of the Golden Rose.

**Arts and Sciences** - Lady Bevin an Broc Drannach, not in attendance

**Chatelaine** - Baroness Emma West, not in attendance

Christine, the Deputy Chatelaine, gave the report. At the last Newcomers' Meeting, there were 18 people in attendance. Next month's Newcomers Meeting is at Katharine and James' home on April 22, 2011. It is to be noted that Christine's warrant has come through from Kingdom.

**Herald** - Lady Sian verch Gwilim ap Lewelin

**Chronicler** - Baroness Marie-Therese Normand

Thank you for the articles and photos!! Keep it coming!

**Web Minister** - Giovanna Rossellini di Firenze, not in attendance.

She's keeping up the website and setting up a twitter account for the Baron. Also, she's still working on the on-line awards nomination site.

**BARONIAL NOTABLES**

**Warlord** - Lukas von Aych, not in attendance

Fought as an army of one during most of Defending the Gate

**Heavy Champion** - Lucas von Aych, not in attendance

Fought as an army of one during most of Defending the Gate

**Rapier Champion** - Lady Caitilín Inghean Fheichín, not in attendance.

**Archery Champion** - Naran Numuchi, not in attendance

Was at Defending the Gate yesterday.

**A&S Champion** - Giovanna Rossellini di Firenze, not in attendance

**Bardic Champion** - Celia of Rosedale

Nothing to report.

**Brewing Champion** - Henry West, not in attendance

**BARON AND BARONESS**

We started the month off with University with several Pontoon's taking (Marshal) classes. Then we were at Bloodbath, and finally Defending the Gate—which didn't have such a bad turn out considering the weather.

Coming up, the Baron and Baroness will be represented at Coronation—because it is rumored that Curia will be held there, also at Sacred Stone Investiture, the Tourney of the Golden Rose, and they are toying with the idea of going to Blackstone Raid (get registered soonest cabins fill fast), Crown Tournament and Sapphire Joust.

Also watch the Merry Rose for the Baronial Brewers Smack Down with a finally between the Barons and Baroness of Steirbach, Highland Foorde and Ponte Alto throwing down the gauntlet. Best guess the competition be held at Highland River Melees.

**EVENT**

**St Paddy's Day Bloodbath** – There were 94 adults and 10 children at the event. Anya needs to get together with Celia to figure out the numbers and get a check. Only one item was lost at the event—a glove.

**Sapphire Joust** – Drogo will be the land agent. April 1st is when they will begin accepting reservations.

**Kingdom Archery Championship** – Autocrat not in attendance, but we know that they are getting targets ready. Need to work out insurance.

**Pennsic** – Mailed stuff out and we are now registered as a Barony.

**Chalice of the Sun God** – Autocrat (Lucas) is not in attendance; he's doing a school thing today at a Museum.

**Ponte Alto 20 Year (2012)**. – They haven't heard about fighting at the site. Waiting to hear back.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Coronets** - Katherine hasn't followed up yet. Sent Celia receipt and she sent him the cash.

**Plastic bins** - have not been researched completely yet. Sit down with Christine to see how many we need by throwing away the old useless clothes to figure out the number of bins. Adina offered her discount if we can contact her. Joanne has 10% non profit discount; they give you a 10% off card. Need to put tax number on it. Adina has that.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Katharine gave 5-, 7-, 8-inch Farberware knives to the Barony.

April Business Meeting will be on May 1 due to the Easter Sunday being on our regular meeting day.

Baron Drogo would like to review polls and ropes for the Baronial Day Shade and replace them as needed. A motion for \$25 to be allotted to this endeavor was put forth, seconded and the motion passed with a majority of ayes and the nominal one vote “nay” from Helen this time.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Meeting adjourned at 6:29 p.m.**

**15 people were in attendance.**

# Arts and Sciences

By **Baroness Adina of Ponte Alto**

Have you ever wondered how to fill out documentation for food entries for A&S competitions? Below is “The Basic Documentation Recipe Card” handed to me by Magistra Sigrid Brainsdotter (Anne Marie Decker) at Kingdom Arts and Sciences Festival. The advice and guidance I read from it was worth a word or two in the *Il Tempo*. The card is transcribed exactly as it was on the card I received. I hope you can use some of this information to help with A&S documentation in general.

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## The Basic Documentation Recipe Card

- \* What is it?
  - \* Where and when is it from?
  - \* How would it have been used and by whom? Be Brief. No more than one paragraph.
  - \* Why did you choose this project. (Be very brief and succinct.)
    - The following is broken down into each small step in the process.
    - Be specific: materials, dimensions, techniques, tools, design, etc
    - (Each can be a Step paragraph pair if appropriate.)
  - Step 1: (Just use paragraphs. Do not label ‘Step 1’ ‘Step 2’ etc unless appropriate to project.)
    - \* What they did.
    - \* What I did. If different, why?
  - Step 2:
    - \* What they did.
    - \* What I did. If different, why?
- REPEAT until all steps to complete object/details regarding object are explained.
- \* What do you like best about your results and the process?
  - \* What would you do differently/where do you (or research in general) go from here?
  - \* Bibliography/Source List

Notes: Approximately a paragraph for each bullet point, some less some more, depending on project. Always cite where you got a particular piece of information; footnotes or endnotes. Be consistent in format. Reference partial copies of text where ideas come from, additional comparisons, further explanation of a particular detail, extra visual proofs, etc. to specific exhibits in the Appendix.

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# News/Announcements

## Gift Basket Donations

Baroness Adina is in need of gift basket donations for upcoming events. Items can be given to our Baroness; please remember to attach a tag or include a note with a short description of the item; include your SCA and mundane name.



## Newcomers' Meeting

Hello Everyone

There is a change in venue for April's newcomers meeting. The gathering is still scheduled for Friday, April 22nd at 7:00 p.m. However, it will now be at Baron James and Baroness Katharine's home. Their address is 42973 Thornblade Circle Ashburn, VA 20148.

Most GPS units cannot find their home because they live on a new street. If you get lost, you can call their home at 571-239-2183, cell phone at 703-338-4057, or my cell phone at 301-943-2469.

Hope to see everyone there!

Baroness Emma West  
Chatelaine of Ponte Alto

*(From Baroness Emma's e-mail of March 27, 2011; edited for this newsletter)*



## Scriptorium

Greetings to all,

This is just a quick note to remind anyone who is interested in Calligraphy and Illumination that there is a Scriptorium on the first and third Tuesdays of every month at the family home of Brigid O'Hara. We'll start at 7:00 pm and end at about 10:00 pm or so. Bring whatever you are working on, or we can give you something. We will also be able to teach you if you want to learn!

There is a lot of space here, so you can bring other A&S activities to work on as well.

We live at 11416 Bronzedale Dr., Oakton, VA 22124. We have a friendly dog who will greet you at the door. Take medication if you have allergies!

*(continued on next page)*

**Directions:**

From I-66 take exit 57A (Rt. 50) towards Fairfax.

OR from Fairfax County Parkway take the Rt. 50 exit towards Fairfax.

Go under I-66 take the first left onto Waples Mill Road.

Go 2 miles and take a right onto Bronzedale Dr.

Go about  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a mile; our house is on the left.

In case you get lost, call my cell at: 703 409-0780

The 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, Enequy has Scriptorium at his house in Sterling. You can contact him at [enequy@comcast.net](mailto:enequy@comcast.net), or get directions from <http://www.stierbach.org/sites/eren.htm>

Hope to see you all there!

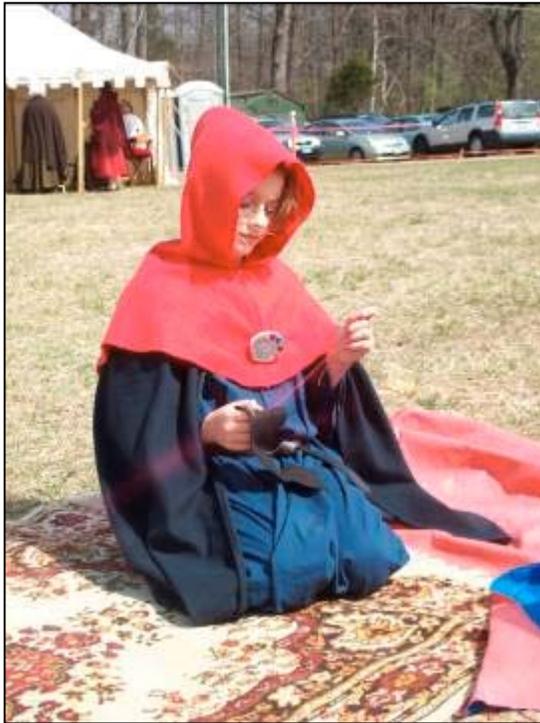
Brigid O'Hara/(Karen Miller)

*(From Brigid O'Hara's e-mail of Feb. 27, 2011; edited for this newsletter)*



# What's a Youth to Do at Events?

By Lady Theresa O'Cahir



Most children go to SCA events because their parents do. It's fun to dress in garb and be out of the house on a Saturday and/or Sunday. Weekend or week-long wars are great—you get to camp AND be outside! But playing and running around aren't the only things to do at events. After a while, you'd probably like to learn why your parents spend their time in the SCA and what makes the Society so special.

The Atlantian Pages Academy offers the youth of the Kingdom a chance to learn about the Society and the Middle Ages. Anyone who is between the ages of 5 to 17 years old can be a Page. This is a wonderful program that offers youth the chance to gain skills and knowledge, and give you the opportunity to be involved in a productive way in our Kingdom.

How does it work? Teachers and Mentors teach chivalry, honor, responsibility, courtesy, leadership and history. This can be done through Page Academy classes that are held during events or at a local fighter practice or A&S night where, for example, you might sit with someone and learn about embroidery for an hour.<sup>4</sup> A Mentor is not required for

you to get started in the Academy, but having one is encouraged—they can help guide your progress as a Page. A Mentor is someone who you and your parent(s) find; this person will foster personal growth, as well as help you develop courtly skills and an understanding of service, courtesy and fealty.<sup>2</sup> The relationship should mirror that of Peers and their Squires, Apprentices and Protégés.<sup>2</sup>

To get started, you have to fill out an enrollment form and send it to the Kingdom Deputy Chancellor of Youth Activities and Pages' Academy Dean. The Dean will also accept an email with all the appropriate information.<sup>4</sup> Then, arrangements will be made for you to have an induction ceremony with the Queen present. (An induction ceremony is not required, but it's really nice to do!) Once you're inducted into the Pages Academy, you'll wear a blue baldric adorned with a simple white chalice. Pages begin as Novices, and progress to Cupbearers and then to Senior Pages. The Kingdom Deputy Chancellor of Youth tracks the progress of Pages; you and your parent(s) are encouraged to keep a record too. Be sure to write down any activities you do and the hour(s) you spend on them; any and all experience in the SCA can be counted towards credits.<sup>4</sup>

Anyone can attend a Page Academy class when they are offered at events, provided youth are between the ages of 5 to 17 years old.<sup>3</sup> You can try it out before making a commitment to become a Page. Take a look at The Atlantian Pages Academy website at <http://pages.atlantia.sca.org>. That's where you, your parents, and a potential Mentor can get all the information you need—just click on “For Pages”, “For Parents”, or “For Mentors”. To download a file with the enrollment form, click on “Forms”. You can also find the guidelines and general rules and requirements in the Program Guide at <http://pages.atlantia.sca.org/pages/hornbook.htm>. The Dean of the Pages Academy can answer any questions you have and give you more information.<sup>4</sup>

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# AFPOPA—Another Fine Product of Ponte Alto



At St Paddy’s Day Bloodbath, Baron Drogo and Baroness Adina of Ponte Alto called for fighters to vie for the title of Heavy Champion. The days’ fighting was hard and honorable. The field of contestants was vast, but once again Lord Lukas von Aych proved himself worthy of the recognition of Heavy Champion.



But the heavy fighters were not the only ones displaying honor and fierceness that day! A new fencing champion rose from the fray. Our Baron and Baroness were happy to welcome Lady Caitilín Inghean Fheichín as their new Rapier Champion.



# Rapier at St Paddy's Day Bloodbath

The day was bright and sunny with just a hint of chill in the air. But no matter that slight discomfort, the fighting on the rapier field was good. What follows is Cellach Mór's (Kel) pictorial review of the Rapier activities at the event. Other pictures from the event are on previous pages.







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