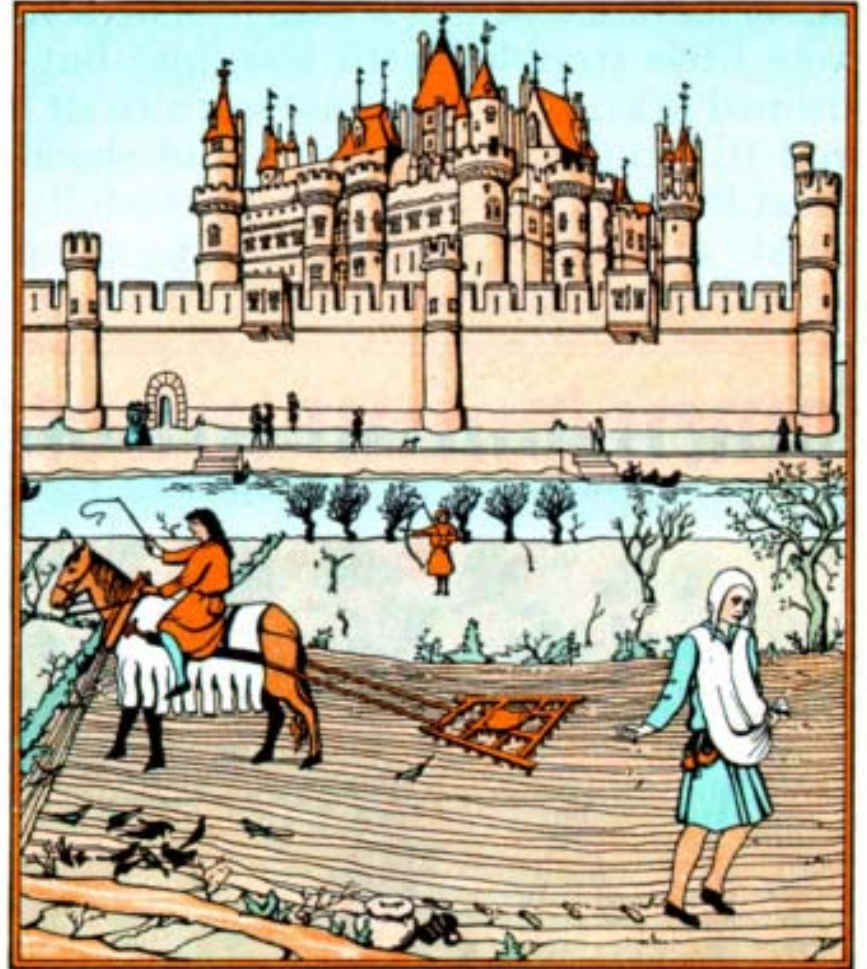


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From the Seneschal:

Unto the populace of Ponte Alto greetings,

Well it is August and Pennsic is here once again. I would like to take this time to thank everyone who has worked so hard throughout the year to get our baronial encampment ready. Your hard work has made it possible for so many to enjoy the special moment that is Pennsic. I thank you very much.

I would also like to remind everyone that though Pennsic is special, we must remain vigilant about safety. These includes:

Ensure that we all drink plenty of liquids (water not just the other kind). Do not leave valuables out in the open. Watch for who is in our camp. Be courteous, but do ask them why they are here. No one should walk alone at night, especially ladies. If a Lady must go out after dark I would ask the Lords of our Barony to ensure that she is escorted.

Pennsic is a great place but any place that attracts 10,000+ people will also attract a small group of unsavory characters. However, by watching out for each other, we can ensure that we have fun while being safe. Remember, it is all fun and games until someone loses an eye. Then, it is just fun.

Now that the Daddy Seneschal speech is over, you may go out and have fun.

Lastly, a reminder about nominations for Baron and Baroness. It is required by our Baronial Charter that all nominees for Baron and Baroness except their nominations in writing. If you are nominated, I must receive your acceptance in writing no later than the next business meeting after you were nominated. For you, that will be prior to the September meeting. I have included the relevant section of our charter below for your review. I am also available as always if you have any questions.

From the Baronial Charter:

"Candidates may be self-nominated or nominated by another person.

All nominations must be made at a Barony meeting designated for that purpose. Potential candidates must accept nomination in writing. If a potential candidate is not present at the meeting where he/she is nominated, the seneschal shall inform them of their nomination. The candidate(s) must accept nomination by the next meeting. Persons nominated to serve as a couple must agree to do so. All candidates must agree in writing to the provisions for term of office and selection of successors, and pledge to maintain them."

I hope to see you all at Pennsic and as always thank you for making my job so much easier.

Respectfully,

**Miles de Locwode
Seneschal**

Minutes of Baronial Business Meeting, held Sunday, July 27, 2003

Meeting was called to order at 6:05pm, 25 in attendance.

Seneschal: Attended northern regional calendar meeting; our events for 2004-2005 will be the same 4 as we traditionally do. (i.e., September: Chalice of the Sun God; November: Feast Event; February: Baronial Birthday; March: St. Paddy's Day Bloodbath.)

Pennsic Warning: drink water; secure your belongings at the war; drink water; if you see strangers in the encampment, question them; drink water; have fun; drink water.

Exchequer: We paid \$1,150.00 deposit on the Coronation site. Current balance is \$2495.01.

MoAS: Pennsic panic has taken hold now, but A&S still happens. Scriptorium will become a once a month event after the war, and will be held at Renata's beginning in the fall. Pennsic classes are now on the Pennsic web site.

Chronicler: Il Tempo happens; everybody have a great war!

Herald: Heraldry happens. There will be several courts at Pennsic; be there or be square.

Chatelaine: We had 8 newcomers at the last newcomers meeting, and 6-7 came to the last newcomers garb night. Continue to be friendly and helpful to our newcomers so that they will become/stay active members.

Marshall, Heavy: Check your armor and check the rules so you'll be up to date at Pennsic. One new rule is that a directed face touch is now considered a "kill". Please be kind and chivalrous to your fellow fighters. Congratulations to Lord Duncan the Elder, who is now a fully warranted heavy fighter marshal for the barony.

Marshall, Rapier: Rapier is picking up this summer, we have 4 new rapier fighters (all ladies!). The Atlantian 5-'man' rapier melee is now scheduled for Monday August 11 from 3 to 5 pm. Our rapier fighters are looking forward to Chalice of the Sun God and to Coronation in September.

Marshall, Archer: Marshall not present, but it is reported that Catalina del Aqua is now a warranted combar archer for the barony.

MoL: No events, so no news, but Agnes will be helping as a MoL at Pennsic.

Baron and Baroness: We had about 45 people at the picnic, thanks for coming. Thanks to the tabard makers and capelet makers for helping our fighters look great. Thanks to Marie Therese; the baronial day shade rocks!! And a final thanks to Luce for our newcomers program; we are having great success attracting new members in the barony thanks to her work. Ragnarr will be attending Chalice of the Sun God, so it is now a King's progress! Submit names for the new baronial awards to their excellencies for the baronial court at Pennsic. Pennsic court will be Thursday August 14 at 6pm,

Sacred Stone Baronial Birthday
August 30th-September 1st, 2003
Barony of Sacred Stone

Her Excellency, Kisaiya of Sacred Stone invites you to the celebration of Sacred Stone's 22nd Birthday. The event will be a mix of the old and the new, tradition and innovation! This year we will celebrate our newcomers and our children, but don't worry, there will be activities abounding for all!

For the fighting there will be a variety of challenges, ranging from a Novice Tourney for those authorized in a weapons form less than two years, to a champions tourney to aid Her Excellency in choosing a new champion as well as other challenging fights.

The A&S competitions will include some old standards (best use of the Phoenix) and some new challenges, as well as classes dedicated to learning a new skill or improving on one you already have.

There will be fun for children of all ages including children's activities and a challenging test of your knowledge of the history of Sacred Stone.

There will be a feast that will tickle the tongue by the fabulous Lady Neca and birthday cake for all!

Autocrat: Lord Talorgen nei Wrguist (Randy Dees) at 2203 Prestigious Lane, Apt K, Charlotte, NC 28269 (704) 618-0887 before 10pm or by email at talorgen@bardiccircle.org

Reservationist: Lady Lidia Lijovich (Lidia Leovic) 911 Nottingham Drive #23, Gastonia, NC 28054; email: lkleovic@carolina.rr.com

More information will be posted later, please check Sacred Stone's web site and your August Acorn or see <http://bardiccircle.org/SSBB.html>

Directions: Pending

Atlantian Coronation
September 5th-7th, 2003
Baronies of Ponte Alto and Stierbach

Chalice of the Sun God
September 19th-21st, 2003
Barony of Ponte Alto

held jointly with Stierbach. Their Majesties will probably attend. The Ponte Alto Fighter Breakfast will be Wednesday August 13 at 9am, and Atlantian Royal Court will be Wednesday night.

Events:

Pennsic: The encampment will have a hot shower! Also, 42 are registered to camp with the barony. We will camp jointly with Stierbach's 20 in area N18.

Coronation: The site is beautiful, it is in Middleburg. Register now, there is a limit of 80 for feast above the salt, 100 below the salt. Modern tents are permitted, but will be placed separately from the period pavillions. In addition to the traditional A&S competition, there will be a music competition along with one on the theme 'Things with Strings and Sparkly Things'.

Chalice: Feast test was yesterday; it will be great! Volunteers are needed; please sign up on one (or more!) of the sheets. We especially need volunteers for site clean-up.

Little Feast: The recipes are set, the food will be from the period of 1580's Germany. There will be 3 courses, with wine.

New Business:

Need an autocrat for investiture in February. Eric Jeudenfreude has volunteered to autocrat Bloodbath in March.

Polling for new Baron and Baroness: Nominees must accept IN WRITING by the August business meeting.

Nominations were called for:
Tirloch nominated Marcellus and Belphoebe.
Luce nominated Kevin and Giuliana.
Agnes nominated Corun.

Old Business:

Where shall we store the baronial day shade? Thomas and Denise will keep it for now.

Announcements:

Duchess Ariel needs help for the Pennsic Children's Fete. If you can help, please email her at courtney.hester@firstunion.com.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:55pm.

Upcoming Events:

Storvik Pennsic Post Revel
August 23rd, 2003
Barony of Storvik

Sunday

Ponte Alto Baronial Business Meeting: Last Sunday of the month at 6:00pm at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Idylwood Road, Falls Church.

Heavy Weapons and Rapier Fighter Practice (Ponte Alto/Storvik): Weather permitting outdoors behind Tysons-Pimmit Library, Falls Church, 2:00-7:00pm.

Monday

Alle Psalite choral music practice: 7:30-9:00pm at the home of Mistress Anne of Carthew in Herndon, (703) 437-6271, acarthew@cox.net.

Tuesday

Harp and Drum Corps instrumental music practice: On hold until after Pennsic.

Wednesday

Archery Practice: 7:00pm. Contact THL Feline von Behren for information at lbudzier@mindspring.com.

Heavy Weapons Fighter Practice: In conjunction with Stierbach. contact Master Kevin of Thornbury for information. (703) 810-8438.

Thursday

Open Scriptorium: Oh hold until after Pennsic.

Rapier Practice: 6:00pm Tysons-Pimmit Park. Contact Lord Marcellus Capozziello da Napoli, afpopa@cox.net, for information.

Ponte Alto Dance Practice: On hold until after Pennsic.

Friday

SCA Newcomers' Meeting: 7:30-9:00pm on the 2nd Friday of the month (unless otherwise noted), at the home of the Chatelaine. For information, call the Chatelaine, Lady Luce Antony Venus (703) 534-6075.

Calendar of Events

August-September, A.S. XXXVIII

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	Harp and Drum - Hold	Fighter Practice - 7pm	Rapier Practice - 6pm	1	2	3 Fighter/Rapier Practice
4 Alle Psalite - Hold	5 Harp and Drum - Hold	6 Archery Practice - Hold Fighter Practice - Hold	7 Rapier Practice - Hold	8	9	10 Fighter/Rapier Practice
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11 Alle Psalite - Hold	12 Harp and Drum - Hold	13 Archery Practice - Hold Fighter Practice - Hold	14 Rapier Practice - Hold	15	16	17 Fighter/Rapier Practice
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18 Alle Psalite - 7:30pm	19 Harp and Drum - Hold	20 Archery Practice - 7pm Fighter Practice - 7pm	21 Rapier Practice - 6pm	22	23 <div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">Post Pennsic Revel Storvik</div>	24 Fighter/Rapier Practice
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