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Ponte Alto Activities

Sunday Rapier Practices resume April 3, 2005, weather permitting. Thursday night rapier practices continue as usual on days the school remains open. Contact the [Baronial Rapier Marshal](#) for more information.

Dance Practice is suspended until the summer.

Archery practice moves from indoors on Friday to **outdoors on Monday** in Leesburg, VA, starting **April 25, 2005**. As Ponte Alto no longer has an outdoor archery site, we are again joining our Stierbach neighbors at [their site](#). Though Leesburg is far from our barony, for many this may be an easier trek, and some of us in the inner ring suburbs remain willing to coordinate carpooling with any interested in joining us. Contact the [Baronial Archery Marshal](#) for carpool or other archery information.

Late Medieval Woman Workshops have been permanently **cancelled** as of **April 27, 2005**. Our hostess, Lady Mathilde, will soon be moving to Dun Carraig. We thank her for her time and efforts in Ponte Alto, and wish her well in her new home!

Scriptorium/A&S Night/Bardic Circle will start at **7 pm on Friday, April 29, 2005**, hosted by Lady Perronelle la peintre (*dwatsonirwin AT cox.net*, (703) 455-0298 (H)). Come out and support our new [Barional Bard!](#)

The May **Newcomers Meeting** will be held on **Tuesday, May 17, 2005 at 7:00PM** at the home of Lord Miles de Locwode (*milesdelocwode AT cox.net*, (703) 534-6075 (H)) and Lady Luce Antony Venus (*scalucia AT cox.net*, (703) 534-6075 (H)). Please contact the [Baronial Chatelaine](#) for more information and directions.

SUNDAY

Ponte Alto Baronial Business Meeting

Last 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](#).

Outdoor Rapier Practice

Weather permitting, 2 pm - Dark, outdoors at Tysons-Pimmit Park, behind Tysons-Pimmit Library, Falls Church. Please contact [Baronial Rapier 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***) for more information or directions. Music files can be found at http://www.ravenstreet.org/Anne/alle_psallite/alle_psallite.htm.

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***, (703) 815-0310 (H)) or Lord Ii Saburou Katsumori (***logan AT modzer0.cs.uaf.edu***) for more information or directions.

Ponte Alto/Stierbach Archery Practice

Mondays from 5 pm until dark, Ponte Alto's outdoor season archery practice site is near Goose Creek Golf Course in Leesburg, VA. [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>.

TUESDAY

Harp and Drum Corps (Instrumental Music)

Meets first Tuesdays, 7:30 - 9 pm at the home of Lady Celia of Rosedale (***rosedale703 AT aol.com***, (703) 378-2441 (H)) for practice of SCA Dance music. Meets third Tuesdays, 7:30 - 9 pm at the home of Mistress Anne of Carthew (***anne AT ravenstreet.org***) for practice and polishing of more advanced musical pieces. Contact the respective hosts for more information.

WEDNESDAY

All Things 15th Century Workshops

Third Wednesdays of every month from 6-9 pm in Reston, VA, at the home of Lady Courtney of Houghton (***courtneydehoughton AT yahoo.com***) and Lord Connor Sinclair (***connorsinclair AT yahoo.com***), whom you should contact for more information and directions.

THURSDAY

Rapier Practice *

Every Thursday at Shrevewood 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](#).

Dance Practice *

Last Thursday of the month - ON HOLD until summer.

Heavy Weapons Indoor Practice *

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](#).

Ladies Instructional Heavy Weapons Indoor Practice *

First Thursday of every month at Lemon Road Elementary School on Idylwood Road, 6 pm - 9 pm. Contact Lady Marie Thérèse Normand (***mariatheresapontoon AT yahoo.com***, (703) 690-9453 (H)) for more information. [Indoor Heavy Directions](#). This is a [school location activity](#).

FRIDAY

Ponte Alto Scriptorium/A&S Night

May meet on a Friday during the month, as posted on the 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 Lady Celia of Rosedale (***rosedale703 AT aol.com***, (703) 378-2441 (H)), Lady Cassandra Arabella Giordani (***cassandra AT jordanclan.net***), or 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.

Newcomers Garb Night

We have newcomers garb night once a month on a weeknight at 7 pm, at the homes of various members of the Barony. Please contact the [Baronial Chatelaine](#) 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.

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Monthly Calendar

May 2005

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<p>April 25</p> <p>5 pm - Archery Practice</p> <p>7:30 pm - Alle Psallite</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>6 pm - Rapier Practice</p> <p>6 pm - Heavy Weapons Practice</p>	<p>29</p> <p>7 pm - Scriptorium/A&S Night/Bardic Circle</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Night on the Town VII</p> <p>Tourney of Lyons</p> <p>Tir-y-don Baronial Birthday XXX</p>	<p>May 1</p> <p>Noon - Outdoor Heavy Weapons Practice</p> <p>2 pm - Outdoor Rapier Practice</p>
<p>2</p> <p>5 pm - Archery Practice</p> <p>7:30 pm - Alle Psallite</p>	<p>3</p> <p>7:30 pm - Harp and Drum</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p> <p>6 pm - Rapier Practice</p> <p>6 pm - Heavy Weapons Practice</p> <p>6 pm - Ladies Instructional Heavy Weapons Practice</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Spring Crown</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Noon - Outdoor Heavy Weapons Practice</p> <p>2 pm - Outdoor Rapier Practice</p>
<p>9</p> <p>5 pm - Archery Practice</p> <p>6:30 pm - Asian Night</p> <p>7:30 pm - Alle Psallite</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p> <p>6 pm - Rapier Practice</p> <p>6 pm - Heavy Weapons Practice</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Below the Salt</p> <p>Hero's Portion</p> <p>Spring Revel</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Noon - Outdoor Heavy Fighter Practice</p> <p>2 pm - Outdoor Rapier Fighter Practice</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">16</p> <p>5 pm - Archery Practice</p> <p>7:30 pm - Alle Psallite</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">17</p> <p>7 pm - Newcomer's Meeting</p> <p>7:30 pm - Harp and Drum</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">18</p> <p>6 pm - 15th Century Workshop</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">19</p> <p>6 pm - Rapier Practice</p> <p>6 pm - Heavy Weapons Practice</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">20</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">21</p> <p>Birthday of the Black Prince</p> <p>Feast of St. Catherine of Sienna</p> <p>On Target Peasants' Revolt</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">22</p> <p>Noon - Outdoor Heavy Fighter Practice</p> <p>2 pm - Outdoor Rapier Fighter Practice</p> <p>6 pm - Business Meeting</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">23</p> <p>5 pm - Archery Practice</p> <p>7:30 pm - Alle Psallite</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">24</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">25</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">26</p> <p>6 pm - Rapier Practice</p> <p>6 pm - Heavy Weapons Practice</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">27</p> <p>7:30 pm - Stierbach/Ponte Alto Bardic Circle</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">28</p> <p>Sapphire Joust VI</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">29</p> <p>Sapphire Joust VI</p>
<p><i>Memorial Day</i> 30</p> <p>5 pm - Archery Practice</p> <p>7:30 pm - Alle Psallite</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">31</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">June 1</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">2</p> <p>6 pm - Rapier Practice</p> <p>6 pm - Heavy Weapons Practice</p> <p>6 pm - Ladies Instructional Heavy Weapons Practice</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">3</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">4</p> <p>Summer University</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">5</p> <p>Noon - Outdoor Heavy Fighter Practice</p> <p>2 pm - Outdoor Rapier Fighter Practice</p>

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Upcoming Events

Baronial Progress

Date	Event
May 7	Spring Crown Tournament
May 14	Hero's Portion
May 28-29	Sapphire Joust

May 2005

Date	Event	Group	Location
7	Spring Crown Tournament (R)	Atlantia/Bright Hills	Street, MD
13-15	Below the Salt	Baelfire Dunn	Lenoir, NC
13-15	Hero's Portion (K)	Marinus	Spring Grove, VA
14	Spring Revel	Caer Gelynniog	Fork Union, VA
20-22	Birthday of the Black Prince	Black Diamond	Rural Retreat, VA
20-22	Feast of St. Catherine of Sienna	Falcon Cree	Blacksburg, SC
20-22	On Target	Lochmere	Annapolis, MD
20-22	Peasants' Revolt (R)	Cathanar	Kinston, NC
27-30	Sapphire Joust VI (R)	Caer Mear	Amelia Court House, VA

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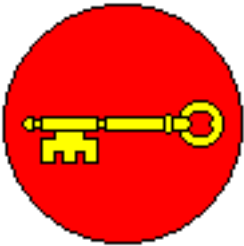
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Meeting Minutes - April 24, 2005

Held at the Education Building of St. Paul's Lutheran Church

25 Attendees

Meeting Start Time: 6:00 pm

Officer Reports

Seneschal: Lady Marie-Therese Normand

- Marie Therese created 26 scrolls for Coronation scroll competition

MOM: Siobhán

- Not present

Exchequer: Lady Melissent d'Artois

- Financial blurb sent to Chroniclers - we're in the money!
- Bloodbath put us down \$140, but that's to be expected
- Financial Policy - a couple of wording changes - to be published in II Tempo
- First quarter report in to VA Regional Exchequer (Mistress Anne of Carthew) tomorrow

Heavy Marshal: Lord Duncan the Elder (not present: report via Seneschal)

- 35 fighters at war practice
- Practices continue, weather permitting, on Sundays - more folks coming in the better weather
- Waiver checking changes - Blue card with noted number and expiration date only needs to be checked once and not seen again until expiration date

Rapier Marshal: Lord Geoffrey ap Clywd

- Back outside on Sundays, things going well
- Would like to request more funds for loaner gear - See New Business

Archery Marshal: Arnfriðr

- Our Baronial Archery Champion, Miles de Locwode, led our team to victory at Defending the Gate - Go pontoons!
- Still looking for a site in Ponte Alto - Rene's not available - parking troublesome
- Practices now in Leesburg, VA, (Stierbach's site) on Monday nights; Arnfriðr and Miles will still carpool out; contact Arnfridr or Miles if interested in carpooling.

- New archery competition at Kingdom level - Arnfriðr will get us more details as she knows them
- Looking for some loaner gear - see New Business

A&S: Baroness Greta Klusenaere

- Lots of workshops happening; thanks to Courtney & Connor and Mathilde for hosting Wednesday night classes.
- April 29th, 2005 there will be an A&S/Bardic night at Perronelle's.
- May 1st - deadline for A&S classes at Pennsic (says Mistress Anne of Carthew)

Chatelaine: Lady Marsaili Johnston of Lochwood Moss

- Not present (reported in officer letters)

Herald: Lord Connor Sinclair

- Barional Award Badges submitted to Kingdom - Golden Dolphin Herald will report when they have arrived
- Heraldry Nights may start up again in June

MOL: Baroness Agnes Daunce

- War Practice - 4 heavy fighters authorizations - Jonah in spear
- Need to pre-plan more with the Exchequer to send the monies for authorizations in.

Chronicler: Lady Courtney de Houghton and Lord Connor Sinclair

- Artwork coming in for May issue

Web Minister: Lady Cassandra Arabella Giordani

- Baronial Pennsic website should be up tonight

Warlord: Sir Thomas of Calais

- War Practice - Ponte Alto is shaping up like a unit, woo-hoo! Looking good, getting competitive. Thomas will catch up on how to command now. :)

Baron and Baroness: Baron Marcellus Capozziello da Napoli and Baroness Belphoebe de Givet

- New Baronial war banner for our victory at Defending the Gate
- Ranulf and Caitlyn have design for the new travel thrones - Marcellus making seats and backs, Miguel making finials - and the whole design is documentable! - Couple of

hundred dollars under budget

- Lord Meuric was chosen as one of the most chivalrous unbelted fighters at Tournament of Chivalry
- At Crown Tourney we will have a Baronial hospitality tent (15' x 15' pavillion). Anyone who would like to contribute food to the potluck would be most appreciated. Please contact Baron Marcellus with contribution information.
- Baronial Progress: Night on the Town, Crown, Hero's Portion (?), Sapphire Joust, Highland River Melees, Challenge of the Heart, Stierbach's B-day
- Send Recommendations for Baronial/Kingdom Awards!

Events

Pennsic: August 2005

- We are registered with Pennsic as "Barony of Ponte Alto".
- You can register adult ghosts only (no child ghosts) - use real names, not Fluffy the Cat!

November Event: November 2005

- Proposal by Baroness Belphoebe: Spanish - new world meets old world - boat races. Lady Celia of Rosedale is the potential autocrat. Possibility of sponsoring best ship competition for A&S
- Connor requested proposals for the November event be made at the May meeting.

Old Business

- Lady Perronelle la peintre continues work on the Ponte Alto phone directory. Please e-mail Perronelle (dwatsonirwin AT cox.net) to be included.
- Arnfriðr investigated the cost of arm guards and gloves for loaner archery gear. Looking for input on sizes (kids?). Scott may have leather available to make some arm guards. Commercial prices (arm guards) - child sizes ~\$6, adults ~\$10-14 + S&H; Commercial prices (gloves) - \$22 + S&H; Set aside a cap of \$100 for archery equipment - voted on and approved by the Barony.

New Business

- Geoffrey requested \$150 for rapier loaner equipment - approved by the Barony
- Discussion about the fundraising concerns brought up via email about Bloodbath ensued. Baroness Belphoebe had contacted Duchess Mel, who was FINE with the good cause of the fund raiser for the Royal Travel Fund at Bloodbath, and she was clear about where the money collected at the event was going. Group consensus was that all fundraisers should be published in Acorn and event flyers at the event.
As a side note, this was a one shot event for the Oldcastle Memorial Tournament - back to St. Paddy's Day Bloodbath next year.

Announcements

- Thank you note from Duchess Melissent for Bloodbath
- Next meeting is May 22th, 2005. The change was approved by Barony. Lady Celia of Rosedale will check with the church on availability. Backup location is B&B's house
- Proposal to move the Barony meeting to third Sunday permanently - discussion next meeting

Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:15 pm.

Other Articles

Tournaments, Medieval Style

Tournament, or tourney, the name popularly given in the middle ages to a species of mock fight, so called owing to the rapid turning of the horse. Of the several medieval definitions of the tournament given, the best is that of Roger of Hoveden, who described tournaments as "military exercises carried out, not in the spirit of hostility (*nullo interveniente odio*), but solely for practice and the display of prowess (*pro solo exercitio, atque ostentatione virium*)." Men who carry weapons have in all ages played at the game of war in time of peace.

But the tournament, properly so called, does not appear in Europe before the 11th century, in spite of those elaborate fictions of Ruexner's Thurnierbuch which detail the tournament laws of Henry the Fowler. More than one chronicler records the violent death, in 1066, of a French baron named Geoffroi de Preulli, who, according to the testimony of his contemporaries, "invented tournaments." In England, at least, the tournament was counted a French fashion, Matthew Paris calling it *conflictus gallicus*.

By the 12th century the tournament had grown so popular in England that King Henry II found it necessary to forbid the sport which gathered in one place so many barons and knights in arms. In that age we have the famous description by William FitzStephen of the martial games of the Londoners in Smithfield. He tells how on Sundays in Lent a noble train of young men would take the field well mounted, rushing out of the city with spear and hield to ape the feats of war. Divided into parties, one body would retreat, while another pursued striving to unhorse them. The younger lads, he says, bore javelins disarmed of their steel, by which we may know that the weapon of the elders was the headed lance. William of Newbury tells us how the young knights, balked of their favourite sport by the royal mandate, would pass over sea to win glory in foreign lists.



Richard I relaxed his father's order, granting licences for tournaments, and Jocelin of Brakelond has a long story of the great company of cavaliers who held a tournament between Thetford and Bury St Edmunds in defiance of the abbot. From that time onward unlicensed tourneying was treated as an offence against the Crown, which exacted heavy fees from all taking part in them even when a licence had been obtained. Often the licence was withheld, as in 1255, when the king's son's grave peril in Gascony is alleged as a reason for forbidding a meeting.

In 1299 life and limb were declared to be forfeit in the case of those who should arrange a tourney without the royal licence, and offenders were to be seized with horse and harness. As the tournament became an occasion for pageantry and feasting, new reason was given for restraint: a simple knight might beggar himself over a sport which risked costly horses and carried him far afield. Jousts travelled from land to land, like modern cricketers on their tours, offering and accepting challenges. Thus Edward I, before coming to the throne, led eighty knights to a tournament on the Continent. Before the jousts at Windsor on St George's Day in 1344 heralds published in France, Scotland, Burgundy, Hainault, Flanders, Brabant and the domains of the emperor the king's offer of safe conduct for competitors.

At the weddings of princes and magnates and at the crowning of kings the knights gathered to the joustings, which had become as much a part of such high ceremonies as the banquet and the minstrelsy. The fabled glories of the Round Table were revived by princely hosts, who would assemble a gallant company to keep open house and hold the field against all comers, as did Mortimer, the queen's lover, when, on the eve of his fall, he brought all the chivalry of the land to the place where he held his Round Table. About 1292 the "Statute of Arms for Tournaments" laid down, "at the request of the earls and barons and of the knighthood of England," new laws for the game. Swords with points were not to be used, nor pointed daggers, nor club nor mace. None was to raise up a fallen knight but his own appointed squires, clad in his device. The squire who offended was to lose horse and arms and lie three years in gaol.

Disputes were to be settled by a court of honour of princes and earls. That such rules were needful had been shown at Rochester in 1251, where the foreign knights were beaten by the English and so roughly handled that they fled to the city for refuge. On their way the strangers were faced by another company of knights who handled them roughly and spoiled them, thrashing them with staves in revenge for the doings at a Brackley tournament.

Even as early as the 13th century some of these tournaments were mere pageants of horsemen. For the Jousts of Peace held at Windsor Park in 1278 the sword-blades are of whalebone and parchment, silvered; the helms are of boiled leather and the shields of light timber. But the game could make rough sport. Many a tournament had its tale of killed and wounded in the chronicle books. We read how Roger of Lemburn struck Arnold de Montigny dead with a lance thrust under the helm. The first of the Montagu earls of Salisbury died of hurts taken at a Windsor jousting, and in those same lists at Windsor the earl's grandson Sir William Montagu was killed by his own father. William Longespée in 1256 was so bruised that he never recovered his strength, and he is among many of whom the like is written. Blunted or "rebated" lance-points came early into use, and by the 14th century the coronall or cronell head was often fitted in place of the point. After 1400 the armourers began to devise harness with defences specially wrought for service in the lists.

But the joust lost its chief perils with the invention of the tilt, which, as its name imports, was at first a cloth stretched along the length of the lists. The cloth became a stout barrier of timber, and in the early 16th century the knight ran his course at little risk. Locked up in steel harness, reinforced with the grand-guard and the other jousting pieces, he charged along one side of this barrier, seeing little more through the pierced sight-holes of the helm than the head and shoulders of his adversary. His bridle arm was on the tilt-side, and thus the blunted lance struck at an angle upon the polished plates. Mishaps might befall. Henry II of France died from the stroke of Gabriel de Montgomeri, who failed to cast up in time the truncheon of his splintered lance. But the 16th-century tournament was, in the main, a bloodless meeting.

The 15th century had seen the mingling of the tournament and the pageant. Adventurous knights would travel far afield in time of peace to gain worship in conflicts that perilled life and limb, as when the Bastard of Burgundy met the Lord Scales in 1466 in West Smithfield under the fair and costly galleries crowded with English dames. On the first day the two ran courses with sharp spears; on the second day they tourneyed on horseback, sword in hand; on the third day they met on foot with heavy pole-axes. But the great tournament held in the market-place of Bruges, when the jousting of the Knights of the Fleece was part of the pageant of the Golden Tree, the Giant and the Dwarf, may stand as a magnificent example of many such gay gatherings.

When Henry VIII was scattering his father's treasure the pageant had become an elaborate masque. For two days after the crowning of the king at Westminster, Henry and his queen viewed from the galleries of a fantastic palace set up beside the tilt-yard a play in which deer were pulled down by greyhounds in a paled park, in which the Lady Diana and the Lady Pallas came forward, embowered in moving castles, to present the champions. Such costly shows fell out of fashion after the death of Henry VIII; and in England the tournament remained, until the end, a martial sport. Sir Henry Lee rode as Queen Elizabeth's champion in the tilt-yard of Whitehall until his years forced him to surrender the gallant office to that earl of Cumberland who wore the Queen's glove pinned to the flap of his hat. But in France the tournament lingered on until it degenerated to the carrousel, which, originally a horseman's game in which cavaliers pelted each other with balls, became an unmartial display when the French king and his courtiers pranced in such array as the wardrobe-master of the court ballets would devise for the lords.

The tournament was, from the first, held to be a sport for men of noble birth, and on the Continent, where nobility was more exactly defined than in England, the lists were jealously closed to all combatants but those of the privileged class. In the German lands, questions as to the purity of the strain of a candidate for admission to a noble chapter are often settled by appeal to the fact that this or that ancestor had taken part in a tournament. Konrad Grunenberg's famous heraldic manuscript shows us the Helmschau that came before the German tournament of the 15th century--the squires carrying each his master's crested helm, and a little scutcheon of arms hanging from it, to the hall where the king of arms stands among the ladies and, wand in hand, judges each blazon. In England several of those few rolls of arms which have come down to us from the middle ages record the shields displayed at certain tournaments.

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Officer Reports and Letters - Baron and Baroness

Unto the Populace of our beloved Barony of Ponte Alto, do Marcellus and Belphoebe, Baron and Baroness, send greetings!

April has been a good month for Pontoons. At Coronation we saw one of ours, HRM Denise, become our latest Queen of Atlantia as consort of HRM Robert, and Pontoons made a good show of support as it was to be expected.

At Defending the Gate, the Ponte Alto archers astonished everyone by winning the tournament, while at Night on the Town, the Ponte Alto rapier contingent showed everyone what Pontoons can do when they work as a unit. This Barony has much to be proud of.

May beckons as -- hopefully -- April showers (or in some cases torrential outpours) are left behind.

Crown Tourney is just around the corner. If you have looked at the list of letters of intent, you will notice that there is a long list of names of Pontoons that are either fighting for Crown or are being fought for. Come join us at Crown and show your support for our fighters! It will be a lot of fun!

His Excellency and I are also planning on attending Hero's Portion. If you are a siege engineer, are planning on becoming one, or you simply like to see all sorts of objects being flung from various machines, come join us! There will also be heavy fighting, rapier and archery, and this will be a good opportunity for our troops to fight together.

Finally, Sapphire Joust will take place on Memorial Day weekend. As we did last year, we will be holding a Baronial encampment and Lord Geoffrey ap Clwyd is once more our land agent. If you have already registered, please contact him and let him know so he can plan accordingly. You can also contact him with any questions you may have on the subject.

Also, should you be attending any events which His Excellency and I are not, and any Pontoons get recognized, please share it with us. We are always thrilled to share that information with the rest of the populace!

We would also like to take this opportunity to invite all newcomers to show up at Baronial Business meetings. It is a great venue for meeting everyone, learn more about what we are doing and, yes, for volunteering.

His Excellency and I will be looking forward to seeing you at events, business meetings, A&S nights and workshops, fighter practices, etc. And keep those recommendations coming! They are most useful as we cannot be everywhere and do not want to miss anyone!

Yours in Service,

Marcellus and Belphoebe
Baron and Baroness of Ponte
Alto



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Officer Reports and Letters - Exchequer

Greetings from the Chancellor of the Exchequer,

Last year was incredibly profitable thanks to your support and our former Exchequer, Lady Katharine Devereaux. We began 2004 with \$4,391.03 in our bank account and ended the year with an impressive \$8,521.00, a \$4,129.97 change in net worth!

Our income from events, donations and miscellaneous contributions totalled \$10,903.00 while our expenses for the year totalled \$6,079.03.

Yours in Service,

Lady Melissent D'Artois
Baronial Exchequer



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Officer Reports and Letters - Knight Marshal

The Northern Regional War Practice was a great success with in excess of 35 fighters on the field. Three authorizations were also successfully completed. Thursday night practice is, as you know, still well attended and Sunday is also building back up after the winter.

There are several gentles who attend our practices such as Lady Marie Therese de Normand, Connor Sinclair, Meuric o'r Glyn, Sir Thomas of Calais, and from Stierbach, Stefan Von Kiel, all of whom will be competing in the Crown Tourney in two weeks. We wish them all the best of success.

Yours in Service,

Duncan The Elder
Knight Marshal of Ponte
Alto



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Officer Reports and Letters - Chatelaine

We held a meeting this past Tuesday, the 19th, at the home of Isabella Candeloro. We had several very interested people in attendance and we hope to see them all again soon at events.

The next meeting will be at Locwode Hall (home of Miles and Lucia) and as soon as I get a confirmed date, I'll let everyone know.

The Barony just had a HUGE donation of garb and other items from Caitlyn and Ranulf and in addition to a Garb/Persona Night, I'd like to have a garb-sorting evening as well. We have waaay more garb than we need in the loaner closet (Lots of Tubs!) and I'd like to see what's actually useful for newcomers at events and what can be contributed to the next Silent Auction. And what just needs to be discarded altogether. May 20th at my home is when that will be scheduled.

Once again, I want to thank everyone in Ponte Alto for being so helpful and welcoming to our newcomers. We can't do it without you all!

Lady Marsaili Johnston of Lochwood Moss
Chatelaine

