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Columbus Taking Possession of the New World

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Ponte Alto Activities

The Stierbach/Ponte Alto Bardic Circle will be held **Friday, October 28, 2005 at 7:30 PM** at the home of Baroness Briana Maclukas (***darbyjanie AT hotmail.com***). Directions may be found at <http://stierbach.org/sites/darby.htm>

Winter **Archery** season begins at [Bull Run](#) starting **Friday, November 4, 2005 from 4:30 pm until 8 pm**. Contact the [Archery Marshal](#) or [Deputy Archery Marshal](#) for more information.

November's **Newcomers Meeting** will be held on **Tuesday, November 8, 2005 at 7:00PM** at the home of [Their Excellencies of Ponte Alto](#). Please contact the [Baronial Chatelaine](#) for more information and directions.

The **15th Century Workshop** will be held on **Wednesday, November 16, 2005 at 6:00PM** at the home of Lady Courtney of Houghton (***courtneydehoughton AT yahoo.com***) and Lord Connor Sinclair (***connorsinclair AT yahoo.com***).

A **Scriptorium Workshop** will be held from **2-6 pm on Sunday, November 20, 2005**, hosted by Lady Renata von Hentzau (***starfox5 AT msn.com***).

SUNDAY

Ponte Alto Baronial Business Meeting

Fourth 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](#).

Ladies Instructional Heavy Weapons Practice

First Sunday of every month, Noon - Dark, outdoors, weather permitting, at Tysons-Pimmit Park, behind Tysons-Pimmit Library, Falls Church. Contact Lady Marie Thérèse Normand (***mariatheresapontoon AT yahoo.com***, (703) 690-9453 (H)) 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 and on the [Yahoo Group AllePsallite](#).

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.

TUESDAY

Harp and Drum Corps (Instrumental Music)

Meets first 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. Meets third 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. Contact the respective hosts for more information, and visit the [HarpAndDrum Yahoo Group](#).

WEDNESDAY

All Things 15th Century Workshops

Third Wednesdays of every other 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 Shreveview 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](#).

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](#).

FRIDAY

Ponte Alto/Stierbach Archery Practice

Fridays from 4:30 pm until 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 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](mailto:dwatsonirwin@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](mailto:rosedale703@aol.com), (703) 378-2441 (H)), Lady Cassandra Arabella Giordani ([cassandra AT jordanclan.net](mailto:cassandra@jordanclan.net)), or Baroness Briana Maclukas ([darbyjanie AT hotmail.com](mailto:darbyjanie@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

November 2005

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<p>October 31 <i>Halloween</i></p> <p>7:30 pm - Alle Psallite</p>	<p>November 1</p> <p>7:30 pm - Harp and Drum</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p>6 pm - Rapier Practice</p> <p>6 pm - Heavy Weapons Practice</p>	<p>4</p> <p>4:30 pm - Archery Practice</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Fall Crown Tournament</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Noon - Outdoor Heavy Weapons Practice</p> <p>Noon - Ladies Instructional Heavy Weapons Practice</p> <p>2 pm - Outdoor Rapier Fighter Practice</p>
<p>7</p> <p>7:30 pm - Alle Psallite</p>	<p>8</p> <p>7 pm - Newcomer's Meeting</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p> <p>6 pm - Rapier Practice</p> <p>6 pm - Heavy Weapons Practice</p>	<p>11</p> <p>4:30 pm - Archery Practice</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Day at the Races II</p> <p>Known World Academy of the Rapier</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Noon - Outdoor Heavy Weapons Practice</p> <p>2 pm - Outdoor Rapier Fighter Practice</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">14</p> <p>6:30 pm - Asian Night</p> <p>7:30 pm - Alle Psallite</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">15</p> <p>7:30 pm - Harp and Drum</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">16</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">17</p> <p>6 pm - Rapier Practice</p> <p>6 pm - Heavy Weapons Practice</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">18</p> <p>4:30 pm - Archery Practice</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">19</p> <p>Holiday Faire</p> <p>Feast of St. Dismas</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">20</p> <p>Noon - Outdoor Heavy Weapons Practice</p> <p>2 pm - Outdoor Rapier Fighter Practice</p> <p>2 pm - Scriptorium</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">21</p> <p>7:30 pm - Alle Psallite</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">22</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">23</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">24</p> <p><i>Thanksgiving</i></p>	<p style="text-align: right;">25</p> <p>4:30 pm - Archery Practice</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">26</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">27</p> <p>Noon - Outdoor Heavy Weapons Practice</p> <p>2 pm - Outdoor Rapier Practice</p> <p>6 pm - Business Meeting</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">28</p> <p>7:30 pm - Alle Psallite</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">29</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">30</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">December 1</p> <p>6 pm - Rapier Practice</p> <p>6 pm - Heavy Weapons Practice</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">2</p> <p>4:30 pm - Archery Practice</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">3</p> <p>Unevent</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">4</p> <p>Noon - Outdoor Heavy Weapons Practice</p> <p>Noon - Ladies Instructional Heavy Weapons Practice</p> <p>2 pm - Outdoor Rapier Practice</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">5</p> <p>7:30 pm - Alle Psallite</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">6</p> <p>7:30 pm - Harp and Drum</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">7</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">8</p> <p>6 pm - Rapier Practice</p> <p>6 pm - Heavy Weapons Practice</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">9</p> <p>4:30 pm - Archery Practice</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">10</p> <p>Polar Bear Ball</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">11</p> <p>Noon - Outdoor Heavy Weapons Practice</p> <p>2 pm - Outdoor Rapier Fighter Practice</p>
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Upcoming Events

Baronial Progress

Date	Event
November 12	Day at the Races II: Race to the New World
November 19	Holiday Faire

November 2005

Date	Event	Group	Location
5	Fall Crown Tournament (R)	Atlantia/Misty Marsh by the Sea	Florence, SC
11-13	Known World Academy of the Rapier	Lochmere	Annapolis, MD
12	Day at the Races II: Race to the New World	Ponte Alto	Falls Church, VA
19	Feast of St. Dismas	Cyddlain Downs	Columbia, SC
19	Holiday Faire	Stierbach	Manassas, VA

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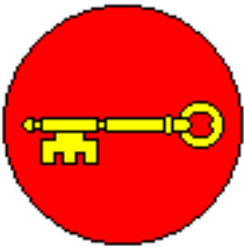
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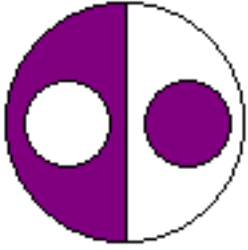
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Meeting Minutes - October 23, 2005

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

15 Attendees

Meeting Start Time: 6:05 pm

Officer Reports

Seneschal: Lady Marie Thérèse Normand

- Deputies needed for MoM and Chronicler
- Polling of Confidence for Marcellus and Belphoebe was positive - they will remain B&B for another two years
- Officers - please try to make Curia at Unevent - must be a representative for each office - let Marie Thérèse know who can/can't go

MoM: Lady Siobhán

- Not present

Exchequer: Lady Millicent Chandler

- Current balance is \$6978.13 after Tournament of Love and Beauty site payment
- Approved overage of \$17 reimbursement for Gruffudd's Chalice feast
- Chalice made \$451.53
- Ended quarter with \$9040.13
- Our Chamberlain, Katerina, was able get a quote of \$59 for 5' x 10' storage unit - move next week
- Their Excellencies will donate plastic heavy duty storage shelves for new storage unit
- Need \$50 for insurance at Tournament of Love and Beauty site - Seneschal will work with Exchequer offline

Heavy Marshal: Lord Duncan the Elder

- Not present - reported by Sir Thomas
- Waivers were sent and confirmation received via postal service
- Practices going well

Rapier Marshal: Lord Geoffrey ap Clywd

- Not present - reported by Baron Marcellus
- Good turnouts at Thursday practices - newcomers, including our Exchequer
- Sunday practices have had low turnout
- Geoffrey won rapier tourney at Storvik b-day

Archery Marshal: Lady Arnfriðr

- Not present - reported by Lady Marie Thérèse and Lord Miles
- End of summer season party at Mika's Monday 10/24 instead of practice
- Winter practice begins 11/4 - indoors at Bull Run - \$3/person for range time, \$1/person to contribute to targets
- Lochmere Arrow shoot coming up at Holiday Faire - Arnfriðr and Miles will shoot as a Ponte Alto team - more teams come out!
- Archery champion shoot at next Chalice - Miles wants competitors to have royal round rankings to compete - come to practice, should 3 royal rounds!

A&S: Baroness Greta Klusenaere

- Not present - reported by Baronne Belphoebe
- A&S happens
- Courtney and Connor hosting 15th Century nights - every other month, on in November
- Angelique taught Japanese braiding at A&S night at Perronelle's.
- Belphoebe displayed her clothes at Kingdom Crusades
- Renata is working to step up as next A&S - Celia and Delphina are also deputies
- This Wednesday will be embroidery night at Belphoebe's - 7:30 - 9:30
- Renata looking at hosting Sunday afternoon 2-6 pm scribal workshop - considering 11/20
- Master Tristan Alexander hosting all day scribe day on Saturday 12/10 in Bright Hills - class structure
- Lady Mathilde is hosting Sunday A&S days in Dun Carraig

Chatelaine: Lady Marsaili Johnston of Lochwood Moss

- Only one newcomer at last meeting: he is interested in fighting, and has already been to fighter practices
- We have lots of loaner garb - back from theater group, and they dry-cleaned it all
- Consider adding belts for loaner garb
- Baron Marcellus and Baronne Belphoebe will host next meeting on 11/8/05
- Newcomers have been coming back
- Get Newcomers to come to Business Meetings - encourage them to come to the meetings and get involved - talk to folks with similar interests

Herald: Lord Seamus 'O Maoil Riain

- Not present

MOL: Lady Delphina the Mad

- Lady Delphina will verify that she has been approved as Baronial MoL

Chroniclers: Lady Courtney of Houghton and Lord Connor Sinclair

- Not present - reported by Lady Marie Thérèse
- We need a deputy!!! Interested parties please contact the Chroniclers
- PLEASE send in reports, articles, artwork! Get to Chroniclers by Baronial meeting

Web Minister: Lady Cassandra Arabella Giordani

- Added Archers link under People on main menu
- Have not received any data from MoM or MOAS to post

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

- Thanks for the vote of confidence! We've been working hard, but having fun, and we're looking forward to another two years
- Crusades - Ponte Alto did well on the rapier field, which was indoors. Some heavy fighting happened, practice-like, not a real tourney. Still fun!
- B&B will be at TnT in Bright Hills next week; should be lots of fun
- November Baronial progress - DATR II, Holiday Faire
- DATR Raingutter Regatta Kits - See Belphoebe
- Master Tirloch held a preview of the DATR feast - YUM! - Reserve NOW!!
- As always, send award recommendations!!

Events

Day at the Races II: November 12, 2005

Lady Celia of Rosedale, autocrat

- Reserve!!! Come to the event!
- Sign up sheets available now - sign up early and often - requests for help will be sent to the Baronial email list
- Tentative schedule currently under review
- Site tokens? Bead on a ribbon
- Silent auction - Lady Marsaili coordinator - tagging party at Celia's on Wed 11/2 at 7 pm
- Feast menu looking good - Belphoebe will translate to Spanish for us, to continue the theme of the event :)

Tournament of Love and Beauty: February 18, 2006

Lord Connor Sinclair and Lady Courtney de Houghton, co-autocrats

- Not present

Bloodbath: March 11, 2006

Sir Thomas of Calais

- Spiked 3/11/06 date for event
- Youth Combat authorized to happen - Kingdom Youth Combat Marshal will run it
- Lining up MoLs for three lists

- Showcase the youth combat during the heavy/rapier break using one of the forward lists
- Lunch will be served - Denise will be cooking up Luce's recipes
- Site can't be reserved until January
- Considering holding a war practice on Sunday at our normal practice site - Thomas will talk with Abel

Chalice: 2006

- Luce will NOT be autocrat - someone needs to pick up the ball and choose a date, and Spike early - Luce will help, Gruffudd will do feast, but need a head honcho
- We may outgrow Prince William Forest Park due to person limitation
- No northern regional calendar committee this year - we should be neighborly and contact our neighbors before changing dates
We can only designate an event as "no conflicts within 100 miles" once per year
- When NOT an investiture year, let's consider blocking the Chalice weekend as our "no conflicts within 100 miles" event, otherwise use this option for our Investiture
- Need Bardic and A&S themes EARLY!!

Old Business

- Master Ranulf of Waterford and Baron Marcellus should have travel thrones ready for DATR

New Business

- No new business

Announcements

- Happy belated b-day to our B&Bs - Millicent's b-day is next week
- Next meeting is Sunday, November 27, 2005, in our usual room

Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:10 pm.

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Christopher Columbus and the New World

Columbus believed that the Earth was a relatively small sphere, and argued that a ship could reach India via a westward course. The widespread notion that Columbus encountered opposition based on the idea that the Earth was flat is a literary myth created by Washington Irving. Educated people in Columbus's time agreed that the earth was round; anyone familiar with seafaring certainly knew it, since the roundness of the Earth forms the basis of celestial navigation. The main debate was over whether a ship could circumnavigate the planet without running out of food or getting stuck in windless regions.

Columbus was not the first European to reach the continent. Many historians today acknowledge the fact that Leifur Eiriksson had traveled to North America from Iceland in the 11th century and set up a short-lived colony at L'Anse aux Meadows. There are also many theories of expeditions to the Americas by a variety of peoples throughout time; see Pre-Columbian trans-oceanic contact, one of the most consistent is the exploration (before 1472) of two, led by João Vaz Corte-Real to Terra Verde (today's Newfoundland). Giovanni Caboto (better known as John Cabot) was first to reach the American mainland (which Columbus did not reach until his third voyage). However, there is one thing that sets off Columbus' first voyage from all of these: less than two decades later, the existence of America was known to the general public throughout Europe. This is likely due to the invention of the printing press. Additionally, although Columbus is credited in Western classical education as the "discoverer of America", the two continents are named after Amerigo Vespucci, who reached what is now the coast of Brazil in 1501 and whose name was first applied to the map by cartographer Martin Waldseemüller.



Columbus landed in the Bahamas and later explored much of the Caribbean, including the isles of Juana (Cuba) and Espanola (Hispaniola), as well as the coasts of Central and South America. He never reached the present-day United States where "Columbus Day" (The second monday of October, with 12 October being the anniversary of Columbus' landing in the Bahamas) is celebrated as a holiday.

Unlike the voyage of the Icelanders, Columbus' voyages led to a relatively quick, general and

lasting recognition of the existence of the New World by the Old World, the Columbian Exchange of species (both those harmful to humans, such as viruses, bacteria, and parasites, and beneficial to humans, such as tomatoes, potatoes, maize, and horses), and the first large-scale colonization of the Americas by Europeans.

Columbus remains a controversial figure. Some – including many Native Americans – view him as responsible, directly or indirectly, for the deaths of tens, if not hundreds, of millions of indigenous peoples, exploitation of the Americas by Europe, and slavery in the West Indies. Others honour him for the massive boost his explorations gave to Western expansion and culture. Italian Americans hail Columbus as an icon of their heritage.

It has generally been accepted that he was Genovese, although doubts have persistently been voiced regarding this. His name in Italian is Cristoforo Colombo, in Spanish is Cristóbal Colón, in Catalan it is Cristòfor Colom and in Portuguese Cristóvão Colombo. Columbus is a Latinized form of his surname. The Latin roots of his name can be translated "Christ-bearer, Dove". Columbus' signature reads Xpo ferens ("Bearing Christ").

Columbus claimed governorship of the new territories (by prior agreement with the Spanish monarchs) and made several more journeys across the Atlantic. While regarded by some as an excellent navigator, he was seen by many contemporaries as a poor administrator and was stripped of his governorship in 1500.

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