



The Barony of Ponte Alto

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Ponte Alto Activities

Thursday Night Indoor Rapier Practice will resume on **Thursday, September 7, 2006**. Please contact the [Baronial Rapier Marshal](#) for more information.

September's **Newcomers Meeting** will be held on **Tuesday, September 12, 2006 at 7:30PM** at the home of the [Baron and Baroness](#). Please contact the [Baronial Chatelaine](#) for more information and directions.

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

**Ponte
Alto/Stierbach
Archery Practice**

Starting May 15, 2006, Mondays from 5 pm (setup at 4:30 pm) until dark, Ponte Alto's outdoor season archery practice site is at a field behind Goose Creek Golf Course. [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>.

**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 (**celia AT ravenstreet.org**, (703) 378-2441 (H)) for practice of SCA Dance music. Contact the respective hosts for more information, and visit the [HarpAndDrum Yahoo Group](#).

**Ponte Alto
Scriptorium**

Meets the first Tuesday of the month at 7 pm. Please contact Brigid Ohara (**mill3rs AT yahoo.com**, (703) 620-4945 (H)) for more information and directions.

WEDNESDAY

Weaving Nights

Second and fourth Wednesdays of every month from 7-9 pm, at the home of Lord Jürgen van der Vols (Joorkin Volz) (**jcfrench AT mac.com**), whom you should contact for more information and directions.

THURSDAY

Outdoor Rapier Practice

Weather permitting, 6 pm to dark, outdoors at Tysons-Pimmit Park, behind Tysons-Pimmit Library, Falls Church. Please contact the [Baronial Rapier Marshal](#) for more information. [Fighter Practice Directions](#).

Outdoor Heavy Weapons Practice

Weather permitting, 6 pm to dark, outdoors at Tysons-Pimmit Park, behind Tysons-Pimmit Library, Falls Church. Please contact the [Baronial Knight Marshal](#) for more information. [Fighter Practice Directions](#).

FRIDAY

Ponte Alto 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 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.

Embroidery Night

Their Excellencies of Ponte Alto host a monthly embroidery night starting at 7:30 pm. Please contact the [Baron and Baroness](#) for more information, or check out the top of this page for the most recently posted information.



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Directions to Ponte Alto Meetings

Baronial Business Meeting (Fourth Sunday of each month, except December)

The meeting is 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.

Fighter Practice (Sundays Noon (Heavy) or 2 PM (Rapier) - Dark, Weather Permitting)

Heavy Fighter Practice (Thursdays 6 PM - Dark, Weather Permitting)

Rapier Practice (Thursdays 6 PM - Dark, Weather Permitting)

Practice is behind the Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library 7584 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church.

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.

Special Thursday Night parking instructions:

We have received some complaints about lack of parking spaces from residents of the Peachtree of McClean apartment complex which adjoins our practice site. After some informal negotiations we have arrived at an agreement with the building management. We beseech those attending Thursday night practices to adhere to the following procedures from now on:

You may unload your gear from parking spaces adjoining our practice area. But then please move your car to another space either at least a block further away from Route 7 in the complex parking lot or in the library parking lot closer to Route 7. At the conclusion of practice you may once again move your car to a space adjoining the practice area in order to reload your gear before exiting the site.

In this way we hope to be able to continue to use the parking facilities of the complex without inconveniencing the residents.

Indoor Rapier Practice (Thursdays 6-9 PM) starting on September 7, 2006

Shrevewood Elementary School in Falls Church

From 495 North

Travel 495 South and go to exit (Arlington Blvd/50 West). TAKE 50 WEST. Make a right onto Gallows Rd/Merrifield exit and exit to the right onto Gallows Road.

* Travel past two traffic lights (Landmarks Giant, Boyds Piano). At the third light (Landmark German AutoBody shop on right), make a right onto Route 29 (Lee Highway).

** At the third light, make a left onto Shreve Road. The School will be on your right, where Shreve Road divides. We will be in the gym; please use the rear door.

From 495 South

Travel 495 North and go to the Gallows Road exit and take a left. Travel pass the Fairfax Hospital and proceed with directions above starting at the *

From Tysons

Travel on Gallows Rd. towards Fairfax Hospital. Make a left onto Route 29 (Lee Highway). Follow from ** above.

From Lee Highway Rt. 29 from Fairfax

Travel on Lee Highway until you come to intersection of Lee Highway and Gallows Road. Follow from ** above.

From Rt. 7 Leesburg Pike (From Falls Church)

Take left onto Shreve Road (just past Chicken Out Catering on your right). If you reach I-66 intersection, you have gone too far. After approximately 1 mile, Shreve Road divides, directly in front of the school. Make a left turn into the school parking lot.

From Rt. 7 Leesburg Pike (From Tysons)

Take a right onto Shreve Road (Landmark McDonalds on right, after I-66 intersection). After approximately 1 mile, Shreve Road divides, directly in front of the school. Make a left turn into the school parking lot.

Archery Practice (Mondays 5 PM - Dark, Weather Permitting)

Practice is at a field beyond Goose Creek Golf Course outside Leesburg on Cochran Mills Road.

Take Dulles Toll Road / Greenway West to its end

Merge right at exit 1B Route 15 and Route 7

Travel .8 miles to exit on Route 7 East

Travel 1.7 miles and watch for the signs telling you about 2 traffic lights ahead - Cochran Mills Road is the second one

Turn right at the second light onto Cochran Mills Road

Continue from * below

OR

Take Route 28 North to Route 7 West

Travel 5 miles and watch for the signs telling you about 2 traffic lights ahead - Cochran Mills Road is the first one

Turn left at the first light onto Cochran Mills Road

Continue from * below

THEN

* From Cochran Mills Road:

Continue for .7 miles

There will be a curve to the right and an unpaved road/driveway to the left, along the golf course

Turn left onto the unpaved road, Kittany Point, just before the small house

Take the first driveway on the right (Ramsbridge Farm)

Head straight back and park.



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Monthly Calendar

September 2006

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
28 4:30 pm - Archery Practice	29	30	31 6 pm - Rapier Practice 6 pm - Heavy Weapons Practice	September 1	2 Coronation	3 Noon - Ladies Instructional Heavy Weapons Practice Noon - Outdoor Heavy Weapons Practice 2 pm - Outdoor Rapier Practice
<i>Labor Day</i> 4 4:30 pm - Archery Practice 7:30 pm - Alle Psallite	5 7 pm - Scriptorium 7:30 pm - Harp and Drum	6	7 6 pm - Rapier Practice 6 pm - Heavy Weapons Practice	8	9 Sacred Stone Baronial Birthday Vyking Thyng	10 Noon - Outdoor Heavy Weapons Practice 2 pm - Outdoor Rapier Practice

<p style="text-align: center;">11</p> <p>4:30 pm - Archery Practice</p> <p>6:30 pm - Asian Night</p> <p>7:30 pm - Alle Psallite</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">12</p> <p>7 pm - Newcomer's Meeting</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">13</p> <p>7 pm - Weaving Night</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">14</p> <p>6 pm - Rapier Practice</p> <p>6 pm - Heavy Weapons Practice</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">15</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">16</p> <p>Chalice of the Sun Gods III</p> <p>Tourney of the Diamonds</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">17</p> <p>Noon - Outdoor Heavy Weapons Practice</p> <p>2 pm - Outdoor Rapier Fighter Practice</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">18</p> <p>4:30 pm - Archery Practice</p> <p>7:30 pm - Alle Psallite</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">19</p> <p>7:30 pm - Harp and Drum</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">20</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">21</p> <p>6 pm - Rapier Practice</p> <p>6 pm - Heavy Weapons Practice</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">22</p> <p>7:30 pm - Stierbach/Ponte Alto Bardic Circle</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">23</p> <p>Celtic Cattle Raids 4</p> <p>Siege of Glengary</p> <p>Masters of Defense/Baronial Birthday</p> <p>Marinus' Baronial Birthday</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">24</p> <p>Noon - Outdoor Heavy Weapons Practice</p> <p>2 pm - Outdoor Rapier Fighter Practice</p> <p>6 pm - Business Meeting</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">25</p> <p>4:30 pm - Archery Practice</p> <p>7:30 pm - Alle Psallite</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">26</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">27</p> <p>7 pm - Weaving Night</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">28</p> <p>6 pm - Rapier Practice</p> <p>6 pm - Heavy Weapons Practice</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">29</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">30</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">October 1</p> <p>Noon - Ladies Instructional Heavy Weapons Practice</p> <p>Noon - Outdoor Heavy Weapons Practice</p> <p>2 pm - Outdoor Rapier Fighter Practice</p>

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4:30 pm - Archery Practice	7 pm - Scriptorium		6 pm - Rapier Practice 6 pm - Heavy Weapons Practice		Kingdom Crusades	Noon - Outdoor Heavy Weapons Practice 2 pm - Outdoor Rapier Fighter Practice



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Upcoming Events

Baronial Progress

Date	Event
September 15-17	Chalice of the Sun Gods III
September 23	Masters of Defense/Baronial Birthday

August 2006

Date	Event	Group	Location
19	History of the W.O.P.P.....Part I	St. Georges	Pickens, SC
25-27	Harvest Moon	Black Diamond	Blacksburg, VA
26	Storvik Post Pensic Revel	Storvik	Adelphi, MD
26	Flight of the Falcon II	Aire Faucon	Bostic, NC



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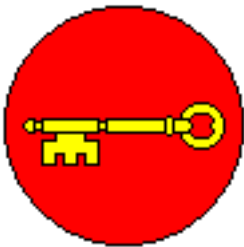
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Meeting Minutes - August 27, 2006

Held at the Education Building of St. Paul's Lutheran Church
28 Attendees
Meeting Start Time: 6:00 pm

Officer Reports

Seneschal: Lady Katharine Devereaux

- Officers, please copy Katharine on any reports to superiors

Exchequer: Lady Millicent Chandler

- Current balance is \$6128.76 in our account, general fund \$3928.04
- Pennsic Land Team decided against getting Pennsic storage unit
- New financial policy changes reviewed and passed - once published in the Il Tempo, this will become the new policy

Heavy Marshal: Lord Duncan the Elder

- Application for Lemon Road site submitted, no confirmation yet
- New novice fighters working to authorize soon
- Working with Roland to schedule a local Marshal 101 class soon

Rapier Marshal: Lord Geoffrey ap Clywd

- Ponte Alto had a good turnout for Pennsic
- 9/7/06 - indoor practice resumes
- Lord Connor Sinclair will be soon be stepping up as Kindgom Cut and Thrust Deputy Marshal

Archery Marshal: Lord Miles de Lochwode

- Lots of archers shot war points at Pennsic
- Two barony members took the archery marshal class, hopefully we'll have one new archer marshal at Chalice (Brigid) and another at Crusades (RJ)
- Chalice shoot coming along

A&S: Lady Renata von Hentzau

- Pennsic - good turnout at A&S - Greta, Belphebe, and Millicent displayed works
- Pearl for Katharine Devereaux
- Domesday book project still planned
- Bright Hills has a binder to save documentation from Bright Hills projects - Renata would like to do this for Ponte Alto, possibly on the web as well.
- Lady Celia of Rosedale has officialy stepped down as deputy; Lady Delphina the Mad is still a deputy
- Chalice coming up - still looking for judges
- Known World Bardic and Cooks Collegium in Ontario soon
- Perronelle planning cordial making workshop in October - Jonah will be teaching, trying to get George to come - details forthcoming, bring bottles and alcohol
- A&S night, possibly Friday after Chalice, location TBD
- Pennsic Choir happened, with many Pontoons participating
- Alle Psallite resumes Labor Day Monday

Chatelaine: Lady Marsaili Johnston of Lockwood Moss

- B&B hosting next Newcomer's Meeting on Tuesday 9/12/06
- Kingdom Chatelaine is working on standard contact brochure/language - January 2007
- Reminder that the Seneschal must approve all demos

Herald: Lord Séamus Ó Maoil Riain

- Pennsic court report turned in
- Badge resubmission should have results from kingdom in September

MOL: Lady Delphina the Mad

- Nothing to report

Chroniclers: Lady Courtney de Houghton and Lord Connor Sinclair

- The Il Tempo won the Society-wide William Blackfox award for the best online layout and design of a newsletter, and our Chronicler is working on getting joint credit for our Web Minister as well

Web Minister: Lady Cassandra Arabella Giordani

- Not intending to step down anytime soon, but looking for a deputy and potential successor. HTML skills required, knowledge or willingness to learn other skills (PHP, MySQL) a plus.

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

- Pennsic - THANKS FOR COMING!! So many compliments about everyone's work at Pennsic
Katharine got her Pearl, and her Garland, Geoffrey got his Garland, Brigid and Jurgen got Ponte d'Argentos
- Chalice - come challenge the Champions!
- B&B Progress: Chalice, possibly Masters of Defense, not able to attend Coronation or Kingdom Crusades
- Fighting with Windmasters' Hill at the War of the Wings event - something for everyone - 10/21 - come on out and lend your support
- Send in recommendations!

Warlord: Lord Connor Sinclair

- Pennsic - we did really well - Ponte Alto fielded 17 people in the Field Battle, worked well as a unit, and was noticed
- Thanks to Mathieu, Thomas, Jonah and Guy for their help leading the Pennsic troops
- Crusades needs heavy fighters to battle the East - Connor would like to get in a melee practice before Crusades

Archery Champion: Lord Miles de Lochwode

- New champion to be selected at Chalice - bring your bows!
- Lochmere Arrow event against the War of the Wings, so may be light on archers at War of the Wings
- Baronial Champions team expected to compete at Chalice

Artisan: Lady Millicent Chandler

- Challenged Her Excellency for A&S at Chalice

Events

Pennsic: 2006

Lord Miles de Lochwode, land agent

- Storage space near Pennsic didn't happen - need more thought about making sure things are clean before storing them
- Lots of good Land Grab help and breakdown help - best breakdown ever
- \$133 left from camp fund that should start a camp fund for next year - Barony approved a Pennsic camp fund
- Need a new Land Agent for next year's Baronial Encampment
- Looking to stay on N31, as there are proposed changes to level the block better

Chalice: September 2006

Lady Katharine Devereaux, autocrat

- Their Excellencies will be selecting a new Baronial Archer and restoring the Baronial Brewer position
- Their Highnesses have been invited
- Need help - Waterbearing, setup, cleanup and troll - Miles has water for water bearing

Day at the Races III: November 2006

Anne of Carthew, autocrat

- Flyer being entered
- Will start recruiting help after Chalice
- B&B got prizes at Pennsic
- Need to work out logistics for races to get info on the web site
- Need Silent Auction coordinator

Tournament of Love and Beauty: February 2007

Autocrat: Lady Courtney of Houghton

- Checking on site
- Plan to present budget next month, will have pre-reg discount
- Gruffudd cooking feast for 100
- Their Highnesses looking forward to coming, and they are hoping to make it

Bloodbath: March 2007

Autocrat: TBD?

- In search of an autocrat for Bloodbath - Sir Thomas and Lord Mathieu volunteered

Crown: May 2007

Autocrat: Iustinos/Marcellus

- Still haven't heard back from the site on availability
- Bids due October 1

Old Business

- Have reserved the usual room for the next year of business meetings on 4th Sundays - if the room is changed, notice will be sent prior to the meeting
- Need to put 2nd coat of paint on list fences, and add Ponte Alto bridge "marker" on fence - 5 corner posts needed primer
Saturday September 9 - Anne and Tirloch's house, bring paint brushes - Anne will send out details (directions, time, etc.) to the list

New Business

- Once heraldry is passed on baronial awards, B&B would like to locally cast pewter tokens for these awards - Luce will help with pewter casting source. This will also ease the burden on the scroll backlog for scribes!

Announcements

- Countess Denise would like to thank everyone for helping out with the Children's Fete - Ponte Alto fielded the largest number of volunteers at the Fete. Vivant Pontoons!
- Sir Thomas congratulated Lord Connor for leading the fighting unit at Pennsic and being organized - we had a good unit out there this year

Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:05 pm.



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Baronial Officer Openings

There are several openings available for Baronial officer and deputy positions. Enthusiastic newcomers looking to get more involved in the day-to-day workings of the Barony are encouraged to apply!

Minister of Minors: Potential candidates should contact the [Baronial Seneschal](#) for more information or to apply.

Deputy Web Minister: Lady Cassandra is not intending to step down anytime soon, but she would like to bring on a deputy as a potential successor to the office. Please contact the [Baronial Web Minister](#) for more information or to apply.

Ponte Alto Directory

Lady Perronelle volunteered to coordinate a hard copy directory for Pontoons to use to stay in touch. If you would like to be included (only people included in the directory will be allowed to get a copy), please [download the form \(MS Word\)](#)

(http://pontealto.atlantia.sca.org/ponte_alto_directory_form.doc) , fill it out, and email or snail mail it to Lady Perronelle la peintre (***dwatsonirwin AT cox.net***, (703) 455-0298 (H)). Or use the [online directory form](#) (<http://pontealto.atlantia.sca.org/directory.php>) to submit your information via email. The first printing of the directory was at the Day at the Races event in November 2005, and copies are \$2.50 each.

Historical Event Matrix

Since the historically traditional event weekends for northern Atlantian groups have been under heavy discussion lately, Mistress Anne of Carthew put together an [event matrix \(PDF\)](#) (http://pontealto.atlantia.sca.org/group_event_history_summary.pdf) showing which northern Atlantian groups hosted events which weekends from 1998 through 2005.

News

Pennsic

Pennsic War was a great event for Ponte Alto! The Ponte Alto warband made quite a showing on the field, with 17 heavy fighters at the Field Battle working well together as a unit.

In addition to fighting, there were many participants in the Arts and Sciences, including several folks who displayed works at the A&S display and many members of the Pennsic Choir.

At Ponte Alto Baronial Court, Their Excellencies honored the following deserving Pontoons:

- Lady Brigid O'Hara and Lord Jürgen van der Vols were awarded the Ponte d'Argento for their various A&S contributions to the Barony
- Lord Geoffrey Clwyd and Lady Katharine Devereaux were inducted into the Order of the Garland for their many years of service to Ponte Alto

Lady Katharine was later inducted into the Order of the Pearl at Atlantian Court by Their Majesties.

And Lady Courtney de Houghton and Signora Cassandra Arabella Giordani share credit for the Society Master William Blackfox award for best layout for an online newsletter for their work on Il Tempo.

Vivant for all Pontoon awardees!

Stierbach Baronial Birthday

Many Pontoons came out to celebrate the birthday of our neighboring Barony of Stierbach. There were several authorizations, including Ruth and Lord Alaric the Mad in sword and shield, Brigid Ohara and Lady Katherina von Bayern in siege, and Helena in rapier, both light and heavy.

Vivant for the new members of our growing army!

Their Majesties were in attendance, and graciously bestowed well earned awards on members of our populace:

- Damian Cray was awarded the Hippocampus
- Brigid Ohara was awarded arms
- Flora de Bayeaux was awarded arms
- Lady Ana Beig de Rosslyn was awarded the Coral Branch for her costuming, bardic and poetic skills

Vivant for Damian, Lady Flora, Lady Brigid, and Lady Ana!

Storvik Novice Tourney

Several Pontoons were authorized at Storvik's Novice Tourney:

Matthew Dredge authorized in sword and shield

Lady Cassandra Arabella Giordani authorized in combat archery

Vivant for the new members of our growing army!



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Thor's Hammer

In Norse mythology, Mjolnir (also commonly spelt Mjollner) is the hammer of Thor, the god of lightning, thunder, wind, and rain.

The origin for the word "Mjolnir" is unknown, though etymological speculation has provided theories for its literal translation. The Icelandic verbs *mölva* (to crush) and *mala* (to grind) have been suggested as possible translations. Another theory suggests that Mjolnir might be related to the Russian word (*molniya*) and the Welsh word *mellt* (both words being translated as "lightning"). This second theory parallels with the idea that Thor, being a god of thunder, therefore might have used lightning as his weapon.

Mjolnir is the most fearsome weapon in the arsenal of the Norse pantheon and is used to slay any challengers to Æsir supremacy. While referred to as a club, an axe, and a hammer, Mjolnir was thought to be capable of toppling giants and entire mountains with a single blow. [2] Legend surrounding the war hammer's origins vary: some relate that 'The Black Elves', or dwarves (that live under the ground where the roots of Yggdrasil being to form, in Svartalfheimr; *svartalf* being a dark elf, or dark elf, or dwarf), Sindri and Brokk made it at the behest of the calculating Loki; other tales contend that it descended to earth as a meteorite. Consequently, many Norse pagans believed that lightning strikes were a manifestation of Mjolnir on earth.

In keeping with Norse pre-Christian traditions, Mjolnir symbolizes regeneration, and not merely destruction. Viking brutality unleashed over several centuries demonstrated that these concepts were closely interwoven; Medieval Viking life hinged on fomenting mayhem. As for Norse myth, evocative allusions depict Mjolnir strengthening both male virility and female fertility. As the Norse gods were often only as powerful as the tools and weapons they possessed, Mjolnir is a pivotal archetype for the survival and perpetuation of the Norsemen and their customs. In its mythic context, one can conclude that without Mjolnir, Thor's ability to maintain the cosmic equilibrium would be imperiled by giants, the sea-dwelling world serpent, and possibly, even reckless gods.

Mjolnir is often represented with a bent handle (see the myth below). The rune *Tiwaz*, usually thought to be a symbol of the god Tyr, is thought by some to represent Thor's hammer. Mjolnir may also mean fertility, the phallus that impregnates the earth.



Sometimes Thor's Hammer is like a "boomerang". Usually, it is used as normal warhammer. There may be a connection between Thor's throwing hammer and the francisca throwing axes of the Franks.

The most popular version of the creation of Mjollnir myth, found in the poem Skáldskaparmál from Snorri's Edda, is as follows. In one story Loki ends up to the dwarves called the sons of Ivaldi (or Ovaldi's sons) that create precious items for the gods: Odin's spear Gungnir, and Frey's foldable boat Skidbladnir. Then Loki bets his head that Sindri (or Eitri) and his brother Brokk would never succeed in making items more beautiful than those of Ivaldi's sons. The bet is accepted and the two brothers begin working. Thus Eitri puts a pig's skin in the forge and tells his brother (Brokk) never to stop blowing until he comes and takes out what he put in. A fly comes and bites Brokk on the arm but he continued to blow. Then Eitri takes out Gullinbursti which is Frey's boar with shining bristles. Then Eitri puts some gold in the furnace and gives Brokk the same order. A fly comes and bites Brokk's neck twice as hard. But as before nothing happened and Eitri took out Draupnir, Odin's ring, having duplicates falling from itself every ninth night. Then Eitri puts Iron in the forge and tells Brokk to never stop blowing. Another fly comes and bites Brokk on the eyelid much harder than before and the blood made him stop blowing for a short while. When Eitri came it took out Mjollnir, but the handle was a bit short (making it one handed) and also the handle was not perpendicular to the head-piece. Yet Eitri and Brokk won the bet which was Loki's head, but the bet could not be honoured since they needed to cut the neck as well which was not part of the deal. So Brokk sewed Loki's mouth to teach him a lesson. The fly that kept pestering Brokk was supposedly Loki trying to make sure the two brothers lose the bet.

While Thor possessed a formidable chariot, belt, and iron gloves used to lift Mjollnir, Mjollnir is the focal point of many of Thor's adventures.

This is clearly illustrated in a poem found in Snorri's Edda titled Trymskvida, perhaps the most humorous of Thor's trials. The myth relates that the giant, Thrym, steals Mjollnir from Thor and then demands fair goddess Freya in exchange. Loki, the god notorious for his duplicity, conspires with the other Æsir to recover Mjollnir by disguising Thor as Freya and presenting him as the "goddess" to Thrym. At a banquet Thrym holds in honor of the impending union, the dim-witted Thrym takes the bait marvellously. Unable to contain his passion for his new maiden with long, blond locks (and broad shoulders), as Thrym approaches the bride by placing Mjollnir on "her" lap, Thor rips off his disguise and destroys Thrym and his giant cohorts.

Snorri's Edda gives a detailed description of Mjollnir's special qualities:

"...He (Thor) would be able to strike as firmly as he wanted, whatever his aim, and the hammer would never fail, and if he threw it at something, it would never miss and never fly so far from his hand that it would not find its way back, and when he wanted, it would be so small that it could be carried inside his tunic.

Myths, artifacts, and institutions revolving around Thor indicate his prominent place in the mind of medieval Scandinavians. His following ranged in influence, but the Viking warrior aristocracy were particularly inspired by Thor's ferocity in battle. In the medieval legal

arena, according to the late Joseph Campbell, "(a)t the Icelandic Things (court assemblies) the god invoked in the testimony of oaths, as 'the Almighty God,' was Thor."

Emblematic of their devotion were the appearance of miniature replicas of Mjolnir. Widely popular in Scandinavia, they were used in Blóts and other sacral ceremonies, such as weddings. Many of these replicas were also found in graves and tended to be furnished with a loop, allowing them to be worn. They were most widely discovered in areas with a strong Christian influence including southern Norway, south-eastern Sweden, and Denmark. [5] By the late 10th century, increased uniformity in Mjolnir's design over previous centuries suggest it functioned as a popular accessory worn in defiance of the Christian cross – even while sometimes being worn alongside it. This may be part of why wearing the cross upside down is considered defiant.

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Image from [Nordisk familjebok](#) picturing a Thor's hammer in gold plated silver. Source: Nordisk familjebok (1913) vol.18 p.716.



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Greetings to all who read these words,

The Financial Policy for the Barony of Ponte Alto has received approval from both the Barony's Financial Committee and the Kingdom Exchequer. The new policy is now in effect. Please note that from this moment forward, all Ponte Alto event stewards are required to present an itemized event budget before any event expenditures are made and before the event flyer is published. Please also note that event-related receipts and requests for reimbursement must be received within five business days after the event. If possible, please bring those receipts and requests to the event. Provided the paperwork is in order, I will happily cut reimbursement checks onsite.

If you have questions about the Baronial books, financial policy, the office of chancellor of the exchequer, or where to find a really good deal on wool, do not hesitate to ask.

Yours in Service,

Lady Millicent Chandler
Baronial Exchequer



The Barony of Ponte Alto Financial Policy

1. Ponte Alto Financial Policy

- a. Ponte Alto Financial Policy shall be accepted by a majority vote of the populace of the group and replace all previous financial policies and may be amended or replaced by a majority vote of the group.
- b. Ponte Alto Financial Policy shall be reviewed yearly.
- c. Ponte Alto Financial Policy is superseded by: Kingdom Exchequer Policy, Kingdom Law, Kingdom Financial Policy, Society Exchequer Policy, Corpora, State, and Federal Law.

2. Financial Committee

a. **The Financial Committee**

- i. Defined as all paid members of the Society of Creative Anachronism, Inc, who attend the Barony of Ponte Alto business meeting.
- ii. At business meetings all financial needs will be brought to the Financial Committee for voting purposes. A majority vote will allow the money to be spent. In the event of a tie, the vote shall be moved to the Emergency Financial Committee. The Financial Committee may allocate money only up to the amount that is currently in the General Fund and no greater.
- iii. A roster of paid members shall be kept by the Exchequer.

b. **The Emergency Financial Committee**

- i. Emergencies are defined as money that needs to be spent before the next business meeting.
- ii. This Committee shall consist of the Exchequer, the Seneschal, and a third officer whose position rotates on an annual basis each January. The rotation shall be Knight Marshal, Minister of Arts and Sciences, Chatelaine, Herald, Minister of the Lists, Chronicler, and Web Minister. Each member of the Emergency Financial Committee must be a paid member of the Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc, be at least 18 years of age, and possess a valid warrant for their office.
- iii. Members of the Emergency Financial Committee shall have one vote. Should a member recuse himself/herself from a vote in which there is a conflict of interest or appearance of impropriety, the Deputy Exchequer shall cast the third vote.
- iv. Spending approval is permitted up to \$1000 unless the spending is for a site fee. Spending approval is permitted up to \$2000 for a site fee.
- v. This meeting of this Emergency Financial Committee may be in person, over the phone, or via email.

3. The Chancellor of the Exchequer

- a. The Exchequer shall maintain a checking account with appropriate signature cards for the group, file all annual, quarterly and event reports as required by Kingdom and Society law and policy, enforce and maintain the group's financial policy, serve as chairperson of the group's Emergency Financial Committee and hold primary responsibility for coordinating with other members of the Emergency Financial Committee, and communicating the committee's actions with the populace.
- b. The Exchequer shall, upon request, provide access to the group's financial reports and books to any member of the group and shall publish to the group the annual doomsday report in the local newsletter, with a copy sent to the Kingdom Chancellor of the Exchequer.
- c. The Exchequer shall pursue any NSF (non-sufficient funds) checks received by

the group according to the policy outlined in the Chancellor of the Exchequer Local Officer's Reference Handbook.

4. Disbursement of Funds

- a. Signatories on all Baronial accounts shall be the exchequer, deputy exchequer, and seneschal.
- b. Authorization for disbursement of funds.
 - i. For the routine expenses of meeting room rental, storage facility rental, and newsletter publication, disbursement may be authorized by either the seneschal or the exchequer. The exchequer shall report all such expenses at the Barony meeting following their disbursement.
 - ii. For all other expenses, authorization shall require a majority approval by the Financial Committee. Prior to voting, proof of membership will be required for those baronial members wishing to vote at the meeting, this includes the baronial officers and the Baron and Baroness of Ponte Alto. The Exchequer shall verify membership before the vote.

5. Events

- a. The autocrat shall present an itemized budget for an event to the Financial Committee before any expenditure for the event is made and before the event flyer has been published.
 - i. The budget may include provisions to waive gate and feast fees for sitting Monarchs, Their Heirs, and the event's Head Cook.
 - ii. The budget may include provisions to waive gate fees for the event's Autocrat and Head Troll.
- b. The Financial Committee must authorize any itemized expenditure in excess of the approved amount.
- c. Event reservations and check in (troll):
 - i. All checks shall be deposited in a timely manner.
 - ii. No funds shall be removed from the cash box except as change for funds received.
- d. The Exchequer must receive event-related receipts and requests for reimbursement no later than five business days after the event.
- e. Event Refunds shall be provided as follows:
 - i. Feast refund may be provided if the feast spot was resold to another attendee. No refunds shall be provided if the event does not make a profit.
 - ii. The Exchequer must receive refund requests in writing no later than five

business days after the event.

- iii. All refunds shall be paid by check from the group's checking account.
- iv. No refund shall be issued until the event books have been closed and all reservation checks have cleared.
- f. The event financial report shall be presented to the populace at the first regular business meeting of the group after the event books have been closed.
- g. Any photocopies of checks shall be shredded by the Exchequer after the books have been closed.

6. Special Funds

- a. Any funds raised for a specific purpose will be maintained as separately allocated for a period of one year. After this time, if they have not been spent, they will be transferred to general funds. These funds will be maintained within the baronial checking account.
- b. The Exchequer must receive special fund-related receipts and requests for reimbursement within sixty days of purchase.