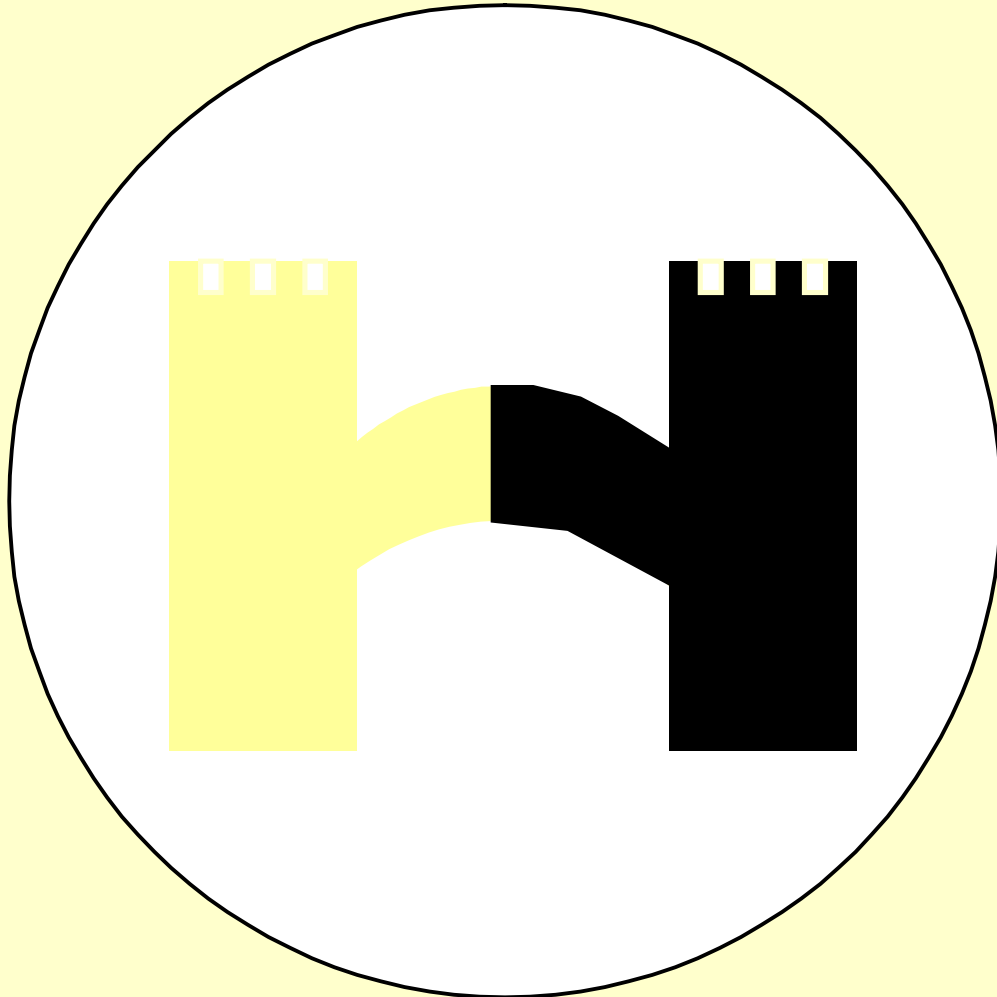


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Chronicler

Greetings Ponte Alto,

This month I missed the Barony meeting due to work. It has been requiring more and more time from me. The minutes from this month's Baronial Business Meeting are as translated from Baroness Adina's notes. If there are mistakes that need changing please post an email to me mariatheresapontoon@yahoo.com and I will make sure an update is posted in the next issue of the Il Tempo. My apology for missing this months Barony meeting; my thanks to Baroness Adina for assisting with this.

Sincerely,

Baroness Marie-Thérèse Normand
Chronicler

From the Kingdom Webminister

At Crown Tournament, Their Majesties Michael and Seonaid held a Curia before the Tourney. They announced a proposed change to Law regarding Symbols of Rank and stated that it would be available online for review and commentary.

I am pleased to announce that the proposed Policy changes and a Frequently Asked Questions document which was distributed along with them are now available at <http://atlantia.sca.org/rank.php>. This document is also linked from the announcements section of the Atlantian front page.

Your feedback on these proposed changes is welcomed and should be sent to feedback@atlantia.sca.org. All feedback will be considered and could affect the final version that is implemented as Kingdom Law.

Talorgen
Kingdom Web Minister

(From Baron Talorgen's e-mail of May 9, 2011; edited for this newsletter)

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April/May 2011						
Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun
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Baronial Progress for April/May

Date	Event	Baron and/or Baroness
7-9 May	Crown Tournament	Baron & Baroness
27-30 May	Sapphire Joust.	Baron & Baroness

Weekly Events

SUNDAY	
Ponte Alto Baronial Business Meeting	Fourth Sunday of the month at 6:00 p.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 7426 Idylwood Rd, Falls Church. Directions: Take your best route to I-66. Get off at the exit for Route 7 West (Tysons Corner). Turn left at the first light after the interchange onto Idylwood Rd. Go ¼ mile; the church is up the hill on the right.
Outdoor Heavy Weapons and Rapier Practice	Weather permitting, 12:00 noon until dark, outdoors at Tysons-Pimmit Park, behind Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library, 7584 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. Contact the Baronial Knight Marshal for information (see Regnum). Directions: Take your best route to I-495. Get off at the exit for Route 7 East (Falls Church). Go about 1 mile; the library is on the left. Park in the library lot and walk down the hill to the park.
MONDAY	
Ponte Alto/Stierbach Archery Practice	Every Monday, 4:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Contact the Archery Marshal at archery AT pontealto.atlantia.sca.org for further details.
TUESDAY	
Ponte Alto Scriptorium	Meets the first and third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Contact Lady Brigid O'Hara (mill3rs AT yahoo. com, (703) 409-0780 (c)) for information and directions.
Alle Psallite (Vocal Music)	Every Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in Herndon. Contact Mistress Anne of Carthew (anne AT ravenstreet.org) for more information or directions. Music files can be found at http://www.ravenstreet.org/Anne/alle_psallite/alle_psallite.htm and on the Yahoo Group AllePsallite.
WEDNESDAY	
Arts & Sciences Weaving Night	Weaving night is on the second Wednesday of the month at the home of Lord Jürgen Göttsfürböter. Contact him at jcfrench AT mac.com for more information and directions.
Armoring	Armoring night is on the fourth Wednesday of the month at the home of Lord Jürgen Göttsfürböter. For more information and/or directions, contact him at jcfrench AT mac.com.
THURSDAY	
Rapier Practice	Every Thursday, outdoors at Tysons-Pimmit Park, behind Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library, 7584 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.. Contact the Baronial Rapier Marshal for more information. Directions: Take your best route to I-495. Get off at the exit for Route 7 East (Falls Church). Go about 1 mile; the library is on the left. Park in the library lot and walk down the hill to the park.
Heavy Weapons Practice	Weather permitting, outdoors at Tysons-Pimmit Park, behind Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library, 7584 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Practice is geared to developing beginning and intermediate fighters through intensive hands on training with experienced instructors, as well as providing ample opportunity for more advanced fighters to spar with knight-level combatants. All are welcome. Contact the Baronial Knight Marshal for more information (see Regnum). Directions: Take your best route to I-495. Get off at the exit for Route 7 East (Falls Church). Go about 1 mile; the library is on the left. Park in the library lot and walk down the hill to the park.
MONTHLY	
SCA Newcomer Meetings	Newcomer Meetings are held once a month from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the home of various members of the Barony. Contact the Baronial Chatelaine for information, or check out the Events/Activities page on the website for the most recent information.

***Note on school locations for activities:** There will be no activities at schools during school holidays or on other days when Fairfax County schools are closed or all nighttime school recreational activities are cancelled. Notification of cancellation or alternate site location will be posted on the web as soon as possible. You can visit the Fairfax County Public Schools Emergency Announcement page for school closure status: <http://fcps.edu/news/emerg.htm>

Baronial Business Meeting Minutes

May 1, 2011 — 6:00 p.m.

OFFICER'S REPORTS

Seneschal - Baron Marcellus Capozziello da Napoli

There will be many Curias during this reign. At Crown, reports and sumptuary laws will be discussed. The next Curia will be at Sapphire.

Exchequer - Baroness Celia of Rosedale

In the bank: \$12,133.97. Profit from Investiture \$347.93. Profit from St Paddy's Day Blood Bath \$59.50. The Quarterly report has not been filed yet, but an extension was asked for and granted. It will be filed soon.

Knight Marshal - Charles the Bull, not in attendance.

Rapier Marshal - Lord Geoffrey ap Clywd,

As usual fighting continues with a large growing practice.

Archery Marshal - Lord Miles de Locwode, not in attendance.

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

Chatelaine - Baroness Emma West,

Fourteen to sixteen newcomers were in attendance, and two of them were new members. The next Newcomers Meeting is at Conner's house. There have been two Cub Scout Demo requests one for Rapier on the 1st Friday in April and the second on 28th of June.

Herald - Lady Sian verch Gwilim ap Lewelin,

Quiet.

Chamberlain - Lady Sian verch Gwilim ap Lewelin,

The Chamberlain is stepping down and Sofia (Liz) is stepping up to this position.

Chronicler - Baroness Marie-Therese Normand, not in attendance

She is looking for a Kingdom Database for folks who have signed a picture waivers to build an archive of usable pictures for further issues of the *Il Tempo* and other newsletters.

Web Minister - Giovanna Rossellini di Firenze.

Giovanna's served as Web Minister for 2 years and her warrant is up at the end of May, she would love to continue in the position but opens the office up for discussion and interested parties.

BARONIAL NOTABLES

Warlord - Lucas von Aych, not in attendance.

Heavy Champion - Lucas von Aych, not in attendance.

Rapier Champion - Lady Caitilín Inghean Fheichín,

Archery Champion - Naren Numuchi, not in attendance.

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

Bardic Champion - Celia of Rosedale,

Nothing to report.

Brewing Champion - Henry West,

Brewing class in May, date TBD.

BARON AND BARONESS

B&B have been to Sacred Stone Baronial Birthday, The Tourney of the Golden Rose where Cunian won a banner. The Baroness has the Pearl Promenade Passports. Baron Drogo encouraged everyone to register their tents for Sapphire Joust. Also it was reported that the Baronial Day Shade would be at Crown.

EVENT

Kingdom Archery Championship –

Need stamps for Kingdom archery for the passports. Also Volunteers were called for. Brenainn would be running lunch as part of the site fee.

Pennsic –

Naren still can't get onto the Pennsic website. Pre-registration deadlines for Pennsic are to be mailed in by May 15 and electrically submitted by June 15. Baronial court will happen; Baron and Baroness will set a date. The Brewing Champion will be decided at this time.

Chalice of the Sun God –

Sent in site request.

Ponte Alto 20 Year (2012). –

No martial activities at Kena Temple. No outdoor activities. No other site in the hopper. May have lost the site due to a change in the management. Still trying to reach past B&B's for event. Working on how to display largess of Barony-Achievements, Awards. Cook is lined up (Elizabeth) and the theme will be 15th century. Do we want to do A&S and possible merchanting. Bardic (Black & Gold/Bridges/Italian)

Bloodbath-

nothing to report

OLD BUSINESS

Coronets - still no information on the coronet project.

Plastic bins – no new information

Unevent – Possible Kingdom level event for us.

NEW BUSINESS

Look to invite new heirs 20 Year; if we use Kena Temple, it would house space for a peerage vigil and elevation.

Looking for a new Chamberlain and Liz volunteered.

Also looking for a Deputy Exchequer to support Dan when he steps up.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Beverages are in the works for Highland River Melees.

Meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

14 people were in attendance.

News/Announcements

Newcomers' Meeting

Greetings

May's Newcomers Meeting will be hosted by Lady Courtney and Lord Conner on Friday, May 13th starting at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome, and feel free to bring any projects you might be working on. They do have a couple of cats so if you are allergic please medicate. Parking is restricted to visitor spaces only.

Their address is:
11639 Newbridge Court
Reston, VA 20191

If you get lost you can call them at 703-391-5929 or contact me on my cell at 301-943-2469.

I hope to see you all there.

Baroness Emma West
Chatelaine of Ponte Alto

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



Sapphire Camping

If you have officially registered for Sapphire Joust and are planning to camp with Ponte Alto, please head over to <http://pontalto.atlantia.sca.org/sapphire/notify.php> and fill out the form to add yourself to our database. Please do this even if you had already filled it out for 2011... due to some technical requirements, it was necessary that I reset the tables today.

Also, please note the addition of a field to specify what dish you will be bringing for the potluck. This is not a required field, so if you aren't attending the potluck, you can say so, or you can just leave it blank. This will help Drogo create a list of what we have for the potluck.

I apologize for any inconvenience caused by resetting the tables, but it is a pretty quick process to fill out and submit the form again.

Giovanna Rossellini da Firenze
Ponte Alto Webminister
Atlantia Deputy Webminister

(From Giovanna's e-mail May 5, 2011; edited for this newsletter)



Scriptorium

Greetings to all,

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

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

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

Directions:

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

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

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

Go 2 miles and take a right onto Bronzedale Dr.

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

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

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

Hope to see you all there!

Brigid O'Hara/(Karen Miller)

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



From the Kingdom Webminister

I am seeking anyone who is interested in helping out, and will find a way to put your skills to use whether it be on a short term project basis or a longer-term deputy officer role. I am particularly seeking people with skills in Graphics Design, Web Design, Web Coding, Content Management, IT Security, Relational Databases, PHP, and Email Management. Content Editing and Usability Testing are also valuable skills which don't happen to be on my current critical path at the moment. If you can do any of these and are interested in helping out, please send me your name, email address, and a list of your skills and interests. You don't need to be willing to take on an office for the long term, or able to do all of the work to get any of the projects to fruition. If there are particular projects which you are particularly interested in helping with, please let me know that as well.

There is now a mailing list that is being used to discuss projects and proposals for the Web Minister's Office. If you are interested in contributing, you can subscribe by visiting:

<http://seahorse.atlantia.sca.org/listinfo.cgi/webprojects-atlantia.sca.org>

Thanks!

Talorgen Hersir (Baron) nepos Wrguist (Randy Dees)
Clan Roanwoulfe

(From Talorgen Hersir's e-mail of April 26, 2011; edited for this newsletter)



Baronial Webminister

My two-year warrant as Ponte Alto Webminister will be expiring this month. I would personally love to continue in the position; however, I want to make sure that others with interest also have a chance to volunteer. If there is anyone who wants a turn at administering our website, please send me an email so we can go over stuff. I can also meet with anyone interested at the next business meeting. I will stay on as a deputy for anyone who wants to take over as Webminister, both to assist and to continue with the projects I have planned.

Alternately, if anyone is interested in assisting with webministry, but isn't ready to jump in and take over, let me know and I will add you as a deputy. If there is nobody else wanting to take over, I will be applying for another two-year warrant.

Giovanna Rossellini da Firenze
Ponte Alto Webminister

(From Giovanna's e-mail of May 3, 2011; edited for this newsletter)



Cub Scout Demo

Is anyone available to help with a demo on June 28th? The Cub Scouts are running a day camp and were wondering if we could teach them about "Medieval stuff". The camp runs from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the McLean Skate Center. Our portion would last about 30 minutes to an hour. If you're available, come help show the kids what the SCA means and how much fun we have!!

Baroness Emma West
Chatelaine of Ponte Alto

(From Baroness Emma's e-mail of April 28, 2011; edited for this newsletter)

Rumor Has It....

That the Brewing Barons and Baroness of Ponte Alto, Highland Foorde, and Storvick are about to hold The First Annual Baronial Brewers Smack Talk and Inter-Baronial Smack Down at Highland River Melees.

Here's what they've posted so far....

Alas that it should be so, but his most bibulous Excellency of Highland Foorde fears his brewing skills might not match up to the standards in northern Atlantia these days, though he claims to keep his populace content enough, in those far Highland reaches. It may be that their esteem of him is such, their care for their Baron so great, or his brew-testing so frequent, that he is not aware that they travel to the marketplaces to find beer...

YIS to the honor of Good Brew,
Baroness Sorcha

(From an email published to the Merry Rose on Thursday, March 24, 2011)

My Dearest Cousins,

While the good Baron Siegfried is correct in his observation that the Baroness Sorcha and I are brewers of some skill, I must take umbrage with the suggestion that our brewing is of such low standards as to require us to besmirch his reputation to bolster our own beverages.

Indeed, it is well known throughout the land that the various fermentations produced by My Barony constitute "Another Fine Product of Ponte Alto" and, as the name indicates, it is an excellent product of superior quality. It is no surprise that "others" might spread such rumors to enhance their position, but our "Fine Products" speak for themselves. It is also a well known fact that arid locations and ships bilges are poor locations for fine libations.

Most respectfully, with mead in hand,

Barone Drogo deDragonera
Brewer and Baron of Ponte Alto

(From an email published to the Merry Rose on Thursday, March 26, 2011)

Hmmmm, that's right, new Brewer Baron in Ponte Alto...Hey Storvik, shall we go a-viking?

The Norse were ever practical people. I suppose (sigh) we should send spies first and see if it's worth sending the ships out...now who'd volunteer to go check out their beer/mead?

Baroness Sorcha, who started a whiskey barrel stout yesterday and two new batches of mead last week

(From an email published to the Merry Rose on Thursday, March 26, 2011)

Good Baronage,

Still your righteous pride and let there be peace between your lands once more. Such discord is not good for Atlantia, nor is it fitting for the King's representatives to conduct themselves so in a public tavern.

Rather, let the matter be decided by members of your choosing at a date and within lands of your neutral cousins. Being a most giving soul (wink), I would happily volunteer my lord, Baron Erwin Bloodax, as a goodly judge to help settle this matter for you, being well-versed in grain beverages (some might say a bit TOO fond of hops, smile). As he is also fond of those who brew, I know he would wish peace between you and yours.

Lest pride and beverage make us forget all good sense and dignity, I beseech you to once again restore harmony between you both.

Mary Isabel of Heatherstone, OL ("Molly")

(From an email published to the Merry Rose on Thursday, March 28, 2011)

Good Cousins,

I believe Baron Sigfried and Mistress Mary Isabel are correct. We should indeed have a competition, and we should have a neutral party to make the decision.

But why limit this to just ourselves.

We should allow Our populace to compete amongst each other as well. This will give us the opportunity to see for ourselves the fruits (and grains) of Our populaces efforts at various fermentation and the best quality... um... taxes for their Majesties.

That is, Baroness Sorcha, if I can ease My guards from high alert on the bridges, watching for ships loaded with Vikings. I already feel that Our "Fine Products of Ponte Alto" need not worry about the hazards of the arid Highlands evaporating our brew.

What say you Cousins?

In service to the Kingdom, Peace and good libations,

Drogo deDragonera
Barone di Ponte Alto

(From an email published to the Merry Rose on Thursday, March 28, 2011)

To my esteemed and worthy Barun Siegfried Sebastian Faust and my most beloved Baroness, Francesca Angelo I recommend me to your good Excellencies and impart news.

Recently a group of fine gentles arrived at our manor claiming to be members of The Atlantian Tribunal of The Holy Office of Brewing Inquisition. And although we were not expecting them...we worried not as the spence and wine cellar were stocked full due to Your most gracious generosity. As theirs was a long and dusty road of travel we bid them take their ease by the fire whilst many fine victuals could be prepared. I bade the servants bring

chilled pitchers of our very fine highland spring water so as to ease their thirst.

Once settled comfortably, the discourse turned from the weather and state of the roads to the reason they were sent. They claimed they had it ...on good authority...that the beverages being brewed here in the Highlands were of poor quality and not fit to be drunk by man nor beast. Needless to say the members of my household were shocked! Even the servants had disbelief on their faces. I sent my castellan in haste to prepare a sampling of Your very fine potables that are housed in our cellars. While waiting for the sampling to be assembled we passed the time in quiet conversation. Many times I carefully tried to inquire as to who had sent them but to no avail. They were plainly dressed in cloth of black with no insignia to declare their loyalties.

In but a short time I was informed that the samplings were ready and we adjourned ourselves to the banquet tables. The gentlemen were most efficient and set themselves to their task at hand. Through each flagon of mead, cider, beer, and wine not one word was uttered. Once finished, the oldest of the men arose signaling to his man at arms. After a whispered conversation, his man left the manor and departed back down the road they had traveled. Apparently I must have looked somewhat alarmed for the gentleman hastily made his way over to me. Please my good lady, he said, do not be uneasy for there is nothing amiss. He then proceeded to tell me that never in his life, which was some 50 years, had he ever tasted such a marvelous assortment of beverages. He sent his man back to the Tribunal to inform them that the information they received must have been fabricated by some malcontents and that there was not a bit of truth to it. He also informed me that after the report was given, his man was to go straightaway to their manor and inform his Lady wife that they should immediately begin packing up the household.

It has been in my mind lately that being of a goodly age I should retire and take my ease he said, and now I think I have located the perfect place to do so. The only thing to make my life complete is if you would share your brewing secrets with me. I told him that although I have a passable hand at brewing, these libations were not of my making, but made by the hand of our dear Baron, Siegfried of Highland Foorde.

As we sat at supper come eventide we spoke of many things such as vacant land, highland cattle and the news of possible war from the east. He had a good laugh when I told him the highland secret that haggis was not meant to be eaten but to be used as a very effective poultice. I did learn that his name was Lord Robert and he was from south of us, where exactly he did not divulge, but he did keep muttering something about bridges and dragons. I could glean no other information from him. As he took his leave the next day he assured me that we would meet again come this fall when his household was settled in.

My good Barun, I know you will welcome him with the same warmth and friendship that you have for all your populace. I pray God keep you in his grace

I remain your ever faithful and obedient servant,

Margaret, Baroness House Sayher

(From an email published to the Merry Rose on Thursday, March 29, 2011)

Baroness Margaret, it is good that you have brought this incident to my attention. I will have to task the Highland Foorde Road Survey Crew to investigate this place of bridges and dragons, to see what else can be determined.

Siegfried

(From an email published to the Merry Rose on Thursday, March 29, 2011)

To my good Cousins Siegfried and Drogo, I give honey-sweet words of greeting.

I will indeed accept your challenge to bring my best brews to be judged fairly and impartially. I shall endeavor to keep my men a-Viking elsewhere in the mean time; I may have to provide them myself with enough that they feel no need to find more to drink, which may curtail somewhat that which I may provide to the judging, but I am not feared; what I bring will be excellent indeed. And do we open this to all populace from our three Baronies?

This decision could become difficult, depending on how our people take the challenge on and how long the judges take to decide. I will recommend my people leave their blood-axes at home. I think we must, in good faith, aid the temper of our people to curb the ardor of this challenge. I call for an Open Bar! Libations to be provided by us and our own folk, of course.

What say you, noble Cousins?

In service to bee and brew,
Baroness Sorcha

(From an email published to the Merry Rose on Thursday, March 29, 2011)

I say that this is a FINE concept cousin, and one in which all the populace will enjoy. I look forward to embracing the beverages, as well as the competition!

In Service,
Siegfried, Baron Highland Foorde

(From an email published to the Merry Rose on Thursday, March 30, 2011)

As has been discussed between their Excellencies of Storvik, Ponte Alto, and myself ...

I now declare that the following three activities take place at the upcoming Highland River Melees:

- 1) A head-to-head-to-head brewing competition between Baroness Sorcha of Storvik, Baron Drogo of Ponte Alto, and myself. To be judged by impartial 3rd hands.
- 2) A Baronial (& Shires) Brewing competition. To showcase the skills of each group, all groups are encouraged to send their brewers & beverages for competition. Final scoring details will be worked out in months to come, but the idea will be to encourage all brewers to participate, and a winning 'Barony/Shire' will be deemed.
- 3) Ah, perhaps the most important. Highland River Melees (a WET camping site), will host an OPEN BAR, with beverages provided by the brewers of Atlantia.

Current plans are to host this bar during both Court & Dinner! So bring your mugs, your tents, and plan on sleeping in the next morning, a strong day of fighting, followed by libations of your choice.

To all brewers of Atlantia, We Three Baronage of Northern Atlantia do entreat you all to come to this Highland River Melees and to bring your craft - Not only for competition, but to share with the populace of Atlantia!

Siegfried, Baron Highland Foorde

(From an email published to the Merry Rose on Thursday, March 30, 2011)

Yea! I'm a Page... Now What?

By Lady Theresa O'Cahir

Now that you've joined the Pages Academy, or if you are still thinking about it, you're probably excited to get started! There are a bunch of things you can do right off the bat—whether you have a Mentor or not.

One of the easiest areas to start with is Service. At events, you can:

- ❖ offer to hand out tokens at Troll;
- ❖ be a runner for the Autocrat, those working Troll, or for the Minister of the Lists;
- ❖ help clean up trash and check to see if garbage cans need to be emptied;
- ❖ assist as a Waterbearer—depending on your age, you may have to do this with a parent or another adult;
- ❖ volunteer as an “extra pair of hands” at Youth Activities; or
- ❖ sit at Gold Key and help the Chatelaine with any newcomers.

You don't have to spend the whole day helping out—most people would be happy for you to help for an hour so they could eat a snack or lunch or take a bathroom break. If you are above the age of 12, you can offer to help out in the kitchen or as a server for feast. Keep in mind that if someone says, “no” to your offer, you shouldn't take it as a rejection. They may already have volunteers or have other reasons for not having you help out.

Another easy way to jumpstart things is through Honor and Courtesy. There are three great articles on the “Information For Pages” page of the Academy website.¹ These give some wonderful tips about how people in the SCA are expected to behave (also known as ‘etiquette’). Some ways you can show honor and courtesy to others include: helping people set up or take down their pavilion/tent/dayshade or offer to do service for an individual (carry something, be an errand runner, etc.). For example, my daughter was standing around after a one-day event; a friend needed to take her trash to the garbage dumpster. She didn't want to leave her dog, but didn't have enough hands to hold the leash. My daughter volunteered to hold the leash and walk with my friend to the dumpster and back. Many of these things are service-oriented; more importantly, it shows kindness to others.

A&S and fighting, are the backbone of SCA activities. If you see someone working on an A&S project, ask them about it. They may not be able to talk right at that moment, but be sure to ask their name and when is a good time to stop back by to talk. If your local group has an A&S Night, Sewing Circle, or other similar event, try to go—it's amazing the things you can learn. I've learned leather working, spinning, nallbinding, kumihimo, finger braiding, just to name a few. And, you can get credit in the Pages Academy for taking these classes! If you are interested in fighting and the martial arts (heavy, rapier, archery, etc.), you can talk with a Knight/Squire/Fighter. Ask them to describe how a Bear Pit Tournament works, or the difference between leather and metal armor. Do a little reading first about the martial art—asking someone to “tell you about Rapier” is too broad a question; they wouldn't know where to start. But, asking an Archer how Combat Archery fits into a War is a better way to go about it. Be aware of something called “time and place”. It's not a good idea to talk to a fighter while they're getting their armor on, or immediately after a bout—they're attention is focused someplace else. Instead, ask “when would be a good time for me to ask you questions”. This way, they can be prepared and focus on you.

One last suggestion: begin thinking about choosing a name and creating a persona! This process is fun, but can be time consuming. There are links from “Information for Pages” to articles that help you begin. Your local group should have a Herald that you can go to for advice. Even if your

parents have already picked a name for you, you can do research and pick your own. I've known plenty of kids who have changed their SCA name and persona as they grew up.

Be sure to take a look at the suggested reading lists in the History section on the "Information For Pages" page.² You should be able to get many of these books through your local library or through an Inter-Library Loan (ask your parents or your Librarian to help you with this). Who knows, someone in your local group may have some of these books that you could borrow (remember to return them in great condition!).

One tip: ask your parents to print out and xerox copies of the "Student Request for Credit for the Atlantian Pages Academy". Carry these around in your pouch, with a pencil, so you can have adults fill them out. If you can't get copies, take a spiral or composition notebook—you know, the ones you buy for school and rarely use. Have the adult you helped or who taught a class make notes, sign and date a page. This way, you have the information you need in order to get credit.

The Dean of the Pages Academy can answer any questions you have and give you more information.⁴ Her contact information is:

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Author's Note: This is the second in a three-part series of articles on the Atlantian Pages Academy. Look for the third article in a future issue of *|| Tempo*.

AFPOPA—Another Fine Product of Ponte Alto

Their Excellencies of Ponte Alto awarded the following individuals for their contributions to the Barony at St Paddy's Day Bloodbath:

- Three Ponte d'Oro's were given out to the same household. They went to Tigernan Mear mac Riatai, Michael of Ponte Alto, and Lady Caitlin Irruis inghean ui Riada
- The Garland was bestowed upon Mistress Cuinan
- And, as reported in last month's *Il Tempo*, Lord Lucas von Aych and Lady Caitilin Inghean Fheichin were names Baronial Champions for Heavy and Rapier, respectively.
- Although Lord Lucas came in third in the Tourney, two knights deferred their awards to him in favor of encouraging the Unbelt community to bring their best efforts to the tourney field.



At Crown Tournament, Lord Lucas von Aych was called to court by Her Majesty in recognition of his skill on the tournament field that day. He was the only Unbelt to share the field near the end of the tourney with Counts and Dukes (he placed 6th in the Tournament!). The queen presented Lord Lucas with a token for the lady that inspired him and complimented him on his skill.

Maestra Cassandra Arabella Giordani turned over her office of Kingdom Web Minister to Baron Talorgen Hersir nepos Wrgist.

Notification per Kingdom Law:

There will be a full Curia at Sapphire Joust on May 29, 2011 at 10:00 am.

Agenda to include:

- Officer Reports
- Committee Reports/Publication
- Law updates/changes
- Symbols of Rank

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Us directly.

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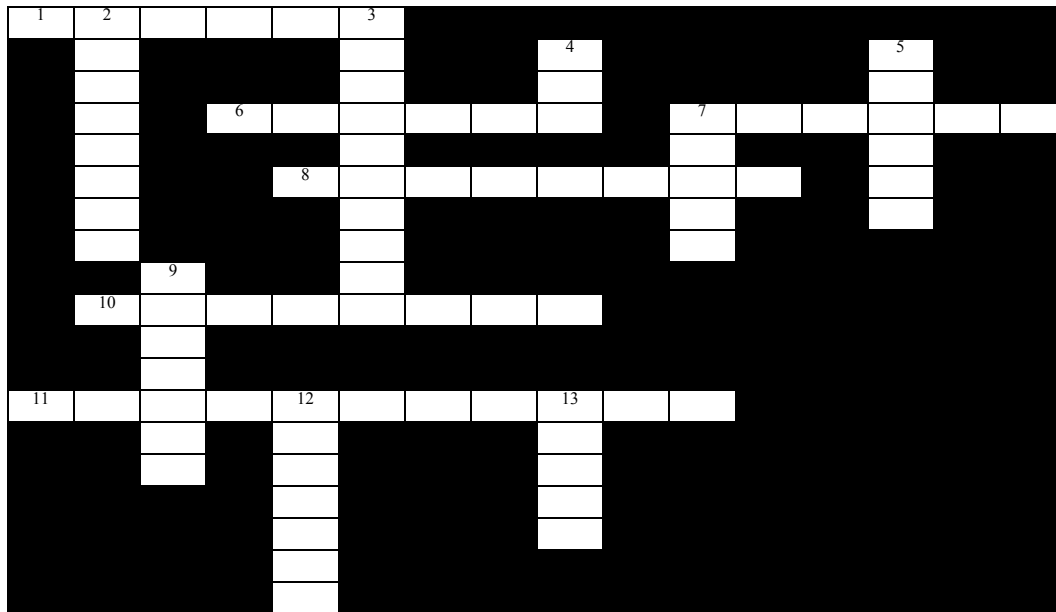
Michael Seonaid

Rex Regina

(From Their Majesties e-mail of April 27, 2011 on the Merry Rose; edited for this newsletter)

Games

Seek and Find



Across

- 1. Keeps the head from contact with the sword
- 6. Neck protector (French)
- 8. Protection worn on both the shoulders and upper part of the arm
- 10. Metal glove
- 7. Shield-A broad piece of armor worn away from the body and usually carried on the left arm as a defense against swords, lances, arrows, etc.
- 11. Chest section for full plate armor

Down

- 2. Small metal protector for the arm joint
- 3. Competition of knights
- 4. Slang for the full assembly of armor
- 5. A piece of armor for the leg that falls between the knee and the ankle
- 9. A belt and straps that hold the SCA fighter's leg armor in place. Sometimes referred to as a leg _____.
- 7. Medieval weapon
- 12. Armor for the foot that can also be called solleret.
- 13. Any covering used as defense against weapons

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