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Chronicler

Greetings Ponte Alto,

This month I want to announce a cover art contest for the *Il Tempo*. It highlights our October event, Chalice of the Sun God: Feast of the Minotaur. Think about a drawing or photograph that you want to submit and create something with the theme in mind. In the meantime, I will continue to create the covers and await submissions to be judged at Chalice during the day at the A&S table. The winner will be announced in court and gets their artwork on the cover of the *Il Tempo*. How's that for recognition!?!

Submission requirements are:

- ❖ 8.5 x 11 inch page width
- ❖ 1-inch margins all around
- ❖ The Title *Il Tempo Newsletter of the Barony of Ponte Alto* must appear on the cover. The disclaimer may be excluded or included. If excluded the disclaimer will appear inside the newsletter.
- ❖ Other than that go to town!!

For examples of past covers go to :

Please remember that submissions must be accompanied by an SCA release form. You can find these forms at I have included the web address for the forms; you can fill them out online and submit it to me via Internet form fills.

Release form for writing or artwork (except photographs):

<http://www.sca.org/docs/pdf/ReleaseCreativeFillable.pdf>

Release form for model (the subject of your artwork or photograph):

<http://www.sca.org/docs/pdf/ReleaseModelFillable.pdf>

Release form for photographs:

<http://www.sca.org/docs/pdf/ReleasePhotographerFillable.pdf>

Have fun with your submissions and remember to fill out a release form to go along with your submission.

Also, thank you to Baroness Adina for the game submission and Theresa for this months editorial and layout ideas. Keep the good ideas coming.

Sincerely,

Baroness Marie-Thérèse Normand
Chronicler

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Calendar

February/March 2011						
Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun
28 4:30 pm - 8:00 pm Ponte Alto/Stierbach Archery Practice	1 7:30pm - 9:00 pm Alle Psallite 7 pm Ponte Alto Scriptorium	2 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm A&S Night	3 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm Indoor Rapier Practice 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm Indoor Heavy Weapons Practice	4	5	6 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm Outdoor Rapier Practice 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm Outdoor Heavy Weapons Practice
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Baronial Progress for February/March

Date	Event	Baron and/or Baroness
March 5	Winter University	
March 12	St Paddy's Day Bloodbath	
March 26	Defending the Gate	

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>

St. Paddy's Day Bloodbath

March 12, 2011

Banners of the North, weep! You shame your noble King with your winter's lethargy. While Atlantia's foes tilt at rings, you have wintered by your hearth growing soft on rude tales and mulled wine. Enough! Arise and shake off the rust of these past frigid months! Sound the battle horn and muster again. Let all the banners of the North fly and fan your hearts to acts worthy of song. The Barony of Ponte Alto is proud to present a day that will be sure to satisfy even the most bloodthirsty fighter. This event is a fighter's dream, featuring our usual bear pit tourney and as many 'pickups' as you can stomach. This is for both light and heavy fighters. We plan to add youth combat to the schedule.

SCHEDULE

9:00 am - Troll Opens
10:00 am - Authorizations Begin
11:00 am - Bear Pit Tourney (Rapier and Heavy)
12:30 pm - Lunch Break
12:30 -1:30 pm - Youth Combat
1:30 pm - Bear Pit Tourney resumes

SITE FEE:

Adult, Member: \$6 Day-Trip
Adult, Non-Member: \$11 Day-Trip
Youth (6- 17): \$4 Day-Trip
Child (0 - 5): Free

SITE: Nottaway Park, 9601 Courthouse Road, Vienna, VA 22181. Site is dry. Pets are permitted on leash. Site is open from 9 a.m. until dusk.

DIRECTIONS: Take your best route to I-66, west of 495 to the Nutley Street exit (Vienna Metro Station). Follow signs to Vienna. Go through three lights and turn left onto Courthouse Road. The park entrance will be about a half mile up on your left. Go into the park past the house on the hill. Fighting field is at the back of the park.

AUTOCRAT: Aine Ingen Comyn (Beth McAllister). Phone: (678) 895-6878, E-mail: Idyaine AT hotmail.com

Checks should be made payable to "Barony of Ponte Alto, SCA Inc."

Please note: This is traditionally a *cold* event, so please dress appropriately.

Baronial Business Meeting Minutes

January 23, 2011

6:00 p.m.

OFFICER'S REPORTS

Seneschal - Baron Marcellus Capozziello da Napoli

The Seneschal welcomed everyone. There's not a lot going on on the Seneschal's front. The Kingdom's newsletter will be produced electronically by January 2012. You can request a hardcopy; otherwise distribution will be via the Internet. And, SCA dues will be going up.

Exchequer - Baroness Celia of Rosedale

The Exchequer reported that our current balance is \$13,144.95. Investitures report is almost ready, except for a partial site deposit waiting to come back and be deposited (it was just handed to her). She estimates that the event made somewhere in the range of \$375 to \$400 dollars profit. Her Doomsday report is done and submitted to Kingdom; our Baronial net worth increased by roughly \$100 this year to \$14,080.91. The Budget did not make it into the *|| Tempo* this past month because the Exchequer had a lot going on with her life and it was forgotten. She assured the populace it would be in this month's issue.

Chamberlain - Lady Sian verch Gwilim ap Lewelin, not in attendance

Knight Marshal - Charles the Bull, not in attendance

The Seneschal reported that the Knight Marshal was encouraging those that had missed out on taking their required courses to keep their Marshal's warrant should get their paperwork in order and take the class (this can be done by phone).

Rapier Marshal - Lord Geoffrey ap Clywd

Rapier continued and they are having a good turn out. They have been requested by the Cub Scouts to do a demo on April 8th.

Archery Marshal - Lord Miles de Locwode, not in attendance

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

Report was sent via e-mail; the Seneschal covered the main points. Her report follows (as sent to the Chronicler).

Thank you again to everyone who responded to the online survey – I think it was a great way to start learning more about you and your interests! As of this writing, I have received 39 survey responses. I was thrilled to see the variety of skills represented, and will be talking more about ways to get teachers and students together in the weeks to come.

Baroness Emma suggested recently that we could incorporate a teaching component into the monthly Newcomer Meetings. If you would be interested in leading a short talk at an upcoming meeting, please let me know.

Following is a summary of the survey responses. You can see we have a lot of interests that don't currently have anyone willing to teach; but, I bet many of you would be great at leading an introductory session in one or more activities. If you have been thinking about leading a class or workshop, or even getting together a study group, you might want to look at what some other members of the Barony are also interested in learning.

Key: Activity (# wishing to learn more / # willing to teach)

PERFORMANCE ARTS (36 RESPONSES)

BARDIC (11/0)	MUSIC - COMPOSITION (6/0)	PERFORMANCE (6/2)
DANCE (15/0)	MUSIC - INSTRUMENTAL (8/3)	WRITING (9/2)
JUGGLING (6/0)	MUSIC - CHOIR (6/1)	

FIBER/TEXTILE (38)

APPLIQUÉ (12/0)	DYEING (13/0)	NAALBINDING (9/0)
BRAIDMAKING (13/3)	EMBROIDERY (15/1)	FELTING (12/0)
COSTUMING (15/7)	QUILTING (4/0)	KNITTING (8/3)
KNOTWORK (10/1)	SPINNING (11/3)	WEAVING (20/0)

CANVAS/VELLUM (35)

PAINTING (6/2)	ILLUMINATION (11/4)	PRINTING (12/0)
CALLIGRAPHY (12/5)	DRAWING (5/1)	

GLASS/JEWELRY/POTTERY (32)

GLASSWORK (11/0)	POTTERY (15/0)	SCULPTURE (3/0)
JEWELRY (12/4)		

COOKING, BREWING, FARMING (35)

BREWING (11/1)	GARDENING (12/0)	VINTNING (8/1)
COOKING (12/3)	HERBALISM (15/0)	VITICULTURE (6/0)
LIVESTOCK CARE (5/1)		

ARMOR/WEAPONRY (35)

ARMORING - LEATHERWORK (9/1)	BOWYERING (8/0)
ARMORING - METALWORK (8/0)	SWORDSMITHING (4/0)
ARROW MAKING (7/1)	THROWN WEAPONS (BUILDING) (6/0)

MATERIALS (36)

LEATHERWORK - TOOLING (18/1)	METALWORK - JEWELRY (15/0)
LEATHERWORK - SEWING (21/4)	STONE CARVING (12/0)
METALWORK - CASTING (14/1)	LAPIDARY (8/0)
METALWORK - FORGING (9/0)	TOOL MAKING (8/0)
WOODWORKING - CARVING (16/0)	WOODWORKING - CONSTRUCTION (16/0)

RESEARCH/ESOTERIC (33)

ASTRONOMY (11/0)	RESEARCH (15/3)
ASTROLOGY (6/0)	HORSEMANSHIP (6/1)
BOOKBINDING (14/0)	

Here are a few ways to share information about A&S for those who don't feel up to leading a class:

- 1 A&S Show and Tell – bring items that you're working on and discuss your research and/or construction techniques.
- 2` Study Group – choose an area of focus, and divide up sections to research, then meet and share your findings with the group
- 3 Submit an Article or Artwork – the editing team of Il Tempo is always accepting submissions

Blog about it! - “dress diaries” and other “process postings” are fascinating to read and a great way to write informally. Feel free to link your articles to our Barony's Facebook page.

These are just a few ways; I'd love to hear your thoughts!

Yours in Service,
Bevin

Chatelaine - Baroness Emma West

She held a Newcomers Meeting on February 11, 2011 and 4 newcomers, 2 people coming back to the SCA and 15 overall people made it to the meeting. The next one will be at Thegn Brenainn's on March 18, 2011. She is talking with Lord Lucas about becoming her Deputy of Demos.

Archery Marshal - Lord Miles de Locwode, not in attendance

We discussed Archery when Luce arrived. Archery continues with Bridget looking into a new site with the county.

Herald - Lady Sian verch Gwilim ap Lewelin

Very quiet. Report from Investiture is filed. The OP is updated and she will make sure it stays that way.

Chronicler - Baroness Marie-Therese Normand

Same thing as last month—I need articles and artwork. In an effort to get covers for the *Il Tempo* I will be holding a cover art contest at Chalice of the Sun God: Feast of the Minotaur. I'm giving a few month's notice so that all artists interested in participating can prepare their projects for the event.

Web Minister - Giovanna Rossellini di Firenze

She is working on an online award recommendation system for the Barony.

BARONIAL NOTABLES

Warlord - Lucas von Aych, not in attendance

Heavy Champion - Lucas von Aych, not in attendance

Rapier Champion - Alric the Mad, not in attendance

Archery Champion - Naren Numuchi, not in attendance

A&S Champion - Giovanna Rossellini di Firenze

Doing stuff.

Bardic Champion - Celia of Rosedale

Hasn't had time to do much.

Brewing Champion - Henry West, not in attendance

BARON AND BARONESS

The Baroness and Baron went to two events this past month: Kingdom Arts and Sciences Festival and Bright Hills Baronial Investiture. At KASF, the Baroness felt everybody that participated in the event got good ideas for what is needed to be involved in judging and participating in the Arts and Sciences of the SCA.

At Bright Hills Baronial Investiture they presented their newest Excellencies with a gift basket.

This event also had a big meeting to address the event conflicts that keep on happening in the North by sorting out the Northern Calendar. The Seneschals and Baronial Representatives were there to analyze the Northern events and a few things came out of it. One issue was that the North (anything north of Stierbach) doesn't get a lot of the Northern events. Some of this is due to the site requirements and the length of time needed to reserve a site; some is due to the lack of Northern sites. For example, William Baron of Storvik says they must reserve Croome Park the day it opens for booking; it's totally booked up by noon of that same day. Also, Kingdom is trying to change the

bid process so that the participants in crown tourney already know where Crown and Coronation will be should they win. This gives everyone time to participate and anticipate the travel requirements. Currently Kingdom is taking bids for Fall Crown Tournament and Coronation.

The Baron and Baroness will be going to University and the other Baronial Investitures that are happening in March. The Baroness is asking for donations for gift baskets for these up coming events. The items should be given to the Baron and Baroness. They assured the populace gathered that they WOULD be at St Paddy's Day Bloodbath (it was left off their progress)!!

EVENT

St Paddy's Day Bloodbath – The Autocrat got a call asking if he could MIT at the event and the Heavy Marshal replied that he could. She then asked that Marshals volunteer for the event and was assured by the Heavy Marshal that we have Duncan the Elder, Baroness Marie-Therese, His Excellency of Caer Mear and three others to help with the heavy field; Charles the Bull and one other would be helping with the Rapier Field. They also asked about coordinating the list fence. Marcellus said he and Bill were working on that. Garb for the event was requested and a confirmation that it had been taken care of.

Kingdom Archery Championship – Emma presented a budget for the event which covered the site fee, food, toilets etc. She raised the food budget just in case extra people come through the door. Loudoun County Fairgrounds is only costing us \$660 because are just using the house. Marcellus motioned for a vote on the budget and Luce seconded the motion. It was voted on and the motion carried unanimously.

Chalice of the Sun God – The event is 'spiked' for October 21 to 23. The site, amazingly enough, is only \$875 thanks to Lucas' keen negotiation. This is for camps 1 and 4. The food is \$480, the pig roast \$250, the BBQ and Dons Jons are \$200. The budget was presented and if the event does as well as in prior years, we could cautiously expect to make \$1,000 dollars profit. Katharine wants to make a presentation in court of an invitation the scriptorium creates for Their Majesties. Their Highnesses will be presented an invitation at their Coronation. After discussion and budget explanation, Marcellus moved for a vote; Luce seconded the motion. It was voted on and the motion carried unanimously.

Unevent – Marcellus contacted Kingdom about the event and has yet to hear back from the point-of-contact. But, he checked out the school requirements and if no money passes into our hands and it's a free event then the site (Luther Jackson Middle School) would be ours for free. So we would not be doing a lunch but, like Day in the Middle East, we'd supply a list of restaurants within walking distance that could be good for lunch.

Ponte Alto 20 Year (2012) -Tierloch is working with Kena Temple to allow fighting at the site. But, they need to get Mantua Homeowners' Association to approve it. Luce says she will talk to them as someone at Mantua may be indebted to her or be in favor of giving her a break for our group. ACCEPS will be used for the event; Elizabeth of Hadley Hall will be Head Cook. Aslin will be games coordinator and there will be a "History of the Barony" display covering the past 20 years. There will be a "shortest time in history of a canton" contest, as well as heavy fighting coordinated by Mistress Cunian. Event planning is moving along nicely.

OLD BUSINESS

Coronets-No one has heard anything back about them, but we have the old ones back from being cleaned.

NEW BUSINESS

I introduced one of my new Deputy Editors, Lady Theresa O'Cahir (Theresa Crean).

Geoffrey the Rapier Marshal is requesting \$60 to buy youth-sized rapier hoods. The request was put to the populace, voted on and approved unanimously.

The storage bins were brought up. But it was tabled as research continues.

The new Poeta Atlantiae's poem about Her Majesty was so moving the King, who was judging the contest, asked others their opinion because of his bias where Her Majesty is concerned. It was only later that it was learned that the event was only Ettienne's third event! Vivat!!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sadb Ingen Chonchobair, was raised to the ranks of nobility with an Award of Arms (AOA)

Lady Sophia Cress was raised to The Order of the Laurel

Meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

15 people were in attendance.

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 in order by: Kingdom Exchequer Policy, Kingdom Financial policy, Kingdom Law, Society Exchequer Policy, Corpora, Commonwealth (state) and Federal law.

2. Financial Committee

- a. The Financial Committee
 - i. Defined as the Seneschal, Exchequer, and all paid members of the Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc. who attends the Barony of Ponte Alto's 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. Business meetings are held the 4th Sunday of every month with possible exclusion of December. Meetings are publicized on the baronial website .Monthly reminders may also be sent by the Seneschal to the Baronial e-mail list
 - iv. A roster of paid members shall be kept by the Exchequer.
- b. The Emergency Financial Committee (ECF)
 - 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 February The rotation shall be Knight Marshal, Minister of Arts and Sciences, Chatelaine, Herald, Minster 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, a Deputy Exchequer shall cast the third vote.
 - iv. Spending approval is permitted up to \$1,000 unless the allocation is for a site fee. Spending approval is permitted up to \$2,000 for a site fee.
 - v. Meeting of this Emergency Financial Committee may be in person, over the phone, or via e-mail.

- vi. Financial decisions made by EFC are reported at the next monthly business meeting and recorded in the *Il Tempo*.

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. He/She and shall publish 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 must include the exchequer, deputy exchequer, and seneschal. Also regional deputy kingdom exchequer and Kingdome exchequer as per kingdom policy. Other signatories may be added as needed, i.e., additional baronial officer or deputy and ,emergency deputies of the kingdom exchequer
- 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 a written, itemized budget for an event to the Financial Committee 3 months prior to the event date, before any expenditure for the event is made, and before the event flyer has been published. The Barony may vote to waive this provision under exceptional circumstances (i.e., the Barony is asked to host a Kingdom event in less than 3 months.)
 - i. The budget may include provisions to waive gate and feast fees for sitting Majesties, Their Heirs, and the event's Head Cook.
 - ii. The budget may also include provisions to waive gate and feast fees for the event's Autocrat, Head Troll and Baronage of Ponte Alto.
- 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 according to Kingdom policy.

- 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 5 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 5 business days after the event.
 - iii. All refunds shall be paid by check from the Barony'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 report is completed by the Exchequer within 2 weeks of the event. 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 fund for a period of 1 year from the time of establishment. After this time, if they have not been spent, they will be transferred to general funds or a vote may be taken to retain the fund. These funds will be maintained within the baronial checking account.
- b. The financial committee may authorize a special fund to be maintained without time limit until the purpose of the fund is no longer needed (i.e., maintaining funds for regalia/coronet until enough is raised for purchase).

The Exchequer must receive special fund-related receipts and requests for reimbursement within 60 days of purchase

(Update Jan 2011)

Barony of Ponte Alto Budget for 2011

Storage unit (\$135 per month)	\$ 1,620
Meeting room (\$15 per month)	\$180
Office and admin	\$100
Baronial coronet upkeep	\$100
Total	\$2,000

Exchequer Report

Greeting to the Barony of Ponte Alto from your Chancellor of the Exchequer

Below you will find a snapshot of the 2010 Comparative Balance Statement which combines our Assets and Liabilities to give us our Net Worth. Also provided is a snapshot of the 2010 income statement so you can see where we made and spent our money.

Good news We made money this year !! Thanks to everyone whose hard work helped our events to all be profitable

Per the Baronial Financial policy, our Emergency Financial Committee consists of the Exchequer, the Seneschal and a third officer whose position rotates on an annual basis each February. For 2011 the rotation goes to the web minister Lady Giovanna Rossellini da Firenze

Yours in Service

*Baroness Celia of Rosedale
Baronial Exchequer*

Barony of Ponte Alto 2010 Financial Report

COMPARATIVE BALANCE STATEMENT

ASSETS	
Undeposited and Non-interest bearing cash	
Start	11947.85
End	14075.76
Regalia and Non-Depreciated Equipment	
Start	895.00
End	895.00
Total Assests	
Start	13,562.85
End	15043.76
LIABILITIES	
None	
Net Worth	
Start	13562.76
End	15043.76
Change in Net Worth	1408.91

Income Statement

Income

Fundraising	\$537.50
Direct contributions	\$404
Authorizations (MOL)	\$ 52.00
Site refund (MuuB)	\$50
Adjusted gross event income	\$10826.40
Total Gross Income	\$11869.00

Expenses

Office and Admin

Service charge bank	\$16.00
Equipment maintenance	0
General Supplies	\$ 42.00
Occupancy and site charges	\$1719.19
Postage& shipping	0
Subtotal	\$1777.19

Activity related

Equipment rental and Maintenance	\$455 .00
Food	\$1901.81
General supplies	\$ 289.59
Occupancy and site charges	\$3708.00
Subtotal	\$6354.00

Funds Transferred to the Kingdom

MOL	\$52.00
NMS	\$528.00
Profit share to kingdom (Crown)	\$1512.00
Subtotal	\$ 2092.00

Total Expenses	\$10388.59
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Net	1480.92
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News/Announcements

Gift Basket Donations

During the last business meeting, Baroness Adina asked for gift basket donations for upcoming Baronial Investitures. Items can be given to our Baroness; please remember to attach a tag, or include a note with a short description of the item; include your SCA and mundane name.



Newcomers' Meeting

Our next Newcomers' Meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 18th at Baron Brennain and Lord Michael's (Matt Torsky and Michael's) house. The gathering starts at 7:00 p.m. The address is 6608 Netties Lane, Unit 1403, Alexandria, VA 22315. Please note: you must park at the Clubhouse on Beulah Road, about a block before the entrance to Brennain's complex. Call and we will send a shuttle to drive you the rest of the way.

If you get lost you can call my cellphone, (703) 786-6739 or Brennain at (703) 835-1479. As always Newcomers Meetings are open to all; please come!

Lady Caitilin Irruis inghean ui Riada
Deputy Chatelaine of Ponte Alto

(From Lady Caitlin's e-mail of Feb. 28, 2011; edited for this newsletter)



From the Rapier Marshal

There is a demo tentatively planned for April 8th for a Boy Scout Troop at the school where Rapier Practice takes place. More details will follow; watch the Ponte Alto mailing list for information.



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 SCA, Inc. Board of Directors

Due to external economic conditions and increased overall costs facing the SCA Inc., the Board of Directors and senior staff have been forced to make over \$250,000 in cost cutting measures to the 2011 budget in order to ensure continued operations.

The largest recurring expense for the SCA at the corporate level is the stipend payments made to the Kingdoms for publishing hardcopy newsletters. As our modern society moves increasingly away from hardcopy publishing to electronic mediums, the costs of hardcopy publishing have increased proportionally. Based on the need to curb these costs, and the responses of the membership in the 2010 census, the Board of Directors believes it is essential for the continued financial health of the SCA to transition the organization away from paper newsletters. Accordingly, the SCA has initiated a project to transition all kingdoms to e-newsletters, and is projecting implementation by Jan 1, 2012. Until the SCA has the infrastructure in place to support e-newsletters, the 2011 stipend amount provided by the corporate level for production assistance will be reduced to cover only those aspects required by the governing documents. This will reduce the overall stipend for mailings and production by 60%. The decrease will begin with the stipend checks being mailed after the end of the 1st quarter of 2011. The Board of Directors greatly regrets the necessity of making these changes to the stipend structure, but feels that it is the best of an array of difficult options to execute its fiduciary responsibility to the membership of the organization.

This means that postage will still be covered for all mailing classes, including the expected postal rate increase later this year, but the production stipend will be greatly reduced. Most components of newsletter production costs are controlled at the Kingdom level, including newsletter size, use of color printing, page count due to non-required information, and printing companies utilized. Thus, Kingdom Chroniclers have several tools at their disposal to lessen the impact of the stipend decrease. To further mitigate the financial impact to the Kingdoms, the following changes in required inclusions will be effective with April 2011 newsletters:

- Membership forms will no longer be required to be published
- The list of Board of Director nominees will no longer be required to be published
- Full Society regnum will no longer be required to be published. Contact information for the Kingdom Ombudsman must still be included.
- A statement indicating where to locate the additional information on www.sca.org and/or Kingdom websites will be required to be published.

As additional reminders, branch event announcements are only required to be published for the month in which the event occurs. Should the branch event occur in the first week of the month, publication in only the prior month is acceptable. Please refer to the "Chronicler's Handbook" for the minimum event information required for publication.

The Society Chronicler has information available for the printing house in Knoxville, Tennessee (USA) that several Kingdoms have already been utilizing for more cost-effective printing and mailing services.

Fundraising that is specifically done for the purpose of newsletter publication is still allowed, but (as always) is at the discretion of the Kingdoms.

The Board of Directors, SCA, Inc. greatly appreciates the time and effort put into newsletters produced at all levels of the organization and is committed to implementing a financially responsible process to provide information to the membership by a blend of electronic and hardcopy media.

Comments are strongly encouraged and can be sent to:

SCA Inc.

Box 360789

Milpitas, CA 95036

You may also email comments@lists.sca.org

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AFPOPA—Another Fine Product of Ponte Alto

Sadb Ingen Chonchobair, was raised to the ranks of nobility with an Award of Arms (AOA) (now Lady Sadb Ingen Chonchobair)



Lady Sophia Cress, was raised to the rank of Laural (now Mistress Sophia Cress)



On February 5th, at Kingdom Arts & Sciences Festival, Mistress Belphoebe deGivet and Lord Geoffrey ap Clwid were inducted into the Order of the Golden Dolphin.

Game

Senet

2 players
5 pieces each

The object is to bear your pieces off first.

This game uses four two-sided dice (white on one side and black on the other).

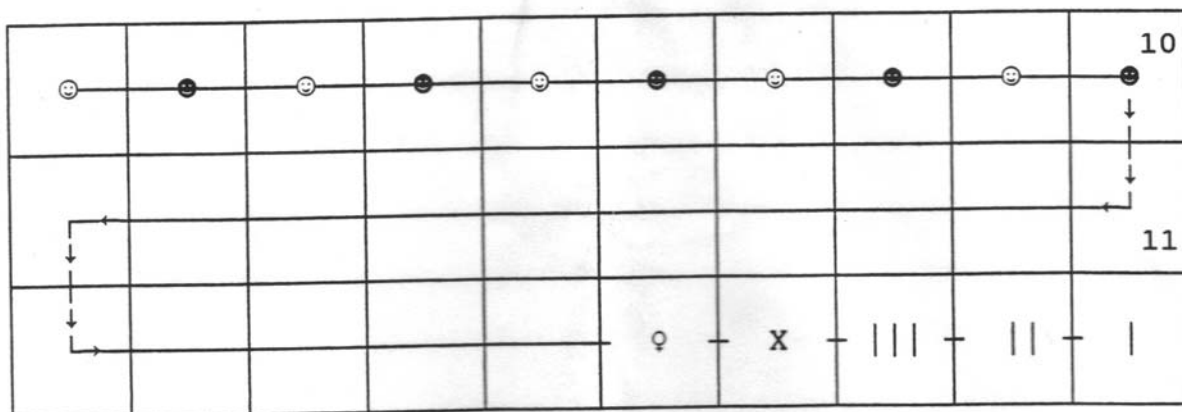
- 1 white up is 1
- 2 white up is 2
- 3 white up is 3
- 4 white up is 4
- 0 white up is 6

START

Players alternate throwing the dice until someone throws "1". This player is black, goes first, and moves his marker from 10 to 11. He continues throwing dice and moving the number indicated until 2 or 3 is thrown. He moves that number, and then passes the dice to his opponent.

MOVEMENT RULES

- ◆ If you land on your opponent, he is attacked and goes to the space you just left.
- ◆ 2 of the same color can't occupy the same square.
- ◆ 2 of the same color on consecutive spaces protect each other from attack.
- ◆ 3 of the same color on consecutive spaces form a blockade, your opponent can't attack or go past, but you can.
- ◆ Dice throw which can't be used to go forward must be used to go backward. You can't go back to the occupied square. If you can't do either, your turn ends.
- ◆ Space X is a trap. If you land here you must go back to the first empty space.
- ◆ Space ♀, III, II, and I are havens, you can't be attacked here.
- ◆ When all of a color is in the last row, you can bear off by landing exactly on I.
- ◆ You get one point for each enemy left on the last row except in the havens, two for each in the second row, and three for each in the first row.



Useful Information

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Please remember that submissions for *Il Tempo* must be accompanied by an SCA release form. The first link takes you to the Society Chronicler's links for forms. The last three links are for the forms that you can fill in online and submit to me via Internet form fills. I encourage everyone to consider submitting something to the *Il Tempo*.

Society Link to Chronicler forms.

<http://www.sca.org/docs/library.html#releaseforms>

Release form for writing or artwork (except photographs):

<http://www.sca.org/docs/pdf/ReleaseCreativeFillable.pdf>

Release form for model (the subject of your artwork or photograph):

<http://www.sca.org/docs/pdf/ReleaseModelFillable.pdf>

Release form for photographs:

<http://www.sca.org/docs/pdf/ReleasePhotographerFillable.pdf>