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Dec 14	Feast of Saint Fortunatus	Caer Mear
Jan 11	Kingdon 12th Night	Charlesbury Crossing
Feb 15	Mid Winters Dance Revel	Lochmere
Feb 22	Performer's Symposium	Ponte Alto
March 10-16	Gulf Wars	Kingdom of Meridies

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From Their Excellencies:

December Greetings from Thomas and Denise,

November was another fabulous month for the Barony of Ponte Alto. The month began with Crown Tournament on Nov 1-3. Vivats to those brave baronial fighters who fought for the honor of the Atlantian Crown. Vivats are also due to our barony's A&S winners at Crown- Lady Katharine Devereaux and Lady Hrosvitha von Celle.

Special thank you's also go out to those gracious members of Ponte Alto who participated in Dun Carraig's baronial birthday on Nov 9th. Robert of Calais did very well in the heavy weapons tournament. Robert of Calais and his lady, Elspet, were also recognized in court for having the most authentic 14th garb. Their Excellencies of Dun Carraig also gave a special award to Lady Belphoebe and Lord Marcellus for organizing their event's rapier tournament, marshaling the event, and also participating in the rapier tourney. His Excellency, Thomas of Calais received most chivalrous archer at the event.

THANK YOU to everyone who participated and attended Lady and the Tiger on Nov 16th. The weather did not cooperate with us on that day, but it did not deter the spirit and fun of all those who attended. We thank our autocrat, those who prepared a delicious feast, to the marshalls, to the ladies working troll, MoL and the silent auction, and the many other faces who made the event such a success. Vivats to the many members who received recognition and were bestowed awards to them at the event. It gladdens our hearts to see so many members of the populace be recognized for their great deeds, service and skill.

Congrats and best wishes on the marriage of our seneschal, Miles, to our beloved chatelaine, Luce. May you experience the happiness you had on your wedding day for the rest of your lives together.

In Service,
 Baron Sir Thomas of Calais
 Baroness Denise Duvalier

Minutes of Baronial business meeting, held November 24th, 2002

The meeting was called to order at 6:05pm, 22 in attendance.

Seneschal: 1. Marcellus will autocrat Bloodbath. 2. Miles would like feedback/input on Lady & Tiger: how did it go? how can we improve events in future? etc.

Exchequer: We have \$3,853.62. About \$800 from silent auction, \$100 allocated to II Tempo, and \$245 for Lady and the Tiger. Need check of \$282 for Public Storage. (The populace voted 'yes'.)

Chronicler: II Tempo happens; please get announcements to me asap for December issue.

Herald: will compile report from L&T and submit it asap (needs list of awards given at the event).

Knight Marshall: 15 heavy fighters, some from Storvik and Roxbury Mill, came to today's fighter practice. New marshalling standards will be outlined at unevent.

Rapier: Rapier happens. Good time was had at L&T. We are getting more fighters, several of them minors.

Archery: Not present.

MoAS: Good turn-out at L&T; 6 entries and 1 display. Traditionally, our next competition would be at the Baronial Birthday/Performers' Symposium to choose a new Baronial Artisan and Bard (competition for Brewer will have to be held at another event), but we will probably delay that until a later event. An A&S day will be scheduled sometime in January: Luce will teach her necklace class. Lady Renata is a new member of the Order of the Pearl.

MoL: King had a great time at the event. There were no injuries, and a good time was had by all.

B&B: Thanks to all for their help at L&T. Congrats to Vitha on the Garland, and Renata on the Pearl. His excellency attended Dun Carraig's Baronial Birthday and was pleased to see Pontoons recognized for their service to our cousins in Dun Carraig. Thanks to those who go beyond the borders of Ponte Alto to serve.

New Business: The Awards committee came up with 4 basic options for the populace to choose from regarding possible changes to the awards system in Ponte Alto. (Info on the 4 options and details regarding same to be published separately following the minutes). A straw poll will be taken probably at the February meeting.

Events:

1. L&T: Aislynn thanks everyone. We definitely crossed the break-even point.

Future Events:

1. Performers' Symposium: Staff is in place. Event site is King of

Feast and lunch: Lunch will be simple fare of meat, fruit, bread and cheese. The evening meal is being planned by our Head Cook, Lady Hrosvitha. Please direct all dietary concerns to her at kmartinsen@dc-opera.org.

Cost: On board \$14.00 non-members, \$11.00 with proof of membership. Off board \$7.00 non-members, \$4.00 with proof of membership. Children 6-12 are half-price; under six years are guests of the Barony.

Send reservations to Mistress Anne of Carthew, 13456 Cobra Court, Oak Hill, VA 20171, (703) 437-6271 (no calls after 9:00pm), acarthew@cox.net. There are only 100 seats for feat, so reserve soon. Cut off date for on board reservations is February...

Directions:

From the Capital Beltway: Take I-66 West towards Vienna/Front Royal. Follow approximately 6.6 miles. Exit onto LEE JACKSON MEMORIAL HWY/US-50, West, towards Fair Oaks/Winchester. After about 2.5 miles, pass under the Fairfax County Parkway (Route 7100), and be in the left lane to turn left at the next light onto Middle Ridge Drive. IMMEDIATELY turn left onto the Route 50 service road. This road curves right, becoming Kings Way. The church is on the left.

From points west or southern Fairfax County: Take your best route to the intersection of I-66 and Route 7100, Fairfax County Parkway. Take the Parkway NORTH. (DON'T exit at 50: You won't be able to get across the traffic to where you need to be.) After crossing Route 50, turn left at the light onto Rugby Road. Go straight through the intersection of Rugby and Route 50, and IMMEDIATELY turn left onto the Route 50 service road. This road curves right, becoming Kings Way. The church is on the left.

Performer's Symposium I
 February 22, 2003
 Ponte Alto

The Atlantian Performer's Guild and the Barony of Ponte Alto present the first Performer's Symposium. The Symposium will consist of a day of classes on various performing arts. There will be a lunch and convocation in the middle of the day. Since Their Excellencies of Ponte Alto, in order to support the performing arts have graciously given the date usually reserved for their annual Baronial Birthday, there will be a Baronial Court during the Convocation. The event will conclude with a feast in the evening.

But wait! There's more. Following the feast and at the same site, we will be hosting an evening demo of performances given by the students and teachers at the Symposium. This demo will showcase the performance talents of Atlantia, and will be open to all who wish to attend, free of charge. If you wish to perform at the demo, please contact the Autocrat, Baron Corun MacAnndra (Craig Lee-Allen), 4001 King Arthur Rd., Annandale, VA 22003, (703) 876-0650, corun@medievalist.org. All are welcome to attend the performance without having to attend the event itself.

The Classes: The following is a list of some of the classes that will be offered. More classes and detailed synopses of each will be found at <http://pontealto.atlantia.sca.org/>

Composition	Composing a Ballad
Harp Accompaniment for the Singer	Improvisational Storytelling
Starting a Local Singing Group	Middle Eastern Melodies
Gregorian Chant	History of the Bagpipes
The Lute in History	Reader's Theatre Practicum
Fighting Songs, taught by His Majesty, CuanMcDaige	

During the middle of the day, all instrumentalists and vocalists are invited to practice a large choral/instrumental work that will be performed in the evening. Mistress Anne of Carthew will be coordinating this rehearsal and performance, and the music will be available on the web site for preparing prior to the Symposium. All instrumentalists are encouraged to bring their instruments.

Site: The site is the King of Kings Lutheran Church, 4025 Kings Way, Fairfax, VA, at the south west side of the intersection of Routes 50 and 7100. The event opens at 9:00am and closes at 11:00pm. Registration begins at 9:00 and classes begin at 10:00am. The performance demo begins at 7:30. This site is DRY.

Kings Lutheran Church. His Majesty will teach a class, so the event will be at least King's Progress, possibly Royal Progress. We will combine the event with a performance demo in the evening. The church will let us use the sanctuary for the demo portion.

2. Mistress Anne is planning a feast event for next November, with a German theme.

Announcements:

1. Vitha's place of work (Washington Opera Studio) is available for rent in December and June for events and/or practices (cost is quite high, though).
2. Dance practice is over for the rest of the year. Hope to resume in January.
3. Next newcomers' meeting will be at Celia's on December 13th.
4. We have a possible demo at St. Paul's sometime in late January or early February.
5. Harp and Drum will perform at Alexandria's "First Night" celebration in the Masonic Temple Auditorium.
6. Baron says be on the lookout for places who want a demo from us; perhaps they would be willing to be an indoor practice site for fighters, other groups.

Meeting adjourned sometime after 7pm.

Report from the Awards Committee:

Greetings unto the populace of Ponte Alto!

The awards committee would like to put forward the results of our discussions. We considered input provided by barony members, the current award structure, and possibilities for better meeting the needs and desires of the populace. We came up with a large number of potential permutations of these options, but we felt it was better to "package" different options together in order to keep the process from getting out of hand. Please consider these options for yourselves, discuss them and prepare to decide which you feel is best.

It may be helpful to note that we took a "tier" approach to considering the award structure. Also note that awards may be given multiple times, whereas members are inducted into orders only once.

Option 1: Leave the award structure as it currently exists and make no

changes. The current structure includes one award, the Venerable Bead, and one order, the Order of the Garland. This amounts to two tiers of awards.

Option 2: Retain the Bead (Tier I)

Add an intermediate award (or order). This would be a generic award, that is, not given specifically for any particular pursuit such as A&S, service or fighting). It would be given for the same type of work and dedication that the Garland is now, but on a less intensive level - a "Garland Jr." if you will. (Tier II)

Retain the Garland. (Tier III)

Option 3: Replace the Bead with a Baronial "Award of Excellence" or something along the same lines. This award could be given to both members who live in the barony and those who do not physically reside in the barony's borders, but who play with and serve the barony on a regular basis. (This is currently the case with the Bead and the Garland.) This would be given at the Baron and Baroness's discretion, though they would also still be able to give out personal tokens. (Tier I)

Add three intermediate awards or orders, given for excellence in A&S, service and martial combat. This follows the kingdom example of the Pearl, Golden Dolphin and Sea Stag (or Kraken). (Tier II)

Retain the Garland. (Tier III)

Option 4: Replace the Bead with a Baronial Award of Excellence or something similar (Tier I)

Add three intermediate awards or orders, awarded for A&S, service, martial combat (Tier II)

Retire/close the Garland. Replace with three upper level awards or orders, also awarded for A&S, service or martial combat. These would be awarded for work above and beyond the intermediate awards/orders. (Tier III)

Again, please discuss and consider these options. Feel free to ask questions if anything is unclear or absent. We are planning to conduct a straw poll at the February barony business meeting. If you are unable to attend that meeting, you may submit your vote in writing beforehand. The committee has not yet determined which method will be used in conducting the straw poll, but we will decide that and make sure the information is published well in advance.

Thanks for your time and attention!

Yours in Service,

Courtney, Giuliana, Marcellus, Ranulf and Tirloch

The Feast of St. Fortunatus

December 14th, 2002

Barony of Caer Mear

December 14th marks the feast day of St. Fortunatus, bishop and poet. Likewise, on this day come celebrate the elevation of the poet Friar Thomas Broadpaunch to the august Order of the Laurel as Caer Mear dons 13c costumes of black, gold, and red.

There will be a full day's activities including a Pas de Arms with counted blows over the barrier, a rapier tourney, a open A&S display, as well as a A&S Competition, the theme of which will be "The Written Word" (Including poetry, C&I, song lyrics, etc.). After Court we shall dine on a feast (limited to 120 gentles) prepared by the renowned cooks of Caer Mear, and enjoy a Masque with the theme of Saints and Martyrs.

The site is Fluvanna High School located in Palmyra, VA, which opens at 8am and closes at 11pm. As this is a public school there is no alcohol, live steel, or pets allowed. Merchants are welcome but there is limited space. Please contact Master Finn at jamesahowell@juno.com to reserve your space.

Fees: Member Non-Member Age 8-18:

Site: \$6 Site: \$9 Site: \$3 (under 8 are guests of the barony)

Feast: \$6 Feast: \$6 Feast: \$6 (under 5 are guests of the barony)

Reservations: Please address any question or send reservations to the Event Steward (Autocrat): Kim McGuire, 473.6 Westover Hills Blvd, Richmond, VA 23225, (804) 232-0171, email: morriganlwc@yahoo.com

Directions:

From the North or South: Make your best route to I-64 and follow the directions from the East/West. From the East or West: Take I-64 to exit 136-Zion Crossroads/Route 15, located east of Charlottesville. Go south on route 15. Travel about 8 miles, passing through Palmyra Village, and continue about 2 more miles south on 15. Turn right on route 649. Entrance to school will be on your right.

From the South side of Richmond: Take Chippenham Pkwy N. to route 6 east. Left onto 6 (also called Patterson Avenue). Follow this road until you come to the intersection of route 6 and 15 at Dixie. Turn north (right) on route 15 go about 5 miles. Turn left on 673 (Bethel Church Rd), then straight on 649. Entrance to school is on your left.

From Scottsville area: follow route 6 east. Turn left on route 649 after passing the fire tower on your right. At the stop sign turn left. Entrance to school will be on your left.

Upcoming Events

Unevent

December 7th, 2002
College of Rencester

The College of Rencester invites all officers in Atlantia to attend the annual Unevent.

Crash Space: Anyone needing crash space should contact the autocrat. There is limited crash space so please contact early. A listing of hotels and motels can be found at http://www.visitwilliamsburg.com/motels_hotels.htm. Any hotel/motels on Richmond Rd are easy to get to from the College. The Days Inn at 902 Richmond Road, Williamsburg, VA, 23185 (757-229-5060) is the closest.

Cost: No cost. Donations are appreciated.

Site: This year's Unevent will be held at Morton Hall on the Campus of the College of William and Mary, Jamestown Rd, Williamsburg VA 23186. The site opens at 9am and closes at 10pm. Site Restrictions: No alcohol, pets, or live steel. Unevent will NOT be in garb. A note on parking: The campus is strict on parking. Do not park in "Reserved at All Times," "Service Vehicle Only," or metered spaces as these are ticketed on weekends. Rencester is not responsible for any parking tickets you may receive.

Autocrat: Iollann mac a Phearsoin (Sean Pearson), 105 Brettwood Ct, Williamsburg VA, 23185, (757) 259-1239 (NLT 9pm)

Website:<http://rencester.atlantia.sca.org/unevent.html>

Directions:

Take your best route to I-64.

From the East: Take I-64 to Exit 242A. This is Route 199 West. Staying in the right lane, roceed to the 4th traffic light (about 6 miles), turn right onto Route 5 East (Jamestown Road). ***

From the West: Take I-64 east to exit 234. Turn right onto route 199 East. Proceed to the 2nd traffic light (about 7-8 miles). Turn left onto Route 5 East (Jamestown Road).***

***Go through one light and proceed until the road narrows to one lane. Stay in the left lane only before this time. After you pass the lake there will be a left turn onto Campus Drive. Park either in the unpaved lot on the left or the paved lot on the right.

Sunday

Ponte Alto Baronial Business Meeting: Last Sunday of the month at 6:00pm at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Idylwood Road, Falls Church.

Heavy Weapons and Rapier Fighter Practice (Ponte Alto/Storvik): Weather permitting outdoors behind Tysons-Pimmit Library, Falls Church, 2:00-7:00pm.

Monday

Alle Psalite choral music practice: 7:30-9:00pm at the home of Mistress Anne of Carthew in Herndon, (703) 437-6271, acarthew@cox.net.

Ponte Alto Ladies' Sewing Circle and Covert OperationsTeam: On hold until further notice.

Tuesday

Harp and Drum Corps instrumental music practice: 7:30-9:00pm at the home of Mistress Allasondrea in Annandale, (703) 876-6755.

Wednesday

Archery Practice: In conjunction with the Barony of Stierbach. 1st and 3rd Wednesdays.4:00 PM until Dark in Manassas. 2nd and 4th Wednesdays 5:30pm in Waterford in Chantilly. Contact Baron Nikolai Zhdanov Dolgorukova at zhdanov@earthlink.net or call (703) 450-5589 for information.

Heavy Weapons Fighter Practice: In conjunction with Stierbach. contact Master Kevin of Thornbury for information. (703)810-8438.

Thursday

Open Scriptorium: 2nd and 4th Thursdays, 7:30-9:00pm at Shrevevood Elementary School. Contact Lady Celia of Rosedale, (703) 378-2441 for information.

Rapier Practice: 6:00pm at Shrevevood Elementary School. Contact Lord Marcellus Capozziello da Napoli, (703) 208-9625, for information.

Ponte Alto Dance Practice: Last Thursday of each month, 7:30pm at Shrevevood Elementary School. Contact Lord Thomas Lyon for information.

Friday

SCA Newcomers' Meeting: 7:30-9:00pm on the 2nd Friday of the month (unless otherwise noted), rotating at the homes of various members of the Barony. For locations, call the Chatelaine,Lady Luce Antony Venus (703) 534-6075.

Calendar of Events

December-January, A.S. XXXVII

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Alle Psalite - 7:30pm	Harp and Drum - 7:30pm	Fighter Practice - 7pm	Rapier Practice - 6pm			1 Fighter/Rapier Practice
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