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- July 11 (Denise) Highland Foorde Kingdom Target Archery Championship
- July 11 (Thomas) Black Diamond Kings Assessment
- Aug 1-17 Pennsic
- Sep 5-7 Coronation
- Sep 19-21 Ponte Alto Chalice of the Sun God
- Sep 26-28 Lochmere Knight of the Heart
- Oct 10-12 Kingdom Crusades

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From Their Excellencies:

Greetings to the Wonderful People of Ponte Alto,

It is with a sad heart that we write this as we must announce our plans to step down as baron and baroness of Ponte Alto in Feb 2004. A few weeks back we had a serious discussion about seeking a vote of confidence for another 2 years. After much discussion we officially announced to the barony at the last meeting that we would be asking for a vote of confidence for another 2 years. However, our mundane lives have taken a drastic course in direction in the past few weeks and it does not look like we would be able to give Ponte Alto, the attention deserved of her coronets. Ponte Alto needs coronets who have the time to put her first and be her biggest cheerleader. We, Thomas and Denise, are still her biggest cheerleaders. However we longer have the time she deserves. With such changes in our mundane lives we had to once again think about what our faire and glorious barony deserved. We thought long and hard about this decision to step down or continue with the vote of confidence. It was a decision that was not made lightly. We have officially announced our decision to step down at June's business meeting. On a positive note, we will still work to support and promote the wonders of Ponte Alto and her people. We will also work with the new coronet(s) to make sure the people of Ponte Alto are always first as we make this transition Feb 2004.

Respectfully,
Thomas and Denise

From the Seneschal:

Unto the Populace of Ponte Alto does your seneschal sends greeting.

It is with a sad heart that I must inform you that Their Excellencies have decided that due to demands of the modern world they will be unable to seek a second term as our Baron and Baroness. This means that we will now be seeking nominations for our next Baron and Baroness. Below I have laid out my plan for polling the populace to determine your will on this matter. It is as follows:

1. Nominations for Baron and Baroness will be excepted at the July Business meeting. Self-nominations are welcome. In order to run you must be a paid SCA member and live within the lands of Ponte Alto. Other qualifications can be found in Kingdom Law and our Baronial Charter. Both are

posted on at their respective websites.

2. 1-21 August 2003, I will verify that all nominated individuals/couples are willing to serve as Baron/Baroness.

3. During either the August or September Business meeting, each individuals/couples running for Baron and Baroness will be given 5 minutes to discuss their goals/vision for the Barony. I will also encourage each of them to write to the Populace in our newsletter during this time to further outline their goals/ vision in order to reach as many of the Populace as possible.

4. On or about 1 October, mail the pollings to the paid SCA members of the Populace and the membership roster to TRM.

5. On or about 1 November, last day for pollings to be received by TRM. Remember that in accordance with Kingdom Law, your polling must be signed with you legal modern name and your SCA and modern name printed legibly.

6. No later than 1 December, have a new Baron and Baroness announced to the Populace. This is my goal and will depend on the will of TRM. This will give us 2 1/2 months to incorporated the new Baron/Baroness's wished into their investiture which is currently planned for the end of February.

Second, I will be attending the Northern Atlantia Calendar Meeting on the 26 July 2003. At this meeting, we will be setting up the event calendar for Northern Atlantia for the next year. If you have an idea for event and wish a date on the calendar for next year, please contact me so we can discuss it before 15 July 2003.

As always, thank you for your support.

Miles de Locwode

From the Baronial Knight Marshall:

Unto the Barony of Ponte Alto, greetings and wishes for every good fortune from Master Kevin of Thornbury, Knight Marshall!

At Curia, Their Royal Majesties have amended the previous ruling regarding modern attire on the field of combat. Specifically, no article of equipment may be blatantly modern. All attempts must be made to cover modern equipment.

Site Restrictions: No Pets are allowed on site, No Alcohol

FIGHTING: There will be heavy and rapiier authorizations with separate melee practices to be held.

CPR and First Aid: Following tradition, an Authorized provider has been arranged from the American Red Cross to Conduct CPR and First aid Challenges at the same time Last chance is occurring (not sponsored by the SCA.... they are just happening at the same place). However, to ensure the certifications are available the day of the event, persons wanting to challenge will have to pre-register. Their pre-registration MUST include: Modern Name, Address, Phone, Subject they are challenging and intent to pay their \$5.00 challenge fee upon their arrival. Pre-registrations should be mailed to the autocrat.

MERCHANTS: There is limited merchant space. Please contact the autocrat.

Autocrat: Caitilin Mhor (Emily Crocker), 24614 Brickwood Meadow Lane, Petersburg, VA 23803. (804)863-0710, email: rottiesrbest2@aol.com

Directions:

Take your best route to I-95 South. While on I-95 South take Exit 51. Exit 51 will put you onto I-85 South. Follow I-85 South to the Squirrel Level Road Exit. Take the Squirrel Level Road Exit and turn left. From there, follow the signs to Richard Bland College. There will be SCA signs showing you the way from the Squirrel Level Road Exit.

Reservations: Due to site regulations, pre-registration is greatly preferred.

Feast space is limited. Please make checks payable to : Barony of Storvik, SCA
 Inc. Send reservations to Brian Pfeifer, 6802 Cunningham Dr, College Park, MD 20740. For questions, please contact the autocrat.

Autocrat: Lord Sylvanus Perrin (Brian Pfeifer) brian_pfeifer@hotmail.com, 301-614-8976. Please call before 9 pm.

Directions:

From the north: Take your best route to the Washington Beltway (I-95/495) and proceed clockwise to Exit 11. ** Take exit 11, Pennsylvania Ave, toward Upper Marlboro. Follow Penn Ave. to RT 301, Crain Highway. Take Crain Highway south towards Richmond. In approximately 5-6 miles look for Croom Rd. on your left. Take Croom Rd approximately 4-5 miles to a left turn onto Croom Airport Rd, and follow Croom Airport Rd into the parking lot.

From the south: Take your best route to the Washington Beltway (I-95/495), and proceed counterclockwise to Exit 11. Follow directions from ** above.

 Last Chance Authorizations
 July 26th, 2003
 Incipient Canton of River's Point

Do you need to authorize before Pennsic? Have you made any repairs to your armor and need to see how it works? Would you like to get together for melee practice right before Pennsic? Well, this is the event for you! Announcing the third annual Last Chance Authorization Event. As everyone knows, this is your LAST CHANCE to Authorize before Pennsic

Cost: Non-Members over 16 are \$8.00. Members over 16 are \$5.00. This applies to everyone that attends the event.

Site: Richard Bland College, 1601 Johnson Road, Petersburg, Virginia 23083. The Site is on the soccer field. We will be supplying porta-castles and water. There will be NO buildings for Arts and Sciences or for inclement weather. Please feel free to bring your own shade (there will be no shades on the list field). There will be NO children's activities.

This is basically a five-foot rule. We're used to hearing this regarding garb, but what it means is that anything spotted to be modern at five feet away will not be allowed.

This new law will be enforced by the inspecting marshal on the day of the event. PLEASE NOTE: This applies to everyone on the field of combat except for the water bearers. This includes armored combatants, rapier combatants, archers, marshalls, etc. The effective date for the law with this new amendment is now December 1st.

I anticipate some growing pains as we all work towards making out best effort at period recreation of combat and the tournament. Check your Acorn in the coming months for University classes relating to the interpretation of this new law.

Lastly, I wish to thank the barony for their support as I come out of my long struggle with unemployment. I look forward to seeing you all with renewed vigor.

 Other Announcements:

Open Scriptorium is on hold for the summer.
 Thursday night rapier practice has moved to Tysons Pimmit park for the summer.
 Harp and Drum is on hold until after Pennsic.

 Minutes of Baronial Business Meeting held June 29th, 2003:

Meeting was called to order at 6:06pm, 29 in attendance.

The Seneschal deferred to His Excellency. His Excellency announced that he and Baroness Denise will be unable to serve as Baron and Baroness beyond their current term, due to mundane considerations. They will serve out their current term as fully as possible.

Seneschal: Results of Curia: 1. In order to get a hard copy, request one from the Kingdom Clerk of Law. 2. A new award, the Golden Gazelle, was established for members age 17 and under for courtesy. 3. Event announcements in the Acorn should be limited to 1 page if possible. 4. Publication of The Oak will move from the Chronicler to KMoAS.

Regarding polling for a new Baron and/or Baroness, we will take nominations at the July business meeting. At August and September meetings, nominees may make short statements concerning their goals and ideas for the Barony. They may also submit brief statements to be published in Il Tempo. Polling will be sent to the residents of the Barony in September. The results will be sent to Their Royal Majesties no later than the end of October. We hope for a decision from Their Majesties by December. Investiture will take place in February. Also, we need an autocrat for this event!

Exchequer: Balance is \$4,707.83. Our financial policy passed Kingdom requirements. Now we must vote to reconcile the Baronial Charter with these changes, which mirror the Kingdom's financial policy. Voted to allocate up to \$150 for expenses for the polling for our next Baron and Baroness. Voted to allocate \$283 for our storage room for the next 6 months.

Chronicler: Il Tempo happens. Q2 report has been sent to Kingdom Chronicler.

MoAS: 1. Thanks to Peronelle for hosting sewing night. 2. Ponte Alto had 13 members teaching 17 classes at university. Good work! 3. Scriptorium is on hold. Harp and Drum is on hold until after Pennsic. Alle Psalite will continue through July. 4. Competitions at Coronation will focus on the 1492-1600 time frame. 5. The A&S competition theme at Chalice of the Sun God will be "A Gift for a Lady". Also, competitions for Baronial brewer, bard, and artisan will be held. 6. The November German themed event will definitely have a musical competition. 7. Scriptorium may be changed to a general A&S night once a month. Will decide after Pennsic. 8. There will be another baronial picnic on Sunday, July 27th, at fighter practice location.

MoL: No events, therefore nothing to report, but Agnes has helped out as MoL at other fighting events in the area.

Marshall: 1. Curia decided to require that all blatantly non-period armor (plastic, etc) must be covered with cloth or leather, with the exception of safety gear. This rule is for everyone on the field (marshalls, fighters, etc) except waterbearers. This rule will take effect December 1st. 2. There were 48 heavy fighters and over 25 rapier fighters at Windmasters Hill event. 3. You can still authorize for Pennsic at either Assessment, Storvik Novice Day, or Last Chance.

Rapier: Lots of fighters at university. 3 people are training as rapier marshalls. Week night practices will take place on Thursdays at Tysons-Pimmit park until September. Then we will return to Shrevewood Elementary School for week-night practices, also on Thursdays.

Equestrian Activities: There will be equestrian activities aimed primarily at the novice or intermediate rider to include hands on training for the SCA mounted games. A demo by advanced riders as well as hands on activities for the Atlantian Pages. For more information contact Raynold of Wharram (Ray Cornish) via email at raynold@eligius.org

Heavy Fighting: Authorizations will begin at 9 am and the tourney will begin at 11 am. The tourney is open to all those who have been authorized for less than one year. The list will remain open for general use until shortly before court.

Rapier Fighting: Authorizations will begin at 11 am and the tourney will begin at 1 pm. The tourney is open to all those who have been authorized for less than one year. The list will remain open for general use until shortly before court.

Arts and Sciences: There will be a competition for best in show for all who have been practicing their art for less than one year. There are no restrictions on medium, topic or time period. There will be an additional curriculum vite display open to all. This is your chance to show off pieces demonstrating all of your arts. Simply set out one of everything you've ever done. If you have any questions, please contact Kim of Wolfhaven (MKA Kim Toyofuku) (301) 490-9362, email: kim_wolfhavensca@yahoo.com

Classes: A number of classes oriented towards beginners will be held throughout Saturday. If you have questions, or would like to teach a class, please contact Kim of Wolfhaven (MKA Kim Toyofuku) (301) 490-9362, kim_wolfhavensca@yahoo.com

Archery: There will be an archery tourney for those who have been shooting for less than a year. The range will remain open for general use after the tourney.

Siege Engines: On Saturday there will be a range on which to fire siege engines. Then on Sundays, siege engines may participate in the war practice.

War Practice: Sunday there will be a war practice from 10 am until 2 pm. Combat archers and siege engineers are welcome to participate.

Site: Patuxent River Park, 1600 Croom Airport Rd, Upper Marlboro, MD.

Fees:	off board	on board	camping
Adult member	\$5	\$12	\$4 per night
Adult non-member	\$8	\$15	\$4 per night
Age 13 - 17	\$4	\$11	\$4 per night
Age 12 and under	\$3	\$7	\$4 per night

if you would like a confirmation e-mail, and a check payable to: Barony of Highland Foorde, SCA, Inc.

Mail reservations to: Kingdom Archery, Lady Francesca Angelo C/O Heather White, PO Box 3883, Frederick, MD 21705

Site: The National Guard Armory, Route 144, Frederick, MD. The Armory is located right off of Rt. 144 just east of Frederick. The site opens at 9:30am and closes at 9:00pm

Autocrat: THL Siegfried Sebastian Faust (Eli White), PO Box 3883, Frederick, MD 21705; 301-829-3178; e-mail: crossbow@freeshell.org
 Co-Autocrat: Lady Francesca Angelo (Heather White), PO Box 3883, Frederick, MD 21705; 301-829-3178; e-mail: loving2teach@yahoo.com

Directions:

Directions from west of Frederick: Take I-70 through Frederick to exit 56. Turn left at the end of the ramp on to MD 144. Stay in the right lane and turn right into the armory after one quarter of a mile. It is the only right turn.

Directions from south of Frederick: Take I-270/US-15 North to I-70 east-bound. Take I-70 through Frederick to exit 56. Turn left at the end of the ramp on to MD 144. Stay in the right lane and turn right into the armory after one quarter of a mile. It is the only right turn.

Directions from east of Frederick: Take I-70 west toward Frederick to exit 59 for MD 144 several miles before you get to Frederick. Take the exit and merge onto MD 144 west for approximately 2 miles. The Armory will be on your left, across from the park-n-Ride lot, soon after crossing the Monocacy River.

 Storvik Novice Tourney and War Practice
 July 18th-20th, 2003
 Barony of Storvik

Come join the Barony of Storvik in a celebration of all that is new. We have competitions for new Fighters, Fencers, Archers and Artisans. The riders of Atlantia have offered to introduce us northerners to the world of equestrian activities. If you still have energy after all of that, pick up a new craft in one of our classes, or get up close and personal with the siege engines on the firing range. Don't forget to stick around for the feast. But wait there's more! Sunday we'll be holding a war practice.

Archery: Held our first archery practice at our new location last Wednesday night. There will be no practice on July 18th, or during Pennsic. Thanks to Rene for hosting the practices. Please contact Feline for directions, other information.

Herald: No news, but heraldry happens.

Baron: He has ordered 10 helmets. 7 are ready. See him to borrow or purchase. The Baron wants lots of participation from Ponte Alto fighters on the battlefields at Pennsic. Tabards will be available. Denise will co-autocrat Coronation, which will be in Middleburg. Plans appear to be going well. Tirloch is feast-ocrat. There is unlimited attendance and tent camping, but the dining hall will only hold 90.

Announcements:

Vitha: If you can, please take a tabard and sew it up before the next meeting for our baronial fighters.

Belphoebe: If you are authorized as a heavy fighter or a combat archer, we need volunteers to work our siege machines (a ballista and a trebuchet) at Pennsic.

Alle Psalite: In September specific pieces to be sung at the November event will be selected for rehearsal.

Events:

Pennsic: No news.

Coronation: See His Excellency's statements.

Chalice of the Sun God: Total budget will be \$2500. Max capacity on site 320, max feast capacity 120. Break-even will be 175. Need feast cooking volunteers. Need a volunteer to manage a continental breakfast Saturday morning (Christopher Hare volunteered.) Need a volunteer to assemble a gift basket for Their Excellencies of Stierbach. (Marsailly and Belphoebe volunteered.) Need a Chiurgeon in Charge (Celia may be able to assist there.) Peronelle will assemble site tokens. We will also host Lochmere's Arrow Shoot at the event.

German Feast: will be November 8th, at same place as we held the Performers Symposium. Announcement and budget will be ready for the July meeting.

We need autocrats for Investiture and St. Paddy's Day Bloodbath.

New Business: None.

Old Business: Voted to add our Financial Policy to the Baronial Charter.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35pm.

Upcoming Events:

Warrior's Games
July 5th, 2003
Canton of Tear-Sea's Shore

Tis' time once again to summon fourth the Warrior within to compete in the 23rd annual "Warriors Games" proudly hosted by The Canton of Tear Sea's Shore.

The day will be filled with challenges for all, both physically and mentally for the well rounded Warrior must be skilled in both.

In addition to these Warrior activities there will be an open Arts & Sciences competition not requiring documentation. Entries will be voted upon by the populace.

The day will also feature our traditional pot luck feast so please bring a dish or our choice to share.

The cost for this fun filled day is a mere \$8.00 (SCA members may take a \$3 discount). Children under 14 are guest of The Canton.

The site is The American Legion hall in Harleyville, SC. The site opens at 8 am and closes at midnight. The fun starts early so don't be late!

Any questions or concerns may be addressed to the Autocrat, Lord Andronikos Psellos (mka Robert Montgomery) by phone at (843) 552-0323 or by e-mail at RBMontgomery@webtv.net

Directions:

Take your best route to I-26, exit 177 (Harleyville exit, route 453). Take

Children's Activities will include a Quest as well as arts & crafts classes. Parental supervision required for all children 5 years and younger as well as for the Quest. Contact Allegranza della Neve at either allegranza@wiredog.com or (276) 236-7857.

Autocrat / Reservations: Lady Avery the Far Seeing (Carolyn Cox), P.O. Box 114, Floyd, VA 24091. (540)745-3796 (between 10am and midnight), email: yakgoddess@adelphia.net

Directions:

This is a beautiful drive, take your best route to I-81 and take exit 188A onto Rt 60 E into Buena Vista. Take a right onto 501 and go 1.5 miles to 10th Street. Take a right into the park and bear left as you go uphill to the double deck pavilion. Look for blue and white Glen Maury signs as well as SCA signs.

Kingdom Target Archery Championship
July 12, 2003
Barony of Highland Foorde

Come one come all to Atlantia's 8th Kingdom Target Archery Championship.

Enough archery to tire the arm of any bowman will be the order of the day. Archers will compete through a large roving range of varied targets to show their skill. The 8 highest scoring archers of the day will then enter a shoot-out to determine who will be decreed the next Champion. All archers may shoot freely without fear of becoming Champion if they so wish. Only archers who wish to hold the title will be included in the final shootout.

The Highland Foorde Cook's Guild will provide for free a simple lunch to all attendees.

The site will open at 9:30am, the practice range will open no later than 10:30am, and the tournament will begin promptly at 11:00am. The site will close at 9:00pm.

Fees: The event fee is \$9.00. Members receive a \$3.00 discount. Children 6-11 years of age are \$2.00. Children 5 and under are guests of the Barony.

Reservations: These should include legal name, SCA name, e-mail address

route 453 into Harleyville and make a left turn onto route 178 at the stop sign (route 178 is Main Street through town). Cross the railroad tracks and turn right on John street. The American Legion post is about 1/4 mile down on the right. Signs will be posted.

King's Assessment
July 11th-13th, 2003
Barony of Black Diamond

T'is war! His Royal Majesty Logan Ebonwoulfe will answer the call of our allies with the full force of Atlantian might! Thus, he calls all who fight with sword, foil, or bow to come to his Barony of Black Diamond that he might assess and improve Atlantia's preparedness for this glorious combat. The King's Assessment is a war practice and the focus is on martial activities: Heavy weapons battles, combat archery, rapier fighting and target archery. Authorizations for both heavy and rapier will be held.

Cost: Adult Member: \$5.00 Day-Trip \$6.00 Feast \$9.00 Camping
Adult Non-Member: \$8.00 Day-Trip \$6.00 Feast \$12.00 Camping
Child (5-11): \$3.00 Day-Trip \$4.00 Feast \$0.00 Camping

Children (4 or younger) are guests of the Barony (no charge)

Site: The site is the lovely Glen Maury Park in Buena Vista, Virginia. The site opens at 5:00 pm on Friday the 11th and closes at 12:00 pm on Sunday the 13th. There is tent camping only with running water, flush toilets and showers (showers are a 1/2 mile from event site). There is a \$2.00 surcharge for using showers for those not camping. A swimming pool with showers are also available at no charge to all campers and \$2.00 to those not camping.

Site Restrictions: This is a dry site. No pets allowed. No individual fires.

Feast: A delicious and generous feast will be prepared by the very accomplished head cook, Lady Magda van der Aa. Feast spaces is limited to 90 gentles so be sure to reserve space early. Please contact the head cook with any dietary concerns at either squrrl@vt.edu or (540) 961-6625

Breakfast/Lunch: A tavern will run serving breakfast (with coffee) on both Saturday and Sunday and will serve lunch on Saturday all available for purchase at a modest price.

Merchants are welcome and will be well placed. No food items please. Contact autocrat to reserve space.

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.

Tuesday

Harp and Drum Corps instrumental music practice: On hold until after Pennsic.

Wednesday

Archery Practice: 7:00pm. Contact THL Feline von Behren for information at lbudzier@mindspring.com.

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

Thursday

Open Scriptorium: Oh hold until after Pennsic.

Rapier Practice: 6:00pm Tysons-Pimmit Park. Contact Lord Marcellus Capozziello da Napoli, (703) 208-9625, for information.

Ponte Alto Dance Practice: On hold until after Pennsic.

Friday

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

Calendar of Events

July-August, A.S. XXXVIII

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	1 Harp and Drum - Hold	2 Fighter Practice - 7pm	3 Rapier Practice - 6pm	4	5 Warrior's Games Tear-Sea's Shore	6 Fighter/Rapier Practice
7 Alle Psalite - 7:30pm	8 Harp and Drum - Hold	9 Archery Practice - 7pm Fighter Practice - 7pm	10 Rapier Practice - 6pm	11	12 King's Assessment Black Diamond	
14 Alle Psalite - 7:30pm	15 Harp and Drum - Hold	16 Archery Practice - Hold Fighter Practice - 7pm	17 Rapier Practice - 6pm	18 Newcomers Meeting? - 7:30pm	19 Novice Tourney & War Practice Storvik	
21 Alle Psalite - 7:30pm	22 Harp and Drum - Hold	23 Archery Practice - 7pm Fighter Practice - 7pm	24 Rapier Practice - 6pm	25	26 Last Chance Authorizations River's Point	
28 Alle Psalite - 7:30pm	29 Harp and Drum - Hold	30 Archery Practice - 7pm Fighter Practice - 7pm	31 Rapier Practice - 6pm	1	2	3 Fighter/Rapier Practice
4 Alle Psalite - Hold	5 Harp and Drum - Hold	6 Archery Practice - Hold Fighter Practice - Hold	7 Rapier Practice - Hold	8	9	10 Fighter/Rapier Practice
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11 Alle Psalite - Hold	12 Harp and Drum - Hold	13 Archery Practice - Hold Fighter Practice - Hold	14 Rapier Practice - Hold	15	16	17 Fighter/Rapier Practice
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