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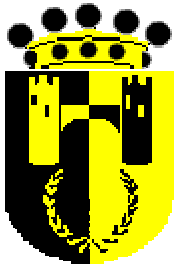
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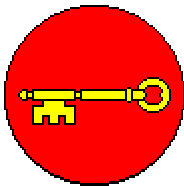


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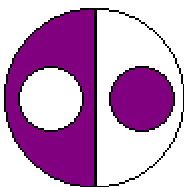
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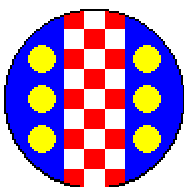
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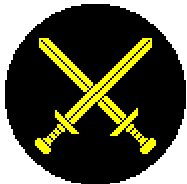
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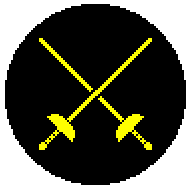
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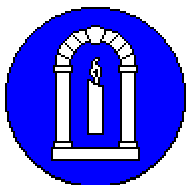
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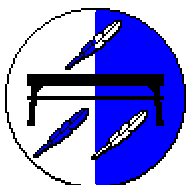
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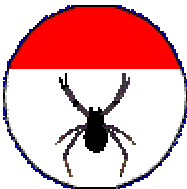
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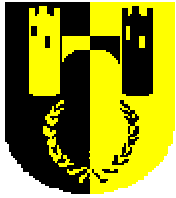
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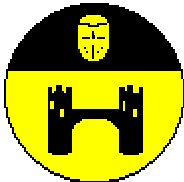
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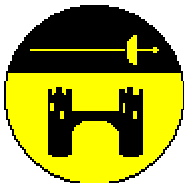
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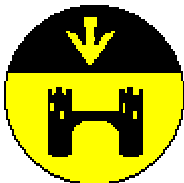
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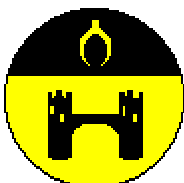
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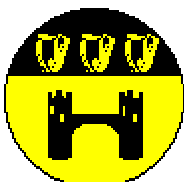
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Meeting Minutes - June 27, 2004

Held in the Education Building of St. Paul's, Falls Church
19 Attendees

officer reports

Seneschal:

- * Lady Maria-Térèse de Normande will take over as Seneschal at the Pennsic Court, but will run the barony meetings beginning in June (this one).
- * Attended a short (5 minute) Curia meeting to discuss some minor procedural changes about the Kingdom orders and awards.

A&S:

- * Perronelle hosted Scriptorium/A&S Night and Maestra Giuliana's Italian Ladies Gown fitting day, with much fitting assistance from Lady Katharine.

MOM:

- * Nothing to report.

Marshal:

- * Absent and report delivered by proxy via Duncan.

Heavy:

- * Practices continue, with attendance up for Pennsic. Several members have authorized at various recent events with several cross-over authorizations, including heavy to trebuchet.
- * Thursday practices are back at Pimmit Park.
- * Christopher Hare is being warranted for Youth Combat and will be holding practices at Pimmit/Lemon Road for youth with their yellow cards. Three forms need to be filled out and given to the Kingdom MoL in order for a youth combatant to receive their yellow youth fighter card. Chris is also working to become a notary public to assist with the completion of the youth forms that require notarization.
- * Another siege engine (the Roaming Gnome) is authorized, along with its engineer, Lady Catalina dell'Acqua, bringing the total number of siege engines in the Barony to 4, with a 5th in progress.

Rapier:

- * Practices have had good turnouts. Practices are now being held at Tysons Pimmit Park
- * There will be NO PRACTICE on July 4th as the marshals will not be in attendance.
- * Baroness Greta has been warranted as a new Marshall.

Archery

- * Stierbach is still attending Monday evening archery practices.
- * Archery Marshall-to-be is still working gaining her warrant.

Exchequer:

- * Ponte Alto's account has ~\$7,000.
- * Society financial policy has changed and Baronial policy adjustments are appended for the 2nd month.
- * A vote on them to be held at the August meeting.

MOL:

- * Nothing to report.

Web Minister:

- * Nothing to report.

Herald:

- * Not present.

Chatelaine:

- * Newcomer nights have been going well. Thanks to everyone for being helpful to newcomers when they attend events.
- * July 13 is the next newcomers meeting at the Chatelaine's house.
- * The Kingdom is beginning a class on SCA members as unofficial deputy chatelaines.
- * Marsaili Johnston (Terelynn Marks) will take over as Chatelaine when Luce steps down in November.
- * Loaner garb donations should be clean, with no holes, and things that are simple to wear. Ornate and complicated garb that you wish to donate to the Barony should be given to a silent auction.

Chronicler:

- * Got the last Il Tempo published and trial replacement has agreed to become permanent.

Baron and Baroness

- * This was a very active month, including a relatively new member of the Barony, Seamus, winning the most outstanding fencer at Highland River Melees.
- * The royals have committed to visiting every Barony and we are trying very hard to make the visit coincide with Chalice. The Barony has agreed to provide at least 2 personal retainers for the royals while they are visiting. They are also asking for contributions to their traveling fund in order to make these visits possible.
- * The next Coronation will be held in North Carolina.

old business

- * The site committee meeting has made some progress, but has run into difficulties due to a shortage of personnel, having lost 2 members this last month. Volunteers are needed to make phone calls ONLY to collect information (are there facilities available for rent, at what cost, and what the site includes/entails) about possible sites. The Girl Scout Camp is a possible new site, and some headway has been made in negotiating site fees with the Fairfax County Government.

new business

- * Congratulations to Lady Delphina and Lord Geoffrey, awarded arms at Highland River Melees!
- * James de Biblesworth has volunteers to help fighters figure out and create what is necessary to 'upgrade' their armor to meet the new authenticity levels.
- * The Barony is in need of additional fighter, fencer, and archer tabards/cloaks/sashes for Pennsic this year. Vote to authorize \$250 dollars to James with Mel countersigning to buy fabric for the tabards was passed unanimously. Tabards were cut on July 5th and all tabards should be finished and brought to the Baronial picnic for distribution.

upcoming events**Baronial Picnic:**

- * July 25th at Pimmitt Park. It will be a potluck as usual.
- * Out-Barony marshals will be present to help authorize fighters before Pennsic. MoLs will be collecting authorization fees (\$5) for each authorizing fighter.

Pennsic:

- * We had 2 committee meetings. The land issues were fixed and land fees look to be approximately \$12. The shower is almost complete. The Barony has 40 members pre-registered.

Chalice - 2nd First Annual: Sept 17-19

- * We still have sign up sheets available for volunteers to help with Troll, site set-up, site breakdown (EXTREMELY IMPORTANT as it must be done by noon on Sunday), feast servers, feast hall cleanup, and autocrat assistants.
- * Rules are available for Chalice competitions. Note that the Baronial Champions will compete as Champions, but will not be competing as a single team.
- * Teams need to register by the 11th. Registration needs to include the name of the team, name of the team members, and the discipline in which they will be competing.

A Day at the Races:

- * This Italian Palio (Banner) Race themed event is the current plan for the November 13th event. A site is needed that is large enough to play host to the adult and youth mock-Palio race teams.

Bloodbath:

- * Angelique has tentatively volunteered to autocrat Bloodbath, pending schedules and promises of assistance.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:00 pm.

OFFICER REPORTS and LETTERS

Baron and Baroness

Unto the Barony of Ponte Alto do Marcellus and Belphoebe, Baron and Baroness, send greetings!

Pennsic is approaching with the usual panic ensuing while everyone is making ready. His Excellency and I would like to thank everyone who has volunteered to run the Ponte Alto Baronial Pennsic encampment, particularly Perronelle, our fearless Land Agent. We are looking forward to having a wonderful time at camp with all of you.

The Ponte Alto army is growing every day between heavy fighters, siege engineers, sappers, archers, thrown weapons folk and rapier fighters. We are calculating that we should be fielding about 25 or 30 people at War. Thank you so much to our Warlord, His Excellency Thomas of Calais for his tireless effort in bringing all of this together. Thank you as well to all those folk who have been involved in training our troops, volunteering to fight with our Barony, or making tabards, capelets and baldrics for our forces to wear. We are sure to be quite a spiff sight on the battlefield!

Speaking of spiffiness, many thanks to Maestra Giuliana for teaching the Italian Ren ladies' garb class, and to Perronelle for hosting it! We are looking forward to future workshops of the kind, as well as the Italian Ren men's garb workshop. Keep up the good work!

As for upcoming events other than Pennsic, His Excellency and I will be attending King's Assessments in the Barony of Black Diamond. We are looking forward to seeing all those of you who will be making the trek. Sunday Picnic in the Park will take place on Sunday, July 25, and it will be an excellent opportunity for those of us who still need to authorize a weapon's form to do it. I have been practicing spear in the hopes to get authorized that day in order to join our troops on the battlefield.

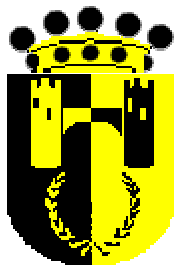
Our Barony will also be hosting the hospitality tent for Their Majesties and their guests during the Atlantian 5 Man Melee tournament on Tuesday afternoon of War Week. We will need a couple of volunteers to help set up. Drop us a line if you would like to help.

And speaking of the Atlantian 5 Man Melee tournament, our Barony is also sponsoring a prize for the team that exhibits the most courteous behaviour on the field. His Excellency and I would like to thank those artisans who have stepped to the plate to make embroidered pouches for the winning team: Lady Marsaili Johnston, Lady Marie Therese de Normand, and Lady Allasan inghean Fhaolain. We will be posting pictures of the finished product for all to see, as soon as they become available.

Last, but not least, a reminder to keep those recommendations for recognition and awards coming in! We really want to hear from you!

Yours in Service,

Marcellus and Belphoebe
Baron and Baroness of Ponte Alto



Exchequer

Society financial policy has changed and Baronial policy needs to be adjusted to meet the new Society policy and charter. These proposed revisions will be distributed to the populace via the Baronial Newsletter, the Il Tempo, during June, July and August, and a poll to approve the updated financial policy will be held at the August Baronial Business Meeting.

Baronial Financial Policy Proposed Changes

The current baronial financial policy can be found at <http://pontealto.atlantia.sca.org/financialpolicy.php>.

Proposed changes to the Baronial Financial Policy are as follows:

Sections 1 and 2 (Ponte Alto Financial Policy and The Chancellor of the Exchequer) remain unchanged.
New Section 3, Disbursement of Funds, moved to the Financial Policy, with minor edits, from the Charter (Section IV).

Financial Committee Section revised significantly

Populous Votes Section removed

Events Section revised minimally

New Section 6, Special Funds, added

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 is superceded by: Kingdom Exchequer Policy, Kingdom Financial Policy, Kingdom Law, Society Exchequer Policy, Corpora, State and Federal Law.

2. The Chancellor of the Exchequer

- a. The Exchequer shall maintain a checking account with appropriate signature cards for the group, file all 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 Financial Committee and hold primary responsibility for coordinating with other members of the Financial Committee, and communicating the committee's actions with the populace.
- b. The Exchequer shall, upon request, provide access to the group's financial reports and books to any member of the group and shall publish to the group the annual doomsday report.
- c. The Exchequer shall pursue any NSF checks received by the group according to the policy outlined in the Society Exchequer's Handbook.

3. Disbursement of Funds

- a. Signatories on all Baronial accounts shall be the exchequer, deputy exchequer, and seneschal.
- b. Authorization for disbursement of funds.

- i. Routine expenses [e.g. rental of meeting rooms], expenses incurred through scheduled events, or newsletter publication expenses, 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 paid members of the population in attendance at the barony monthly meetings. 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 & Baroness of Ponte Alto.

4. Financial Committee

- a. For emergencies, defined as money that needs to be spent before the next business meeting, the Financial Committee shall have spending approval up to \$1000 unless the spending is for a site fee. This meeting may be in person, over the phone, or via email.
- b. The Financial Committee shall consist of the Exchequer, the Seneschal, and a third officer whose position rotates on an annual basis each January. The rotation shall be Knight Marshal, Minister of Arts & Sciences, Chatelaine, Herald, Minister of the Lists, Chronicler, and Web Minister. Each member of the 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.
- c. Members of the Financial Committee shall have one vote and recuse themselves from voting on any financial decisions in which there is a conflict of interest or appearance of impropriety.
- d. These expenses will be submitted and justified to the barony at the next meeting.

5. Events

- a. The autocrat shall present an itemized budget for an event to the Barony for review.
 - i. The paid members of the Barony must authorize any itemized expenditure in excess of the approved amount.
- b. Event reservations and check in (troll):
 - i. All checks shall be photocopied and deposited in a timely manner.
 - ii. No funds shall be removed from the cash box except as change for funds received.
- c. Event Refunds shall be provided as follows:
 - i. 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 seven days after the event.
 - iii. All refunds shall be paid by check from the group's checking account.
 - iv. No refund shall be issued until the event books have been closed and all reservation checks have cleared.
- d. 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.

6. Special Funds

- a. Any funds raised for a specific purpose will be maintained as separately allocated for a period of one year. After this time, if they have not been spent, they will be transferred to general funds. These funds will be maintained within the baronial checking account.

Baronial Charter Proposed Changes

The current baronial charter can be found at: <http://pontalto.atlantia.sca.org/charter.php>

Proposed change to the Baronial Charter is as follows:

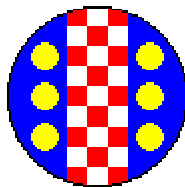
Section IV, Disbursement of Funds, revised to reference Financial Policy.

IV. Disbursement of Funds

- A. Shall be as stated in The Barony of Ponte Alto Financial Policy.

Yours in Service,

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Baronial Exchequer



past times

What was reported in our past issues of *Il Tempo* (The Times)?

Highlights from Ten Years ago, *Il Tempo*, July, 1994:

Thanks also to Duchess Yseabeau, Earl Laeghaire and Lady Winifred for donations of garb and feast gear to the Gold Key closet.An announcement was published of a meeting "to present the good folk of the Northern regions of Atlantia with the opportunity to discuss the possibilities of a Principality within the boundaries of our fair Kingdom. Said principality might encompass the Baronies of Dun Carraig, Ponte Alto, Storvik, Lochmere, & Bright Hills; the Shires of Stierbach and Highland Foorde; the incipient Shire of Rochesburie Mill; and the incipient Canton of Wrattingham." ...A listing of the recipients of the Venerable Bead is provided.... Due to extenuating circumstances, the meeting was held al fresco on the lawn in front of St. Paul's... Ponte Alto will be hosting a Fox Hunt, Baronial Tea, and Baronial Breakfast at Pennsic this year. ... Once a site for Sea Wars has been confirmed, Aislynn will be autocratting a bus trip to the event.

Highlights from Five Years ago, *Il Tempo*, July, 1999:

Lord Blaise announces that the proposed badge for the Baronial Notables are being colored so they can be looked over...The 10th Kingdom Arts and Sciences Festival and Curia was announced for July 10th... Baronies have been asked to sponsor gift boxes for Pennsic. Specifically, Ponte Alto will be assembling items for the box going to the Midrealm. His Excellency will be creating the box...Dame Aislyn will be coordinating an Open Camp night at Pennsic...a northern regional baronial court has been suggested for Thursday at Pennsic...Nominations were taken for the next Baron and/or Baroness.

upcoming events

Baronial Progress	
Date	Event
July 9-11	King's Assessment (Black Diamond)
August 6-22	Pennsic War (Kingdom of Aethelmearc)

July 2004

Date	Event	Group	Location
3	Battle For Jeffries Creek Demo	Misty Marsh by the Sea	Florence, SC
9-11	King's Assessment of His Armies (R,H)	Black Diamond	Buena Vista, VA
10	Colossus of Rhodes	Crois Brigitte	Winston-Salem, NC
16-18	Storvik Novice Tournament/Northern Regional War Practice	Storvik	Upper Marlboro, MD
17	Gwrtheyrn's Challenge Free Event/Demo	Yarnvid	Amelia, VA
17	Southern War Practice/A&S Symposium (R,H)	Misty Marsh by the Sea	Florence, SC
24	Eno Academy	Buckston-on-Eno	Durham, NC
31	Last Chance IV	River's Point	Petersburg, VA

August 2004

Date	Event	Group	Location
6-22	Pennsic War XXXIII	Kingdom of Aethelmearc	Slippery Rock, PA
28	Post Pennsic Dessert Revel	Storvik	College Park, MD

ponte alto weekly activities

A **Marshal 101** class (for ALL marshal disciplines) will be taught at **Thursday Fighter Practice on July 1, 2004**.

Sunday Rapier Fighter Practice is **CANCELLED** on **Sunday, July 4, 2004** for Independence Day.

Perronelle la peintre will host a **Baronial Tabard Making Day** on **Monday, July 5, 2004 starting at noon**. The goal is to get tabard pieces cut out in sets and send sewers home with a set of pieces and construction instructions. Bring scissors! Sewers should have tabards completed for delivery at the Fighter Practice Picnic on Sunday, July 25, 2004. Please [contact Perronelle](#) for more information and directions.

The July **Newcomers Meeting** will be held on **Tuesday, July 13, 2004 at 7:00PM** at the home of the [Baronial Chatelaine](#). Please contact her for more information.

The July **Dance Practice** will be held on **Thursday, July 22, 2004 at 7:30PM** at the [summer dance practice location](#). Dance practice is now being held on fourth Thursdays rather than last Thursdays. Please contact [Lady Allasan bhán inghean Fhaoláin](#) for more information.

Scriptorium/A&S Night will be held **Friday, July 23, 2004 at 7:00PM** at the home of [Perronelle la peintre](#). Please contact her for more information.

Come join us for the **Fighter Practice Picnic on Sunday, July 25, 2004**. All we ask is that you bring something for the pot luck picnic which starts at 2:00pm. The site is outdoors, behind Tysons-Pimmit Library, Falls Church, at [the usual Sunday fighter practice location](#). Tabard sewers, please bring your completed tabards for delivery to fighters. We look forward to seeing you there!

The Barony of Ponte Alto again will have a baronial encampment at [Pennsic War](#), August 6-22, 2004. [Perronelle la peintre](#) has graciously agreed to be the Barony's Land Agent for Pennsic. **NEW! Land assignments have been made!** Visit the [Baronial Pennsic Encampment page](#) for more information.

SUNDAY

Ponte Alto Baronial Business Meeting	Last Sunday of the month at 6 pm at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Idylwood Road, Falls Church. Business Meeting Directions.
Outdoor Heavy Weapons Practice	Weather permitting, Noon - Dark, outdoors at Tysons-Pimmit Park, behind Tysons-Pimmit Library, Falls Church. Please contact the Baronial Knight Marshal for more information. Sunday Fight Practice Directions.

Outdoor Rapier Practice	Weather permitting, 2 pm - Dark, outdoors at Tysons-Pimmit Park, behind Tysons-Pimmit Library, Falls Church. Please contact Baronial Rapier Marshal for more information. Sunday Fight Practice Directions.
MONDAY	
Alle Psallite (Vocal Music)	Every Monday, 7:30-9 pm in Herndon. Please contact Mistress Anne of Carthew through e-mail at 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 .
Ponte Alto Scriptorium	Meets the second Monday of the month. Please contact Lady Renata von Hentzau for more information and directions.
Asian Nights (Exploration of all things Asian)	Second Monday of every month, starts at 6:30 in Centreville. Please contact Lady Áine at 703-815-0310 (nlt 10:30 pm) or <i>ellen.m.davis AT att.net</i> , or Lord Ii at <i>logan AT modzer0.cs.uaf.edu</i> for more information or directions.
Ponte Alto/Stierbach Archery Practice	Mondays at 4:30 pm, Ponte Alto's outdoor season archery practice site is the home of Rene Hollebrandse (thanks, Rene!). Archery Practice Directions. Practices are jointly held with Stierbach. You may also contact the Baronial Archery Champion for carpool or other information. Contact and practice time/location information for Stierbach practices can be found at the Stierbach Archery website: http://mysite.verizon.net/vze4ks38/archery/main.html .
TUESDAY	
Harp and Drum Corps (Instrumental Music)	Directed by Mistress Anne of Carthew who can be contacted through e-mail at anne AT ravenstreet.org. Held every Tuesday, 7:30 - 9 pm at the home of Master Corun, in Annandale.
WEDNESDAY	
No Activities	
THURSDAY	
Outdoor Rapier Practice	Weather permitting, 6 pm - 9 pm, outdoors at Tysons-Pimmit Park, behind Tysons-Pimmit Library, Falls Church. Please contact Baronial Rapier Marshal for more information. Fighter Practice Directions.
Dance Practice	Fourth Thursday of the month outdoors, weather permitting, at Tysons-Pimmit Park, behind Tysons-Pimmit Library, Falls Church from 7:30 pm to 9 pm. Please contact Lady Allasan bhán inghean Fhaoláin for more information. Dance Practice Directions.
Outdoor Heavy Weapons Practice	Weather permitting, 6 pm to 9 pm, outdoors at Tysons-Pimmit Park, behind Tysons-Pimmit Library, Falls Church. Please contact the Baronial Knight Marshal for more information. Fighter Practice Directions.

Lady's Instructional Heavy Weapons Practice	First Thursday of every month, weather permitting, 6 pm to 9 pm, outdoors at Tysons-Pimmit Park, behind Tysons-Pimmit Library, Falls Church. Contact Lady Maria-T�r�se de Normande for more information. Fighter Practice Directions.
Needlework Nights	Every Thursday, 7 pm in Sterling. Contact Jaine the Embroiderer at <i>wombat AT lazywench DOT com</i> for directions.
FRIDAY	
Ponte Alto Scriptorium/A&S Night	May meet on a Friday during the month, as posted on the home page under "Upcoming Events". Please contact Lady Renata von Hentzau for more information and directions.
Stierbach/Ponte Alto Bardic	Come and share your songs and stories! Meets the fourth Friday of the month at 7:30 pm. Contact the Baronial A&S Officer, the Baronial Bard, or Baroness Briana (<i>darbyjanie AT hotmail.com</i>) for more information.
MONTHLY	
SCA Newcomer Meetings	Newcomer Meetings occur once a month on a weeknight from 7-9 pm at the home of the Baronial Chatelaine, whom you should contact for directions and information, or check out the home page under "Upcoming Events" for the most recently posted information.
Newcomers Garb Night	We have newcomers garb night once a month on a weeknight at 7 pm, at the homes of various members of the Barony. Please contact the Baronial Chatelaine for more information, or check out the home page under "Upcoming Events" for the most recently posted 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.

monthly calendar

July 2004						
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
June 28 4:30 pm - Archery Practice 7:30 pm - Alle Psallite	29 7:30 pm - Harp and Drum	30	July 1 6 pm - Rapier Practice 6 pm - Heavy Weapons Practice 6 pm - Ladies Instructional Heavy Weapons Practice 7 pm - Needlework Night	2	3 Battle For Jeffries Creek Demo	4 Independence Day Noon - Heavy Fighter Practice 2 pm - Rapier Fighter Practice
Independence Day Observed Noon - Tabard Making Day 4:30 pm - Archery Practice	6	7	8 6 pm - Rapier Practice 6 pm - Heavy Weapons Practice 7 pm - Needlework Night	9	10 King's Assessment of His Armies Colossus of Rhodes	11 Noon - Heavy Fighter Practice 2 pm - Rapier Fighter Practice
4:30 pm - Archery Practice 6:30 pm - Asian Night 7 pm - Scriptorium	13 7 pm - Newcomer's Meeting	14	15 6 pm - Rapier Practice 6 pm - Heavy Weapons Practice 7 pm - Needlework Night	16	17 Storvik Novice Tournament Gwrtheyrn's Challenge Southern War Practice/A&S Symposium	18 Northern Regional War Practice Noon - Heavy Fighter Practice 2 pm - Rapier Fighter Practice

July 2004

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19 4:30 pm - Archery Practice	20	21	22 6 pm - Rapier Practice 6 pm - Heavy Weapons Practice 7 pm - Needlework Night 7:30 pm - Dance Practice	23 7 pm - Scriptorium/A&S Night/Bardic Circle	24 Eno Academy	25 2 pm - Fighter Practice Picnic 6 pm - Business Meeting
26 4:30 pm - Archery Practice	27	28	29 6 pm - Rapier Practice 6 pm - Heavy Weapons Practice 7 pm - Needlework Night	30	31 Last Chance IV	August 1 Noon - Heavy Fighter Practice 2 pm - Rapier Fighter Practice
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pontoons say...

The Pontoon populace was polled. As this month beckons us to prepare for the wonders that are Pennsic, what sights, vendors, activities would you recommend to someone attending Pennsic for the first time? What activities, in your opinion, cannot be missed?! Here are the responses to July's survey question:

Anne of Carthew

Can't be missed? The Pennsic Choir performance, of course! Thursday, 7pm, Performing Arts Tent. 50+ voices! And a lot of Atlantians are participating. Really awesome. (Oh, yeah, I'm directing, so maybe I'm biased.)

Agnes Daunce

Opening ceremonies

Use the hay wagon to tour the entire camp

Castle battle

Performers tent

Siobhan

I'm soooo looking forward to landgrab!

First some context: Pennsic was the *only* SCA event / meeting / whatnot I had been to, until very recently joining SCA this past September. (Since becoming an SCA member I have attending one local event so far.) From my very-much-Pennsic perspective, local SCA was a whole other ball of wax; I imagine the same must be true in reverse for SCA members attending their first Pennsic. -- "There are how many hundreds there? Oh. Did you just say thousands?!"

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* Do try the chocolate milk at Coopers; your long drive and/or wait at troll will be but a cloudy memory after choc-o-milk goodness

* Avoid the steak sandwiches (which are also breakfast sausage) at all costs. The boots one of your baronial buddies tells you they lost last Pennsic . . . magically reincarnated as this year's steak sandwiches.

* Do sign up early for any class you're interested in attending -- especially anything that involves supplies provided by teacher for small fee. The classes are amazing and well worth getting out of your pavilion for. Bring a notebook, a hat, some water, and possibly something to sit/perch on.

* Avoid long trains/hems when joining in the fray of Midnight Madness: someone is so very likely to step on your hem in the tight quarters! Much better to have free movement when diving into bins of trim for the "perfect-thing."

* Do ask people about their clothing, hat, mug, encampment and other items that catches your eye and interest. I have learned *much* about sewing with silk, camping without coolers and wrangling pavilion canvas by saying something very much like, "Wow . . . How'd you do that?!"

* Avoid all manner of *heat and drink induced* health problems by drinking more water than you think you need. If you haven't visited a port-o-castle in a few hours? Drink some water.

* Do check out *anything* that is even remotely interesting on the schedule! Dance, court, drumming, fighting, arts -- a lot of it is right there and Pennsic is a fantastic way to get a sense of the depth and variety of activities to join in on, and skills you can hone, with other like-minded folks!

Baroness Greta Klusenaere

I attended my first Pennsic War in 1985 -- I think it was #14, or "Puddle Revisited" :-). Some things have changed over the past 19 years; other things have not.

1. If you are not lactose intolerant or allergic to chocolate, try the chocolate milk. It does not taste the same anywhere else. I think they must have special "chocolate cows" in that part of Pennsylvania :-)

2. Watch a field battle. Not only is the sight of 1000 armored combatants pretty impressive, just think about the several dozen marshals who are in the MIDDLE of all of that chaos WITHOUT ARMOR! I used to be a heavy marshal, and I have marshaled the Field Battle several times. I still get a bit of a rush watching it.

3. Visit the rune at the top of Runestone Hill (it's now a small park - you used to be able to camp right practically on top of the stone), and contemplate the meaning of the words written on it. In many ways, it does sum up not only the sentiments of Pennsic War, but of the martial aspects of the SCA.

4. Go for a walk in the evening and watch the firelight and listen to the voices -- then you will know why Pennsic is so magical for so many people.

Aislynn*Vendors:*

Billie & Charlie's (also called Potter's Hall on Battle road) – LMS* & Pottery

Gaukler - for both LMS and some of the best shoes made at Pennsic

Historical Arms & Armory - accurate clothes, good shoes, armor

Drachenstein Creations - Award medallions

Crafty Celt - early period jewelry, etc.

Magic Badger Smithy - pins, knives, etc.

Shrewwood - drinking horns, early period accessories,

North Star Armory - good armor...nice brooches, pins, mirrors, etc.

* LMS = Little Metal Stuff (belt ends, buckles, pins, etc)

Sights:

Watching Battles from the hill (or the fort) / Great Court / Knowne World Choir / Runestone Hill at night

Activities:

Shopping

Volunteering at Troll, Security, and Chirugeons' point--(some of the most fun I've had at Pennsic is "working")

and then there is Shopping / **Getting Chocolate Moo from the Cooper's store** / Shopping / Taking a few classes / Shopping

Watching street entertainers - including the fire folks and the pipers Remember, they only can play as long as we support them . . .

And I suppose if you have spare time, there is always shopping!

Lady Cassandra Arabella Giordani

Chocolate milk! **The chocolate milk from the Cooper's Store** is definitely a must-have.

If you aren't participating in the fighting, or even if you are, take some time to *watch* the fighting. In field battles where the fort is not in use, the fort is an excellent spot to view the fighting, especially if you have a video camera! It can be truly awe inspiring watching thousands of armored combatants take the field.

For those shopping inclined (when will they start to award Pennsic War Points for shopping?!?), Wednesday night's **Moonlight Madness** can produce some good deals. I suggest visiting the merchants ahead of time to spot your items so you can swipe them up early on Wednesday, before someone beats you to it! Although sometimes waiting towards the end of the evening of madness can produce greater price cuts.

Do you like to sing? Join the Pennsic Choir!

<http://ravenstreet.org/kwchoir.htm> Ponte Alto's own Mistress Anne of Carthew is directing again this year!

Pennsic has many activities, and there is no way you can experience it all in one visit. I recommend you visit the Pennsic web site <http://www.pennsicwar.org> and pick a few activities that look especially interesting. There is fighting, of course (it is a war, after all!) of the heavy and rapier varieties, along with target archery and thrown weapons. There are A&S classes in almost any subject you can imagine. There is shopping, shopping and more shopping. There are dances and bardics and parties in the evenings. You can volunteer to help out in any number of places (troll, water bearing, chiurgeon's point, ANY Point, etc.), which is a great way to meet new people. And absolutely leave some time to walk around and look at all the spiff encampments groups build at Pennsic!

But most importantly, don't forget that this is your VACATION, so leave some time to just relax and unwind. Some quality vegetable time hanging out in the common tent can be a good thing!

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