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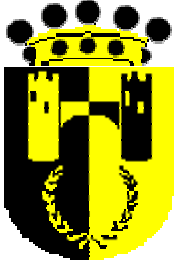


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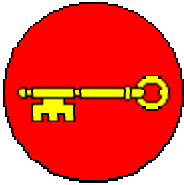


Ponte Alto Officers



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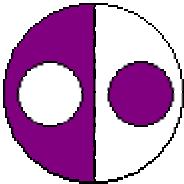
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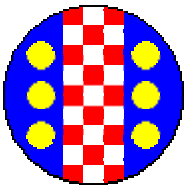
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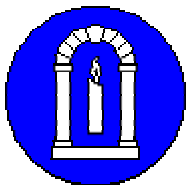
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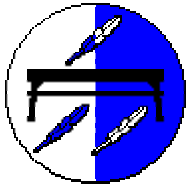


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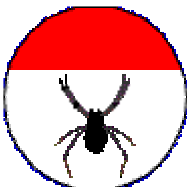
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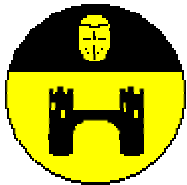


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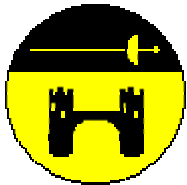
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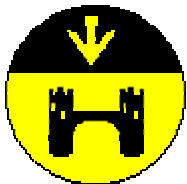
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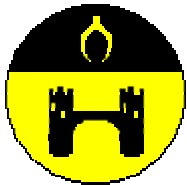
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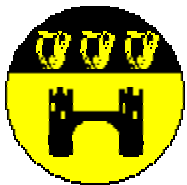
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Barony Meeting Minutes

There was no Baronial Meeting held in December. The next meeting will be held in the Education Building of St. Paul's, Falls Church on January 30, 2005 at 6:00 p.m.



Upcoming Events

Baronial Progress	
Date	Event
January 8	Twelfth Night, Barony of Stierbach

January 2005			
Date	Event	Group	Location
8	Kingdom Twelfth Night (R,H)	Stierbach	Manassas, VA
15	A Winters Tale (R)	Hawkwood	Asheville, NC
21-23	Tourney of Manannon Mac Lir XXXVI	Tear-Sea's Shore	Harleyville, SC
22	Ice Castles XXI (R)	Black Diamond	Roanoke, VA
29	Inter-Baronial Twelfth Night (H)	Marinus	Portsmouth, VA
29	Feast at the Court of Philip the Good	Lochmere	Severna Park, MD

February 2005			
Date	Event	Group	Location
5	Winter University (R,Pr)	Caer Gelynniog	Palmyra, VA
11-13	Tourney of Ymir (R,H)	Windmasters Hill	Wake Forest, NC
12	Bright Hills Birthday	Bright Hills	Hampstead, MD
19	Ice Axe	Yarnvid	Powhatan, VA
19	Performers' and Dance Symposium	Ponte Alto	Fairfax, VA
25-27	Winter War Assessment	Marinus	Spring Grove, VA
26	Carnevale di Inverno	St. Georges	Seneca, SC



**Kingdom of Atlantia Twelfth Night
Barony of Stierbach
January 8, 2005
Foxchase Manor
8310 Chatsworth Drive
Manassas, VA 20109**

As the sun shines brightly in the azure sky, so shine Atlantians in colors to match. Don your finest BLUEs and GOLDs in celebration of Atlantian glory and pride! Their Royal Majesties, Janos and Rachel invite you attend Atlantia's marking of the Feast of 12th Night in Their most noble Barony of Stierbach. It is also the Royal Whym that you honor the symbol of Atlantia's pride, which is her populace, with many diverse images and representations of Spike. Lastly, as the Magi were honored, you should also greet warmly and merrily our visitors from the East as they bring a taste of the Celestial Court of Japan to the festivities.

Many details about the activities held at 12th Night may be found on the official website. A brief listing may be found below.

Arts & Science Competitions:

- Competition for choosing the next Royal Bard
- Tempore Atlantia Competitions (Highlighted time period: 1250 - 1492)
- "All Things Middle Eastern" (any object of Middle Eastern design)
- Young Artists (open competition for artisans under the age of 17)
- Best work of religious art, in any medium
- Japanese Garb for Men or Women
- Books of Hours. (Calligraphy & Illumination, must be in book form)
- Metal Thread Embroidery
- Use of Atlantia's "Spike" in any medium
- Feast table decoration competition.

There will also be an open A&S display for Atlantia's artisans, a grand ball, and a silent auction fundraiser for The Oak. For additional information on A&S activities, please see our website or contact Lord li Saburou Katsumori (Josh Badgley) at arts AT stierbach.org.

Costs:

	Day Trip	Feast
Adult	\$8.00	\$10 per person 5 years and up Please note no discount for children on feast.
Children 5-17	\$4.00	

Infants and Toddlers (Ages 4 and younger) are guests of the Barony.
Non members please add \$3.00 to the aforementioned fees.

Feast: Lady Grace Whyting and House Longbow shall prepare a delicious feast. Menus will be posted to tempt you on the website. Please contact Grace Whyting (Kristi Kelly) with any allergy concerns at 540/338-6498 or KristiWhyKelly AT aol.com. SEE ALSO RESERVATION NOTES ABOUT ADVANCE FEAST TABLE SIGN UP. Thank-you.

Reservations: Something new and exciting is being offered for Kingdom 12th Night: online feast table sign-up! You and your friends can sign up for feast spots in advance. When pre-registering for feast, please make sure you include names of everyone in your party you are paying for. Please include your e-mail address in your registration.



Your e-mail address will be used as a confirmation for your reservation and be used to send you a code and URL link to see the feast seating chart and sign up in advance for feast tables. Deadline for online feast seating is Dec 31st 2004. After that date you will have to wait till the day of the event to sign up for feast table selections.

Please make checks payable to Barony of Stierbach, SCA Inc. Mail reservations to:

Alys of Foxdale
c/o S. Montuori
4121 Lees Corner Road
Chantilly, VA 20151-3409
Contact: montuos AT gmail.com
703-802-6385

A confirmation message will be sent for each set of paid reservations, whether you sign up for feast or not.

Site Information:

[Foxchase Manor Weddings and Corporate Events](#)

8310 Chatsworth Drive
Manassas Virginia 20109

The site opens at 10am and closes at 10pm. Anyone on-site after 10pm will be asked to participate in cleanup. The site is discreetly wet. No original containers.

Hotel information: A block of rooms has been reserved at the Comfort Suites ~2 miles from the site for the group rate of \$59.00 per night under Society for Creative Anachronism. The cut-off date for reservations is December 20th.

Comfort Suites of Manassas
7350 Williamson Blvd
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Directions to Site: [From the Foxchase Manor website](#)

From Washington D.C.: Take Route 66 West to Exit 47A (Route 234 Business South). Follow from * below.

From Northern Virginia: Take Route 66 to Exit 47 (Route 234 Business). Go South on Route 234 Business. Follow from * below.

From Maryland: Take the Beltway 495 to Rt. 66 West. Take Route 66 West to Exit 47A (Route 234 Business South). Follow from * below.

* At the 4th stoplight (one mile) turn right onto Sudley Manor Drive. Follow that until it ends (one mile) and turn Right onto Chatsworth Drive. Turn Left into Foxchase Manor.



Baronial Birthday and Performers Symposium

**Performer's and Dance Symposium III
Barony of Ponte Alto
February 19, 2005
King of Kings Lutheran Church, Fairfax, VA**

The Atlantian Performer's Guild, the Atlantian Dance Academy, and the Barony of Ponte Alto present the third Performer's and Dance 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 before the evening feast.

But wait! There's more. Following the feast and at the same site, we will be hosting an evening of performances given by the students and teachers at the Symposium. This performance will showcase the talents of Atlantia, and will be open to all who wish to attend. Following the performances, a ball will be held covering dances taught during the day. Harp and Drum (other musicians are welcome, too) will provide live music at the ball. If you wish to perform in the evening, please contact Mistress Anne of Carthew (anne AT ravenstreet.org) or sign up at the event.

The Classes:

The following is the current schedule (current as of Nov. 15). Visit the [Class Descriptions page](#) for details:

Track	Time					
	10-11am	11-12pm	12-1:30pm	1:30-2:30pm	2:30-3:30pm	3:30-4:30pm
Italian Dance	Introduction to Italian Renaissance Dance	Flirtatious Italian Renaissance Dance	L U N C H	Easy Italian Renaissance Dances 1	Easy Italian Renaissance Dances 2	Branles for All
Other Dance	Beginning English Country Dance	Period Dances to Non-period Music		Bassedance	Be a Better Dancer the Period Way	Politics of Dance in 16th Century England
Chapel	Three Blind Mice is Period: Rounds	Cuan's class		Group Choral Rehearsal		
Classroom 1	Children's Theater			History of Theater in the Middle Ages	Acting Shakespeare	Beginning Story Telling
Classroom 2	Narrative Composition for Performers	Poetry Made Easier		Composing Your Own Tunes	Dying with Style	
Classroom 3	Learn to Juggle!	Beyond the Cascade (Three Ball Juggling Tricks)		Auditions for Macbeth - Known World Players		
Classroom 4	Secular Cantigas of Alfonso el Sabio	Corun's lute class				

The Children's Theater class will perform at 1pm. All instrumentalists are encouraged to bring their instruments. Baroness Arianna Morgan will be coordinating the Group Choral Rehearsal and music will be available prior to the



event. Anyone interested in auditioning for the Known World Players' Macbeth, to be performed at Pennsic, should visit <http://www.dracontius.net/macbeth> for more info.

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 evening activities begin at 7:30. This site is DRY.

Feast and lunch:

Lunch will be simple fare of soup, ham, fruit, bread and cheese available for \$3. The evening meal is being planned by our Head Cook, Lady Renata von Hentzau. Please direct all dietary concerns to her at starfox5 AT msn.com. There are only 75 seats for feast, so reserve soon. Cut off date for on board reservations is February 12th.

Cost:

	Off Board	On Board
Adult Member	\$5	\$13
Adult Non-Member	\$8	\$16
Youth 6-17	\$3	\$11
Children under 6	Free	Free

Hotel:

TBD

Autocrat:

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Reservations:

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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.

St. Paddy's Day Bloodbath

Barony of Ponte Alto

March 19, 2005

*Angelique and Lord Connor Sinclair are co-autocrating Bloodbath in March. There was a proposal to rename the event to honor Duke Gyrrh Oldcastle. Suggested was Gyrrh Oldcastle Memorial Bloodbath. It was also requested that the proceeds or part of them be donated to the American Diabetes Association on his behalf. The vote on this was postponed until the January meeting.



Officer Reports and Letters

From the Baron and Baroness

Greetings unto our fair Barony, from Marcellus and Belphoebe. We hope this missive finds you full of holiday cheer and warmly ensconced with family and loved ones.

12th Night is rapidly approaching, to be held in nearby Stierbach. We look forward to seeing many of you there. Enjoy the festivities and frivolities, participate in the A&S competitions, and generally have a great time. I know we will. :-)

Other events we will be attending in the near future include Feast at the Court of Philip the Good in Lochmere (Jan 29) and Tourney of Ymir in Windmasters Hill (Feb 11-13). We would also wish to see as many of you as possible at the Performers and Dance Symposium (Feb 19), where we will celebrate the first anniversary of our tenure as B&B of this wonderful Barony. We will be selecting our Baronial Bardic and A&S Champions at this event. If you would be interested in competing for these positions, please contact Belphoebe or myself. The many talented artisans and performers of Ponte Alto are also encouraged to join us at the Kingdom Arts and Sciences Festival (Mar 5).

While the winter season has only just begun, we can see the days grow longer. Our thoughts turn to all things martial, and the upcoming spring season of Tournaments and Wars. We would invite all who can to attend upon Their Majesties and Their Highnesses at Gulf Wars (Mar 14-20). Those who cannot may display their martial prowess at Bloodbath (Mar 19), where we will be picking our Heavy Weapon and Rapier Champions. Any who wish to vie for these positions should contact Belphoebe or myself. Lord Abel Brem will continue to organize War Practices throughout the Spring and all fighters would do well to attend, so that we may hone our skills on the field of battle and become an even greater force to be reckoned with in the upcoming months.

On a final note, Belphoebe and I are finally becoming settled into our new manor, and we will soon be inviting one and all to join us for a Baronial Open House (date TBD). We hope to make this a regular occurrence.

As always, please forward to us any recommendations you may have for awards, both Baronial and Kingdom, so that we may recognize those deserving members of our Barony, and add the weight of our voices to the many reaching the ears of Their Majesties and Their Highnesses.

Yours in Service,



Marcellus Capozziello di Napoli
Baron, Ponte Alto



Belphoebe de Givet
Baroness, Ponte Alto

Seneschal

Greetings Ponte Alto From Your Seneschal,
 I hope the Holiday Season finds you well.
 The following is my report on Unevent.

I went to Unevent ready for new rules, exciting new debates and all I got was the following highlights of already hashed out issues. Darn it! I wanted blood shed. Oops! Was that my outside voice? © No seriously the issues discussed were pertinent to issues happening all over Atlantia. So let's review...

My first session, the Seneschals session, was hosted by Ann R. Shelton, (Dame Anne le Coeur in the SCA). and began by having us (Seneschals and representatives) introduce ourselves to each other, since many of the Barony's had turned over this office since last Unevent. There were more than 20 representatives in attendance, including me, and introductions took about five minutes. Then Anne introduced herself, her regional officers and the agenda for the hour.

The Chronicler, Tracey Brown, (Cassandra the Forelorn) was then given the floor and briefly stated that people were having problems meeting deadlines. If an Event is being held in January, December 1st is the last day to register the event for the Acorn. She informed us that she is going to start being a hard nose about this issue. If she is not contacted before December 1st, to say an event flier would be late, the event would not make the Acorn. Also, signatures do not need to be on the same form to register an event, as long as, all ORIGINAL signatures made their way to her by the deadline (one month in advance of the event or one Acorn cycle before the event.) The Chronicler let us know that she would accept a faxed copy of the event form/needed signatures, as long as the ORIGINAL was soon to follow. My interpretation of soon after, was within the first seven days of the month, or she would pull the event from the Official Event Calendar. She was very serious about the issue of Registering Events, even going so far as to point out where we could find the Event Registration Forms so, that the excuse of not having access to them could no longer be an issue.

**She ended her part of the session by informing the Seneschal's present that the chronicler's office would be losing Kathryn Snead (Mistress Ilse von Brenner) as Waiver Secretary and would the Seneschal's solicit there Baronies for a new one. Having done that she resumed her seat and turned the floor back over to Anne, the Kingdom Seneschal.

Anne next introduced the Kingdom Exchequer, Erin Chisenhall, (Baroness Benefşe al Rashida). Benefşe started off by explaining the 501c3 status to those present. The short explanation is that all money generated by the SCA stays within the SCA. Let me expand on this a bit. It doesn't mean we keep every cent. It means that the operating expenses generated by our group get paid for, such as an event. And that if we make money on an event that money gets put back into the group's accounts. We do not pay our Officers to be Officers or anything like that except in very rare cases and that usually has something to do with Society Level Officers. But on the whole we are an organization set up to reinvest every cent made back into itself. 501c3 does not mean if we make money we have to immediately spend it on our group. In fact, Benefşe would like to encourage each group, weather it's a Canton, Barony or Guild to keep at least one year's worth of operating capital in their bank accounts in case of event failures, or a drop in generated income from the group.

Also any fundraisers need to funnel their money through the Kingdom exchequers office for tax bookkeeping and tracking purposes. For fundraisers sponsored by the Barony a sign for what the funds are allotted for needs to be clearly displayed at the point the money is being solicited (I assume taken as well). The Kingdom exchequer would also like to be e-mailed with the wordage for the sign to make sure she understands what is going on; so that she will have a heads up on what funds will be coming down the pipeline and for what reason. We are allowed to give 501c3 money (SCA funds) to another 501c3 group without worry. This does not create an IRS nightmare, so rest easy on that issue. Kingdom would just like to know we are doing it.

**Currently June 2005 University does not have a site the Seneschal's need to look around and find a free or nearly free site for this event.

- Uhhmm? Something about non-member surcharge. (I can't make out)
- Domsday 4th quarter report (usually reports) (I can't make out)
- We are responsible (I can't make out)
- Interim reports. (I can't make out)

*Note the above four bullets could be a run on sentence or separate discussion issues. At this point I'm uncertain and can't remember anything else on the issues. My interim report went through okay. Domsday is not



my responsibility and Non-member surcharges are handled by MOL/Troll/Exchequer. So my not being able to make this out for the moment is okay.

Then Anne introduced the Kingdom Web Minister Carl Harris, (Lord Gruffudd ap Cadfael) for our NEW reporting system. And boy did we have things to say on that issue. Well I did. You know that feeling when the teacher asks you to stay after class well I got it. Gruffudd and I talked during and after class about some of the problems I had. (see me if you want a list). Then, as threatened, I got put on the *people who know how to break his toys* test list. He made some of the changes we asked for in the session, others he assured us would be made in the very near future, when he could hook up to his main storehouse of information, again. Overall, the Seneschals Automated Reporting System looks and acts pretty good, with a few minor adjustments all will be right with the world.☺

Next was the Chirurgeon session. We as a Barony did not represent ourselves here. As far as I know, we don't have a Baronial Chirurgeon, but we do have fighters, and as I am one, this Session interested me.

The Kingdom Chirurgeon, Andrea Suplee, (Lady Ren Morgane) started off by distributing several handouts-the Chirurgeon's oath, A brief summary of their responsibilities, ideas for equipment and a copy of the Good Samaritan Law.

She next reminded the eight members present that their reports were due on the fifth of the month (December 5, 2004) with current information, and that if they hadn't gotten them in, they should do so at the event to make sure she got them in time. Starting off with the encouraging word about an influx of interest in the office of Chirurgeon-having made three new members that past year (Apprentice/Journeyman). She went on to urge us to ask questions of other Chirurgeon if we had any doubts or questions and informed us that yahoo was up and running.

She went on to discuss When the Dust Settles...the aftermath of an injury at an SCA event, weather it is and Act Of God or an incident on/off the tourney field, it needs to be reported. Wren does not need to answer her phone to the ranting of oh say the King to find out about something that happened two weeks ago that she's only now hearing about, because the King observed a repeat of the behavior. This is a made up event, but the Kingdom Chirurgeon needs to be kept informed of treatments denied, treatments carried out that might have been done against better judgment, like, oh say, your Seneschal having her chin cracked open while fighting but not going to the hospital to get it stitched up, but insisting on a butterfly Band-Aid (real incident); or other odd things like that.

She reiterated two points, the Minor Medical Waiver. The waiver should be presented at troll and with out it the minor may not be on site. This document is not surrendered to troll but kept on or close to the responsible adult.

The second point was the Alcohol Policy, a Chirurgeon cannot treat anyone within 8 hours of consuming drugs or Alcohol this is tantamount to malpractice. So listen closely and don't do it. No matter the situation.

She encouraged those present to be visible, wear baldrics/favors, and talk to people make the Chirurgeon-ate more approachable.

She introduced her Newest Deputy for the South from Georgia Moreena Notting Coil an ex? Fire Chief I think. Another Deputy Cleiya.

Field Response Issues—

Under respected, fighters don't see them as a force on the field.

Standard Practice, treat field response like a domestic disturbance, find a marshal/police officer and wait until they call a hold and escort you onto the field. The Marshall is the last word on when you can be on the field and when you can't.

There should be a partnership on the field between Marshall and Chirurgeon, do not ignore this, communicate with the marshal, and be alert. These things will help keep you and your intended patient safe.

A discussion of how to keep from burning out took place. Due to the fact that the Chirurgeonate is a small yet important guild they have a tendency to be overused. This needs to be nipped in the bud, but no real way to do so was established. In some cases the Chirurgeon are being used as both first aid and water bearers. This splits their attention and makes them less effective as Chirurgeon.



www.Chirurgeon.net

Training ideas and legalities were discussed but to no real end. Most people use the idea of being sued as an excuse not to volunteer time for this office and so the Chirurgeonate is small over worked and underappreciated. I would encourage anyone who wants to contribute to the SCA to contribute here. They will certainly love you for your time and service.

Chancellor of Youth Activities (CYA) Linda Goldman (Mistress Ceridwen ferch Owain) started off the session with an introduction of her officers

BogPages.com

lgoldman@randolph.k12.nc.us

ceridwen@rtmc.net

Lady Mauve—deals with the children.

Pages Academy is handled by Morag A. Polaski (Baroness Olwen de Montgomery). Ideas were solicited for what to do with the Teens. At some point during the Pages journey the teens are left out. There is a gap that doesn't cover the 15 thru 18 year old group.

Dunston was given as an example as he'd just successfully finished the Pages Academy.

The group was encouraged to share ideas via the e-list, and to look on line for sources to entertain the age group they deal with

www.homeschool.com www.crayola.com www.atlantia.local.com (not sure if this is correct)

It was restated that Youth Combat is only geared for ages 8 years and older. This is an activity that must be closely supervised. Children, even talented children younger than 8, can not participate in this activity even with mom and dad sitting on the sidelines.

Chancellors Handbooks were handed out and a brief description of what was inside was given.

Ideas were discussed for how to TAG the kid in our care, so that they were not easily identified by strangers. Turning tags backward, using hospital bracelets with the names written in pen, and necklaces tucked under clothes were suggested. We were also told, NOT to let any of our charges go with any one else but the person that left them in our care. This is not a negotiable point. If mom dropped the child off and signed her/him in, mom picks the child up and signs them out.

Pennsic Youth Fete was discussed and volunteers were solicited. This will take place Monday of War week at children's point. They also need volunteers for children's point. Any Takers?

The teen run event, Tournament of Chivalry was introduced. Kimber von Remmer is Autocrating this event, and the Caradwyn encouraged everyone to participate because this event was the beginning of spanning the gap that exists in the 15-18 year old group participation. This tournament allows old and new to team up and show/share what they know.

The session ended with Kingdom Chatelaine-teen youth deputy

Children's Corner Co-coordinator of the North and Assistant Dean of the North are Vacant at this time.

While I sat in the Seneschal's session a friend of mine Stephen McAlpine from Richmond (Caer Mear/Yarn Vid) covered the Herald Session. His notes are kind of sketchy to my way of reading them but here goes my interpretation...

New Herald (McAlpine?) Kingdom. I assume this means there is a new Kingdom Herald by the name of McAlpine. (not my friend)

New initiative for education was introduced, more classes, better source info/material, more use of online resources was encouraged.

The Kingdom needs children's herald.

More use of submission herald's page is encouraged



Kingdom needs Regional counsel table (no volunteers) [my assumption was that this is a traveling position to be set up at large events]

On line resources

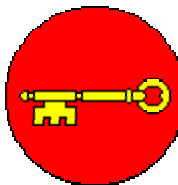
Laurel Web Page www.sca.org/laurel/herald

St. Gabriel www.s-gabriel.org

From Triton Herald, award scrolls are always back logged. Those wanting scrolls and have had promissory's please check with triton herald to make sure you are on the "to do list"

In Service,

Lady Marie Thérèse Normand
Seneschale



Web Minister

Greetings Ponte Alto!

Your Baronial Webminister attended Unevent, and brings back some good news.

Some of the officers have approached me about getting officer email addresses for use by the Barony, and our Kingdom Webminister is now offering this service for group web sites hosted on the Kingdom web server (which we are). The email addresses would be aliases that point to the officer's true email address; not actual email accounts, just forwarding addresses. But it should decrease the spam-findability of the real email accounts of our officers, which I'm sure will make us all happier.

Hopefully I will be able to coordinate with the Kingdom Webminister and have officer/role email addresses setup sometime in January. My expectation is to include the actual officers only, not deputies (so I don't have to figure out which Deputy Rapier Marshal gets to be deputy #1), plus the B&B and notables. Let me know if you have other potential role accounts we might want to use.

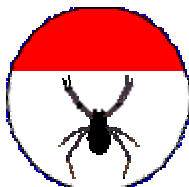
Also, the Kingdom Webminister has been working on SPIKE version 2, an upgrade to the existing online events submission application. The new SPIKE should roll out in February, and will allow event autocrats to post their event on the calendar much further in advance with less required information up front so that we can all plan a little better.

And for those of us hosting our groups on the Kingdom web server (that includes us!), the annual \$5/month x 12 months = \$60 contribution to the Kingdom web server fund should be sent directly to the Kingdom Exchequer in the first quarter of 2005, the earlier the better.

Our Kingdom Webminister also reminded us to obtain written (or email) permission to post personal information on the web site, including snail-mail address, phone number, and email address. Role email addresses (somebody@pontealto.atlantia.sca.org) don't require permission, as they are not personal information. So if you send updated contact information to myself and the Chronicler, please indicate which information you wish posted to the web site.

In Service,

Lady Cassandra Arabella Giordani
Baronial Bard, Web Minister



Past Times

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

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

Sea Dog Tavern's "break even" point was 80 people, and we had over 100. The kitchen stayed well within budget, so we anticipate a profit of more than \$300 but less than \$600.... Due to the imminent departure of Maeve and Maelgwyn to another kingdom, both Harp and Drum (Monday nights) and the Scriptorium (Thursday nights) have been relocated to Allasondrea's.... The Sunday (outdoor) heavy weapons and rapier practices have been suspended for the winter. The indoor practices at GMU are currently trying to be held on Monday nights due to room scheduling conflicts... At the October Curia Baron Bran of Sacred Stone issued a challenge to the other Baronies of the Kingdom to raise money to replace the royal crowns of Atlantia with a new set of crowns. Several people have already made generous donations on behalf of Ponte Alto and if you would like to contribute as well, see Baron Niall, Lady Aislynn Fyrlocc or Lord Kenwrec FitzRaymund.

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

Their Majesties, Amalric and Caia have chosen Lord Donald Macgregor and Dame Winifred Corbet de Wynterwood as next Baron and Baroness. Have requested of Their Majesties that the details of the polling results be provided and published, as per our charter. They are considering it...Lady Muireann, A&S officer, announces the competitions for this upcoming 12th Night, which will be held in Caer Mear, Richmond, Va.



Other Articles

Now Christmas is past, Twelfth Night is the last
To the Old Year adieu, Great joy to the new

Jan. 5, the vigil or eve of Epiphany, so called because it is the 12th night from Christmas, counting Christmas as the first. In England, Twelfth Night has been a great festival marking the end of the Christmas season, and popular masquerading parties are typical entertainment. In many countries, it is the beginning or first of the carnival season. It has also been referred to as "King's Day" in reference to the arrival of the three kings bearing gifts. Many monarchs in England chose this day of feasting and celebration as their coronation day.

Epiphany a prime Christian feast, celebrated Jan. 6, called also Twelfth Day or Little Christmas. Its eve is Twelfth Night. It commemorates three events—the baptism of Jesus (Mark 1), the visit of the Wise Men to Bethlehem (Mat. 2), and the miracle at Cana (John 2). In his baptism Jesus' sonship to God was manifested to the world; in the visit of the Wise Men he was manifested as king to the Gentiles; and at the marriage feast at Cana his power to perform miracles (a divine prerogative) was shown. In popular celebration the feast is far more ancient than Christmas. Technically it is more important than Christmas, ranking after Easter and Pentecost. It is a day of gifts in many countries. In the Eastern Church the waters are blessed on this day. The word *epiphany* means a manifestation, usually of divine power. Thus the actual appearance of God (as in the burning bush) or a moment of divine revelation may be called an epiphany.

The period between Christmas and Epiphany was traditionally the time to celebrate. It was a time of feasting and a time when the rich were supposed to share what they had with the poor.

TWELFTH NIGHT CAKE

It was a time for having a great feast, and the cake was an essential part of the festivities. This was slightly different in different countries, and also at different social levels. In the GREAT HOUSES into the cake was baked a dried Bean and a Pea. One being placed in one half and the other in the other half. The cake was decorated with sugar, like our icing, but not so dense, and ornamentation. As the visitors arrived, they were given a piece of the cake, ladies from the left, gentlemen from the right side. The man whose slice contained the bean was elected King for the night; a Queen was found with a pea. For the rest of the evening, they ruled supreme. Even if they were normally servants, their temporarily exalted position was recognised by all, including their masters.

I hope to see many good gentles at the coming Kingdom Twelfth Night event. Until then . . .

In Service,

Julina de Beaumont
Chronicler



Ponte Alto Weekly Activities

Indoor Archery Practice resumes on **October 29, 2004** on **Fridays from 4:30 pm to 8 pm** at [Bull Run Shooting Center Facility](#) out in Stierbach. [Contact the Baronial Archery Marshal](#) for carpool and other information.

Dance Practices will be held on the **fourth Thursday, January 27th**. Practices will be held at the normal time from **7:30-9pm** at [Shreveewood Elementary School](#).

Sunday Rapier Practices are suspended until the spring. Thursday night rapier practices continue as usual on days the school remains open. Contact the [Baronial Rapier Marshal](#) for more information.

Newcomer's Meeting The next newcomer's meeting will be January 18 at 7pm. If anyone needs directions, please email our Chatelaine (ladymarsaili AT yahoo dot com) or call 703/444-6247 (h) or 571/242-6370 (cell)..

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 .
MONDAY	
Alle Psallite (Vocal Music)	Every Monday, 7:30-9 pm in Herndon. Please 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 .
Ponte Alto Scriptorium	Meets the second Monday of the month. Please contact Lady Renata von Hentzau (starfox5 AT msn.com) 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 Aine Sindradottir (ellen.m.davis AT att.net , (703) 815-0310) or Lord li Saburou Katsumori (logan AT modzer0.cs.uaf.edu) for more information or directions.
TUESDAY	
Harp and Drum Corps (Instrumental Music)	Directed by Mistress Anne of Carthew (anne AT ravenstreet.org) whom you may contact for more information. Held every Tuesday, 7:30 - 9 pm at the home of Master Corun MacAnndra (corun AT medievalist.org , (703) 876-0650), in Annandale.
WEDNESDAY	
No Activities	
THURSDAY	



Rapier Practice *	Every Thursday at Shreveewood Elementary school from 6 pm to 9 pm. Please use the rear entrance to the Gym. Please contact the Baronial Rapier Marshal for more information. Indoor Rapier Directions . This is a school location activity .
Dance Practice *	Last Thursday of the month at Shreveewood Elementary school from 7:30 pm to 9 pm. Please use the rear (outside) entrance to the cafeteria. Please contact Lady Allasan bhán inghean Fhaoláin (jedierika AT yahoo.com) for more information. Dance Practice Directions . This is a school location activity .
Heavy Weapons Indoor Practice *	Lemon Road Elementary School on Idylwood Road, 6 pm - 9 pm. Practice is geared to developing beginning and intermediate fighters through intensive hands on training with experienced instructors, as well to providing ample opportunity for more advanced fighters to sparr with knight level combatants. All are welcome. Contact the Baronial Knight Marshal for more information. Indoor Heavy Directions . This is a school location activity .
Ladies Instructional Heavy Weapons Indoor Practice *	First Thursday of every month at Lemon Road Elementary School on Idylwood Road, 6 pm - 9 pm. Contact Lady Marie Thérèse Normand (mariatheresapontoon AT yahoo.com) for more information. Indoor Heavy Directions . This is a school location activity .
FRIDAY	
Ponte Alto/Stierbach Archery Practice	Fridays from 4:30 pm until 8 pm, the indoor season archery practice site is Bull Run Regional Park's shooting center. Archery Practice Directions . Practices are jointly held with Stierbach. You may also contact the Baronial Archery Marshal 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 .
FRIDAY	
Ponte Alto Scriptorium/A&S Night	May meet on a Friday during the month, as posted on the at the top of this page. Please contact Lady Perronelle la peintre (dwatsonirwin AT cox.net , (703) 455-0298) 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 Deputy A&S Officer , the Baronial Bard , or Baroness Briana Maclukas (darbyjanie AT hotmail.com) 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 Lady Marsaili Johnston of Lochwood Moss (Terelyn Marks). ladymarsaili AT yahoo dot com) 703/444-6247 (home) or 571/242-6370 (cell). Contact the Baronial Chatelaine for more information, or check out the top of this page 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 top of this page 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

January 2005						
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
December 27	28	29	30	31	New Year's Day January 1 Yule Revel	2 Noon - Outdoor Heavy Weapons Practice
3 7:30 pm - Alle Psallite	4 7:30 pm - Harp and Drum	5	6 6 pm - Rapier Practice 6 pm - Heavy Weapons Practice 6 pm - Ladies Instructional Heavy Weapons Practice	7 4:30 pm - Archery Practice	8 Kingdom Twelfth Night	9 Noon - Outdoor Heavy Fighter Practice
10 6:30 pm - Asian Night 7 pm - Scriptorium 7:30 pm - Alle Psallite	11 7:30 pm - Harp and Drum	12	13 6 pm - Rapier Practice 6 pm - Heavy Weapons Practice	14 4:30 pm - Archery Practice	15 A Winters Tale	16 Noon - Outdoor Heavy Fighter Practice
<i>Martin Luther King Day</i> 17 7:30 pm - Alle Psallite	18 7 pm - Newcomer's Meeting 7:30 pm - Harp and Drum	19	20 6 pm - Rapier Practice 6 pm - Heavy Weapons Practice	21 4:30 pm - Archery Practice	22 Tourney of Manannon Mac Lir XXXI Ice Castles XXI	23 Noon - Outdoor Heavy Fighter Practice
24 7:30 pm - Alle Psallite	25 7:30 pm - Harp and Drum	26	27 6 pm - Rapier Practice 6 pm - Heavy Weapons Practice	28 4:30 pm - Archery Practice 7:30 pm - Sierbach/Ponte Alto Bardic Circle	29 Inter-Baronial Twelfth Night Feast at the Court of Philip the Good	30 Noon - Outdoor Heavy Fighter Practice 6 pm - Business Meeting
31 7:30 pm - Alle Psallite	February 1 7:30 pm - Harp and Drum	2	3 6 pm - Rapier Practice 6 pm - Heavy Weapons Practice 6 pm - Ladies	4 4:30 pm - Archery Practice	5 University	



