

Welcome to II Tempo!



This is Lord Connor's first scroll, and he created it as part of his heraldic display for Dun Carraig's Challenge of the Heart.

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Ponte Alto Activities

Ladies Instructional Heavy Weapons Practice is moving to the **first Sunday** of the month instead of the first Thursday starting **June 5, 2005**. Please contact Lady Marie Thérèse Normand (*mariatheresapontoon AT yahoo.com*, (703) 690-9453 (H)) for more information.

Thursday night **Rapier Practice** moves outdoors to **Tyson's Pimmit Park** (weather permitting) starting **June 23, 2005** due to the closure of the schools for the summer. The site is the same as the outdoor Sunday practices. For more information, please contact the [Baronial Rapier Marshal](#).

Scriptorium/A&S Night/Bardic will start at **6:30 pm on Friday, June 24, 2005**, hosted by Lady Perronelle la peintre (*dwatsonirwin AT cox.net*, (703) 455-0298 (H)). Focus is again on scrolls, this time for the reign of Their Highnesses, Janos and Rachel, but most A&S activities are welcome!

Thursday night **Heavy Weapons Practice** moves outdoors to **Tyson's Pimmit Park** (weather permitting) starting **June 30, 2005** due to the closure of the schools for the summer. The site is the same as the outdoor Sunday practices. For more information, please contact the [Baronial Knight Marshal](#).

Over **Saturday, July 9, 2005** and **Sunday, July 10, 2005**, from **10 am to 7 pm** both days, Lord James de Biblesworth and Lady Katharine Devereaux (*katdevereaux AT hotmail.com*, (703) 838-0120 (H)) will be hosting **Newcomers/Pre-Pennsic Sewing days**. They have a well stocked library, two large tables, seating for 10+, good movie collection, and plenty of parking for all! Please bring your machine if you need one - they only have one. Please contact them if you plan on stopping by anytime over the weekend. More information can be found here: <http://atlantia.sca.org/pipermail/ponte-alto/2005-June/003921.html>

The July **Newcomers Meeting** will be held on **Tuesday, July 19, 2005 at 7:00PM** at the home of the [Baronial Chatelaine](#). Please contact the [Baronial Chatelaine](#) for more information and directions.

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](#).

Ladies Instructional Heavy Weapons Practice

First Sunday of every month, Noon - Dark, outdoors, weather permitting, at Tysons-Pimmit Park, behind Tysons-Pimmit Library, Falls Church. Contact Lady Marie Thérèse Normand (***mariatheresapontoon AT yahoo.com***, (703) 690-9453 (H)) 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)

ON HOLD for the summer.

Asian Nights (Exploration of all things Asian)

Second Monday of every month, starts at 6:30 in Centreville. Please contact Lady Áine Sindradóttir (***ellen.m.davis AT att.net***, (703) 815-0310 (H)) or Lord Ii Saburou Katsumori (***logan AT modzer0.cs.uaf.edu***) for more information or directions.

Ponte Alto/Stierbach Archery Practice

Mondays from 5 pm until dark, Ponte Alto's outdoor season archery practice site is near Goose Creek Golf Course in Leesburg, VA. [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>.

TUESDAY

**Harp and Drum Corps
(Instrumental Music)**

Meets first Tuesdays, 7:30 - 9 pm at the home of Lady Celia of Rosedale (***rosedale703 AT aol.com***, (703) 378-2441 (H)) for practice of SCA Dance music. Meets third Tuesdays, 7:30 - 9 pm at the home of Mistress Anne of Carthew (***anne AT ravenstreet.org***) for practice and polishing of more advanced musical pieces. Contact the respective hosts for more information.

WEDNESDAY

**All Things 15th Century
Workshops**

Third Wednesdays of every month from 6-9 pm in Reston, VA, at the home of Lady Courtney of Houghton (***courtneydehoughton AT yahoo.com***) and Lord Connor Sinclair (***connorsinclair AT yahoo.com***), whom you should contact for more information and directions.

THURSDAY

Outdoor Rapier Practice

Weather permitting, 6 pm to dark, outdoors at Tysons-Pimmit Park, behind Tysons-Pimmit Library, Falls Church. Please contact [Baronial Rapier Marshal](#) for more information. [Fighter Practice Directions](#).

**Outdoor Heavy Weapons
Practice**

Weather permitting, 6 pm to dark, outdoors at Tysons-Pimmit Park, behind Tysons-Pimmit Library, Falls Church. Please contact the [Baronial Knight Marshal](#) for more information. [Fighter Practice Directions](#).

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 (H)) 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 Lady Celia of Rosedale (***rosedale703 AT aol.com***, (703) 378-2441 (H)), Lady Cassandra Arabella Giordani (***cassandra AT jordanclan.net***), 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 homes of various members of the Barony. 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.

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Monthly Calendar

July 2005

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<p>June 27</p> <p>5 pm - Archery Practice</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p> <p>6 pm - Rapier Practice</p> <p>6 pm - Heavy Weapons Practice</p>	<p>July 1</p>	<p>2</p> <p>All Things Marshal</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Noon - Outdoor Heavy Weapons Practice</p> <p>Noon - Ladies Instructional Heavy Weapons Practice</p>
<p><i>Independence Day</i> 4</p>	<p>5</p> <p>7:30 pm - Harp and Drum</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>6 pm - Rapier Practice</p> <p>6 pm - Heavy Weapons Practice</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Storvik Novice and Unbelt Tourneys</p> <p>Baronial Birthday XVIII</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Noon - Outdoor Heavy Weapons Practice</p> <p>2 pm - Outdoor Rapier Fighter Practice</p>
<p>11</p> <p>5 pm - Archery Practice</p> <p>6:30 pm - Asian Night</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>6 pm - Rapier Practice</p> <p>6 pm - Heavy Weapons Practice</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Kingdom Archery</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Noon - Outdoor Heavy Weapons Practice</p> <p>2 pm - Outdoor Rapier Fighter Practice</p>

<p style="text-align: center;">18</p> <p>5 pm - Archery Practice</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">19</p> <p>7:30 pm - Harp and Drum</p> <p>7 pm - Newcomer's Meeting</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">20</p> <p>6 pm - 15th Century Workshop</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">21</p> <p>6 pm - Rapier Practice</p> <p>6 pm - Heavy Weapons Practice</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">22</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">23</p> <p>King's Assessment</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">24</p> <p>Noon - Outdoor Heavy Weapons Practice</p> <p>2 pm - Outdoor Rapier Practice</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">25</p> <p>5 pm - Archery Practice</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">26</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">27</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">28</p> <p>6 pm - Rapier Practice</p> <p>6 pm - Heavy Weapons Practice</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">29</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">30</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">31</p> <p>Noon - Outdoor Heavy Weapons Practice</p> <p>2 pm - Outdoor Rapier Practice</p> <p>6 pm - Business Meeting</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">August 1</p> <p>5 pm - Archery Practice</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">2</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">3</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">4</p> <p>6 pm - Rapier Practice</p> <p>6 pm - Heavy Weapons Practice</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">5</p> <p>Pennsic</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">6</p> <p>Pennsic</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">7</p> <p>Pennsic</p>

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Upcoming Events

Baronial Progress

Date	Event
June 23	King's Assessment

July 2005

Date	Event	Group	Location
1-3	All Things Marshal	Bright Hills	Elkton, MD
8-10	Storvik Novice and Unbelt Tournaments	Storvik	Glendale, MD
9	Baronial Birthday XVIII	Marinus	Norfolk, VA
16	Kingdom Archery	Sudentorre	Fredricksburg, VA
22-24	King's Assessment (R,H)	Black Diamond	Buena Vista, VA

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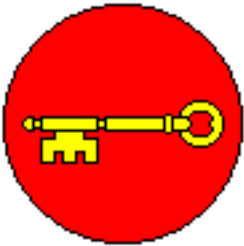
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Meeting Minutes - June 26, 2005

Held at the Education Building of St. Paul's Lutheran Church

29 Attendees

Meeting Start Time: 6:10 pm

Officer Reports

Seneschal: Lady Marie-Therese Normand

- See new business - business meeting location/dates
- No martial activities at demos until Kingdom sorts out issues
- Vote of confidence for B&B in September - need gold color paper for easy identification by monarchs when returned - Mary will be looking for help stuffing envelopes

MOM: Siobhán (reported by Master Kevin)

- Not present
- Next event Chalice
- Volunteer for the Children's Fete at Pennsic!

Exchequer: Lady Melissent d'Artois

- Current balance is \$6843.73 (Paid for Chalice site)

Heavy Marshal: Lord Duncan the Elder

- Thursday night heavy weapons practice moves to Tysons Pimmit Park (outdoors) for the summer
- Small melee practice at last indoor practice!

Rapier Marshal: Lord Geoffrey ap Clywd

- Strong Thursday night practice, not as strong at Sunday practices
- No July 3rd Practice

Archery Marshal: Arnfriðr (reported by Miles)

- Played at Sapphire
- Practices still on Mondays in Leesburg, VA
- Sunday 10-noon at Roxbury Mill
- Storvik awaiting warranting of new archery marshal

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Officer Reports and Letters



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Officer Reports and Letters - Arts and Sciences

Greetings from the A&S Minister,

A&S Nights continue. 15th Century Nights are once a month and are hosted by Lady Courtney de Houghton. Lady Perronelle le Peintre continues to host Scriptorium / Joint Steirbach Bardic Nights, also about once per month.

The Baronial Artisan, Lady Marsaili, won in A&S at Steirbach's Baronial Birthday. Mistress Giulianna won at Challenge of the Heart in Dun Cairraig.

My Deputy, Lady Delphina the Mad, assisted with A&S at Sapphire Joust in Caer Mear, while I taught two A&S classes at the same event.

Hope to see many good entries from Ponte Alto at Pennsic's A&S display.

Yours in Service,

Baroness Greta Klusenaere
Minister of Arts and
Sciences



A&S: Baroness Greta Klusenaere

- Lady Perronelle continues to host A&S Nights and Sunday scriptorium (our Baroness made her first scroll!)
- Baroness Greta and Lady Delphina taught classes at Sapphire
- Lady Marsaili won Stierbach's Travels and Journeys A&S competition
- Maestra Giuliana won "A&S Gone Bad" at Challenge of the Heart

Chatelaine: Lady Marsaili Johnston of Lochwood Moss

- Next Newcomer's meeting on July 19 at 7 pm at Marsaili's home in Sterling, VA
- Lord James de Biblesworth is new Deputy Chatelaine, he is handling demos

Herald: Lord Connor Sinclair (reported by Courtney)

- Nothing happening

MOL: Baroness Agnes Dounce

- Next event is Chalice
- Agnes helped at Challenge of the Heart

Chroniclers: Lady Courtney de Houghton and Lord Connor Sinclair

- Still need a deputy
- Need reports BEFORE business meeting for compilation into II Tempo
- Populace!! Contribute, contribute, contribute! Artwork, articles, poetry, stories, recipies, tips, tricks, whatever...
- No one noticed the Challenge Question. :(Read your newsletter!
- Get officer reports in by Tuesday for this meeting

Web Minister: Lady Cassandra Arabella Giordani

- OP updates from Challenge of the Heart
- Working on web sites for Atlantian Laurels and Pearls for our Ponte Alto order principals

Warlord: Sir Thomas of Calais

- War practice melee tournament at Stierbach - Thomas heard it went well - Northern Army looking better
- War Practice day after Challenge of the Heart - Lady Melissent authorized in Combat Archery
Baroness Greta says about a dozen folks showed up
- Challenge teams - 4 teams from Ponte Alto
- Looks like lots of pontoons for Pennsic
- Talk to Thomas if you're interested in authorizing in anything

- Lady Katharine authorized at Highland River Melees
- Simon and Guenivere authorized heavy at Challenge of the Heart

Baron and Baroness: Baron Marcellus Capozziello da Napoli and Baroness Belphoebe de Givet

- At Stierbach b-day: Marsaili won A&S, Thomas won Thrown Weapons
- Thomas and Miles both working towards thrown weapons marshal-hood
- pontoons came out in droves at Challenge of the Heart - 4 full heavy teams (and the 3rd member of the Calontir team), plus a rapier team that swept the field. Lion's Keep heavy team made it to finals; Master Kevin was given a token for chivalry by Her Majesty Denise
- \$425 raised for Kingdom travel fund at Challenge of the Heart silent auction
- Progress: Assessments (playing siege/heavy) and PENNSIC!
- Need tabard/capelet? Contact B&B to get one!
- Keep sending in recommendations, kingdom and baronial!

Events

Chalice: September 16-18, 2005

Siobhan, autocrat; Lady Luce Antony Venus, deputy autocrat

- Need approval for budget on Chalice - break even point: 175 people, 85 feast - budget passes unanimously
- The site is confirmed as Prince William Forest Park again: wet site, cabin camping only; no tents. Cabin Camps 1 and 4
- Site fee of \$1270 was paid.
- All of the Chalice Champions are returning to defend their titles
- The A&S theme will be Traveling by Sea (traveling over seas), Songs of the Sea (sea shanties)
- Tiebreaker won't be assassins tourney. Teams guess the # of jelly beans in the jar at troll...closest team wins in case of tiebreaker
- Web site will be up after Autocrat confers with Web Minister - may have online team registration
- TRH Janos and Rachel would like to come, but schedule may not allow

Pennsic: August 2005

- Who can bring plastic fantastic to Pennsic? Thomas and Meuric? Mary?
- Word from the Land Team Advisor: Don't offer Ponte Alto land - we don't have any to offer right now. A wait list of newcomers wishing to camp with us is forming; contact the PA Pennsic Land Team (pennsic AT pontealto.atlantia.sca.org) to get on the list!
- Pennsic pre-registration - need to register by June 1, but can pay until June 15th
- Head Troll (Master Tirloch) asks for volunteers!

Day at the Races II: November 12, 2005

Lady Celia of Rosedale, autocrat

- Same site as last year - Falls Church Presbyterian - \$300 for site
- Lady Allasan will run dancing
- Lady Celia will pass around helper sign up sheets next month
- Concept is: Spanish - new world meets old world - boat races - need to provide guidance on building boats
- Master Tirloch will be head cook
- Same weekend as Known World Academy of Rapier (KWAR) hosted by Lochmere - plug for our event for significant others of KWAR attendees, possibly provide shuttle?
- Aiming for 70 people as break even

Tournament of Love and Beauty: February 18, 2006

Lord Connor Sinclair and Lady Courtney de Houghton, co-autocrats

- Autocrats will check on availability of Loudoun County Fairgrounds in Leesburg, VA - Still working on it
- Looking for key staff - Sir Thomas may be MIC - waiting for site confirmation

Bloodbath: March 2006

- Sir Thomas offered to autocrat

Old Business

- New storage unit price range: daily rate changes!!! Had been \$78/month, but last week was \$102/month - need max amount authorized to spend - Vote on \$90 max - unaminously approved by voting populace

New Business

- Business meeting space - church renovating room next door in early 2006. Renew reservations in September. Vote to have 4th Sunday meeting, starting in September, except for May and November (3rd Sunday) - carried unanimously

Announcements

- Lady Katharine & Lord James are hosting a sewing weekend - July 9-10, 2005, 10 am - 7 pm
- Lady Katharine is now running the Atlantian Clothiers Guild
- Next meeting is Sunday, July 31, 2005

Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:25 pm.

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Other Articles

Pennsic Panic and How to Cope

So, here it is, a little over a month before Pennsic and you just looked at your medieval clothing closet and cried "I have nothing to wear!"

What are you supposed to do?

1. **Take inventory of what you have.**

- a. For example: A woman has 4 chemises, 2 stockings, 1 dress/outfit
- b. For example: A man has 5 tunics, 1 shirt and 1 pair of chausses

2. **Decide what you need to survive Pennsic.**

- a. But aren't my clothes are going to get dirty? Your options are:
 - There is a laundromat in town.
 - You can wash and hang garments dry in camp. Take some Woolite as part of your camping supplies. My experience is that Woolite washes out of clothing easier than most other soaps.
- b. If I'm there for 10 days, don't I need 10 different dresses/outfits? In my opinion, the answer is amazingly no. I do not believe those who lived in medieval times had great variety in their wardrobe. Remember this is about needs, not necessarily wants.

Once you have these two questions answered, you can more easily plan what you need to take.

Tips to keep in mind:

- 1. **Make clothing interchangeable** - you might not have different complete outfits, but if your pieces mix & match, you will have the ability to look different each day.
- 2. **Fabric Choices** - keep your layers lightweight. Wear linen underwear (chemise or shirt) as this will help you sweat (your body's natural method for cooling itself) - which is a good thing.

The man above will probably need to make 2-3 more shirts and 1 pair of chausses. Again, this is because it is OK to wear items over and over. Bring the Woolite and your shirts can be clean.

How are you going to add these needed pieces to your pennsic wardrobe, you ask?

The two simple options are - you can purchase clothes or make clothes.

1. **For purchase** - you will probably spend more money, but you will not spend the same time on sewing. Also, if you are not comfortable with sewing, buying garb or bartering other items/services for garb is another option.
2. **For making** -
 1. **First step:** Purchase fabric either online or in a local fabric store. Online prices will probably be better, but purchasing fabric from the store will get you the fabric quicker.
 2. **Second step:** Attend the baronial sewing days. This will help motivate you and set aside the time needed to sew. In this barony we have many options for getting together with others- locations and times are varying - review the Ponte Alto website for more information.

Tips to keep in mind:

1. *Work on a bit each day, if it is just sewing one seam, cutting one pattern piece, do it.*
2. *Procrastination time is over, time to sit down and plan this out. You have over 30 days to complete what you need.*

Lastly, we have great resources in Ponte Alto and many people who are very willing to help others get into clothing. (We are the best looking barony around!) Most are listed on the Ponte Alto website, if not, ask those listed and they will direct you to someone who can help.

If you have any questions in whatever step of the process, please don't hesitate to contact me!

Happy sewing!

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