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Ponte Alto Activities

Embroidery Night will be held on **Wednesday, September 28, 2005 at 7:30PM** at the home of the [Baron and Baroness](#).

Harp and Drum is switching the dance band and more advanced practices. First Tuesdays will meet at the home of Mistress Anne of Carthew (***anne AT ravenstreet.org***) for practice of advanced pieces. Third Tuesdays will practice dance band music at the home of Lady Celia of Rosedale (***rosedale703 AT aol.com***, (703) 378-2441 (H)).

October's **Newcomers Meeting** will be held on **Tuesday, October 18, 2005 at 7:00PM** at the home of the Baronial Chatelaine. Please contact the [Baronial Chatelaine](#) for more information and directions.

The **15th Century Workshop** is changing schedule to once every other month. October will be the first "skip" month. Watch this space for information on November's meeting.

SUNDAY

Ponte Alto Baronial Business Meeting

Fourth 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)

Starting back up September 19, 2005, 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.

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 Mistress Anne of Carthew (***anne AT ravenstreet.org***) for practice and polishing of more advanced musical pieces. Meets third 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. Contact the respective hosts for more information.

WEDNESDAY

All Things 15th Century Workshops

Third Wednesdays of every other 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

Rapier Practice *

Every Thursday at Shrevewood Elementary school from 6 pm to 9 pm. Please use the rear entrance to the cafeteria. Please contact the [Baronial Rapier Marshal](#) for more information. [Indoor Rapier 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](#).

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.

* 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.

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Monthly Calendar

October 2005

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
September 26 5 pm - Archery Practice 7:30 pm - Alle Psallite	27	28 7:30 pm - Embroidery Night	29 6 pm - Rapier Practice 6 pm - Heavy Weapons Practice	30	October 1 Fall University 10th Annual Siege of Glengary Hawkwood Baronial Birthday	2 Noon - Outdoor Heavy Weapons Practice Noon - Ladies Instructional Heavy Weapons Practice 2 pm - Outdoor Rapier Fighter Practice
3 5 pm - Archery Practice 7:30 pm - Alle Psallite	4 7:30 pm - Harp and Drum	5	6 6 pm - Rapier Practice 6 pm - Heavy Weapons Practice	7	8 Kingdom Crusades	9 Noon - Outdoor Heavy Weapons Practice 2 pm - Outdoor Rapier Fighter Practice

<p><i>Columbus Day</i> 10</p> <p>5 pm - Archery Practice</p> <p>6:30 pm - Asian Night</p> <p>7:30 pm - Alle Psallite</p>	11	12	<p>13</p> <p>6 pm - Rapier Practice</p> <p>6 pm - Heavy Weapons Practice</p>	14	<p>15</p> <p>Storvik Baronial Birthday</p> <p>We have a Cunning Plan</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Noon - Outdoor Heavy Weapons Practice</p> <p>2 pm - Outdoor Rapier Practice</p>
<p>17</p> <p>5 pm - Archery Practice</p> <p>7:30 pm - Alle Psallite</p>	<p>18</p> <p>7 pm - Newcomer's Meeting</p> <p>7:30 pm - Harp and Drum</p>	19	<p>20</p> <p>6 pm - Rapier Practice</p> <p>6 pm - Heavy Weapons Practice</p>	21	<p>22</p> <p>Nottingham Coill Baronial Birthday 30th Anniversary and Games Tourney</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Noon - Outdoor Heavy Weapons Practice</p> <p>2 pm - Outdoor Rapier Practice</p> <p>6 pm - Business Meeting</p>
<p>24</p> <p>5 pm - Archery Practice</p> <p>7:30 pm - Alle Psallite</p>	25	26	<p>27</p> <p>6 pm - Rapier Practice</p> <p>6 pm - Heavy Weapons Practice</p>	28	<p>29</p> <p>All Hallows XXV</p> <p>Turning Leaves</p> <p>Treachery on the Tokaido</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Noon - Outdoor Heavy Weapons Practice</p> <p>2 pm - Outdoor Rapier Fighter Practice</p>

<p><i>Halloween</i> 31</p> <p>5 pm - Archery Practice</p> <p>7:30 pm - Alle Psallite</p>	<p>November 1</p> <p>7:30 pm - Harp and Drum</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p>6 pm - Rapier Practice</p> <p>6 pm - Heavy Weapons Practice</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Fall Crown Tournament</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Noon - Outdoor Heavy Weapons Practice</p> <p>Noon - Ladies Instructional Heavy Weapons Practice</p> <p>2 pm - Outdoor Rapier Fighter Practice</p>
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Upcoming Events

Baronial Progress

Date	Event
October 7-9	Kingdom Crusades
October 29	Treachery on the Tokaido

October 2005

Date	Event	Group	Location
1	Fall University	Atlantia/Raven's Cove	Jacksonville
1-2	Hawkwood Baronial Birthday	Hawkwood	Arden, NC
7-9	Kingdom Crusades (R)	Atlantia/East	TBA
14-16	Storvik Baronial Birthday (R)	Storvik	Marlboro, MD
15	We have a Cunning Plan	Yarnvid	Powhatan, VA
21-23	Nottingham Coill Baronial Birthday (R)	Nottingham Coill	Aiken, SC
22	30th Anniversary and Games Tourney	Isenfir	Charlottesville, VA
28-30	All Hallows XXV	Berley Cort	Sedley, VA
28-30	Turning Leaves	Black Diamond	Blue Ridge, VA
29	Treachery on the Tokaido (R)	Bright Hills	Hampstead, MD

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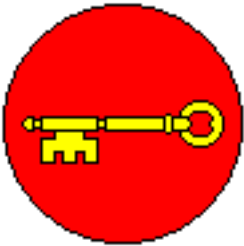
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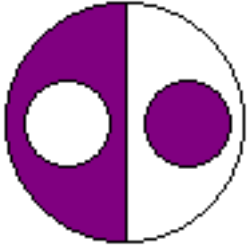
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Meeting Minutes - September 25, 2005

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

25 Attendees

Meeting Start Time: 6:00 pm

Officer Reports

Seneschal: Lady Marie Thérèse Normand

- Seneschal thanks the officers for being there and doing their jobs!
- The Barony has been contemplating hosting Kingdom events - every officer should be attending meetings and making sure they have deputies to assist them
- Lady Katharine Devereax is now a Deputy Seneschal
- Lady Delphina the Mad will be taking over the MoL office
- Storvik sent a note to our Seneschal about their upcoming B-day event, 10/15/05 - Go and have fun!
- Ponte Alto Scriptorium - meet again in October - want blanks to be ready to go, and start looking at backlog; Highland Foorde looking for scribal contacts

MoM: Lady Siobhán

- Our MoM has been building up resources to tie in with our events
- Siobhán will run children's corner at DATR - looking for volunteers - must have 2 adults (preferably 3) to run the corner. Should only run for 4 hours per event, and needs to get on the schedule.
- Looking for ways to be more visibility, and getting help from parents and other volunteers
- Need to educate folks on how the corner should be used - cannot leave children there the whole day! Need to make it not a babysitting service, but an activity for children, and get that message across
- Structured activities 10 am - noon related to event, open play in the afternoon. Ages should be 5-8. MoM is not legally allowed to feed the children.
- Let's put a survey on the web for parents in the barony; get a set of MoM pages on the baronial web site (Action Item for Siobhán and Cassandra)
- Looking for field herald support in crying the hours of children's corner
- Contact Siobhán with feedback on timing, activities

Exchequer: Lady Millicent Chandler

- Current balance is \$8330.48
- Chalice - made \$504.01 - still some outstanding receipts, < \$100
- Thanks to Seamus and Geoff for making new event signs!

Heavy Marshal: Lord Duncan the Elder

- High attendance at Thursday and Sunday practices
- Quarterly report due soon - waivers from practices will be sent soon
- New MIT - James Vaughn

Rapier Marshal: Lord Geoffrey ap Clywd

- Ponte Alto took 1st and 2nd place in rapier at Coronation (Marcellus and Geoff)
- Kade authorized at Chalice
- East Kingdom wants to play at Crusades
- Catalina dell'Acqua played her Free Scholar (yellow scarf) prize at Chalice

Archery Marshal: Lady Arnfriðr

- Badged 4 archers at Court at Chalice for their ranks, and a few others who snuck out before court
- Will work with web minister to link to Archery web site for rankings (Action Item for Arnfriðr and Cassandra)
- Receipts for loaner gear will be in soon

A&S: Baroness Greta Klusenaere

- The 15th Century Workshop will be off in October but resume in November - moving to every other month schedule
- Angelique is talking about teaching a Kumihimo (Japanese knotwork) class
- Lady Marsaili and Lady Siobhán did well in static A&S at Chalice
- Thanks to Master Ranulf and Maestra Giuliana for judging at Chalice
- Good showing by Lady Millicent and Baron Robert of Calais in the bardic at Chalice
- A&S web gallery: let's get recent some stuff up there - can we ask about adding a consent option to the A&S judging forms to allow pictures of entries to be posted on the web site - Greta will talk to Kingdom MOAS
- Lady Renata will step up as Baroness Greta's deputy and successor, and Lady Siobhán would like to follow her
- Baroness Belphoebe won both the static A&S and bardic Chalice Championships

Chatelaine: Lady Marsaili Johnston of Lochwood Moss

- Not present
- Lord James de Bibleworth, Lord Connor Sinclair and Edward de Clare did a demo for the Boy Scouts, and they have already been asked back next year.

Herald: Lord Seamus 'O Maoil Riain

- Not present
- Submitting his name and arms
- Deputy heralds should send in quarterly reports

MOL: Baroness Agnes Daunce

- Baroness Agnes stepped down as MoL at Chalice
- Agnes ran the rapier list at Chalice, with assistance from Countess Denise Duvalier: There were 24 fighters
- Kiara of Ironwood ran the heavy list at Chalice, with 23 fighters
- Lady Delphina the Mad will be stepping up as Baronial MoL
- Countess Denise will continue as deputy MoL

Chroniclers: Lady Courtney of Houghton and Lord Connor Sinclair

- We need a deputy!!! Interested parties please contact the Chroniclers
- PLEASE send in reports, articles, artwork!

Web Minister: Lady Cassandra Arabella Giordani

- Ponte Alto phonebook entry form now available online - it sends email to Perronelle for inclusion in the directory
- Added Raingutter Regatta instructions to DATR flyer

Baron and Baroness: Baron Marcellus Capozziello da Napoli and Baronne Belpheobe de Givet

- Chalice was awesome! Thanks to everyone for coming out. No hurricane, yay!
- September was busy: Coronation, Lochmere's Masters of Defense, Chalice, Highland Foorde Investiture
- Coronation Highlights: Thomas of Calais was made a Sea Stag, Robert and Elspet were made Court Baron & Baroness, Denise became a Countess.
- Kingdom Crusades coming up - East Kingdom is looking to get back at us after being trounced at Pennsic; go out and support your Barony and Kingdom!
- Baronial Progress for October - Kingdom Crusades, Bright Hills TnT event
- Thanks to everyone for helping out, and send in kingdom and baronial award recommendations!
- Lord Miles de Locwode agreed to continue as Baronial Archery Champion for another year

Events

Chalice: September 16-18, 2005

Lady Siobhán, autocrat; Lady Luce Antony Venus, deputy autocrat

- THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU! Especially for setup and archery range help
- Sir Justus is heavy champion
- Lord Connor Livingstone is rapier champion
- Baronne Belpheobe won static A&S and bardic
- Lord Siegfried remains archery champion
- Thanks to Baron Marcellus for handling cleanup, and Lord Olaf for bee sting help
- Chalice III: a new autocrat is needed - Master Gruffudd is willing to do feast next year
- Park rangers were very happy about our site cleanup - thanks to the cleanup crew!

Day at the Races II: November 12, 2005

Lady Celia of Rosedale, autocrat

- Now that Chalice is done -- Sign up sheets available now!
- Silent auction coordinator - Lady Marsaili has some stuff, she may be the coordinator
- Budget for event up for vote - passed unanimously
- Do we want to do lunch? Tirloch will see if lunch fits into current fee schedule; if not, we can look outside for folks who might want to use our lunch as a fundraiser
- Looking for performers to entertain
- A&S will be display only

Tournament of Love and Beauty: February 18, 2006

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

- Master Gruffudd doing 15th century feast
- Confirmation of Loudoun County Fairgrounds in Leesburg, VA as site
- Budget for partial site for \$1150 approved
- Going to submit the event to SPIKE (online event registration system) this week

Bloodbath: March 2006

Sir Thomas of Calais

- Try to get March 11, pre-Gulf Wars - include melee practice - Northern Regional Seneschal's meeting for March 2006 yet to happen
- Need to contact the site in January 2006
- Sir Thomas will submit event flyer to SPIKE after event date is confirmed
- Perhaps Youth Combat? Will check with Christopher Hare; need to find a Youth Marshal
- Countess Denise will do lunch with Lady Luce's recipe

Old Business

- 12th Night - Ponte Alto was not able to work out a satisfactory agreement with Dun Carraig for 12th Night 2006. Please consider volunteering to help them out; they have partnered with Lochmere, who will be doing feast.
- [PonteAltoEvents Yahoo Group](#) started for the event committee - please sign up! The goal is to work towards hosting Kingdom-level events: 12th Night, KASF, Universities, Crown, etc. Looking for available sites at this point: hotels, colleges, high schools, parks
- Please return your Baronial confidence polling right away - only 10 day turn around time - 184 SCA members within Ponte Alto - increased from 148 members from last polling

New Business

- No new business

Announcements

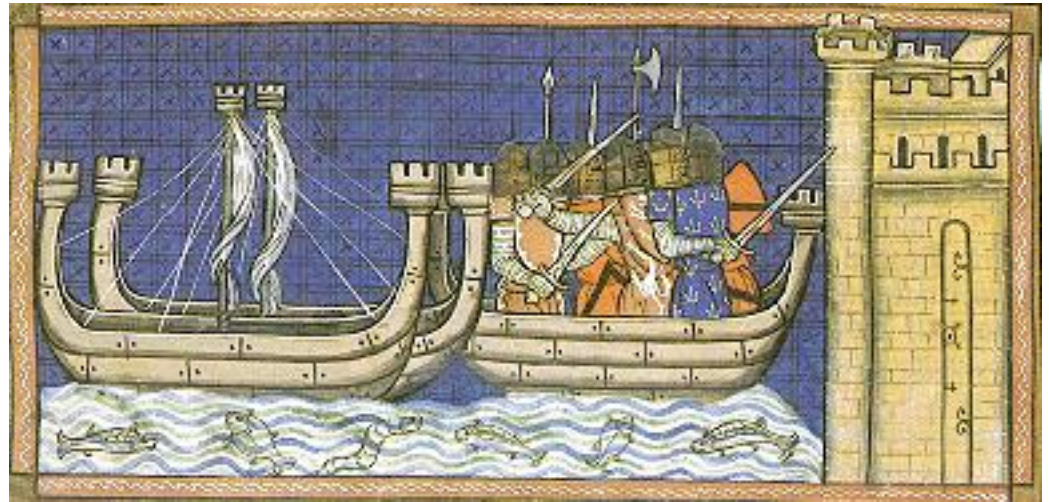
- Next meeting is Sunday, October 23, 2005 - Note this is the 4th Sunday, not last Sunday! Also, this is not the usual room, but the youth room, two doors over.
- Maestra Giuliana mentioned new exhibits at the National Gallery of Art - Italian Manuscripts exhibit, Florence sculpture, wood cuts - Go see it!

Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:35 pm.

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The Crusades

The Crusades were a series of several military campaigns-usually sanctioned by the Papacy-that took place during the 11th through 13th centuries. Originally, they were Roman Catholic endeavors to capture the Holy Land from the Muslims, but some were directed against other Europeans, such as the Fourth Crusade against Constantinople, the Albigensian Crusade against the Cathars of southern France and the Northern Crusades.



A traditional numbering scheme for the crusades gives us nine during the 11th to 13th centuries, as well as other smaller crusades that are mostly contemporaneous and unnumbered. There were frequent "minor" crusades throughout this period, not only in Palestine but also in Spain and central Europe, against not only Muslims, but also Christian heretics and personal enemies of the Papacy or other powerful monarchs. Such "crusades" continued into the 16th century, until the Renaissance and Reformation when the political and religious climate of Europe was significantly different than that of the Middle Ages. The following is a listing of the "major" crusades.

The Crusades had an enormous influence on the European Middle Ages. At times much of the continent was united under a powerful Papacy, but by the 14th century the old concept of Christendom was fragmented, and the development of centralized bureaucracies, the foundation of the modern nation state was well on its way, in France, England, Burgundy, Portugal, Castile and Aragon partly because of the dominance of the church at the beginning of the crusading era. Although Europe had been exposed to Islamic culture for centuries through contacts in Spain and Sicily, much Islamic thought, such as science, medicine, and architecture, was transferred to the west during the crusades; for example, European castles became massive stone structures, as they were in the east, rather than smaller wooden buildings as they had typically been in the past. The need to raise, transport and supply large armies lead to a flourishing of trade throughout Europe. Roads largely unused since the days of Rome saw significant increases in traffic as local merchants began to expand their horizons. This also aided the beginning of the Renaissance in Italy, as various Italian city-states from the very beginning had important and profitable trading colonies in the crusader states, both in the Holy Land and later in captured Byzantine territory.

The crusades were never referred to as such by their participants. The original crusaders were known by various terms, including fideles Sancti Petri (the faithful of St. Peter) or milites Christi (knights of Christ). They saw themselves as undertaking an iter, a journey, or a

peregrinatio, a pilgrimage, though pilgrims were usually forbidden from carrying arms. Like pilgrims, each crusader swore a vow (a votus), to be fulfilled on successfully reaching Jerusalem, and they were granted a cloth cross (crux) to be sewn into their clothes. This "taking of the cross", the crux, eventually became associated with the entire journey; the word "crusade" (coming into English from the French croisade, the Italian crociata, or the Portuguese cruzada) developed from this.

Since the 17th century, the term "crusade" has carried a connotation in the West of being a righteous campaign, usually to "root out evil", or to fight for a just cause. In a non-historical common or theological use, "crusade" has come to have a much broader emphatic or religious meaning - substantially removed from 'armed struggle.'

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