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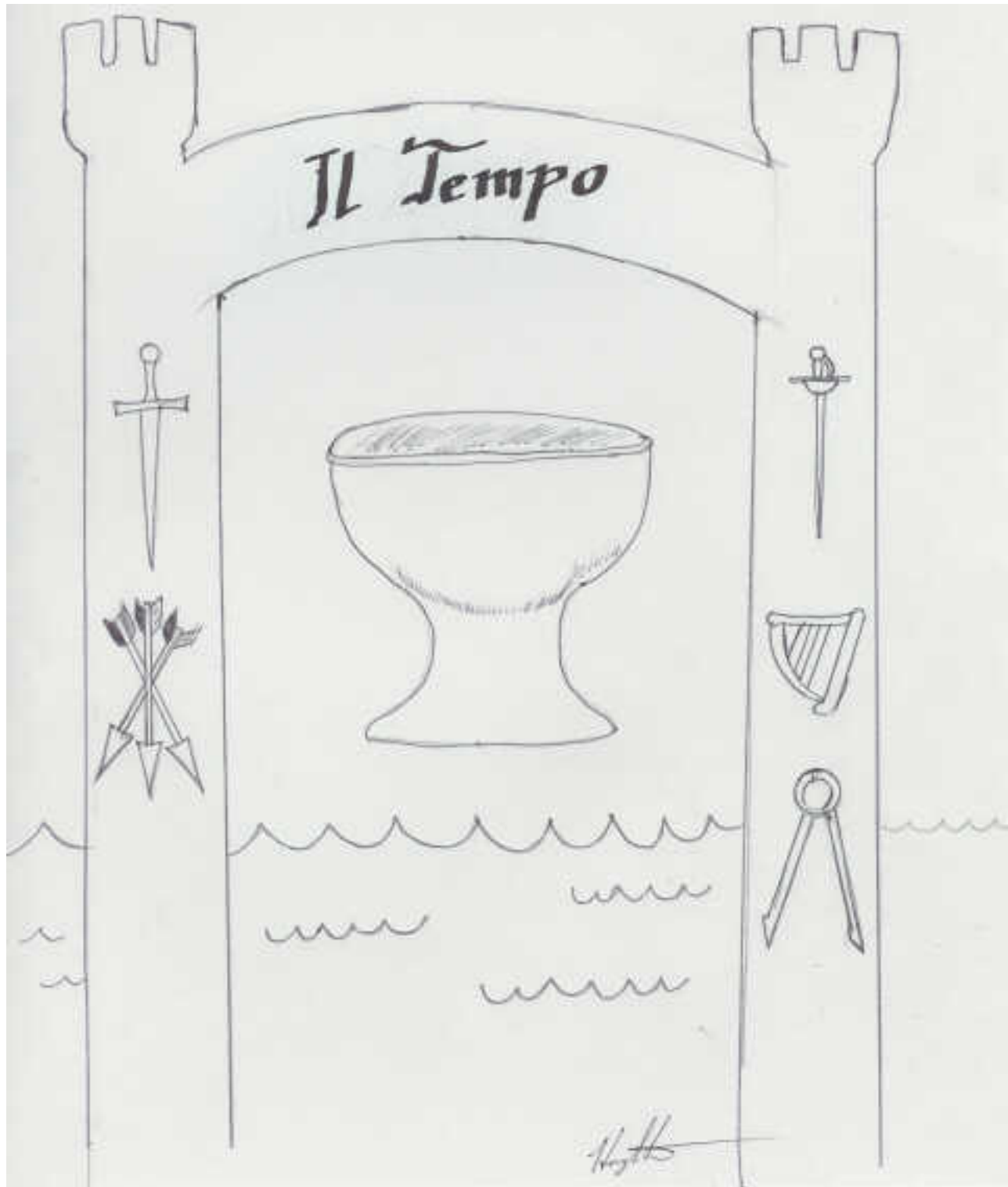


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II Tempo of Ponte Alto

Ponte Alto Activities

Thursday night **Heavy Weapons and Rapier Practices** reminder: please check the [Directions page](#) for new parking information for the practice site on Thursday nights. For more information, please contact the [Baronial Knight Marshal](#).

There will be **NO Rapier Practice on Sunday, September 4, 2005**, as all rapier marshals will be returning from Coronation in South Carolina.

12th Night Committe Meeting will be held on **Monday, September 12, 2005 at 7:30PM** at the home of Mistress Anne of Carthew (*anne AT ravenstreet.org*). Watch the Ponte Alto email list for more information.

September's **Newcomers Meeting** will be held on **Tuesday, September 13, 2005 at 7:00PM** at the home of Lady Luce Antony Venus (*scalucia AT cox.net*, (703) 534-6075 (H)). Please contact the [Baronial Chatelaine](#) for more information and directions.

September's **15th Century Workshop** will be held on **Wednesday, September 21, 2005 at 6:00PM** at the home of Lady Courtney of Houghton (*courtneydehoughton AT yahoo.com*) and Lord Connor Sinclair (*connorsinclair AT yahoo.com*).

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 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

Through 9/1/05, 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](#).

Rapier Practice *

Starting 9/8/05, every Thursday at Shreveewood 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](#).

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

September 2005

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
29 5 pm - Archery Practice	30	31	September 1 6 pm - Rapier Practice 6 pm - Heavy Weapons Practice	2	3 Coronation	4 Noon - Outdoor Heavy Weapons Practice Noon - Ladies Instructional Heavy Weapons Practice
<i>Labor Day</i> 5 5 pm - Archery Practice	6 7:30 pm - Harp and Drum	7	8 6 pm - Rapier Practice 6 pm - Heavy Weapons Practice	9	10 Sacred Stone Baronial Birthday Masters of Defense & Lochmere Baronial Investiture	11 Noon - Outdoor Heavy Weapons Practice 2 pm - Outdoor Rapier Practice
12 5 pm - Archery Practice 6:30 pm - Asian Night 7:30 pm - 12th Night Committee Meeting	13 7 pm - Newcomer's Meeting	14	15 6 pm - Rapier Practice 6 pm - Heavy Weapons Practice	16	17 Chalice II: The Poseidon Adventure Autumn Party VI Harvest Moon	18 Noon - Outdoor Heavy Weapons Practice 2 pm - Outdoor Rapier Fighter Practice

<p style="text-align: center;">19</p> <p>5 pm - Archery Practice</p> <p>7:30 pm - Alle Psallite</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">20</p> <p>7:30 pm - Harp and Drum</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">21</p> <p>6 pm - 15th Century Workshop</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">22</p> <p>6 pm - Rapier Practice</p> <p>6 pm - Heavy Weapons Practice</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">23</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">24</p> <p>Celtic Cattle Raids: III For Love & Honor III</p> <p>Baronial Investiture</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">25</p> <p>Noon - Outdoor Heavy Weapons Practice</p> <p>2 pm - Outdoor Rapier Fighter Practice</p> <p>6 pm - Business Meeting</p>
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Upcoming Events

Baronial Progress

Date	Event
September 3	Coronation
September 10	Masters of Defense
September 16-18	Chalice II: The Poseidon Adventure
September 23-25	Highland Foorde Baronial Investiture

August 2005

Date	Event	Group	Location
3	Fall Coronation (R,H)	Nottingham Coill	Marietta, SC
9-11	Baronial Birthday	Sacred Stone	Blacksburg, SC
10	Masters of Defense & Baronial Investiture (R)	Lochmere	Severna Park, MD
16-18	Autumn Party VI	Crannong Mor	Blowing Rock, NC
16-18	Chalice II: The Poseidon Adventure (R)	Ponte Alto	Triangle, VA
16-18	Harvest Moon	Black Diamond	Blacksburg, VA
23-25	Celtic Cattle Raids: III	Nimenfeld	Apex, NC
23-25	For Love & Honor III	Border Vale Keep	Martinez, GA
23-25	Baronial Investiture	Highland Foorde	Hagerstown City Park, MD

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Ponte Alto Officers



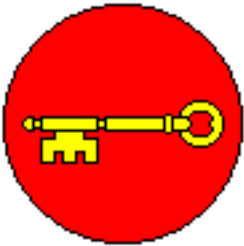
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Meeting Minutes - August 28, 2005

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

29 Attendees

Meeting Start Time: 6:00 pm

Officer Reports

Seneschal: Lady Marie-Therese de Normand

- Vote of confidence for B&B: Sometime over the September 9-11th weekend help will be needed stuffing polling envelopes for the polling

MOM: Lady Siobhán

- Anyone available to serve as MoM for Chalice, would be most welcome, as Siobhán will be busy as autocrat.
- Siobhán will run children's corner at DATR

Exchequer: Lady Millicent Chandler

- Current balance is still \$6665.73
- Send in your Chalice reservations!

Heavy Marshal: Lord Duncan the Elder

- Corwin authorized at practice today
- Request for indoor practice site has been made and fee paid, requesting gym specifically

Rapier Marshal: Lord Geoffrey ap Clywd

- Cancelling Coronation Sunday practice (9/4/05), as all Rapier Marshals are traveling to SC for Coronation
- Thursday indoor practice site starts on 9/8/05; we will find out which room (gym or cafeteria) when we get there.
- Catalina dell'Acqua will be playing her Free Scholar (yellow scarf) prize at Chalice
- Ponte Alto fencers fought well in units at Pennsic

Archery Marshal: Lady Arnfriðr

- Not present

A&S: Baroness Greta Klusenaere

- Yay for our displayers at Pennsic A&S - Lady Katharine Devereaux & Baronne Belphoebe de Givet
- Lady Delphina will be stepping up as Baronial A&S officer in February
- Come compete at Chalice; Greta is lining up judges
- The 9/21/05 15th Century Workshop will be focusing on hats
- Belphoebe wants to restart embroidery nights - more info to follow
- Share your knowledge from Pennsic classes - offer to host a workshop or class
- A&S night at Perronelle's probably 9/23/05
- Costuming workshops under discussion for the fall - in conjunction with St. Anne's Guild
- St. Anne's Guild will be meeting at Coronation - time TBD

Chatelaine: Lady Marsaili Johnston of Lochwood Moss

- No newcomers meeting in August due to Pennsic
- Lord Miles & Lady Luce will host September meeting on Tuesday, the 13th
- Demo requests pending

Herald: Lord Seamus 'O Maoil Riain

- Yay for our new baronial herald, Lord Seamus!
- Court report for Baronial Court at Pennsic was submitted
- Lord Connor is still working the baronial badge issues

MOL: Baroness Agnes Dounce

- Agnes will be stepping down as MoL at Chalice
- Position open, interested parties, please contact the Seneschal

Chroniclers: Lady Courtney of Houghton and Lord Connor Sinclair

- PLEASE send in reports, send in articles, artwork, and READ the issues!
- Il Tempos coming out on the 1st of the month, but close turnaround from business meeting - submit officer reports, articles, and artwork early!
- Keeping list of membership info for financial votes at Business Meetings, please show the Chroniclers your proof of membership so you can be included in financial votes

Web Minister: Lady Cassandra Arabella Giordani

- Made OP updates from Pennsic
- Cassandra now Deputy Kingdom Clerk of Precedence, to step up as Kingdom Clerk of Precedence at 12th Night: will be working on updated/dynamic Kingdom OP web site (like PA's) this fall

Heavy Champion: Master Kevin of Thornbury

- Bring it!
- Master Kevin challenged the Heavy Weapons Champions of the other groups in Atlantia at Challenge of the Heart. To date, the challenge has been answered by Tir-y-don, Caer Mear, and Sacred Stone; Kevin is trying to round up the rest of the Baronial champions for a fight, so send them his way!

Other Baronial Champions present: Lord Seamus 'O Maoil Riain (rapier), Lady Marsaili Johnston of Lochwood Moss (A&S), Lady Millicent Chandler (bardic)

- Echoing Master Kevin: "Bring it!"
- And... "The Chalice Champions are going down!"

Warlord: Sir Thomas of Calais

- Ponte Alto looked good on the field at Pennsic - coming together as a unit
- Numbers still growing - new fighters coming in
- Looking for a replacement at Baronial Birthday

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

- Pennsic is over - time to plan for NEXT Pennsic!
- Weather was pretty cooperative war week
- Lots of compliments for our heavy and rapier fighters on the field - really coming together as a fighting force (not to mention looking good!). Her Highness Rachel fought with Ponte Alto at many battles.
- September is busy: Coronation, Lochmere's Masters of Defense, Chalice, Highland Foorde Investiture
- Kingdom Crusades - come out and fight! No Siege this year, but Combat Archery allowed. Unpadded polearms allowed this Kingdom Crusades, so be careful! Kingdom Earl Marshal wants marshals to be watching those polearms carefully
- Belphoebe spoke to Sophia the Orange - Sandor's fiancee - Sophia sends her thanks. 30 day celebration in memory of Sandor will be Sunday, September 18, 2005, site TBD. More info will be forwarded to the email list when known.

Events

Chalice: September 16-18, 2005

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

- Celia will be Royal Liason
- Sign up sheets at the meeting: Agnes serving High Table (surprise!), Renata decorating the hall; need servers, clean up crew
- Located at Prince William Forest Park again
- No backup building for rain - gym not available
- Organize teams!!! Teams must field a competitor in at least 4 of 5 disciplines (heavy weapons, rapier, archery, static A&S, bardic). Send in email to Luce/Siobhan

- Teams can register up until 11 am on day of event. Need name of team, team members, and discipline, along with a Jelly bean jar guess!
- Troll will have jelly bean jar for teams to take a guess in case of tie-breaker. Teams need to submit guesses by 3 pm that Saturday.
- Perronelle is looking for another bardic judge and a secretary to help tally the scores
- Greta working on organizing judges for A&S

Day at the Races II: November 12, 2005

Lady Celia of Rosedale, autocrat

- Sign up sheets next month - if anyone wants to do sea-theme for hall decoration, let Celia know
- Event forms sent in to the Acorn - event listed in last Acorn
- Falls Church Presbyterian still site

Tournament of Love and Beauty: February 18, 2006

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

- Availability of Loudoun County Fairgrounds in Leesburg, VA - Their committee meets in August - haven't heard back yet - may need to go see in person or find another site
- Heavy Weapons Tournament shaping up - Sir Thomas is MIC
- Need MoL
- Looking for head cook
- Going to send the event to SPIKE (online event registration system) to get it on the calendar

Bloodbath: March 2006

Sir Thomas of Calais

- Need to contact the site in January
- Sir Thomas will submit event flyer to SPIKE soon

12th Night January 14, 2006

- TRH Janos & Rachel and the Kingdom Seneschal Dame Anne contacted Marcellus and Belpheobe - no 12th Night bids have been made
- B&B had talked with Dun Carraig about possibly hosting a joint 12th Night
- Dun Carraig has a site: Hollywood fire house; Mistress Guiliana points out that the site may not be large enough for full 12th Night
- Missy Anne will check on availability of Kena Temple; possibly second building for merchants/A&S - likely to be VERY expensive
- Exchequers feel we will have the money to handle a Kingdom level event alone with income from next two events
- Barony agreed unanimously to try to run event, with or without a partner
- Mistress Anne will host a meeting to discuss a bid proposal on Monday, September 12, 2005 at 7:30 pm; directions will be posted to the email list

Old Business

- Phone Directory form is online in MS Word format - first printing planned for DATR - can only purchase a copy (\$0.75/\$1.25) if you're in it. Minimum entry: SCA Name/Mundane name
- Business meeting space - October, January and April meetings not in usual location, but in the youth room; may need to bring extra chairs due to room layout
- If we decide to do 12th Night, we will want to hold a business meeting in December rather than skipping it as usual - possibly December 18th, 2005 - Celia will look into church meeting room availability
- Two new thrones from Master Ranulf are done wood-working wise - Marcellus needs to put leather on. Both should be ready for Chalice

New Business

- No new business

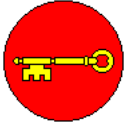
Announcements

- Her Majesty Denise thanked the Barony for all their help and support in the last 11 months
- Next meeting is Sunday, September 25, 2005

Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:25 pm.

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Officer Reports and Letters



[Seneschal](#)

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Officer Reports and Letters - Seneschal

Greetings are extended to Ponte Alto from your Seneschal, Lady Maria-Therese de Normand,

A year has past since I took office, and I feel it's time to thank you for the wonderful first year of my term. We've had our ups and downs as a Barony. We've seen an abundance of newcomers enter our territory and welcomed them with open arms. We've also seen some of our old folks leave us for parts unknown. We've had births and sadly deaths. But through all the changes we've experienced, Ponte Alto has supported each other by pulling together and making certain everyone of us is included and made to feel welcome. You've made my job as Seneschal that much easier. Thank you. It wouldn't have been as great a year without your help.

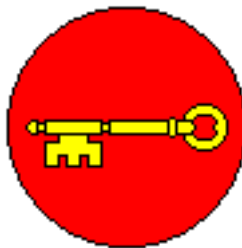
Upcoming on the docket is the Baronial Vote of Confidence. This procedure should be painless for all involved, except for the envelope stuffers. When I receive the labels from Milpitas in September, I will call for volunteers to help with stuffing envelopes. If you are interested in helping, please e-mail me at mariatheresapontoon@yahoo.com. With help this should take no more than a few chaotic hours. After the envelopes are stuffed and mailed we will have 30 days in which to fill out the polling and send it into their Majesties. Please fill out the polling once you receive it and send it in as soon as possible.

Also, in the next year many of my officers will have a choice to make, continue with your term or pass along your office to someone else. If you are leaving your office please contact me and let me know if you have an officer in mind to replace you. As with all offices it is imperative that we keep them filled and in contact with the Seneschal so that she/me knows what's going on in the Barony. Any officers without deputies are encouraged to acquire them, so that should you be unable to make an event or meeting due to family or work obligations you can still fulfill the job of representing the office through your deputy.

Thank you once again for a fabulous year.

Yours in Service,

Lady Maria-Therese de Normand



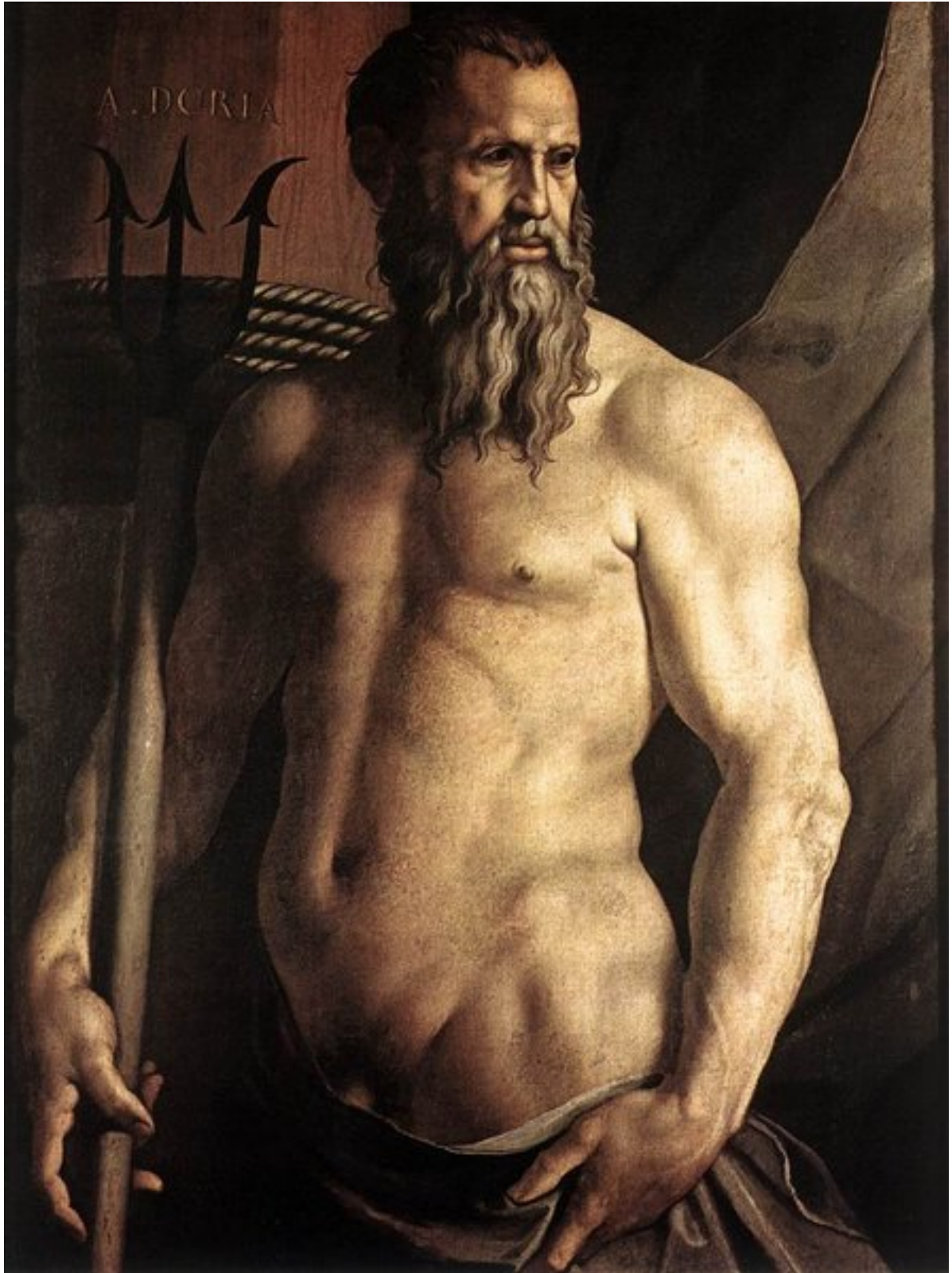
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In honor of Chalice II: The Poseidon Adventure, we present...

Poseidon, God of the Seas

In Greek Mythology, Poseidon was the god of the sea, known to the Romans as Neptune, and to the Etruscans as Nethuns. He was also the god of earthquakes and horses.

Poseidon was a son of Cronus and Rhea. Like his brothers and sisters save Zeus, Poseidon was swallowed by his father. He was regurgitated only after Zeus forced Cronus to vomit up the infants he had eaten. Zeus and his brothers and sisters, along with the Hecatonchires, Gigantes and Cyclopes overthrew Cronus and the other Titans. According to other variants, Poseidon was raised by the Telchines on Rhodes, just as Zeus was raised by the Korybantēs on Crete. When the world was divided in three, Zeus received the earth and sky, Hades the underworld and Poseidon the sea.



In the historical period, Poseidon was often referred to by the epithets Enosichthon, Seischthon and Ennosigaios, all meaning "earth-shaker" and referring to his role in causing earthquakes.

Poseidon was a major civic god of several cities: in Athens, he was second only to Athena in importance; while in Corinth and many cities of Magna Graecia he was the chief god of the polis.

Like Dionysus and the Maenads, Poseidon also caused certain forms of mental disturbance. One Hippocratic text says that he was blamed for certain types of epilepsy.

Sailors prayed to Poseidon for a safe voyage, sometimes drowning horses as a sacrifice.

When in a good mood, Poseidon created new islands and calm seas. When in a bad mood, he struck the ground with his trident and caused chaotic springs, earthquakes, drownings and shipwrecks.

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In Memoriam - Sándor Vitez

On August 12, 2005, Ponte Alto lost one of its own: Sándor Vitez (mka Alan Wormser) suffered a stroke from which he did not recover. Sándor only joined Ponte Alto about a year ago, but in that short time, he touched the lives of many.

One of Sándor's first appearances in Ponte Alto was a dance practice held over the summer of 2004 at Tyson's Pimmit Park. He was only Alan then, as Sándor had not yet been discovered, but clearly dance was a point of entry for him into the SCA. He spoke of his folk dancing experience, and was eager to add new dances to his repertoire. A year later, Sándor was preparing to take over the dance practices he so gladly attended, to give our previous dance leader more time to spend with her newborn child.

Most of Alan's folk dancing background involved Eastern European dances. His interest in his own Hungarian heritage clearly motivated his research in that area, moving beyond dance into the choosing of an appropriate SCA name.

The shared skill of fleet feet between rapier and dance makes the two activities a natural mix, and soon Sándor was attending fencing practices as well. He had authorized in rapier in May 2005, and was looking forward to playing at Pennsic 34, which was to be his first Pennsic.

But Sándor could not come to fight at Pennsic. Instead, the Barony of Ponte Alto came, and fought in his name.

The heavy fighters of the Barony mustered at the Atlantian pavilion on the battlefield on Monday of war week, as black ribbons bearing a gold S, the colors of Ponte Alto, were bestowed on those who wished to honor Sándor's memory on the field of battle. Rapier fighters also sported the ribbons in their bouts, as well as any gentle who wished to show their support.

Sándor Vitez may not have been able to attend Pennsic in body, but we are certain he was there with us in spirit.



Ponte Alto's heavy fighters gathered in memory of Sándor on the battlefield at Pennsic 34

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