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Louis VII receiving clergymen, from a late medieval manuscript.

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From the Chronicler...

All together now everyone, close your eyes, take a deep breath, now slowly exhale. Again. Inhale, exhale. Do you feel calm, centered? Good.

Now you're ready for Pennsic, and it's the last time you'll feel that way for two weeks. Until your camp is packed up, you've said goodbye to friends old and new and you're headed back to your homes, your life will be a series of arts, sciences, fighting, music, dancing, shopping, eating, pageantry, cold chocolate milk from Cooper's Store, and walking...lots and lots of walking. But you know you can't wait. You look forward to it each year. I, for one, am looking forward to spending time with friends I rarely get to see, and stocking up on all the wonderful items you can only find on Merchant's Row. Whatever you do while at Pennsic, have a good time and be safe.

Fall is quickly coming upon us, and with it comes exciting events in our own area. The Coronation of TRH Logan and Rowan will be only a short drive away in Sudentorre, and of course, Chalice of the Sun Gods IV only two weeks later. Come out and show visitors from distant areas of our great Kingdom the friendship and courtesy that makes Ponte Alto the wonderful place it is.

Also, in this issue as well in the September issue, you will find Letters of Intent for all the candidates for the Baronage. Please take a few moments to read these; hopefully they will help lead you in your choice for the polling when it is sent. And if you don't live within the boundaries of the Barony but still want a say, you can always send a letter of recommendation.

See you at Pennsic!

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Baronial Meeting Minutes

Date: July 22, 2007 **Start time:** 6:00pm

Officers

Seneschal

All letters of intent are in and will be published in the August and September issue of the Il Tempo.

Still looking for a deputy, not stepping down anytime soon, but would like to have a deputy to learn the position.

Exchequer

There is \$9053.72 currently in the bank account.

Second quarter report done and will be sent this week.

There was a loss of \$688 due to no event in 2nd quarter and need to pay storage fees.

Changes to Financial Policy discussed last month have been approved by the Kingdom Exchequer and will be published in August Il Tempo.

Heavy Marshall

Waivers were sent mid-month.

Jesse won the Novice Tourney at Storvik; three people coming to practice regularly - Damien, Sam and Drogo. Sir Greth also coming regularly.

Regular practice canceled until after Pennsic, but fighters can still come out if you like.

Rapier Marshall

Regular practice on hold until after Pennsic.

Archery

No regular practice until after Pennsic.

Pennsic schedule, Archery range start up Sunday of land grab week.

Archery marshals should look to be working about 4 to 6 hour during the week.

A&S

Dancing instructor currently in Europe, so discussion as to when dancing practice will start will take place after Pennsic.

Encourage everyone to enter items in competitions and displays at A&S at Pennsic.

Chalice is coming up; themes are War for static displays and Peace for bardic arts. Please enter your items.

Chatelaine

Newcomers point will be held at Chalice.

Late newcomers meeting will be held on Tuesday July 28th, at Chatelaine's house.

One newcomer came to this month's meeting.

Herald

Deputy registered 2 new pieces of heraldry this month.

MOL

Nothing new

Chronicler

The August issue going out this week. All letters of intent for Baronage candidates have been submitted and will run for 2 months in the Il Tempo. Please read all the letters.

Please send any information that you would like to see published.

Webminister

Currently working on interface for website and other issues. Please e-mail him with any corrections that need to be made.

Baron and Baroness

Congratulations to Jesse for winning the Novice Tournament Countess Denise received an Undine from TRM's for all her hard work at the Tourney.

Baronial Court will be held on Thursday of War Week at 7:30. September will be very busy with Coronation, Masters of Defense and Chalice.

TRM's have requested the Barony supply guards for Atlantian Royal during Pennsic. We have been assigned Wednesday 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. They would like 2 guards for the scheduled times, and anyone can be a guard. Signup sheet passed around and completed.

They also requested the Barony supply hospitality during the day, and \$25 was approved for water for lemonade, etc.

Please send recommendation for awards, two Royal progresses coming up in the Barony.

Warlord

At Pennsic, the 1st Battle, the Castle Battle, will be Monday and will not be a War Point. Field Battle will be the most important and will be held Wednesday. TRM's request all authorized fighters to come out.

Mustering at Atlantian Royal; and will try to post a battle schedule at the Barony campsite each night for reference

Artisan

Would like everyone to display at Pennsic; you can sign up at website or register there at A&S point. There will be lots of classes so you can get ready for Chalice.

Bard

Not here

Events

Pennsic

Land agent may not be able to make it to Land Grab Saturday, so Miles will be taking over. Camping will be in N-30 this year with 750 sq. ft. of extra space. Camp tax is \$12 this year, due when you get to camp and cash is preferred. Would like help loading the rental truck Thursday night.

Contact Miles off line if you are coming for Land Grab.

Chalice

Have check for site fee, webminister should have the text Sunday night There will be two people dressed as and acting the parts of Athena and Poseidon this year. Feastocrat is looking at ideas for food.

More information next month.

Crown Tournament

There have been changes from the original plan last month. Prince William Forest Park was not available, so we have worked up and submitted a bid for the Loudoun County Fairgrounds site. Tirloch has agreed to do the feast if we get the bid, and we hope to have an answer before Pennsic. Wulfwyn will be the Autocrat and Countess Denise will be the co-autocrat.

November Event

Due to the Crown bid, it was discussed and approved that we cancel the November event for this year.

There was a discussion begun of possibilities for next year, such as a bid for 12th night in 2009.

There is a possibility of doing a get together for the Barony instead of the November event.

Tournament of Love and Beauty/Investiture

Loudoun County Fairgrounds are available, and we have been penciled in for the last weekend in February. Gruffudd has agreed to do the feast, and the tentative theme will be 14th century Italian. More information to follow as plans are made.

Blood Bath

Nothing to report currently

Old Business

Pewter castings should be sent this week, and Chris will be sending a bill.

Autocrat Online Database

The site has been set up as a storage space for information. It was requested that everyone use either their SCA name or first name for identification so we know who you are.

Moderator will check into the site as there has been no authentication returned to those signing up.

Charter Changes

Changes have been mislaid, but as soon as they are found they will be sent to the Chronicler.

New Business

The Barony of Stierbach has asked to use our list fence for Coronation, and this was approved. They will pick up and return.

Clerk of Law

There is a new rule as of June 1st that an event is not official until they have been approved by the Seneschal and event copy filed, especially for non-complete events. Events are not reserved until this is in place, so documentation should be sent as early as possible. E-mail details will follow.

Announcements

Cooks Guild will not meet this month or August, but will meet the 4th Wednesday of September.

Mary will be the new fund raising coordinator for Logan and Rowan, and wanted to know if there is any problem with a fundraiser at Chalice. There was no problem.

Come and work Troll at Pennsic, always need volunteers.

Meeting ended: 6:41pm, **Attendees:** 30

Exchequer

Greetings to the Populace of Ponte Alto:

Second quarter numbers are in and we had a loss of \$688 due to payments for our storage unit and webserver space. Since we have no second quarter event, we almost always lose money in this quarter. Never fear, however! Chalice monies will more than make up for this quarter's performance and we'll be back on a positive trend.

COMPARATIVE BALANCE

Total Assets:

Start: 11,504.18

End: 10,753.72

Total Liabilities:

Start: 62.46

End: 0

Net Worth:

Start: 11,441.72

End: 10,753.72

Change in Net Worth: (688.00)

INCOME STATEMENT

Total Gross Income: 44.00

Total Expenses: 732.00

Net Income: (688.00)

If you have any questions about these numbers or what the position of Exchequer is like, please let me know. I will happily set up appointments for those gentles wishing to review our books and to learn more about our money and how we use it.

In service,

Lady Millicent Chandler

Chancellor of the Exchequer

Monthly Calendar

August 2007

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|---|--|--|
| | | 1 Pennsic War XXXVI (R, H) | 2 Pennsic War XXXVI (R, H) | 3 Pennsic War XXXVI (R, H) | 4 Pennsic War XXXVI (R, H) | 5 Pennsic War XXXVI (R, H) |
| 6 Pennsic War XXXVI (R, H) | 7 Pennsic War XXXVI (R, H) | 8 Pennsic War XXXVI (R, H) | 9 Pennsic War XXXVI (R, H) Baronial Court 7pm | 10 Pennsic War XXXVI (R, H) | 11 Pennsic War XXXVI (R, H) | 12 Pennsic War XXXVI (R, H) |
| 13 7:30 pm Alle Psallite | 14 | 15 7 pm Weaving Night | 16 6 pm Rapier Practice 6 pm Heavy Weapons Practice | 17 4:30 pm Archery Practice | 18 W.O.P.P. and Post Pennsic Dessert Revel | 19 Noon Outdoor Heavy Weapons Practice |
| 20 7:30 pm Alle Psallite | 21 | 22 | 23 6 pm Rapier Practice 6 pm Heavy Weapons Practice | 24 Sacred Stone's Baronial Birthday (R, H) 4:30 pm Archery Practice | 25 Sacred Stone's Baronial Birthday (R, H) | 26 Sacred Stone's Baronial Birthday (R, H) Noon Outdoor Heavy Weapons Practice |
| 27 7:30 pm Alle Psallite | 28 | 29 7 pm Armor Night | 30 6 pm Rapier Practice 6 pm Heavy Weapons Practice | 31 Fall Coronation 4:30 pm Archery Practice 7:30pm Ponte Alto/Steirbach Bardic | 1 Fall Coronation | 2 Fall Coronation Noon Outdoor Heavy Weapons Practice |

* = Baronial Progress

Events

Baronial Progress for August 2007

| Date | Event |
|---------------------|---------|
| July 27 - August 12 | Pennsic |

August 2007 Calendar of Scheduled Events

| Date | Event | Group | Location |
|-------|--|--------------|-------------------|
| 27-12 | Pennsic War XXXVI (R,H) | Aethelmearc | Slippery Rock, PA |
| 18 | W.O.P.P. | St. Georges | Pickens, SC |
| 18 | Post Pennsic Dessert Revel | Storvik | College Park, MD |
| 24-26 | Sacred Stone's Baronial Birthday (R,H) | Crois Brigte | Booneville, NC |
| 31-3 | Fall Coronation | Sudentorre | Haymarket, VA |

ARCHERY PRACTICE NEEDS A NEW SITE—Archery practices are still on Friday night - but we need to put in a plea that if anyone knows of any land that we can use to practice archery on, please have them contact Lord Miles de Locwode (archery AT pontealto.atlantia.sca.org) or Lady Brigid O'Hara (mill3rs AT yahoo.com). Archery is still shooting indoors at Bull Run and can only shoot 20 yards - most events have 20, 30 and 40 yard targets but that is not available to us with the indoor range. I believe we need over an acre and no houses to hit in the path!

CANCELLATIONS—All Fencing and Heavy Weapon's Practices during Pennsic War are cancelled.

Weekly Activities

Weaving night on the Second Wednesday of the month at the home of Lord Jürgen van der Vols (Joorkin Volz) (jcfrench AT mac.com), whom you should contact for more information and directions.

Armoring night on the Fourth Wednesday of the month at the home of Lord Jürgen van der Vols (Joorkin Volz) (jcfrench AT mac.com), whom you should contact for more information and directions.

| SUNDAY | |
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| Ponte Alto Baronial Business Meeting | Fourth Sunday of the month at 6 pm at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Idylwood Road, Falls Church. Baronial Business Meeting (Fourth Sunday of each month, except December) The meeting is at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 7426 Idylwood Rd., Falls Church. Take your best route to I-66. Get off at the exit for Route 7 West (Tysons Corner). Turn left at the first light after the interchange onto Idylwood Rd. The church is up the hill on the right about 1/4 mile. |
| 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 information. Sunday Fight Practice Directions. Practice is behind the Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library 7584 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. Take your best route to I-495. Get off at the exit for Route 7 East (Falls Church). The library is on the left about 1 mile. Park in the library lot and go down the hill to the park. |
| MONDAY | |
| Alle Psallite (Vocal Music) | Every Monday, 7:30-9 pm in Herndon. 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 and on the Yahoo Group AllePsallite. |
| TUESDAY | |
| Ponte Alto Scriptorium | Meets the first Tuesday of the month at 7 pm. Contact Lady Brigid O'Hara (mill3rs AT yahoo.com, (703) 620-4945 (H)) for information and directions. |
| WEDNESDAY | |
| Weaving Night | Second Wednesdays of every month from 7-9 pm, at the home of Lord Jürgen van der Vols (Joorkin Volz) (jcfrench AT mac.com). Contact Lord Jürgen van der Vols for information and directions. |
| Armoring Night | Fourth Wednesdays of every month from 7-9 pm, at the home of Lord Jürgen van der Vols (Joorkin Volz) (jcfrench AT mac.com). Contact Lord Jürgen van der Vols for 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 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/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 . |
| Ponte Alto A&S Night | May meet on a Friday during the month, as posted at the top of this page. Contact Lady Perronelle la peintre (dwatsonirwin AT cox.net, (703) 455-0298 (H)) for 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 Baroness Briana Maclukas (darbyjanieAT hotmail.com) for information. |

MONTHLY

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| 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 information, or check out the top of this page for the recently posted information. |
| Embroidery Night | Their Excellencies of Ponte Alto host a monthly embroidery night starting at 7:30 pm. Contact the Baron and Baroness for more information, or check out the top of this page for the 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. You can visit the Fairfax County Public Schools Emergency Announcement page for school closure status: <http://fcps.edu/news/emerg.htm>

Special Thursday Night parking instructions at: We have received some complaints about lack of parking spaces from residents of the Peachtree of McClean apartment complex which adjoins our practice site. After some informal negotiations we have arrived at an agreement with the building management. We beseech those attending Thursday night practices to adhere to the following procedures from now on:

You may unload your gear from parking spaces adjoining our practice area. But then please move your car to another space either at least a block further away from Route 7 in the complex parking lot or in the library parking lot closer to Route 7. At the conclusion of practice you may once again move your car to a space adjoining the practice area in order to reload your gear before exiting the site. In this way we hope to be able to continue to use the parking facilities of the complex without inconveniencing the residents.

the Real Middle-Ages

Eleanor of Aquitaine During the Crusades



Eleanor of Aquitaine, from an unknown illumination

she and her ladies dressed as Amazons is disputed by serious historians; however, her testimonial launch of the Second Crusade from Vezelay, the rumored location of Mary Magdalene's burial, dramatically emphasized the role of women in the campaign.

The Crusade itself achieved little. Louis was a weak and ineffectual military leader with no concept of maintaining troop discipline or morale, or of making informed and logical tactical decisions. In eastern Europe the French army was at times hindered by Manuel I Comnenus, the Byzantine Emperor, who feared that it would jeopardize the tenuous safety of his empire; however, during their 3-week stay at Constantinople, Louis was fêted and Eleanor was much admired. She is compared with Penthesilea, mythical queen of the Amazons, by the Greek historian Nicetas Choniates; he adds that she gained the epithet chrysopous (golden-foot) from the cloth of gold that decorated and fringed her robe. Louis and Eleanor stayed in the Philopation palace, just outside the city walls.

From the moment the Crusaders entered Asia Minor, the Crusade went badly. The King and Queen were optimistic — the Byzantine Emperor had told them that the German Emperor Conrad had won a great victory against a Turkish army (where in fact the German army had been massacred), and the company was still eating well. However, whilst camping near Nicea, the remnants of the German army, including a dazed and sick Emperor Conrad, began to straggle into the French camp, bringing news of their disaster. The French, with what remained of the Germans, then began to march in increasingly disorganized fashion, towards Antioch. Their spirits were buoyed on Christmas Eve — when they chose to camp in the lush Dercervian valley near Ephesus, they were ambushed by a Turkish detachment; the French proceeded to slaughter this detachment and appropriate their camp. Louis then decided to directly cross the Phrygian mountains, in the hope of speeding his approach to take refuge with Eleanor's uncle Raymond in Antioch. As they ascended the mountains, however, the army and the King and Queen were left horrified by the unburied corpses of the previously slaughtered German army.

On the day set for the crossing of Mount Cadmos, Louis chose to take charge of the rear of the column, where the unarmed pilgrims and the baggage trains marched. The vanguard, with which Queen Eleanor marched, was commanded by her Aquitanian vassal, Geoffrey de Rancon; this, being unencumbered by baggage, managed to reach the summit of Cadmos, where de Rancon had been ordered to make camp for the night. De Rancon however chose to march further, deciding in concert with the Count of Maurienne (Louis' uncle) that a nearby plateau would make a better camp: such disobedience was reportedly common in the army, due to the lack of command from the King.

Accordingly, by mid afternoon, the rear of the column — believing the day's march to be nearly at an end — was dawdling; this resulted in the army becoming divided, with some having already crossed the summit and others still approaching it. It was at this

point that the Turks, who had been following and feinting for many days, seized their opportunity and attacked those who had not yet crossed the summit. The Turks having seized the summit of the mountain, and the French (both soldiers and pilgrims) having been taken by surprise, there was little hope of escape: those who tried were caught and killed, and many men, horses and baggage were cast into the canyon below the ridge. William of Tyre placed the blame for this disaster firmly on the baggage — which was considered to have belonged largely to the women.

The King, ironically, was saved by his lack of authority — having scorned a King's apparel in favor of a simple soldier's tunic, he escaped notice (unlike his bodyguards, whose skulls were brutally smashed and limbs severed). He reportedly "nimble and bravely scaled a rock by making use of some tree roots which God had provided for his safety," and managed to survive the attack. Others were not so fortunate: "No aid came from Heaven, except that night fell."

The official scapegoat for the disaster was Geoffrey de Rancon, who had made the decision to continue, and it was suggested that he be hanged (a suggestion which the King ignored). Since he was Eleanor's vassal, many believed that it was she who had been ultimately responsible for the change in plan, and thus the massacre. This did nothing for her popularity in Christendom — as did the blame affixed to her baggage, and the fact that her Aquitanian soldiers had marched at the front, and thus were not involved in the fight. Eleanor's reputation was further sullied by her supposed affair with her uncle Raymond of Pointiers, Prince of Antioch.

While in the eastern Mediterranean, Eleanor learned about maritime conventions developing there, which were the beginnings of what would become admiralty law. She introduced those conventions in her own lands, on the island of Oleron in 1160 and later in England as well. She was also instrumental in developing trade agreements with Constantinople and ports of trade in the Holy Lands.

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Armoring and Warfare

Article on the sport of fighting in the SCA, By Lady Marie-Thérèse Normand

WAR!

Sound the drums, muster the troops, and line the field with the bloody dead. It's War Week at Pennsic and the fervor of battle is upon us. Practice has honed the Ponte Alto army to a sharp-edged, stony-faced wall of warriors. Now it's time to prove our mettle, by being the first into the fray and the last alive on the field. Look to your sword brothers and sisters for support. Call to each other, encourage each other to amazing feats, but most of all be there to defend each other when the engagement heats up. You are Pontoons; be proud of your barony. Be proud of training. Honor the day with your victory and war screams. Have fun, live lively, and celebrate your victories in death or in life. Don't run as cowards do. Don't throw your weapon aside and shake as death takes you. Remember who you are! And shout "Pontoon!" at the top of your lungs as you charge into battle with your sword swinging. You are proud warriors of Northern Atlantia. You are the best of the best and let no man or woman say otherwise without Valhalla waiting for them on the other side.

Later when the heat of battle cools, and enemies become friends sharing beer around the fire, don't boast of individual victories, or deaths, though these might be great and awesome. Boast of how Ponte Alto took to the field and conquered all comers that day as a team. Tell of your sword sister or brother too shy to speak of themselves, but victorious none-the-less because she saved you, or provided a needed distraction for you to kill a strategic enemy. And yes she died, but she died for a purpose. None may know the depression of dying in the first minutes of an hour-long non-resurrecting battle, but in those moments, in that first clash, that sword sister or brother gives meaning to defense, courage, and steadfast loyalty, because although they may not be the best or the strongest or the tallest or the most knowledgeable, they are there by your side in the mix, so that you might survive the initial confrontation with the enemy. Raise your cup and remember those who fell today on Pennsic's field. Battle-hardened, bruised and happy, toast the dead and the living, the victorious and the conquered, and remember this is a game, and have fun playing it. Salute! To those who play the game of War and those who live it. May you always be safe and victorious!

Arts and Sciences

By Lady Gracia Esperanca de Sevilla

Greeting to the good Populace of Atlantia,

We would like to thank Lady Gracia Esperanca de Sevilla for graciously granting her permission to publish the word and link to the music for her winning song, *Might and Fury*. All Atlantian's are encouraged to learn this rousing song and sing out loud and clear during Pennsic!

Thank you Lady Gracia.

<http://www.scamooselodge.com/PrideArgentAzure/>

MIGHT AND FURY

Don your armor, hone your steel
Ready spearmen, take the field
Bowmen sight your targets well
Make your presence keely felt

Chorus:

Azure might and Argent fury
Fierce the wave that takes the field
Crashing down like judge and jury
Know our wrath you cannot shield!

Last to fall we're first to victory
On our lips Valharic's name
Death awaits the foes before us
To them we bring the gift of pain

Chorus

Tempt not deadly Sharks' Teeth bite,
Try not arms 'gainst Kraken's might
Wake our ire and all you reap
Is but Death's eternal sleep!

Chorus

Be it rapier, bow or sword and shield
Atlantia's warriors hold the field
Our heartbeats echo to the drum
And to our blows you shall succumb!

Chorus

Brothers all, we stand together
Loud to the heavens we proclaim,
"Last to fall, we're first to victory
On our lips Atlantia's name!"

Chorus 2x

Service

Letter's of Intent

From the Seneschal

Greetings Pontoons,

As we have had almost 4 wonderful years with our Baron & Baroness, Marcellus & Belphoebe, it is time for the candidates for our next Baronage to introduce themselves to you.

Below you will find letters from the four candidate sets: Luce & Miles, Millicent, Jurgen & Flora, and Robert & Wulfwyn. These letters will appear in the August and September newsletters and then in mid-September (about the 20th) a polling letter will be sent to the homes of those paid members who live within the zip code boundaries of Ponte Alto. The instructions will be included within the letter along with an envelope to return to our Monarchs.

If you do not live within the boundaries, you may send your comments about the candidates to Prince Logan and Princess Rowan at trh@atlantia.sca.org and after the upcoming September Coronation they can be reached trm@atlantia.sca.org.

As usual, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 571-239-2183 or seneschal@pontealto.atlantia.sca.org.

In Service,
Katharine

THL Katharine Devereaux
Barony of Ponte Alto

Greetings unto the noble populace of the Barony of Ponte Alto from Miles de Locwode and Luce Antony Venus:

With this letter we accept the nomination as candidates for Baron and Baroness of Ponte Alto, to succeed Marcellus and Belphoebe. First, let us say we are honored by your belief in our worthiness for nomination. We feel it most productive to discuss our candidacy in terms of what we believe the job of being your Baron and Baroness entails, what our vision is of what the Barony is and can be.

We believe that the heart of this job is to be an ambassador for Ponte Alto. First and foremost, by being the Crown's representative in the Barony. This means building Ponte Alto as a thriving, productive group that supports Atlantia in all her endeavors. But it also means being the advocate of Ponte Alto's populace to the Crown – assuring that individuals are properly recognized and represented in all things. It also means being visible to the rest of Atlantia, bearing witness throughout the Kingdom of the wonderful things that Ponte Alto's populace does.

We believe that the soul of this job is to create an environment in this Barony that is engaging, welcoming and fun. A Baron and Baroness should encourage the populace to aspire to great things, honor their efforts, and applaud their successes. Ponte Alto has developed a tradition that "everyone has a seat at the table," meaning that all people are welcome, and all ideas deserve fair consideration. It is the job of the Baron and Baroness to promote and protect this tradition, as well as all the traditions of the Barony.

As for specific goals as Baron and Baroness, we want to continue to support the efforts of our Warlords by increasing the numbers of our Baronial army at Pennsic by 25% over previous years, and honoring every fighter who fights under a baronial tabard in any martial activity at any Inter-Kingdom war with a token of our esteem. We also hope to have the Barony host at least one Kingdom-level event during our term. Lastly, in order to support both the arts and Baronial unity, we intend to host a monthly open house in our home to provide a regular, informal forum to take on A&S projects, performer's circles, or any other endeavor we as a group decide is worthy.

For those of you who do not know us personally, rather than recite awards, we offer our record of service to the Barony. Miles has served as Baronial Seneschal, Baronial Archery Marshal, and Baronial Archery Champion. Luce has served as Baronial Deputy Chatelaine, Baronial Chatelaine, Baronial Artisan and Baronial Bard. Both of us have served as autocrat at Baronial events and are involved in the Baronial Pennsic encampment. Being Baron and Baroness is about more than having a title or coronet – it is a commitment to selfless service of the Barony and its populace. We see these roles as an extension of our service to the Barony. As required by and consistent with the Baronial Charter and as modified by Kingdom Law, we agree to the provisions for term of office and selection of successors and pledge to maintain those provisions.

Despite all the things that a Baron and Baroness may promise they will do, the fact remains that they achieve nothing without the populace. Listening to the thoughts, aspirations, concerns, dreams, and ideas of the populace is of great importance to us, both now as candidates, and in the future if we are graced with the honor of serving you. Please feel free to approach us with any questions or ideas you have.

Ponte Alto has such a tradition of excellence, and such a capable populace, we believe strongly that no matter who serves as the next Baronage, Ponte Alto will grow and thrive. It would be our honor to serve both the Crown and you in this capacity. Many thanks for your consideration. In Service to Atlantia and the Dream we remain,

THL Miles de Locwode

THL Luce Antony Venus

To the gracious populace of the Barony of Ponte Alto:

I joyfully accept the nomination for the office of Baroness of Ponte Alto, and thank you for your trust in my abilities to represent this outstanding Barony.

The Barony of Ponte Alto is my SCA home. My residence may lie outside of the physical boundaries of the Barony but my heart has always been drawn to Ponte Alto and her people. For nearly four years I have served as Ponte Alto's Chamberlain and Chancellor of the Exchequer, tending the finances and possessions of this Barony. I have represented Ponte Alto at arts and science festivals and displays as both Baronial Bard and Baronial Artisan. For a short period of time I was a deputy Chatelaine and am currently a deputy Minister of Arts and Sciences. I have dabbled in rapier fighting, combat archery and target archery and will become more active in these disciplines and join the Ponte Alto troops as my gear and skills improve.

I view the office of Baroness as a hostess for the Barony. She should make all comers -- from the newest attendees to those who were present for the First Tournament -- feel welcome and at home. She should be poised and fair under trying situations. She should assist in finding those niches in which members' talents may flourish and ensure that no one goes unrecognized, both on a local level and in Their Majesties' eyes. She should also provide troops and support for when Their Majesties sound the trumpets for battle.

I will do all of these things and much more should you express your confidence to Their Majesties in allowing me to serve as your Baroness.

In service,

Lady Millicent Chandler

Dear good gentry of Ponte Alto,

I would like to recommend Lady Flora deBayeaux for your consideration in this baronial polling. Flora has actively participated in our society for three years. In that time, she has learned much about archery, A&S, and service. Flora is friendly and outgoing, but more to the point, she has actively worked to bring new people into our Barony. She is always friendly and helpful. As Baroness, Flora would remain focused on helping newcomers integrate into our society.

One of the most important and often overlooked things is this small secret: The SCA is fun. Flora loves Ponte Alto and the SCA because it's fun. As baroness, she would be able to share her love for the SCA with both newcomers and old-timers alike. Flora is diplomatic, and knows how to help others stay focused on what matters, encouraging people to enjoy SCA participation.

Yours in Service,

Lord Jurgen Göttsfurböter

Good Gentles of Ponte Alto,

Lord Jurgen Gottsfurboter, in my opinion, already acts in a Baronial manner. He is a very active member of the fighting community. While in the Kingdom of the West he was inducted into Order of the Rose Leaf (for expertise in the arts or sciences) and The Order of the Leaf of Merit (for service.) While in Atlantia he has already earned the Onore del Ponte d'Argento and Onore del Ponte di Ferro for serving as the Baronial Heavy Arms Champion. His weaving has had the distinguished honor of winning the Tempore Atlantia. He regularly invites people into his home to work on armoring, weaving, sewing and best of all, sampling his home brew!

When he is not teaching people skills he has learned, he is helping the barony in others ways. He still has the desire to implement practice "tournaments". His mind is overflowing with ideas to keep Ponte Alto the best barony in Atlantia.

So whether or not Lord Jurgen is elected Baron, it does not change the fact that he is a leader and an inspiration to Pontoons. I am proud to be his Lady.

Lady Flora de Bayeaux

Unto the Populace of the Barony of Ponte Alto do we send greeting from Robert of Calais and Wulfwyn AElf wines dohtor.

By this letter, we hereby offer our intent for nomination as candidates for Baron and Baroness. We are both humbled and honored by this, and pledge ourselves to support and uphold the standards of the Crown, the Barony, the Kingdom of Atlantia, and the Society as a whole.

We want to give our love to the outgoing Baron and Baroness, Marcellus and Belphoebe. We wish them the best in all their efforts and fervently wish they could remain as Baron and Baroness for life. That being said, we acknowledge that changes happen and promise to continue with their vision for the Barony, as well as add our own, and to promote the deeds, dreams and talents of Ponte Alto.

Our goal is not to allow the efforts of Ponte Alto artisans, fighters, and services, be obscured. You can help! Where one of our own is mentioned on an order list, be supportive. Make sure the readers of the list know who this person is, what good they have done and are doing. Ultimately we would like every fighter, every artisan and every services person to know that the entire Barony supports them. We can't be all things to all people but we can be a big happy family.

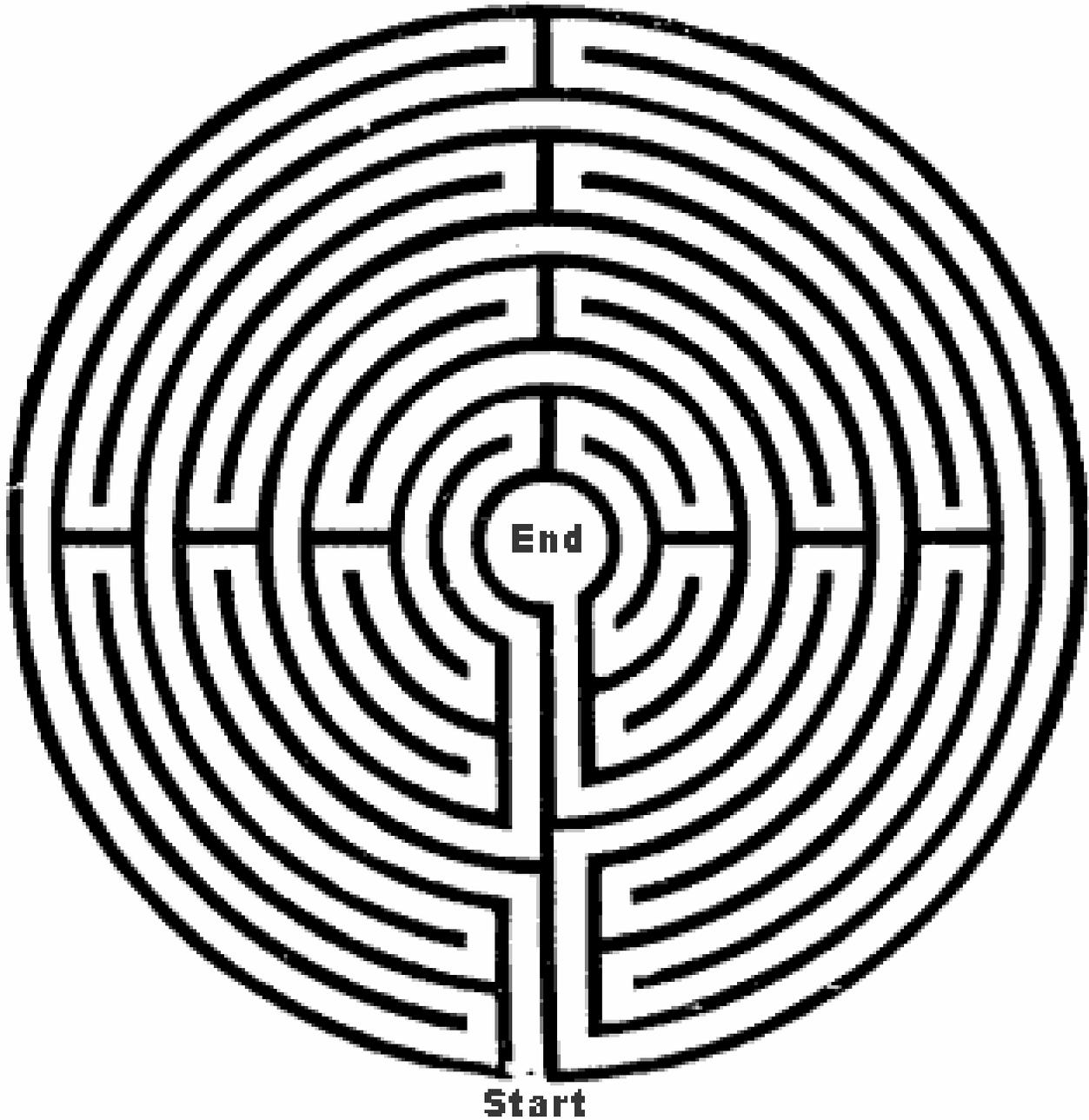
Thanks to the outgoing Baron and Baroness Marcellus and Belphoebe, we would be bequeathed a Barony with no great troubles. We have no axes to grind, no great wrongs to right, we just want to promote a greater sense of community in Ponte Alto. Where we can, let us help each other out, on the field, and off the field. Although we would be the more visible representatives, we feel that the populace is the real representatives of the Barony. You are the true heart and soul, and we are there to stand for you in all matters.

Robert of Calais

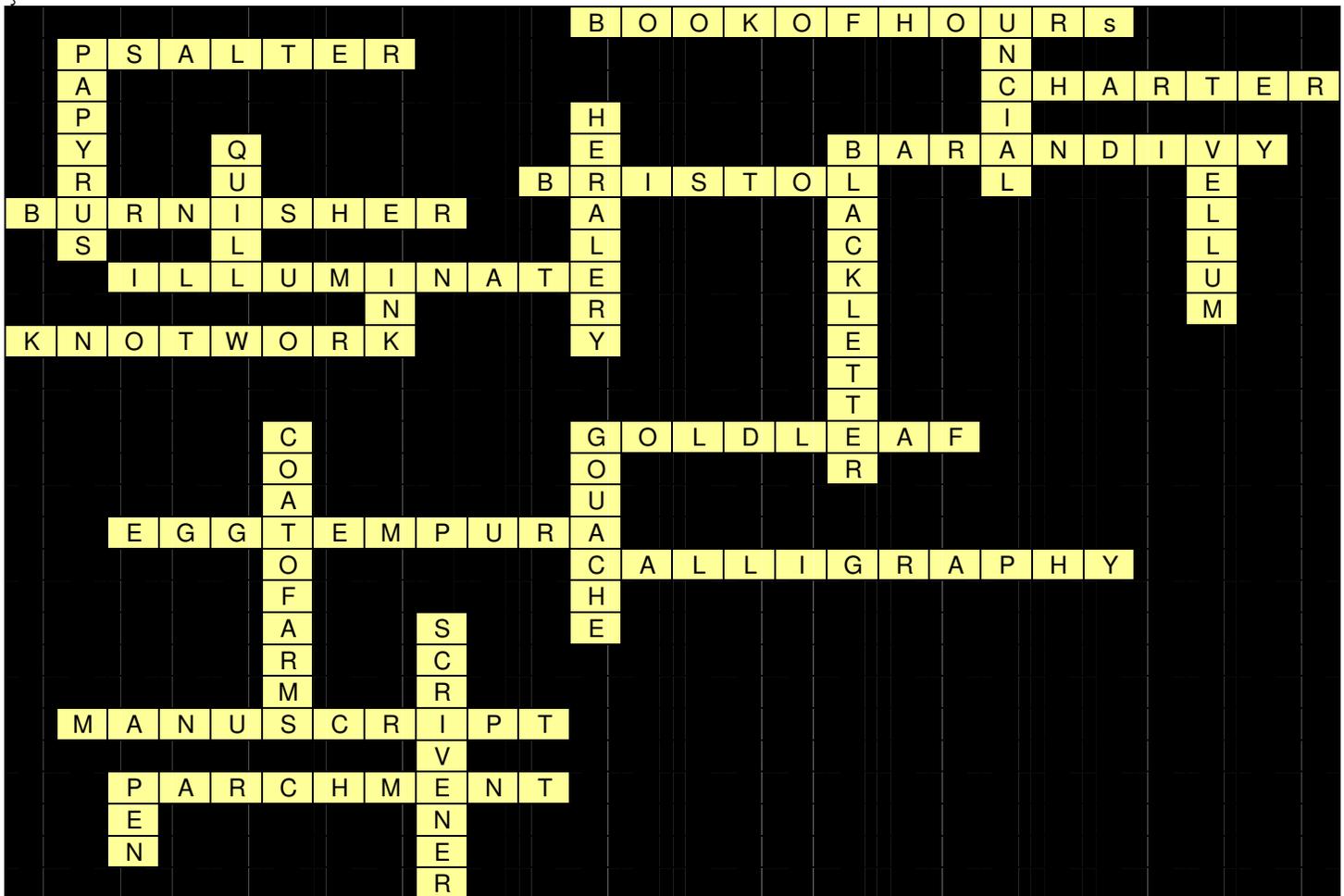
Wulfwyn AElf wines dohtor

Games

Using a colored pencil, follow the labyrinth from the starting point to the centre, without getting lost. Good Luck!



Answers for July



ACROSS

- 1 collection of texts, prayers and psalms, along with appropriate illustrations, to form a reference for Catholic Christian worship and devotion
- 3 a collection of Psalms for liturgical or devotional use
- 4 a written instrument or contract (as a deed) executed in due form
- 6 bar and ivy
- 9 card stock with a smooth surface suitable for artwork
- 10 a tool for compacting, smoothing, &/or making leaf shiny and lustrous by rubbing
- 11 decorated (as a manuscript) with elaborate designs or miniature pictures OR to light a room
- 12 A colored, usually liquid, material for writing and printing
- 13 knotwork
- 16 thin layer of gilt on a manuscript
- 17 from the Greek beautiful [Kalli] writing [graphia]
- 19 document that is written by hand, as opposed to being printed or reproduced in some other way
- 20 paper made from animal skin

DOWN

- 2 majuscule script commonly used from 3rd–8th centuries AD by Latin and Greek scribes; early forms are characterized by broad single stroke letters using simple round forms
- 3 pith of tall perennial sedge from Nile valley made into strips and pressed into write-able material
- 5 practice of devising, blazoning, and granting armorial insignia
- 6 Carolingian minuscule font was the direct and linear ancestor of _____
- 7 fine-grained unsplit lambskin, kidskin, or calfskin prepared especially for writing on or for binding books
- 8 hollow horny shaft of a feather used as a pen for writing
- 14 personal armorial ensign
- 15 primary type of paint prevalent in South Europe's Middle Ages, made by binding pigment in egg medium
- 18 person who does the calligraphy on scrolls
- 20 pen

(To the readers *Proofreader's note: 11 Across and 5 Down do not work together! My apologies. Lady Marie-Therese Normand)