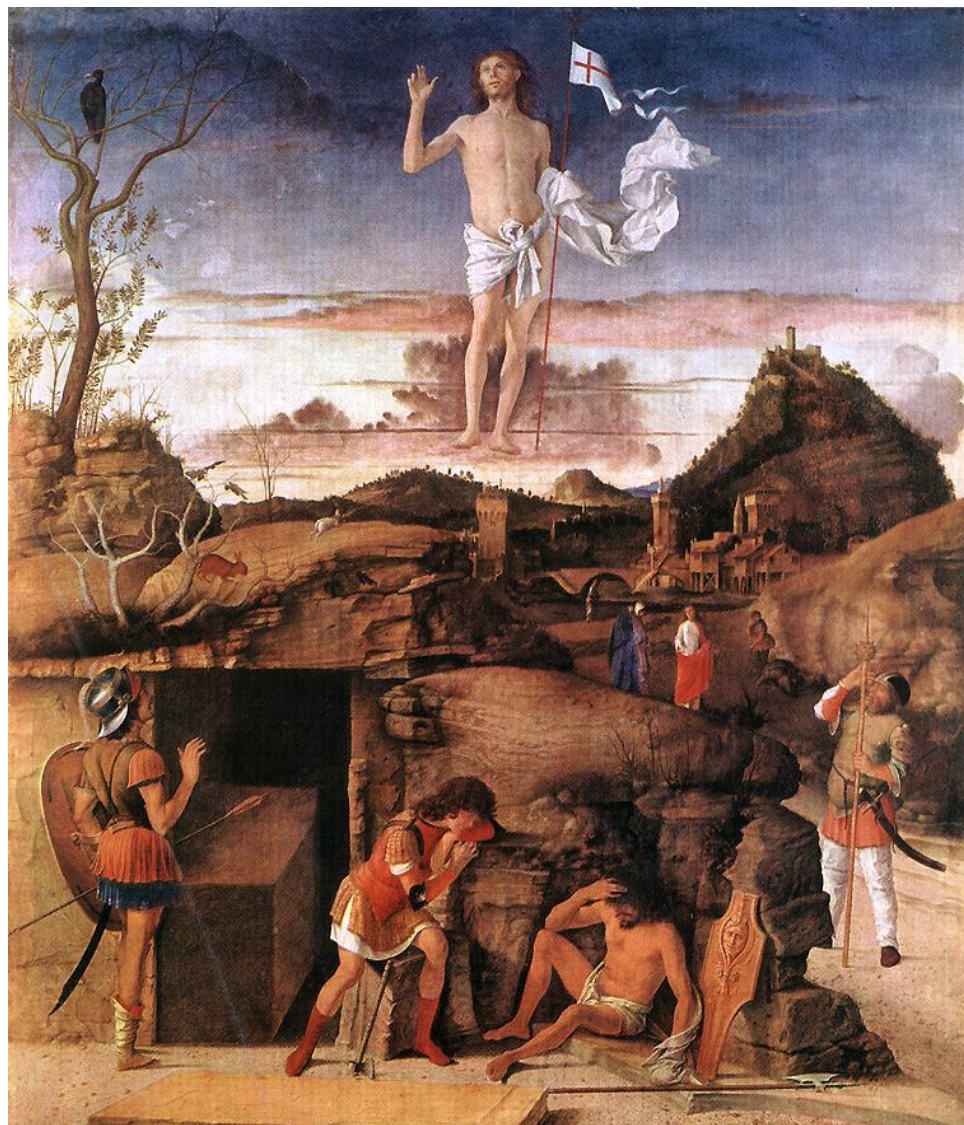


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Resurrection of Christ

Giovanni Bellini (1430 - 1516)

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From the Chronicler...

Greetings Pontoons,

First I would like to apologize for the lateness of the newsletter. Due to a combination of events and illness, there is no article this month.

The past couple months have been hectic for me to say the least. With spring here, I am sure that life will only get busier. Now though, mundane obligations are being replaced by a practical smorgasbord of delectable events to fill ones hunger for time outdoors. On top of the events happening throughout our Kingdom and abroad, there are local activities to attend as well. If you are one with a voice like an angel, let me recommend Alle Psallite. Singing not your thing? How about cooking? Perhaps the Ponte Alto Cook's Guild would peak your interest. Don't forget that there are weekly archery, heavy, and rapier practices as well.

I hope everyone had a great Easter. Enjoy the wonderful weather.

*Lord Brénainn MacShuibne
Chronicler, Barony of Ponte Alto*

Unto the Populace

Greetings to the Barony,

We regret that our travels have taken us away from you today, but we've had a very good and busy month!

For starters, we have 4 new champions - Baronial Artisan - Lord Geoffrey ap Clewyd, Baronial Bard - Mistress Belpheobe de Givet, Heavy Fighter - Lucas von Aych, Rapier Fighter - Lord Alric the Mad. We are very honored to have this group of people represent us as our Champions to the rest of the Kingdom.

We also have some new officers - Our lovely Seneschal - Countess Denise Duvalier, Chatelaine - Lady Emma West, Chronicler - Lord Brennain MacShuibe, Webminister - Lady Ynes Garcia.

Last month, we attended Our own Tournament of Love and Beauty and had a lovely time and even held our first court where Lady Wulfwyn autocrated was made a member of the Order of the Garland. We were extremely please as Baroness Graciela prepared a very tasty meal to end the day. I believe that it was the earliest that we have ever closed down that site as there were so many that helped pick up and clean the site. Thank you all!

A few weeks ago was the Kingdom Arts & Sciences Festival that was held fai rly close to home in the Barony of Bright Hills. Lord Geoffrey represented us well at the interbaronial artisan's competition and Lady Sorcha is now the Royal Brewer. There were a number of singers that performed that day including our group Alle Psallite and individually - Mistress Belpheobe and Lady Talitha. Of course Baroness Celia organized this for the Kingdom - nice job all!

Last weekend at Bloodbath, we had a very enjoyable day watching both the Rapier and Heavy tourneys and were able to select our Heavy and Rapier Champions - Lucas and Lord Alric. Thank you Sir Thomas for again hosting this event and inviting other groups and merchants down - again great day and the rain held off most of the day.

We will be attending the Coronation of Logan and Esa in April and are considering attending Blackstone Raids - as this will depend on our new job situations. We do encourage all fighters and others to attend this fun event. I believe there is an Atlantian cabin and We have been specifically asked if our fighters will again be going this year. Ponte Alto provided such a statement that middle and southern knights are hoping that our Barony will be present with the same numbers and quality of fighters - I've heard that we kicked much butt and took many names - V ivant Ponte Alto Fighters!

In May, we will be attending Sapphire Joust and will be camping with the Barony and have already submitted our baronial registration. Please do this so that Lord Brennain may plan for the camp.

Next weekend is Defending the Gate on Saturday and the War Practice on Sunday. Both are in Stafford Virginia – very close - we encourage all to attend.

Wednesday evening, March 25th, we will be hosting a Baronial Open House – any time after 6 pm. We look forward to seeing those that are able to make it!

And lastly, please send us any award recommendations for your fellow Pontoons, on both a local and a Kingdom level of recognition.

Thank you!

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Baronial Meeting Minutes

Business Meeting Minutes – March 22nd Start Time 6:00

Seneschal

I am starting to meet with officers to see what everyone is doing and if they need anything from me. I want to keep communication open.

Exchequer

Current Balance: \$12,368.76

Tournament of Love and Beauty had a profit of \$643. Lunch profit was \$223. Don't know if anything specific was discussed for lunch profit. Since no one remembered it went to general funds.

St. Paddy's Day Bloodbath had a profit of \$322. It was discussed whether paying the park was double dipping. Sir Thomas explained that the park gets \$50 up front and a percentage of what we and merchants make in order to get a license. Sir Thomas will check to see if we owe the park anything.

Sunday Social Fund: \$267.60

The site is paid through the spring. This does not include funds from the last few weeks.

Coronet Fund: \$920

A vote was taken to see if we continue the fund as the year time for the fund is up. It was voted not to transfer the money into the general money but to continue the fund.

Heavy Marshal

Sir Thomas spoke. A couple of fighting events have happened over the last few months. Practices have been reasonably well attended. New people are coming to practices. 52 fighters signed up at St. Paddy's and 48 fighters competed on the field.

Lucas will become new Heavy Marshal when his paperwork is completed.

Rapier Marshal

Rapier happens. Alric the Mad is the new Baronial Champion.

Archery Marshal – Not present

A&S

Our artisans made a wonderful showing at KA&S. A reminder Chalice is themed Leta's Twins.

Chatelaine

The next Newcomer's Meeting is Friday, March 27th. A newcomer showed up at Tom and Denise's interested in singing. A call has been put out for fabric and garb for the loaner closet.

Herald

Nicole, Jason and family are submitting names. We are looking into the the Ponte d'Argento's naming convention and posting it to the web for comment.

MoL

Delphina stepped down. We are looking for a new MOL. We encourage heavy's, rapier fighters or archers to look at being MOL.

Chronicler

We are looking at publishing newcomers articles over the upcoming year.

Minister of Minors – Not present

Webminister – There has been difficulty updating the website. The Ponte Alto web information should be moved from the old server to the new by this weekend.

Heavy Champion - Not Present

Rapier Champion - Not Present

Baron and Baroness – Not Present (letter published in this newsletter was read at the meeting)

Baronial Warlord

We are pushing for Pennsic. If you need kit contact us and we will point you in the right direction.

Baronial Artisan – not present

EVENTS:

Tournament of Love and Beauty – There was a brief discussion about the video from the event.

Bloodbath – The event was less successful than we would have liked. There were a large number of fighters. 48 showed up and we made money.

Chalice – The autocrat is in contact with the Park Authority. Camp 4 is closed due to reconditioning. She is asking them if it can be used for parking overflow. The contact at the park is checking on that. Last year the field had to be cleared for an event the next day. We will have to be aware of that and if it can't be used we will consider using a shuttle from the nearby shopping center.

Tournament of the Lily – Nothing at this time

Tournament of Love and Beauty and St. Paddy's Day Bloodbath 2010 need autocrats.

Need a person to come forward for November and or December events.

OLD BUSINESS

New Coronets – Nothing at this time.

New Business

None.

Meeting ended 6:38

Attendees 10

Monthly Calendar

April 2009

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		1	2 6 pm Rapier Practice 6 pm Heavy Weapons Practice	3	4 Feast of the Dragon	5 12:30 pm Outdoor Heavy Weapons Practice
6 4:30 pm Archery practice	7 7 pm Scriptorium	8	9 6 pm Rapier Practice 6 pm Heavy Weapons Practice	10 4:30 pm Archery Practice	11 Coronation of Logan and Esa	12 12:30 pm Outdoor Heavy Weapons Practice
13 4:30 pm Archery practice	14 7:30 pm Alle Psallite	15	16 6 pm Rapier Practice 6 pm Heavy Weapons Practice	17 4:30 pm Archery Practice 7:00 pm Newcomers Meeting 7:00 pm Cooks Guild Meeting	18 Storvik Performer's Revel Board of Directors Meeting	19 1:00 pm Indoor Heavy Weapons Practice
20 4:30 pm Archery practice	21	22	23 6 pm Rapier Practice 6 pm Heavy Weapons Practice	24	25 Out of the Darkness Blackstone Raid XVIII	26 1:00 pm Indoor Heavy Weapons Practice 6:00 pm Business Meeting
27 4:30 pm Archery practice	28 7:30 pm Alle Psallite	29	30 6 pm Rapier Practice 6 pm Heavy Weapons Practice			

* = Baronial Progress

Events

Baronial Progress for April 2009

Date	Event
April 10 - 12	Coronation of Logan and Esa

April 2009 Calendar of Scheduled Events

Date	Event	Group	Location
4	Feast of the Dragon	Canton of St. Georges	Westminster, SC
10-12	Coronation of Logan and Esa	Barony of Black Diamond	Blacksburg, VA
18	Storvik's Performer's Revel	Barony of Storvik	Bowie, MD
25	Out of the Darkness	Canton of Sudentorre	Centreville, VA
25	Blackstone Raid XVIII	Kingdom of Aethelmearc	Ripley, WV

Weekly Activities

SUNDAY	
Ponte Alto Baronial Business Meeting	<p>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 Idlywood 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 Idlywood Rd. The church is up the hill on the right about 1/4 mile.</p>
Sunday Social – - Heavy Weapons Practice - Arts/Sciences	<p>Lemon Road Elementary: Indoor Winter Practices for Heavy Weapons, Rapier, and an area for A&S activities are all included. Come and join the gathering and bring whatever you're working on. This is a great time to meet & socialize with other people in the barony. Activities held at Lemon Road Elementary School on Idylwood Road, 1pm-4pm. Contact the Baronial Knight Marshal for more information. Indoor Heavy Directions. This is a school location activity.</p> <p>From Southern Virginia, Maryland and Alexandria, VA Take I-495 (the beltway) to the VA-Route 7 East exit at Tysons Corner labeled Leesburg Pike/Falls Church, Exit #47B. Continue on Leesburg Pike towards Falls Church for 1.2M. Turn left onto Idylwood Road for 0.3 miles. * Turn left into the Lemon Road Elementary School front parking lot.. From Northwestern Virginia and Washington, DC Take I-66 to the VA-Route 7 West exit for Leesburg Pike/Tysons Corner exit #66B. Continue on Leesburg Pike under 0.1M towards Tysons Corner. Turn right at the first light onto Idylwood Road for 0.3 miles. Follow from * above.</p>
MONDAY	
Alle Psallite (Vocal Music)	<p>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.</p>
TUESDAY	
Ponte Alto Scriptorium	<p>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.</p>
THURSDAY	
Rapier Practice	<p>Every Thursday at Shrevevood 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.</p>
Heavy Weapons Practice	<p>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.</p>
FRIDAY	
Ponte Alto/Stierbach Archery Practice	<p>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.</p>
Ponte Alto A&S Night	<p>May meet on a Friday during the month. Contact Lady Perronelle la peintre (dwatsonirwin AT cox.net, (703) 455-0298 (H)) for information and directions.</p>
Stierbach/Ponte Alto Bardic	<p>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.</p>
MONTHLY	
SCA Newcomer Meetings	<p>Newcomer Meetings occur once a month on a weeknight from 7-9 pm at the homes of various members of the Barony.</p> <p>April's meeting will be Friday April 17th</p>

* **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.