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Ceres Enthroned

Michelle Pannonio (1415-1464)

Panel, 1450-1460; Museum of Fine Arts, Budapest

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From the Chronicler...

Greetings Pontoons,

Pennsic is just around the corner. If you are attending, think about volunteering. Pennsic isn't what it is without those people who volunteer and do such things as safety patrols or working troll. Take some time to take a look at the volunteer page on the Pennsic website to see if there is something that you may be interested in doing.

While at Pennsic, please remember that it is the middle of summer. Please take care of yourself. I can't stress enough to keep hydrated, apply plenty of sunscreen, and wear a hat. Know your limitations. Don't push yourself. Pennsic is more fun when everyone can participate and aren't dehydrated and sunburnt.

If this is your first year attending Pennsic, take a look at the article at the end of the newsletter. It's a pretty basic discussion about some things to think about when packing for the event. There is also a basic packing list that you can add to and subtract from to suite your own needs.

Following this message, you will find a copy of the proposed revisions to the Baronial Financial Policy. Take a look at the changes. If you have any questions, I am sure that Baroness Celia would be more than happy to answer them.

*Lord Brénainn MacShuibne
Chronicler, Barony of Ponte Alto*

From the Exchequer

Below are the proposed changes to the Baornial financial policy.

The Barony of Ponte Alto Financial Policy

1. Ponte Alto Financial Policy

- a. Ponte Alto Financial Policy shall be accepted by a majority vote of the populace of the group and replace all previous financial policies and may be amended or replaced by a majority vote of the group.
- b. Ponte Alto Financial Policy shall be reviewed yearly.
- c. Ponte Alto Financial Policy is superseded in order by:
Kingdom Exchequer Policy, Kingdom Financial policy, Kingdom Law, Society Exchequer Policy, Corpora, Commonwealth (state) and Federal law

2. Financial Committee

- a. The Financial Committee
 - i. Defined as all paid members of the Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc who attends the Barony of Ponte Alto's business meeting.
 - ii. At business meetings all financial needs will be brought to the Financial Committee for voting purposes. A majority vote will allow the money to be spent. In the event of a tie, the vote shall be moved to the Emergency Financial Committee. The Financial Committee may allocate money only up to the amount that is currently in the General Fund and no greater.
 - iii. *Business meetings are held the 4th Sunday of every month with possible exclusion of December. Meetings are publicized on the baronial website .Monthly reminders may also be sent by the seneschal to the baronial e-mail list*
 - iv. A roster of paid members shall be kept by the Exchequer.
- b. The Emergency Financial Committee (ECF)
 - i. Emergencies are defined as money that needs to be spent before the next business meeting.
 - ii. This Committee shall consist of the Exchequer, the Seneschal, and a third officer whose position rotates on an annual basis each *February* The rotation shall be Knight Marshal, Minister of Arts and Sciences, Chatelaine, Herald, Minster of the Lists, Chronicler, & Web Minister. Each member of the Emergency Financial Committee must be a paid member of the Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc, be at least 18 years of age, and possess a valid warrant for their office.

- iii. Members of the Emergency Financial Committee shall have one vote. Should a member recuse himself/herself from a vote in which there is a conflict of interest or appearance of impropriety, a Deputy Exchequer shall cast the third vote.
- iv. Spending approval is permitted up to \$1000 unless the spending is for a site fee. Spending approval is permitted up to \$2000 for a site fee.
- v. Meeting of this Emergency Financial Committee may be in person, over the phone, or via email.
- vi. *Financial decisions made by EFC are reported at the next monthly business meeting and recorded in the Il Tempo.*

3. The Chancellor of the Exchequer

- a. The Exchequer shall maintain a checking account with appropriate signature cards for the group, file all annual, quarterly and event reports as required by Kingdom and Society law and policy, enforce and maintain the group's financial policy, serve as chairperson of the group's Emergency Financial Committee and hold primary responsibility for coordinating with other members of the Emergency Financial Committee, and communicating the committee's actions with the populace.
- b. The Exchequer shall, upon request, provide access to the group's financial reports and books to any member of the group and shall publish to the group the annual doomsday report in the local newsletter, with a copy sent to the Kingdom Chancellor of the Exchequer.
- c. The Exchequer shall pursue any NSF (non-sufficient funds) checks received by the group according to the policy outlined in the Chancellor of the Exchequer Local Officer's Reference Handbook.

4. Disbursement of Funds

- a. Signatories on all Baronial accounts *must include* the exchequer, deputy exchequer, and seneschal. *Also regional deputy kingdom exchequer and Kingdome exchequer as per kingdom policy. Other signatories may be added as needed.i.e additional baronial officer or deputy and ,emergency deputies of the kingdom exchequer*
- b. Authorization for disbursement of funds.
 - i. For the routine expenses of meeting room rental, storage facility rental, and newsletter publication disbursement may be authorized by either the seneschal or the exchequer. The exchequer shall report all such expenses at the Barony meeting following their disbursement.
 - ii. For all other expenses, authorization shall require a majority approval by the Financial Committee. Prior to voting, proof of membership will be required for those baronial members wishing to vote at the meeting, this includes the baronial officers and the Baron and Baroness of Ponte Alto. The Exchequer shall verify membership before the vote.

5. Events

- a. The autocrat shall present a written, itemized budget for an event to the Financial Committee three months prior to the event date and before any expenditure for the event is made and before the event flyer has been published. The Barony may vote to waive this provision under exceptional circumstances. (Example: The Barony is asked to host a Kingdom event in less than three months.)
 - i. The budget may include provisions to waive gate and feast fees for sitting Monarchs, Their Heirs, and the event's Head Cook.
 - ii. The budget may include provisions to waive gate and feast fees for the event's Autocrat , Head Troll *and Baronage of Ponte Alto* .
- b. The Financial Committee must authorize any itemized expenditure in excess of the approved amount.
- c. Event reservations and check in (troll):
 - i. All checks shall be deposited in a timely manner according to kingdom policy
 - ii. No funds shall be removed from the cash box except as change for funds received.
- d. The Exchequer must receive event-related receipts and requests for reimbursement no later than five business days after the event.
- e. Event Refunds shall be provided as follows:
 - i. Feast refund may be provided if the feast spot was resold to another attendee. No refunds shall be provided if the event does not make a profit.
 - ii. The Exchequer must receive refund requests in writing no later than five business days after the event.
 - iii. All refunds shall be paid by check from the group's checking account.
 - iv. No refund shall be issued until the event books have been closed and all reservation checks have cleared.
- f. *The event report is completed by the exchequer within 2 weeks of the event* The event financial report shall be presented to the populace at the first regular business meeting of the group after the event books have been closed.
- g. Any photocopies of checks shall be shredded by the Exchequer after the books have been closed.

6. Special Funds

- a. Any funds raised for a specific purpose will be maintained as separately allocated fund for a period of one year *from the time of establishment*. After this time, if they have not been spent, they will be transferred to general funds or a vote may be taken to retain the fund. These funds will be maintained within the baronial checking account.
- b. *The financial committee may authorize a special fund to be maintained without time limit until the purpose of the fund is no longer needed.(ie maintaining funds for regalia/coronet until enough is raised for purchase))*

The Exchequer must receive special fund-related receipts and requests for reimbursement within sixty days of purchase

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Baronial Meeting Minutes

Business Meeting Minutes – June 28th Start Time 6:00

Seneschal

There has been a change to kingdom law. Conflicts have now been increased to a 150 mile radius. It can only be used once a year. Please do not spike an event with no conflict if there is nothing else on that date.

I want to thank everyone who came out to The Golden Rose Tournament. Max received his Kraken. Cunen received the banner pennon. There are already talks about next year.

Exchequer

Current balance: \$12,180.51

I have been working on the financial policy. Please view the proposed revisions in the Il Tempo. A lot of the changes were suggestions given by kingdom superiors.

Heavy Marshal

I am collecting quarterly reports and sending them in. I will be staying on as Knight Marshal. Thursday practice is now in the park.

Rapier Marshal

Rapier continues. Practice is in the park as well.

Archery Marshal

Archery continues on Monday nights at the dog run facility. Miles is looking for a replacement.

A&S

We have a new Pearl in the Barony and a couple new Coral Branches. I want to remind everyone the topic for Chalice is Leda's Trins. Who is displaying at Pennsic? Katharine and James will be teaching at Pennsic.

Chatelaine

The meeting was at the home of Luce and Myles. There were eight to ten people who were at their first meeting. The next meeting is in a few weeks at Courtney and Connor's.

Herald – not present

MoL – not present

Chronicler

Congratulations to Her Excellency for her article on newcomer clothing being nominated for a William Blackfox award. The Il Tempo has also been nominated for Best Overall Newsletter.

Minister of Minors – not present

Webminister

The Chalice page has been updated and now includes a page with past champions. I am making sure I have the dates and times correct for meetings.

Heavy Champion – not present

Rapier Champion – not present

Baron and Baroness

We have had three events this month. We had two open houses. An open house is scheduled on Saturday July 18th. After that our next event is Pennsic. Information will come out on the list about what we are hosting. Send recommendation for awards. Court may be on Thursday at Pennsic.

Baronial Warlord – not present

Baronial Artisan

Didn't have anything new.

EVENTS:

Pennsic – The cost for the food plan has been lowered to \$35.

Coronation – Coronation is in Stierbach. It is the last weekend in August. There was a request to borrow our list fence. A motion was passed to loan the list fence.

Chalice of the Sun God – I have the contract. I have received confirmation from the youth combat marshal. I have been talking with the head cook about the feast menu. We are good to go.

Tournament of the Lily – The event date has changed. The new date is November 14th due to availability of the campsite. Our date was too late to get any of the other campsites. The only weekend we could get camp 5 was this date. Camp 5 has everything heated. This doesn't affect the budget.

December event – Nothing has been heard about the December event.

Tournament of Love and Beauty – Emma is negotiating with the people at the site. We are looking at a 40% increase in site cost.

March event – Brenainn has volunteered to autocrat.

OLD BUSINESS

New Coronets – There was a change in due date for bids to 2010. Highlights: we are looking for bidders to create coronets. We talk about the design, specifics of budget, schedule, and acceptance criteria. Responses will be sent to Cian. The selection will take place in March of 2010. We came up with a budget of \$3000 based off of the Atlantian coronets. A motion was made and passed to lower the budget to \$2500.

Announcements

Atlantian Social – The social will be August 4 from 8-10. Duchess Mary Grace will be organizing gift baskets. This is a private fundraiser. Proceeds will go to Valhalric and Arielle.

Happy Hour – On August 15 from 1-2:30 there will be a happy hour at Union Jacks. They will give everyone wristbands. Let me know if you will be coming. It's a post Pennsic party. Prizes will be given for the best Pennsic story.

Marcellus is now the deputy editor for the Oak. They will be looking for new articles.

Meeting ended 6:50

Attendees 24

Monthly Calendar

July 2009

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		1	2 6pm Heavy Weapons Practice 6pm Rapier Practice	3 Known World Dance Symposium VII	4 Known World Dance Symposium VII Summer War – A Call to Arms	5 12pm Outdoor Heavy Weapons Practice
6 4:30pm Outdoor Archery Practice	7 7pm Scriptorium	8	9 6pm Heavy Weapons Practice 6pm Rapier Practice	10 7pm Cooks Guild Meeting	11 Kingdom Assessment	12 12pm Outdoor Heavy Weapons Practice
13 4:30pm Outdoor Archery Practice	14	15	16 6pm Heavy Weapons Practice 6pm Rapier Practice	17 7pm Cooks Guild Meeting 7pm Newcomers Meeting	18 11am – 7pm Pre-Pennsic work day	19 12pm Outdoor Heavy Weapons Practice 6pm Business Meeting
20 4:30pm Outdoor Archery Practice	21 7:30pm Alle Psallite	22	23 6pm Heavy Weapons Practice 6pm Rapier Practice	24 7:30pm Newcomers Meeting	25 Pennsic War XXXVIII	26 Pennsic War XXXVIII
27 Pennsic War XXXVIII	28 Pennsic War XXXVIII	29 Pennsic War XXXVIII	30 Pennsic War XXXVIII	31 Pennsic War XXXVIII		

* = Baronial Progress

Baronial Progress for July 2009

Date	Event
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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.</p> <p>Baronial Business Meeting (Fourth Sunday of each month, except December) The meeting is at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 7426 Idylwood Rd., Falls Church.</p> <p>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.</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><u>From Southern Virginia, Maryland and Alexandria, VA</u> 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.. <u>From Northwestern Virginia and Washington, DC</u> 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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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 Shreveview 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.</p> <p>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>July's meeting will be Friday June 17th</p> <p>Contact our Chatelaine for information and directions.</p>

Cooks Guild Meetings	Meets once a month at the homes of various members of the Barony. Please contact Lady Sophia van der Werken (opc_it AT yahoo.com , (703) 901-1866(H) To keep up on the latest with the Cooks Guild, join the Yahoo Group PonteAltoCooking
Dance Practice	Dance practice is held in conjunction with Sunday Heavy Weapons practice, once or twice a month. Dance steps for practice can be found on the dance instructor's web site . Please contact Margaret (mlysett AT yahoo.com , (443) 880-8036 (H))
Baronial Open House	Their Excellencies James and Katharine plan to host a Baronial Open House for the populace once a month at their home in Ashburn. Normally, the format will be open with any number of activities going on, such as: sewing, leather working, cooking, research, woodworking, project ideas, project advice, or just sitting and talking. Contact Their Excellencies of Ponte Alto for more info.

*** 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.

Announcements

Chalice of the Sun God VI: Leda's Twins September 18th - 20th, 2009

Once again, the cry goes forth for all heroes to vie for glory and honor in the Chalice Championships. And for those who choose to attempt it, there is the legendary "Chalice of the Sun God," the cup of Helios given to Hercules in the course of his labors. This year the theme is Leda and her twins. [Read about the myth on Wikipedia.](#) Please join us for this unique challenge!

Fighting:

There will be heavy and rapier fighting tournaments. Competitors shall fight in a Challenger's tourney for the right to best the Armored Combat Chalice Champion or the Rapier Chalice Champion. The winner of each of the "Champion Battles" shall become the Chalice Champion in their discipline, and may fight as Chalice Champion next year. Questions should be directed to Lady Agnes Daunce (armored combat) ([agnes_daunce AT yahoo.com](mailto:agnes_daunce@yahoo.com)) and Baron Marcellus Capozziello da Napoli (rapier) ([afpopa AT yahoo.com](mailto:afpopa@yahoo.com)).

- *Current Armored Combat Chalice Champion: Duke Lucius Aurelius Valharic*
- *Current Rapier Chalice Champion: Provost Dominyk Wolferam*

A&S Competitions:

There will be Chalice performance and static A&S competitions. The theme for both is anything that relates to the history of Leda and her children. Twins, swans, evening stars, you name it, as long as it relates to any of the parts of the story, it's valid.

Performance Chalice Competition:

Performers shall compete in a Challengers Competition for the right to face the Chalice Performers*. The winner of that face-off becomes Chalice Performer, and may compete under the title next year. Each Performer should have 2 pieces prepared, one of which shall be in period style documented. For questions about the performance competition, contact Mistress Anne of Carthew ([barb AT ravenstreet.org](mailto:barb@ravenstreet.org)).

- *Current Chalice Bards: Bright Hills Performers*

Artifact Chalice Competition:

Artisans shall compete in a Challengers Competition for the right to face the current Chalice Artisan. The winner of that competition shall become Chalice Artisan, and may compete under the title next year. For questions about A&S competitions contact Mistress Allasondrea de Fano ([msalanea AT gmail.com](mailto:msalanea@gmail.com))

- *Current Chalice Artisan: Mistress Alina Silverthorne*

Archery:

There will be a target archery competition. Competitors will compete in a Challengers Shoot for the right to face the current Chalice Archer. The winner of that competition shall become Chalice Archer and may compete under the title next year. For questions about the archery competition contact Lady Brighid O'Hara ([mill3rs AT yahoo.com](mailto:mill3rs@yahoo.com)). Their Excellencies will also be choosing the Ponte Alto Archery Champion at this time.

- *Current Chalice Archer: Lord Seamus McRae*

Youth Combat, Youth Archery and Youth Rapier:

Like last year, youth combat and youth rapier will be featured, and the winners of each category will earn the right to face the current Youth Chalice Champion in their category and become the new Youth Chalice Armored Champion or Youth Chalice Rapier Champion. Also, for the first time we will have a youth archery tournament to compete for the title of Youth Chalice Archery Champion.

Questions should be directed to Baroness Catalina d'ell Acqua (rapier combat) (akgnome AT yahoo.com), Lady Brighid O'Hara (youth archery) (mill3rs AT yahoo.com), and to the Lord William le Younger(youth armored combat)(wstanton@bellatlantic.net).

- *Current Youth Armored Champions: Rose in Division 1, Carl Bigaxe in Division 2, and Helga in Division 3*
- *Current Youth Rapier Champion: Marina Wymarc*

Team Competition for the Chalice of the Sun God:

Teams must register before 11 am on the day of the tourneys to compete for the Chalice of the Sun God. Teams must field a single participant in at least 4 of the 5 Chalice disciplines (Bardic, Artisan, Heavy, Rapier, Archery). In addition to the adult categories, each team may include one youth combat, and/or one youth archer, and/or one youth rapier fighter. A bonus point per youth combat, youth rapier, and/or youth archer will be awarded to teams who include them (one point per youth). No team shall feature more than three youth combatants, one rapier, one archer, one armored. If the youth wins the title of Chalice Youth Armored Champion, Chalice Youth Archer, or Chalice Youth Rapier Champion, an additional bonus point will be awarded to the team. Each participant shall receive points based on participation and performance. The team with the highest score shall win the Chalice of the Sun God. To register a team, contact the Autocrat. You must include the names of your team members, their disciplines, and the team name.

- *Current Chalice Team Champions: The Great Dark Horde*

Merchants:

Merchants are welcome. Please contact Master Edric the Potter (living.history.rob AT gmail.com) to register for space by the list field. Note that PWFP does not permit overnight camping in tents so plan accordingly.

Feast:

A sumptuous feast shall be prepared by the Ponte Alto Cooks Guild, lead by Lord Lord Brénainn MacShuibne (mtorsky AT hotmail.com). Space is limited to 60, so get those reservations in early! Dietary concerns should be directed to the head cook.

Site:

Prince William Forest Park, Triangle, VA, Camps 1& 4. Restrictions: No pointed weapons. No pets. No tent camping (cabins only). No open flame. The site is WET, no original containers. Cabins have showers, bathrooms, and beds (bring your own bedding). Cars are not permitted in the cabin areas. Handicap accessible. All cabins must be vacated by **10 am** Sunday morning.

Cost:	<i>NON-SCA MEMBERS: add \$3 to all prices below.</i>	
	Pre-Registered	Non Pre-Registered
Adult w/cabin	\$16.00	\$17.00
Adult Daytrip	\$11.00	\$12.00
Child (5 - 17 yrs)	\$7 (w/cabin) / \$5 (daytrip)	\$8 (w/cabin) / \$6 (daytrip)
Under 5 yrs	Free	Free

If you plan to be onboard for feast, cost of feast for members and non-members alike is \$8 for adults, \$5 for children ages 5-17. Children under 5 are the guests of the Barony.

Reservations:

Tamara Brown, 3714 Sudley Ford Court, Fairfax, VA 22033, Phone: (703) 378-2441, E-mail: [celia AT ravenstreet.org](mailto:celia@ravenstreet.org). Please make checks payable to , "SCA Inc/Barony of Ponte Alto." The only good reservation is a paid one.

Autocrat:

Maîtrese Belphoebe de Givet (Laura Martínez), 3400 Sherwood Ct, Falls Church, VA 22042, 703-625-3883, email: [belfebe AT yahoo.com](mailto:belfebe@yahoo.com)

Directions:

Take your best route to I-95 in VA. Exit at VA-234 headed towards Manassas (Exit 152B to VA-234). You will see a Travel Trailer City sign on you left. YOUR NEXT LEFT WILL BE FOR CAMPS 1&4. When you turn, follow the signs for Camp 1 entrance.

Via Mapquest, enter the intersection of "Pleasant Rd & Dumfries Rd" in Montclair, VA 22205. This is the entrance to Camp 1.

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Pennsic - Planning and some tips about packing

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Pennsic is just around the corner. If you have never attended a war before, it is very different than your normal weekend event. With that in mind, there are a couple of things you need to take into consideration when packing for this event.

The first is whether you will be camping on site or staying at a nearby hotel. If you are staying at a hotel, any camping equipment that you may have needed to bring such as a tent, a sleeping bag, or pillows can be left at home. In addition to lightening your load, you get the benefit of air conditioning at a hotel, and believe me that is a big plus during August.

If you decide that you are staying on site, then you need to start thinking about what you will be eating. In Ponte Alto, we typically have a meal plan that runs through war week. Taking part in the food limits the amount of food related items that I need to pack. This year I am in charge of the meal plan, so I will still need to bring coolers and cooking utensils.

Finally, how long are you going? Pennsic is two weeks. How long you go is up to you. Some people go for both weeks. Some go for one week. Some even go for a weekend. Below you will find an example of my packing list this year.

- Picture ID
- Proof of membership, authorization card
- Tent
- Groundcloth
- Sleeping bag
- Pillows
- First Aide Kit
- Flashlight/lantern
- Coolers
- Mug
- Camp chair
- Garb
- Shoes(mundane and period)
- Mundane clothes(for trips to the store)
- Towel x 2
- Liquid Soap and shampoo
- Toothbrush and paste
- Sunscreen
- Insect Repellant

- Hand sanitizer
- Paper towels
- Garbage bags
- Campfire Grill
- Dutch Oven
- Stock Pot
- Wootlite
- Cash/ATM card

There you have it. That is my basic packing list this year. As I pack, I am sure there will be some additions. Feel free to use this as a basis for your packing.