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**Durer's Mother**

**Albrecht Dürer (1471 - 1528)**

**Charcoal on paper, 1514; Kupferstichkabinett, Öffentliche Kunstsammlung, Basle**

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# From the Chronicler...

*Greetings Pontoons,*

*I want to wish a happy Mother's Day to every mother in the Barony and all those mothers who may be reading this newsletter.*

*The days are longer. The nights are warmer. That means that Pennsic is quickly approaching, but before that, we have Sapphire Joust over Memorial Day weekend. This would be a great event to break out your tent and make sure it is ready for all the camping events this summer.'*

*This month we have an article from Marlin on what a newcomer can expect at Pennsic. Thank you Marlin for taking the time to write the article. If you have an idea for an article that would be helpful to a newcomer, please contact me and we can work on getting it down on paper.*

*Everyone have a safe and happy Memorial Day.*

*Lord Brénainn MacShuibne  
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# Baronial Meeting Minutes

## **Business Meeting Minutes – April 26<sup>th</sup> Start Time 6:00**

### **Seneschal**

There is no new news except The Golden Rose Tournament. I am really happy how the Barony is being represented. It is an invitation only tournament. Sir Thomas, Baron Max, Iohann, Lucas, Lord Miles, Lord Felix, Lord Henry, and Lord Dominyk are all participating. The Tournament is June 13<sup>th</sup>

### **Exchequer**

Current balance: \$12,180.51

Quarterly reports are done. I found some errors while doing the reports. Tournament of Love and Beaut, we only made \$534. With the lunch we are still over \$800. I found \$5 for Bloodbath.

Sunday Social balance: \$168

That's what we have to go forward for next year. The fall site is \$128 per week.

**Heavy Marshal** – not present

### **Rapier Marshal**

Rapier continues.

**Archery Marshal** – not present

**A&S** – not present

A&S continues. Alle Psallite continues to meet on Tuesdays. His Excellency won the competition for best short documentation in Tempore Atlantia at Coronation. There will be another Tempore Atlantia at Crown Tourney.

### **Chatelaine**

The newcomer's meeting was last weekend. Two new people came. They seemed really interested. One has been in the area about a year ago. The other person is interested in music. She is classically trained. They seemed really interested.

I have not gotten any fabric or clothes from anybody. I haven't gotten started on business cards. I didn't have anyone to reach out to for a logo.

**Herald** – not present

**MoL** – not present

### **Chronicler**

The newsletter was published late. We are looking for newcomer articles for a first timer attending Pennsic. I am looking for a deputy to take minutes if I can't make it.

**Minister of Minors** – not present

### **Webminister**

Ynes has resigned. Cassandra is acting webminister for the moment. If you you know html, php, or mysql are interested contact Cassandra or the Seneschal. A few admin tweaks have been added. Everything has been transferred to the new kingdom server. Email addresses are missing for the new Baronial Champions. Please contact her with those addresses. Please contact her with any updates for the website.

**Heavy Champion** – not present

**Rapier Champion** – not present

**Baron and Baroness**

We had a couple of things happen. There was Coronation and Blackstone Raids.

In addition to His Excellency winning for short form documentation in Tempore Atlantia at Coronation, Geoffrey played for his White Scarf. We were very happy to go watch him. Lady Emma received an Undine from Countess Gerhild.

At Blackstone Raids, Atlantia fielded 60 fighters. Ponte Alto brought 16 but 15 fought. We were one quarter of the Atlantian force. We did really well. The side we were fighting with didn't do so well. Considering most of the northern army is made up of people who have been fighting under three years, we were kind of outshining people who have been there a while from other kingdoms. The only award that was given out was a Shark's Tooth to Ru. Blackstone was great, and the fighters should really thank Kat for organizing things.

At Sapphire Joust, there is a tournament for Baronies and groups. We are looking at fielding two teams. One team would have Her Excellency, and the other team would have His Excellency. We need a herald for that.

We have project day on the 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Baronial Warlord** – not present

**Baronial Artisan** – not present

**EVENTS:**

Bloodbath – Made an additional \$5

Sapphire Joust – Do we want field space? His Excellency will bring the Ponte Alto day shade. It is 15x15. There is no meal plan for Sapphire. So far I have only received one email from the website for those registered to camp with the Barony.

Pennsic – Things are moving along. I have been checking every so often for registrations. There had been none, and then there was a sudden flurry. The deadline is June 15<sup>th</sup> for pre-registration. A reminder was sent out before the meeting. Land Assignments aren't done till July.

Chalice of the Sun God – The paperwork has been submitted. Everything has been worked out in regards to the date. The only snag is in regards to Camp 4. The camp is being worked on and will be closed. I let them know we just need the parking. The park contact is talking with the ones who make the decisions. If we don't have the camp, we will be looking at having a shuttle to the mall. Once we get closer I will be sending out the flyer. We are looking at having youth rapier and youth combat this year. The feast is by the Cook's Guild. We are planning on feast for 60 people.

Tournament of the Lily – The autocrat said she has people picked out for key positions. There will be an update at the next meeting.

December event – Needs an autocrat.

February event – Needs an autocrat

**OLD BUSINESS**

New Coronets – not present

Baronial tabards – We still have funds available. There is about \$130 for tabards. Kat is probably the best organizer to speak with in regards to this.

**New Business**

**Meeting ended 7:12**

**Attendees 20**



# Monthly Calendar

May 2009

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
				1 Spring Crown Tournament	2 Spring Crown Tournament	3 Spring Crown Tournament 12:30 pm Sunday Social – Fighting & Arts 5:00 pm Dance Practice
4	5 7 pm Scriptorium	6	7 6 pm Rapier Practice 6 pm Heavy Weapons Practice	8 Academy of the Rapier 7:00 pm Newcomers Meeting	9 Academie of the Rapier Feast of Saint Genevieve St. Aiden's Melee College	10 Academie of the Rapier Feast of Saint Genevieve 12:30 pm Sunday Social – Fighting & Arts
11	12	13	14 6 pm Rapier Practice 6 pm Heavy Weapons Practice	15 Southern Atlantia Archery Day 4:30 pm Archery Practice 7:00 pm Cooks Guild Meeting	16 Southern Atlantia Archery Day	17 Southern Atlantia Archery Day 1:00 pm Sunday Social – Fighting & Arts 6:00 pm Business Meeting
18 4:30 pm Archery practice	19 7:30 pm Alle Psallite	20	21 6 pm Rapier Practice 6 pm Heavy Weapons Practice	22 Sapphire Joust Crescent Guard Games and Lochmere Arrow Competition	23 Sapphire Joust Crescent Guard Games and Lochmere Arrow Competition	24 Sapphire Joust Crescent Guard Games and Lochmere Arrow Competition 1:00 pm Sunday Social – Fighting & Arts
25 Sapphire Joust 4:30 pm Archery practice	26 7:30 pm Alle Psallite	27	28 6 pm Rapier Practice 6 pm Heavy Weapons Practice	29 On Target Journey Through Time	30 On Target Journey Through Time	31 On Target Journey Through Time 12:00 pm Sunday Social – Fighting & Arts 2:00 pm Atlantian Costumers Guild 5:00 pm Dance Practice

\* = Baronial Progress

## Baronial Progress for May 2009

Date	Event
May 22-25	Sapphire Joust

# Weekly Activities

SUNDAY	
<b>Ponte Alto Baronial Business Meeting</b>	<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 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>
<b>Sunday Social –</b> - <b>Heavy Weapons Practice</b> - <b>Arts/Sciences</b>	<p>Lemon Road Elementary: Indoor Winter Practices for Heavy Weapons, Rapier, and an area for A&amp;S activities are all included. Come and join the gathering and bring whatever you're working on. This is a great time to meet &amp; 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	
<b>Alle Psallite (Vocal Music)</b>	<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 <a href="http://www.ravenstreet.org/Anne/alle_psallite/alle_psallite.htm">http://www.ravenstreet.org/ Anne/alle_psallite/alle_psallite.htm</a> and on the Yahoo Group AllePsallite.</p>
TUESDAY	
<b>Ponte Alto Scriptorium</b>	<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	
<b>Rapier Practice</b>	<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>
<b>Heavy Weapons Practice</b>	<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	
<b>Ponte Alto/Stierbach Archery Practice</b>	<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: <a href="http://mysite.verizon.net/vze4ks38/archery/main.html">http://mysite.verizon.net/vze4ks38/archery/main.html</a>.</p>
<b>Ponte Alto A&amp;S Night</b>	<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>
<b>Stierbach/Ponte Alto Bardic</b>	<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	
<b>SCA Newcomer Meetings</b>	<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>March's meeting will be Friday May 8<sup>th</sup> at the home of Baron James and Baroness Katharine Contact our Chatelaine for information and directions.</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.*

# the Real Middle-Ages

## *Newcomer's Pennsic Expectation*

**By: Marlin Pierce**

What can a new person expect at Pennsic? Pennsic is like other SCA events, except it's like it bloomed overnight on miracle grow, into a whole different experience. One is immersed in an environment different than ordinary life. Like other SCA events, there is heavy fighting, rapier, archery, classes, merchants, bardics, and dancing, except by over 10,000 people on a square mile of camp ground.

As far as you can see, there are tents, many of them period. Everyone is dressed in garb. The heavy, rapier, and archery go on day after day. There are more classes in a day than an SCA university, and for many days straight. There are more merchants than you can shop at in a day in almost city district like streets. At night, there are many parties, sing-a-longs, dancing, and bardics.

Many people stay at Pennsic in camps. If you are in the Barony of Ponte Alto, you are welcome to camp with the barony. Some people camp with their household. You can camp as single camping, in your own small camp. If you are going to stay in a hotel, make a reservation early, so you don't have to commute from Pittsburgh.

Pennsic runs July 24 – August 9, 2009. The barony camp, as with most other camps, require that you pre-reg with Pennsic and select us as your camp. The deadline to pre-reg online (<http://www.pennsicwar.org/>) is June 15 (and by mail May 15). You must select the camp exactly as spelled, for instance, "**Barony of Ponte Alto**". I, Mark McGroyne, mka Marlin Pierce, am the land agent for the Ponte Alto camp. For the barony camp, you must also go to the Ponte Alto web site (<http://pontealto.atlantia.sca.org/pennsic/>) and register there.

For heavy fighting, siege, and rapier, you must be authorized BEFORE going to Pennsic. Pennsic is in a different Kingdom, and you will not be able to authorize there. For archery, all you need is to have your bow inspected, which you can do there.

Now for preparing for Pennsic. There is information on the Ponte Alto web site some of which may be useful if you are camping with your household, including a packing list.

First, think that you are camping, where the rule is, if you didn't bring it, you may not have it. Now stop thinking that you are camping, because it's not camping. First, you are not hiking where you have to limit your supplies to what you can carry. You are driving up, and can bring all the creature comforts you can fit in your car. For instance, a (small) bed!

Then there's plenty of opportunity to buy things there. It's said with unlimited money, you could go to Pennsic with one outfit of garb, and buy everything you need there. Although, who has that kind of money, you can be confident that anything you forget or don't want to bring will be available.

You do not need garb for every day you are there. There is a small coin laundry on site, but it may be more practical to drive into town if you need to do wash. If your SCA wardrobe is limited, you may plan to

enhance it there. If it is your first time, you will discover things you urgently need, like a hat or belt pouch.

There are food merchants, and a small produce store. You could buy all your food there. The Ponte Alto camp will have a food plan that you could join. You may want to bring some non-perishables, or make trips to town for fresh food. I recommend focusing on bringing snack food, as you may discover that is what you really needed a lot of.

Of course, bring a tent, period or modern. There are various bathing facilities. The Ponte Alto camp, as most camps, has a camp shower. You might bring shade, as there may not be trees where you are camping. In the Ponte Alto camp, Fighters may not take off armor in the common area, so think about bringing a stool for your personal area.

Once you get to Pennsic, you first register at troll. You need photo ID, proof of membership in the SCA or you don't get the SCA discount (the Acorn mailing label works), the remaining site fee, and you will need to give your license plate number. If you do not know your license plate number, write it down.

There will be a map in the center of the book they give you at troll. The camp ground is two miles north-south, and half a mile east-west. There is a lake in the middle. North of the lake is a tree-less area where most of Pennsic happens, merchants, fighting, archery, classes. As the SCA is on a continuum between the strict civil war re-enactors and the ren faire, the people who camp south of the lake are the less strict about authenticity, the SCA society, and maintaining a family oriented environment.

Now that I've given you the lay of the land, and said as much as I can to prepare you, you're just going to have to discover the rest on your own. Have fun.