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From the Chronicler...

Greetings Pontoons,

I hope this letter finds you all well.

Summer is winding down, but that doesn't mean that there's not any fun during the fall and winter months. September brings us Chalice of the Sun God. October is War of the Wings, and November is Tournament of the Lily and Crown Tournament.

While you are thinking ahead to the colder times, why not think about teaching an art or skill to one of many newcomers. This coming months will also be a choice time to work on that spiffy new garb for Twelfth Night in January.

I would like to take the time to ask those in our Barony that are more knowledgable than I on the many arts and sciences to consider writing an article for our newcomers who may have an interest. No topic is too obscure. No art too plain. I know you want to see your article in a future issue of Il Tempo.

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Baronial Meeting Minutes

Business Meeting Minutes – August 23rd Start Time 6:00

Seneschal

Welcome to the last summer meeting. Hope everyone had a wonderful time at Pennsic. Fabulous events are coming and. I hope everyone will sign up for various posts and participate.

Exchequer

Current Balance: \$10,535.16

There are still a couple outstanding payments to be made, so the balance will be a bit lower next month. Have the site for Lily and Port-o-Johns for Chalice to pay. The site fee for Lily did increase about \$100. Vote taken and site fee increase approved.

Heavy Marshal

Fighter practice continues at the park. We will eventually be moving back to the school. An announcement will be made.

Rapier Marshal

Practice continues. We will be moving back to the school on September 3rd.

Rapier fighters did well at Pennsic. Dominic won the Free Scholar Tourney and also was chosen for the Champions Battle and won the War Point. Atlantia took their flag in the Woods Battle and even went on to assist with other flags. During the Field Battle, the rapier fighters did extremely well and Atlantia won the battle. Ponte Alto

was instrumental in winning the 2nd Field Battle. Several unit commanders came over and congratulated the fighters for their work. The Five Man Team almost advanced to the quarter finals.

Archery Marshal

Practice continues on Mondays in Leesburg. Anyone interested is welcome to come out as there is loaner equipment available. At Pennsic, Miles made the Champions Team for the East Kingdom.

A&S

Baron James had a wonder shoe exhibit at Pennsic and made the front page of the Pennsic Independent – giving everyone “shoe envy”.

Chalice is coming and the A&S and Performing Champions will be chosen, so get your things together and enter.

Chatelaine

Newcomers meeting will be in late September; an announcement will be posted.

Herald – not present

MoL – not present

Chronicler - not present; Lady Wulfwyn took notes as deputy.

Minister of Minors – not present

Webminister

The site has been updated and is key to getting new members. It is crucial to have any new information posted. Please send any information or updated to the Web Minister so they can be posted as soon as possible.

Heavy Champion – not present

Rapier Champion – not present

Baron and Baroness

Heavy and Rapier Champions fought at Pennsic in the Baronial Champions Tourney, and although they did not win, we did have someone fighting for us from An Tir who did win the Heavy tourney. Atlantia was well represented in the Tourney.

In Baronial Court, the new Baronial Brewer is Lord Henry West. Geoffrey received the A&S Award, Lucas and Ru received the Bronial Fighting Award and Emma the Service Award. Lucas also received a Silver Osprey from the Kingdom and his AoA.

Overall, the fighting was very good this year at Pennsic. Ponte Alto had the largest amount of Baronial tabards represented on the field with 25 fighting with the Barony for the Field Battle and another 5 or 6 fighting with other groups. The mantles looked fabulous.

Baronial Warlord

Baronial Artisan

EVENTS:

Pennsic Summary:

\$240 transferred from last year, and remaining funds will be put into the care of a Baronial officer. The Barony

donated \$20 to the bridge rebuilding fund for Windmasters. We ended up with around \$200 after collection for camp fees.

Need more sheet wall to cover the entire camp site. A winter project was suggested to improve the wall by painting the Baronial Bridge on sheets and adding individual arms. These can also be used at other events.

An armory tent was discussed for the fighters, but it needs to be funded and organized by the fighters themselves, not the Barony.

A planning committee should possibly be formed earlier than usual for next Pennsic.

Chalice:

A signup sheet was passed around for assistance with setup Friday afternoon and takedown, various other positions and routine help; also need help on Sunday to make sure everything is clean as there will be people camping. Need a couple of people to help with parking. The site must be vacated by 10:00 on Sunday. Please contact Belphoebe if you would like to volunteer.

Chalice is a Royal Progress, which should make it very well attended.

There will be Youth Archery Division this year and anyone under the age of 12, they will not be shooting as adults, and cannot get points as an adult, but can get the bonus point. Teams can have one fighter from Youth Archery or Youth Rapier. If the Youth on your team wins the Youth rapier or Archery Tourney, your team will get 2 points.

Tournament of the Lily:

Encourage all Heavy fighters to come out as there will be defenders and challengers. Many great fighters from other Kingdoms will be attending this event. There is information posted on the site www.sword.net/lily and will also be posted on the Baronial site. Fighters will be

required to come on the field with a herald, so if you are interested in becoming or are a field or court herald, a rent-a-herald program will be held so you can signup and assist the fighters.

There will be a ladies gallery at the tourney with special amenities, so the fighters should bring your consorts to cheer you on. Space will also be available to drop off and unload gear for the fighters.

Hoping to provide opportunities for performers and instrumental music and a performance hour will be set aside during the afternoon where anyone can sign up to perform.

There is no A&S scheduled at this time, but it will be a great opportunity for fighters and performers. Ladies gallery will be able to pass out prizes to those that embody knightly virtues and the spirit of the event. This is a great event for pageantry, so bring all your best for display. Time period will be 15th Century Burgundian.

Love and Beauty:

Emma is still working with the site to get an acceptable site fee as the fee quoted is about \$300 over the previous years.

OLD BUSINESS

Coronets:

Baroness Katharine spoke with the makers of the current coronets and he suggested replacing the current pearls with brass balls instead of the black pearls as they would be sturdier and more efficient.

NEW BUSINESS

A&S will be added again to the monthly calendar with an armory night as well as assorted various other projects; the Web Minister will add as soon as possible.

Meeting ended 6:27

Attendees 22

Monthly Calendar

September 2009

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday |
|---|---------|-----------------------|--|--|--|---|
| | 1 | 2 | 3 6 pm Outdoor Heavy Weapons Practice 6 pm Indoor Rapier Practice | 4 | 5 Performers Revel South | 6 12 pm Indoor Heavy Weapons Practice |
| 7 4:30 pm Ponte Alto/Stierbach Archery practice | 8 | 9 7-9 pm A&S Night | 10 6 pm Outdoor Heavy Weapons Practice 6 pm Indoor Rapier Practice | 11 Journey to the Crusades Sacred Stone Baronial Birthday Storvick Baronial Birthday | 12 Journey to the Crusades Sacred Stone Baronial Birthday Storvick Baronial Birthday Barnaced Frog | 13 Journey to the Crusades Sacred Stone Baronial Birthday Storvick Baronial Birthday 12 pm Indoor Heavy Weapons Practice |
| 14 4:30 pm Ponte Alto/Stierbach Archery practice | 15 | 16 | 17 6 pm Outdoor Heavy Weapons Practice 6 pm Indoor Rapier Practice | 18 Chalice of the Sun God VI: Leda's Twins Midnight at the Oasis II NotingHill Coill Bronial War Practice | 19 Chalice of the Sun God VI: Leda's Twins Midnight at the Oasis II NotingHill Coill Bronial War Practice | 20 Chalice of the Sun God VI: Leda's Twins Midnight at the Oasis II NotingHill Coill Bronial War Practice 12 pm Indoor Heavy Weapons Practice |
| 21 4:30 pm Ponte Alto/Stierbach Archery practice | 22 | 23 | 24 6 pm Outdoor Heavy Weapons Practice 6 pm Indoor Rapier Practice | 25 Harvest Hunt Lochmere Baronial Birthday Siege of Glengary 7 pm Newcomers Meeting | 26 Harvest Hunt Lochmere Baronial Birthday Siege of Glengary | 27 Harvest Hunt Lochmere Baronial Birthday Siege of Glengary 12 pm Indoor Heavy Weapons Practice |
| 28 4:30 pm Ponte Alto/Stierbach Archery practice | 29 | 30 | | | | |

* = Baronial Progress

Baronial Progress for September 2009

| Date | Event |
|--------------|---------------------------|
| September 12 | Storvik Baronial Birthday |
| September 19 | Chalice of the Sun God |

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 Idlywood 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 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><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 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.</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> |

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| | Contact our Chatelaine for information and directions. |
| 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.