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Chronicler

Greetings Ponte Alto,

Again this month, I would like to encourage members to submit articles and artwork (covers most especially) for *Il Tempo*. Hopefully, the following of upcoming themes for each issue will inspire you to create something to share with our populace:

- ◆ February – Courtly Love
- ◆ March – St. Paddy’s Day Blood Bath and the Irish Traditions
- ◆ April –Fools and Folly
- ◆ May – May Day and the Sport of Spring
- ◆ June – Summer
- ◆ July – Fireworks and the Night Sky
- ◆ August – Pennsic War
- ◆ September – Back to School; Guilds, Collegiums, and Universities
- ◆ October – Spooks, Spirits and Traditions of the All-Hallowed Past
- ◆ November – Fall Hunt and Feast
- ◆ December – End of the Year. The Sleep of Winter

Please remember that submissions must be accompanied by an SCA release form. You can find these forms at I have included the web address for the forms; you can fill them out online and submit it to me via Internet form fills.

Release form for writing or artwork (except photographs):
<http://www.sca.org/docs/pdf/ReleaseCreativeFillable.pdf>

Release form for model (the subject of your artwork or photograph):
<http://www.sca.org/docs/pdf/ReleaseModelFillable.pdf>

Release form for photographs:
<http://www.sca.org/docs/pdf/ReleasePhotographerFillable.pdf>

Have fun with your submissions and remember to fill out a release form to go along with your submission.

Sincerely,

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Baroness Katharine Devereaux and Baron James Biblesworth

Calendar

January/February 2011						
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Baronial Progress for January/February

Date	Event	Baron and/or Baroness
February 5, 2011	Kingdom Arts and Sciences Festival	Adina
February 12, 2011	Bright Hills Baronial Investiture	Drogo and Adina

Weekly Events

SUNDAY	
Ponte Alto Baronial Business Meeting	Fourth Sunday of the month at 6:00 p.m. 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. Go ¼ mile; the church is up the hill on the right.
Outdoor Heavy Weapons and Rapier Practice	Weather permitting, 12:00 noon until Dark, outdoors at Tysons-Pimmit Park, behind Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library, 7584 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. Contact the Baronial Knight Marshal for information (see Regnum). Directions: Take your best route to I-495. Get off at the exit for Route 7 East (Falls Church). Go about 1 mile; the library is on the left. Park in the library lot and walk down the hill to the park.
MONDAY	
Ponte Alto/Stierbach Archery Practice	Every Monday, 4:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Contact the Archery Marshal at archery AT pontealto.atlantia.sca.org for further details.
TUESDAY	
Ponte Alto Scriptorium	Meets the first and third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Contact Lady Brigid O'Hara (mill3rs AT yahoo. com, (703) 409-0780 (C)) for information and directions.
Alle Psallite (Vocal Music)	Every Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. 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.
WEDNESDAY	
Arts and Sciences/Weaving Night	Weaving night is on the second Wednesday of the month at the home of Lord Jürgen Göttsfürböter. Contact him at jcfrench AT mac.com for more information and directions.
Armoring	Armoring night is on the fourth Wednesday of the month at the home of Lord Jürgen Göttsfürböter. For more information and/or directions, contact him at jcfrench AT mac.com.
THURSDAY	
Rapier Practice	Every Thursday, outdoors at Tysons-Pimmit Park, behind Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library, 7584 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.. Contact the Baronial Rapier Marshal for more information. Directions: Take your best route to I-495. Get off at the exit for Route 7 East (Falls Church). Go about 1 mile; the library is on the left. Park in the library lot and walk down the hill to the park.
Heavy Weapons Practice	Weather permitting, outdoors at Tysons-Pimmit Park, behind Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library, 7584 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Practice is geared to developing beginning and intermediate fighters through intensive hands on training with experienced instructors, as well as providing ample opportunity for more advanced fighters to spar with knight-level combatants. All are welcome. Contact the Baronial Knight Marshal for more information (see Regnum). Directions: Take your best route to I-495. Get off at the exit for Route 7 East (Falls Church). Go about 1 mile; the library is on the left. Park in the library lot and walk down the hill to the park.
MONTHLY	
SCA Newcomer Meetings	Newcomer Meetings are held once a month from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the home of various members of the Barony. Contact the Baronial Chatelaine for information, or check out the Events/Activities page on the website for the most recent 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>

Baronial Business Meeting Minutes

January 23, 2011

6:00 p.m.

OFFICER'S REPORTS

Seneschal - Baron Marcellus Capozziello da Napoli

Welcomed the newcomers and regular Ponte Alto meeting participants. Congratulated the new Baron and Baroness of Ponte Alto (Drogo Rainulf de Dragonera and Adina Von Der Heide). He thanked the last Baron and Baroness (Master James Biblesworth and Baroness Katharine Devereaux) for their service to the Barony. Then thanked everyone for their service in helping pull off a wonderful event. With all the thanks and congratulations extended, the Seneschal moved onto address the issues of the New Year and reminded those gathered that Quarterly Reports were due by the 15th and, in some cases, the 30th of the month. He encouraged those officers that had not gotten around to doing their reports to do so.

Exchequer - Baroness Celia of Rosedale

A review of the books done every two years by Kingdom was expedited last week; Ponte Alto's books balanced and are in good shape.

The Chamberlain's warrant was mentioned by the Exchequer at this point but will be addressed in the Chamberlain's section of the minutes.

The Exchequer informed us that the Baronial Financial Policy will have to be amended to reflect that the Seneschal and Exchequer must be members of the Financial Committee in order to be a part of the decision-making process. The Exchequer will give the Chronicler (Mary) a copy of the Financial Policy to be put in the newsletter for two months prior to the change made to give members of the Barony time to review the wording of the change.

A budget for 2011 was put together for the Barony of Ponte Alto to better understand and allot funds for the coming year. The Exchequer does not have to do this but thought it would be a good idea so that members could see how funds are being spent and perhaps allot funds for specific things. A budget for 2011 was discussed item-by-item; the final total was initially asked to be put to vote, but was put off until February's meeting so that the budget could be published and the populace could review it.

Storage is about \$1,575 a year or a few dollars more since there is normally an increase around June/July when units are at a premium.

The church meeting room costs \$180 a year (at \$15 dollars a night; we added an extra day with the early December meeting which we normally don't have).

The Exchequer proposed and added an expense for officers using their own money and working on tight funds of \$100 dollars a year.

Coronet Upkeep of \$100 for cleaning and repair of the very fragile Baronial Coronets.

The total Budget for the upkeep of the Barony is \$1,955.00

Celia, our current Exchequer, is looking to transfer of office to Daniel Warwick in the next few months (March/April). She will serve as Deputy for the office, but asks for others to volunteer as Deputy.

The Barony has \$11,261.94 currently in our bank account. This does not include yesterday's event but does include the site fee for St. Paddy's Day Bloodbath and the Public Storage unit for the next 6 months.

It was asked if we could get a discount if we paid for the storage unit for the entire year. The Exchequer replied that she could check on it but it never seemed to make a difference paying in bulk in the past. She simply does it so as not to write checks every month, but she will check into it.

Chamberlaine - Lady Sian verch Gwilim ap Lewelin, not in attendance

(Celia reported)The Chamberlain has been doing this job for 5 years now and since her warrant is coming up for renewal she would like someone else to take over this job.

Knight Marshal - Charles the Bull, not in attendance

He is going to hand off staffs to the marshals.

Duncan, Cunian, and Helga gave reports on the Mock Tourney they organized. The Tourney was well attended with 10 fighters participating in the double elimination/bear pit. It was held outdoors and the quality of the fighting was on par with a real tournament. Sir Tash won the double elimination and Sir Justus won the bear pit tournament. Duncan then turned in the money for the next month's tournament to the Exchequer. He also returned a blank check that was accidentally mailed with the check for the Sunday school site (the blank check was stuck to the payment check). We have all the money necessary for next month's Sunday tournament practice. The school will also be closed either the week before the tournament Sunday practice or the week after. Duncan was encouraged to send out a email confirming which day practice would be held.

Many of our heavy marshal's have let their training or membership lapse; we have a need for them to take training. This can be done over the phone with a Kingdom-Level trainer. Kevin of Thornbury has promised to give Duncan the required training over phone and he will follow up in the coming week when Kevin is back in town.

Next week. MoL Marshall and Event Steward.

Rapier Marshal - Lord Geoffrey ap Clywd

Ponte Alto rapier practice has new people, including youths, who have joined the practices and a couple of them are at the meeting tonight. Rapier has purchased youth equipment and it is already in use. Also, there will not be a practice February 3, 2011.

Archery Marshal - Lord Miles de Locwode

Practice is at Bull Run Park (indoors); talk to Miles if you are interested in going. He is interested in handing off the position; if you are interested in become an Archery Marshal that leads the group, please contact him for more information.

Arts and Sciences - Lady Bevin an Broc Drannach, not in attendance

She is doing a survey of the Barony's populace.

Chatelaine - Baroness Emma West

At the last newcomer's meeting there were 28 people and 12 of them were newcomers. It turned into a mini-party. The people who hosted the party said they could do it again as they had fixed the chair and had more wine. The next meeting will be at Luce's on the 12th.

Herald - Lady Sian verch Gwilim ap Lewelin

Two items to submit: Lord Narin and another lady.

Chronicler - Baroness Marie-Therese Normand

Once again a call for articles and artwork went out to the populace. I appealed to the gathering for stuff from the kids and/or anything they wanted to submit. Questions were asked about length and

type; she'll accept any length—three paragraphs or five hundred. Looking for articles on any subject that would educate and/or entertain, especially for children. The games section of the *Il Tempo* is suppose to draw in our young readers and with that in mind, feedback was solicited. She reiterated that approval-to-use forms (a.k.a. release forms) must be filled out before anyone's articles or artwork could be published. Links will be included in this issue of the *Il Tempo* so that everyone would have access to the online form.

Web Minister - Giovanna Rossellini di Firenze, not in attendance

Populace was impressed she had all the people's names changed out on the Baron and Baroness page and listed the new Baronial Notables.

BARONIAL NOTABLES

Warlord - Lucas von Aych

Practice in general has been down with 5 to 7 fighters getting into armor and fighting. The Warlord is trying to get more people to Ponte Alto practices. There are several of the top-level fighters in the north at the practice, which is cool for them but not for newer fighters. Trying to get others to come and participate has been a struggle but hopefully breaking the practice up into 1 hour of teaching and then full-on bear pit will have good results. The practice is being taped for his own personal use but the videos of practices are being put on YouTube with an open invitation to view them, to help those in need see and learn what they need to improve on. It was pointed out that such people as Semja who just received his Silver Osprey had gotten good use out of the practice.

The Warlord will be at George Mason in the fall and will be heavily recruiting there as well. He was encouraged to communicate with the Chatelaine on this.

Heavy Champion - Lucas von Aych

Report included under Warlord.

Rapier Champion - Alric the Mad, not in attendance

Archery Champion - Naren Numuchi

Was talking with Luce and Brigid; he doesn't usually get to practice at Bull Run because he works in Fredericksburg. Fort Belvoir, however, is an option with a 20-yard indoor range and possible 60-yard outdoor range with 24-hour lighting and about a mile trail for bow use. Civilians would have to pay a \$75 fee for a years use and enter through Tully Gate; it seems that it's okay for civilians to once again use the range. He needs to talk to the Autocrat for Chalice of the Sun God since he is apparently running the shoot.

A&S Champion - Giovanna Rossellini di Firenze, not in attendance.

Bardic Champion - Celia of Rosedale

The new champion performed several minutes before the decision was made on a whim just before court. She has not had time to think much on the office but she has several ideas and asked that we stay tuned.

Brewing Champion - Henry West

No report given.

BARON AND BARONESS

Baron Drogo stood up to address the populace and announced that we had an event yesterday. Everyone laughed. He then went on to explain he had sent out an email thanking everyone and listing the recipients of awards and accomplishments received at the event and personally addressed his thanks to James and Katharine for their time in office and leaving it so well maintained.

- ◆ Lord Michael was given an Award of Arms for his outstanding efforts supporting the Barony's stomachs
- ◆ Semja was inducted into the Order of the Silver Osprey for his valiant efforts on the field of battle
- ◆ Lady Brigid received the Order of the King's Missiliers for her grand ability to slay Our foes
- ◆ Lady Sophia was awarded the Onore del Ponte d'Oro for all her assistance behind the scenes allowing us all to have fun
- ◆ Naren was awarded the Onore del Ponte d'Ferro for his excellent skills with the bow

There are also a couple of changes to the Baronial Notables:

- ◆ Baron Henry West will be finishing out the new Baron's term as Baronial Brewer., He will oversee the traditional competition at Pennsic. [If anyone wants to compete but will not be able to make it to Pennsic we will make arraignments to get your entry there (sadly) without you.]
- ◆ Baroness Celia is Our Baronial Bard
- ◆ Lady Giovanna is Our Baronial Artisan.

Then Baroness Adina told us that they would be at Bright Hills Investiture and Kingdom Arts and Science Festival in February, but hadn't thought past that. It was confirmed at that time that Lady Giovanna the new Baronial Artisan would be traveling down to KASF to participate on behalf of their Excellencies. This made her Excellency very happy that Ponte Alto would have a representative in the Champion's competition.

She then informed the head cooks who were present at the meeting that she'd received lots of compliments on the feast, and asked if they would published the recipes in *// Tempo* or the Barony's website. They were reminded to fill out a release form; the Chronicler would be happy to publish said recipes with proper citations.

EVENT

Ponte Alto Baronial Investiture – We had a lot more attend than we expected. The number of people onsite was 134, with 20 of those counted being children. Cooks reported that we were \$16 dollars under budget, and the silent auction coordinator reported that we made \$80. Troll noted that 27 people did not have memberships and had to sign waivers. Also, the event was complimented as being quiet enjoyable. The new Baron's only complaint (jokingly said) was that, there was no elevator. This amused the populace greatly.

St Paddy's Day Bloodbath – The check has been sent to Park Service. Haven't received confirmation that the site is ours but will follow up on that. Somebody is needed for Troll and parking (security). Other than that everything is filled. The Baroness was informed that she could not serve as cook for the event; she and Brennain worked out that he would take over this duty and use the Group shelter for serving 'feast'. Caitliene (Cat-leen) and her family volunteered to do water bearing and arrangements for tables and tents and such were discussed. A call for Marshal-in-Charge was put out; Baroness Marie-Therese volunteered as she is the only up-to-date warranted marshal at the moment; Lord Duncan the Elder volunteered to support her. The scenario for heavy fighters will remain the traditional-style bear pit. Marcellus volunteered to provide the pavilion for the MoL's table and the Baronial day shade was offered for the Troll tent.

Sidebar: Bright Hills Investiture and its gift basket was mention by Baroness Adina. She would like to get contributions from members of the Barony to give to the new candidates. This request made, we moved onto the next event

Kingdom Archery Championship – Baroness Emma is working with Katharine on the event. We plan to hold it at Loudon Country Fairgrounds. The event is already spiked. But Emma is working with Miles to get a flyer with more information written and spiked.

Chalice of the Sun God – An autocrat was solicited. This is a large event and needs a well-seasoned autocrat to carry it off. (See Lucas' Melee Event for further information.)

Ponte Alto 20 Year (2012) has been spiked for February 25, 2012. Master Tirloch has offered the Kena Temple and the thought is to rent one third of the ballroom (closest to the kitchen) and the kitchen. The question was raised by Mistress Cunian as to what would happen to Tournament of Love and Beauty and would there be a Tourney at the event? The site is not conducive to it. There's an Elks Lodge on Route 50 but the ambiance is lacking but it has a huge field at its back that might be good for fighting in February. It's worth looking in to.

Unevent – (SCA administrative meeting) Inquires have been put out to do this event in Ponte Alto. Luther Jackson Middle School, if Marcellus reads the rules correctly, won't charge us a site fee if we don't, in any way, make money off of it. AND there is enough commerce within walking distance to let SCAers to hunt down their own lunches.

Lucas' Melee Event – Lucas brought up something that he and Brennain are in the process of putting together at Prince William Campground on October 21-23, 2011. It's a melee event with Brennain doing a meat-heavy-styled feast. The ground fire rule has changed and are being allowed now. This will be an all day Warlord tourney. The weather will be nice and cool. The general consensus was to wait and see. Then it was asked how this event would conflict with Chalice, which is normally held in September or October. The idea to piggy back this event with Chalice was offered and the idea took hold as a really cool draw for an already established event. Since we normally have to be off site by noon, we would have to reserve the camps for all day Sunday. Camp 1 and 4, the discussed sites, unfortunately, close sometime in October so the dates are rather important to establish. These camps also include lots of parking. Then the excitement got really crazy with offers of torchlight bear pits (shot down), Feast served Saturday for lunch (no comment on this), bardic circles with songs sung in praise of meat. Then Baron Drogo offered the idea of naming it the Feast of the Minotaur because Lucas wanted to focus his initial event on serving lots of meat to get the fighters in the mood to fight a lot. At the end of all these bright ideas we had an Autocrat (Brennain), Cook (Lord Michael), Site (Prince William Campground), a tentative date of October 21-23, 2011, and a theme Chalice of the Sun God – Feast of the Minotaur. During all the discussion a better weekend was offered as the Columbus Day weekend (3-day weekend) but with War of the Wings slated then, we did not want to compete with it.

OLD BUSINESS

We finally got the old coronets back that we sent out for cleaning to Drakenstein and Thomas of Calais broke them already. They were easily fixed and as these are extremely fragile to begin with no one blamed him but everyone enjoyed teasing him. He took it in good humor.

Pennsic - Narin offered to be the feet on the ground for the two weeks of Pennsic since he will be there for the whole time. He did clarify that he does not want to do the actual land allotment negotiation. So it was agreed that we would talk to Miles about that. And since all we really need is the two weeks covered, others volunteered to help with the processing of paperwork and mapping out the camp.

Sapphire - The question was asked if we were having Baronial Encampment. Yes, the Baron and Baroness intend to make this event. Last year it was lots of fun because there was the potluck and everyone camping had a good time. When no one stepped forward to land-o-crat, the Baron said he would do the job of land agent for Sapphire.

NEW BUSINESS

The Baron asked about the Badge for the Onore del Ponte d'Argento. The Herald has not yet passed this name and it is believed Sian is working on this. The funny thing is one of the awards has a badge and no name, the other has a name but no badge.

The Seneschal called for anything else and Christine Menton and Emma West asked if we could vote to go through and chuck anything unnecessary and too far gone to use in the Loaner Garb. The answer was "Yes, absolutely. You don't need to ask permission or get a vote to do so."

Although we did vote to appease Thomas of Calais' need to (in fun) oppose a vote.

Also, a similar question was raised about three tubs of silent auction items not sold that has been hanging around for a while. It was decided that it be up to the discretion of the one handling the stuff. Since it is all donated, it was suggested that it be taken to Salvation Army; we cannot get a receipt to use it as a tax write off.

The subject of new storage containers was brought up because ours are getting kind of beat up and unwieldy. The Exchequer wanted to have a vote, but it was put off until the next meeting as the Seneschal wanted the issue researched a little more thoroughly. Baroness Adina mentioned the clear ones get brittle in cold weather. Then it was suggested we get label-able ones. Celia will do research and make a motion for a vote at the next meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Twenty-six people were in attendance.

Constance Whiteside, historical harpist performs "La Harpe de la Melodie: Music of early centuries on historical harps". Dr. Whiteside discusses and performs musical gems found throughout the centuries and cultures of Europe, on a 22-string gothic-styled medieval harp and on the "queen" of pre-modern harps, a 75-string chromatic Italian baroque triple harp.

When: Saturday February 19 at 2:00 p.m.

Where: St. John's United Methodist Church, 5312 Backlick Road, Springfield, VA. 571-482-9052.

Ponte Alto Investiture













Second Court











News/Announcements

Greetings Everyone!

Our next Newcomers Meeting is scheduled for Friday, February 11th at Lady Luce's house. The gathering starts at 7:00 p.m. Her address is 10106 Copper Court Oakton, VA 22124.

If you get lost you can call me on my cellphone, (301) 943-2469.

As always Newcomers Meetings are open to all; please come.

Baroness Emma West
Chatelaine

(From Baroness Emma's email of January 24, 2011; edited for this newsletter)



Greetings unto the Populace of Atlantia!

I would like to take the opportunity to provide the artisans of our fair Kingdom the theme for this year's Chalice of the Sun God event. I know that many of you are thinking that the event isn't until the Fall, but I want every artisan of Atlantia to have ample time to prepare a fabulous piece to enter into this year's competition. The event theme is the Feast of the Minotaur. All entries should take their inspiration from the myth of the Minotaur.

More information about the event will be available in the upcoming months.

Yours In Service,

Thegn Brénainn MacShuibne

(From Thegn Brénainn's email of January 23, 2011; edited for this newsletter)

AFPOPA—Another Fine Product of Ponte Alto

At Ponte Alto Investiture on January 22, 2011, many Pontoons were called into the presense of by both the King and our new Baron and Baroness. Vivat to all the bright stars that shine in our Barony.

- ◆ Lord Michael was given an Award of Arms for his outstanding efforts supporting the Barony's stomachs
- ◆ Semja was inducted into the Order of the Silver Osprey for his valiant efforts on the field of battle
- ◆ Lady Brigid received the Order of the King's Missiliers for her grand ability to slay Our foes
- ◆ Lady Sophia was awarded the Onore del Ponte d'Oro for all her assistance behind the scenes allowing us all to have fun
- ◆ Naren was awarded the Onore del Ponte d'Ferro for his excellent skills with the bow

There are also a couple of changes to the Baronial Notables:

- ◆ Baron Henry West will be finishing out the new Baron's term as Baronial Brewer., He will oversee the traditional competition at Pennsic. [If anyone wants to compete but will not be able to make it to Pennsic we will make arraignments to get your entry there (sadly) without you.]
- ◆ Baroness Celia is Our Baronial Bard
- ◆ Lady Giovanna is Our Baronial Artisan.



Not only did our Barony rise to the occasion by being present at Ice Castles, but on January 29, 2011, our own Lucas von Aych of Team Shoprat, along with William Shoprat (whom the team was named after)and Sir Felix of Kappellenburg won the heavy fighters three-man melee tournament.

Variation on Miniature Plum Puddings

Contributed by Alesia

This was served for 12th night, the year when Winifred was the head cook.

2/3 cup butter	1 cup finely ground bread crumbs
2/3 cup brown sugar (1/3)	2/3 cup half-and-half
¼ tsp. salt	1 beaten egg
¼ tsp. mace	1 cup raisins
1/8 tsp. cinnamon	2/3 cup currants
1/8 tsp. cloves	2/3 cup chopped dates

Combine first six ingredients in a large bowl, mix well. Add egg and half-and-half, stir well. Mix in breadcrumbs, stirring well. Combine raisins and other fruit; add to butter/breadcrumb mixture, stirring well. Spoon mixture into a greased ¾ quart steam pudding mold; cover tightly. Place mold on shallow rack in deep kettle. Fill with boiling water a least an inch deep. Cover kettle and steam 3(?) hours adding water as needed. Let pudding stand.

Cook's Notes:

1. Combining a couple of tablespoons of the 1 cup breadcrumbs to the fruit helps breakup the fruit and prevents clumps.
2. Variation on fruit: 2/3 cup raisins, 2/3 cup currants, 2/3 cup chopped dates, 1/3 cup chopped orange flavored prunes (the PLUMS in plum pudding!)
3. This says a 3 cup mold but the ingredients add up to more than 3 cups. This may be two 3 cup molds rather than one.
4. Any metal container that can stand heat and water can be used as a mold. I have heard of people using the old metal coffee cans. You can use a spray to grease the mold. It works better on those that have lots of nooks and crannies. Do seal the top tightly with aluminum foil; I use a double thickness and crimp the edges very carefully. But remember some of these were cooked by putting them in a buttered cloth bag and popping the bag into the kettle – boiled pudding instead of steamed pudding.

Adapted from two recipes in Elinor *Fettiplace's Receipt Book : Elizabethan Country House Cooking* by Hilary Spurling, Viking, 1986; Plum Pudding, p.47 and Baked Batter Pudding, p.48. Butter was substituted for suet due to dietary concerns.

Game

Match the Heraldic Symbols to the Ponte Alto Office by drawing a line between the badge and the Title of the Office.

	Golden Key	
	Seneschal	
	Chatelaine	
	Web Minister	
	Chronicler	
	Minister of Arts and Sciences	
	Heavy Marshal	
	Rapier Marshal	
	Herald	
	Chancellor of Youth Activities	
	Chancellor of the Exchequer	
	Minister of the List	

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