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Greetings Ponte Alto!

Sapphire Joust was a ton of fun! Except for that “rain thing” Friday night anyway. We had heavy fighters, rapier fighters and archers making Ponte Alto look good as usual. There was a fair bit of shopping to be done, plenty of friends to visit with and lots of cups to share. For those of us who camped out, we had a fabulous pot luck that left no one wanting. We are pretty sure all had a great time—We certainly did.

Their Majesties have asked for feedback from Their Curia—and they continue to accept feedback from feedback [AT] atlantia.sca.org or feedback [AT] gmail.com (both end up at the same place). The latest big things are enforcing a no-conflict 150 miles (via road - door to door) for all events (no option to allow), changing term limits for kingdom officers and landed [territorial] baronage to have a minimum tour with an unbounded max-term length (i.e. 3 yrs + 1 + 1 + 1...), making some kingdom deputy officers great officers and required positions, putting a maximum number on the amount of court baronies made per reign and making Atlantian citizenship a non-waive-able requirement for Crown Tourney. There should be a website posted soon with the details – and there are a lot of small things, I'll post it as soon as I know.

As always, you can call or write Us with your opinions and questions (just not after 10:00 p.m. please!)

In service to our Wonderful Barony,

*Drogo and Adina*

*Barone e la Baronessa di Ponte Alto*

## Deputy Chronicler

This month, I'm filling in for Baroness Marie-Therese. I included items in // Tempo that are available on the Ponte Alto mailing list, the Merry Rose (Kingdom mailing list) and the Kingdom website. I chose this because many people may not have regular access to the Internet or the time to “surf”. (Or, in my case all the messages in my Yahoo! e-mail Inbox were deleted recently.) I also wanted many of our newcomers who may not be on the various mailing lists to have an insight into the “business” of our groups.

My final article in the Pages Academy series will appear next month. The topic is ‘being a mentor’—if you have mentored a Page, or have been a mentor in other ways via SCA., work, or personal pursuits, please send me an e-mail. I would like to get input from the populace for the article.

Thank you!

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## From the Kingdom Webminister

I am seeking anyone who is interested in helping out, and will find a way to put your skills to use whether it be on a short term project basis or a longer-term deputy officer role. I am particularly seeking people with skills in Graphics Design, Web Design, Web Coding, Content Management, IT Security, Relational Databases, PHP, and Email Management. Content Editing and Usability Testing are also valuable skills which don't happen to be on my current critical path at the moment. If you can do any of these and are interested in helping out, please send me your name, email address, and a list of your skills and interests. You don't need to be willing to take on an office for the long term, or able to do all of the work to get any of the projects to fruition. If there are particular projects which you are particularly interested in helping with, please let me know that as well.

There is now a mailing list that is being used to discuss projects and proposals for the Web Minister's Office. If you are interested in contributing, you can subscribe by visiting:

<http://seahorse.atlantia.sca.org/listinfo.cgi/webprojects-atlantia.sca.org>

Thanks!

Talorgen Hersir (Baron) nepos Wrguist (Randy Dees)  
Clan Roanwoulfe

*(From Talorgen Hersir's e-mail of April 26, 2011; edited for this newsletter)*

# Calendar

June 2011						
Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun
		1	2	3	4 Highland River Melees; Highland Foorde	5 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm Outdoor Rapier Practice 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm Outdoor Heavy Weapons Practice
6 4:30 pm - 8:00 pm Ponte Alto/Stierbach Archery Practice	7 7:30pm - 9:00 pm Alle Psallite 7 pm Ponte Alto Scriptorium	8 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm A&S Night	9 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm Indoor Rapier Practice 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm Indoor Heavy Weapons Practice	10	11 Warfighter; Rivers Point	12 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm Outdoor Rapier Practice 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm Outdoor Heavy Weapons Practice
13 4:30 pm - 8:00 pm Ponte Alto/Stierbach Archery Practice	14 7:30pm - 9:00 pm Alle Psallite	15	16 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm Indoor Rapier Practice 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm Indoor Heavy Weapons Practice	17	18 Storvik Novice & Unbelt Tourny: A Summer Festival; Barony of Storvik	19 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm Outdoor Rapier Practice 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm Outdoor Heavy Weapons Practice
20 4:30 pm - 8:00 pm Ponte Alto/Stierbach Archery Practice	21 7:30pm - 9:00 pm Alle Psallite 7 pm Ponte Alto Scriptorium	22	23 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm Indoor Rapier Practice 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm Indoor Heavy Weapons Practice	24	25 Atlantia's Royal Archery Championship; Barony of Ponte Alto	26 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm Outdoor Rapier Practice 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm Outdoor Heavy Weapons Practice <b>6:00 pm Business Meeting</b>
27	28 7:30pm - 9:00 pm Alle Psallite	29	30			

## Baronial Progress for June/July

Date	Event	Baron and/or Baroness
3-5 June	Highland River Melees	Baron & Baroness
17-19 June	Storvik Novice & Unbelt Tourny	Baron & Baroness
25 June	Atlantia's Royal Archery Championship	Baron & Baroness
9 July	Stierbach Baronial Birthday	Baron & Baroness
29 July-14 August	Pennsic XL	Baron & Baroness

## Weekly Events

SUNDAY	
<b>Ponte Alto Baronial Business Meeting</b>	Fourth Sunday of the month at 6:00 p.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 7426 Idylwood Rd, Falls Church. Directions: 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. Go ¼ mile; the church is up the hill on the right.
<b>Outdoor Heavy Weapons and Rapier Practice</b>	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	
<b>Ponte Alto/Stierbach Archery Practice</b>	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	
<b>Ponte Alto Scriptorium</b>	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.
<b>Alle Psallite (Vocal Music)</b>	Every Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in Herndon. 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.
WEDNESDAY	
<b>Arts &amp; Sciences Weaving Night</b>	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.
<b>Armoring</b>	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	
<b>Rapier Practice</b>	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.
<b>Heavy Weapons Practice</b>	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	
<b>SCA Newcomer Meetings</b>	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

May 22, 2011 — 6:05 p.m.

## OFFICER'S REPORTS

**Seneschal** - Baron Marcellus Capozziello da Napoli

There will be a Full Curia 10:00 a.m. on Saturday at Sapphire Joust.

The Proposal for the Great Book of Law and changes to Symbols of Rank will be discussed there. Feedback for this discussion should be posted to the [feedback@atlantia.sca.org](mailto:feedback@atlantia.sca.org). Crown Tourney had a short curia where they passed out handouts that have the wording of the proposed changes for the Symbols of Rank section of the Great Book of Law and a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) sheet for the discussion.

**Exchequer** - Baroness Celia of Rosedale

We have a balance of \$12,333.97 in the Baronial account. An emergency vote was taken for a site deposit for the Kena Temple in the amount of \$1,000.

For the Chamberlain's office an inventory was done and the Exchequer found the supplies were increasing due to silent auction items. The Exchequer proposed that anything that does not sell with the next auction will go to a thrift store (the items have been put out at three auctions). No objections were voiced.

**Knight Marshal** - Charles the Bull

The practices are getting better with regards to the heavy fighters. The last two Thursday night practices have had 10 to 12 fighters in armor. At the last practice, Count Vlad sparred with those brave enough to step forward with pole weapons. An average practice turnout for us is anywhere from 6 to 8 fighters now.

**Rapier Marshal** - Lord Geoffrey ap Clywd

We continue to have good solid fighter practice; 2 to 4 youth fighters show up on a regular basis

**Archery Marshal** - Lord Miles de Locwode

Archery is not happening because we do not have a site. Haymarket is an option in tandem with Stierbach. Ft. Belvoir only offers us weekend practices which is not an option for us. What we need is a soccer field size plot of land that is not in use by other people. Will talk to Bridget about the site Red offered. The Needlewood practice on Sunday is a possibility; they are not far from the Shady Grove Metro Station.

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

**Chatelaine** - Baroness Emma West

Newcomers' Meeting at Courtney and Conner's; 25 people attended (10 new people!). The next meeting is at Brénainn and the Chatelaine will send out an email with address and information soon.

**Herald** - Lady Sian verch Gwilim ap Lewelin, not in attendance

**Chamberlain** - Lady Sian verch Gwilim ap Lewelin, not in attendance

**Chronicler** - Baroness Marie-Therese Normand

I am looking for a deputy that would like to learn the job of Chronicler. (Theresa is moving in July.) Due to mundane-life issues, I am falling behind on the job and need to have someone to cover the position until I can either decide to step down or sort out my job situation.

As always, articles and artwork/photographs are always welcome.

**Web Minister** - Giovanna Rossellini di Firenze, not in attendance

The website is functioning!

**BARONIAL NOTABLES**

**Warlord** - Lucas von Aych, not in attendance

Will be at Highland River Melees.

**Heavy Champion** - Lucas von Aych, not in attendance

**Rapier Champion** - Lady Caitilín Inghean Fheichín, not in attendance

**Archery Champion** - Naren Numuchi, not in attendance

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

**Bardic Champion** - Celia of Rosedale

Nothing to report

**Brewing Champion** - Henry West, not in attendance

**BARON AND BARONESS**

We went to Crown Tourney; it was cool. Lucas got really close to the finals (6<sup>th</sup> place). It is a nice site and looks like Kingdom is planning to use it more. Their Majesties were displeased that only 75 people pre-registered and because of that no feast was served. They would like to know what can be done about increasing pre-registration and getting higher attendance at events. A number of reasons were discussed.

Baroness Adina went to, and participated in, the Crescent Guard Games and was most impressed by the target archery scorebook and token she was presented with. The tassel she learned was for cleaning the arrows that got lodged in the ground or dirty. The arrow was then dragged through the tassel to clean it. Naran and Margaret attended as well.

Sapphire Joust coming up and a spreadsheet of those pre-registered should be posted on the web soon.

At Highland River Melees, there will be beverages/fighting/fighting/and more fighting, so come out and enjoy the event in support of our Barony.

June we may have an addition to our group, Allen, as our court jester. She lives in the Springfield area.

Spears and fighter practices are picking up. This week we did spear practice and last weekend Anglesey showed up and we had a productive melee practice. So come get your spear on!

**EVENT****Kingdom Archery Championship**

Targets are painted and backs are being finished. We will not be doing scorecards like at Crescent Guard Games. "BamBam", the post driver, and some other things need to be acquired. After the shoot is finished and results tallied, Court will take place (around 6:00 p.m.). We are expecting at least 60 archers. An e-mail out to the applicable mailing lists. Their Majesties are not expected to be there due to schedule conflicts.

**Pennsic**

Fourteen thousand people are expected and 28 more groups have registered this year. The Pennsic Committee is waiting to find out if SCA will approve fireworks. Paid parking will open the Sunday of opening week—it is usually sold out by Monday. On the Pennsylvania Turnpike near New Stanton, the gas station has only diesel gas. Be aware of that fact and plan accordingly.

Second week- Sophia will arrange and cook the meal plan.

The Baron and Baroness are planning court for Thursday at 5:00 p.m. unless the schedule is rearranged with Atlantian Court.

### **Chalice of the Sun God**

The bid was incomplete; fee has been paid and forms for the site have been resubmitted.

### **Ponte Alto 20 Year (2012)**

We went back to Kena Temple and have talked to them about Martial activities on site. They do not want martial arts activity there. It is difficult to get something over there with any type of martial arts activities because the HOA for the area has to approve the activity. We have put a deposit down for the site. The budget break out is \$12 for the site and \$10 for the feast. The Autocrat will be using ACCEPS, which he has tentatively decided will close two weeks prior to the event to get the feast numbers solidified. Merchants will not be charged for being on-site but may be asked for a donation for the Kingdom Travel Fund. Help with the decoration of the hall will be needed. Tokens for the event are being discussed with Kinaburh and Christopher Cuning (a bridge design with maybe two eyelets so that the token can hang on a hood or cord.) We have already acknowledged that we will take a hit on this event and have planned for it. Elizabeth of Hadley Hall is doing an Italian feast and it had been decided that anyone under 5 will eat free; anyone 5 to 17 years of age is \$10. And the Autocrat plans to get an ABC license so the site will be wet. We will be able to get into the site that morning. However, we are trying to get the access the night before—it is wholly dependant on the site's use. We need to vote on the budget for this event. But before we could the autocrat said he was going to raise the total number of members to 200 and Troll advance to \$100 since that worked for Crown.

The hall will need to be set up in stages and the tables for high table have been planned to be arrayed in a U shape. Painting of panels with past Garland members listed on it is an idea for decorations for the hall. Silent auction is an option; Bardic/A&S-storytelling during feast in another. All of this is planned for the event. Vote for the budget was taken and passed unanimously.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Coronets**

The B&B talked to Sir Grethfreth about repairing the old coronets he made. He no longer has the tools to do so, but he will help find someone to do the repairs.

### **Plastic bins**

No information gathered thus far; still the searching for the best deal.

### **Unevent**

Nothing to report

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Sophia is the new Chamberlain. She was present when inventory was completed and Sian has already handed over the keys to the storage unit. Daniel will take over the Exchequer position sometime in June.

There may be a new Warlord soon. Lucas is becoming a squire to His Highness Cuan at Pennsic; he may not be able to continue as the Warlord after that due to added responsibilities.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

We need a Youth Marshal for youth heavy combat. Since Christine's son and one other girl are currently in need of marshals to practice. Also, there has been interest from another young man and his father.

**Meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.**

**17 people were in attendance.**

# News/Announcements

## Newcomers' Meeting

June's Newcomers' Meeting has been scheduled for **Friday, June 10th at 7:00 pm** hosted by Baron Brénainn MacShuibne. The address is 6608 Netties Lane #1403 Alexandria, VA 22315. They do have a couple of cats so if you are allergic please medicate.

Please Note: you must park at the Clubhouse on Beulah Rd. about a block before the entrance to Brennain's complex. Call one of the phone numbers below and a shuttle will be sent to drive you the rest of the way.

If you get lost, please call Brénainn at (703) 853-1479 or the Emma's cell phone at (301) 943-2469.

As always, Newcomers' Meetings are open to all; please come out!



## Future Newcomer's Meetings

Anyone interested in hosting a Newcomer's Meetings in the future please contact me or Baroness Emma West. We are looking for hosts starting with the July meeting. If you like to plan ahead and want to stake a claim for the fall or winter months, let us know. These meetings are traditionally held on Friday nights, starting at 7:00 p.m. The date of the Friday is flexible and the decision is made by the host.

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## Cub Scout Demo

Is anyone available to help with a demo on June 28th? The Cub Scouts are running a day camp and were wondering if we could teach them about "Medieval stuff". The camp runs from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the McLean Skate Center. Our portion would last about 30 minutes to an hour. If you're available, come help show the kids what the SCA means and how much fun we have!!

Baroness Emma West

Chatelaine of Ponte Alto

*(From Baroness Emma's e-mail of April 28, 2011; edited for this newsletter)*

# Kingdom Curia

At Sapphire Joust, Their Majesties Michael and Seonaid held the third Curia of Their Reign. A number of topics were discussed (see the Baron and Baroness' letter on page 1). During the Curia, they presented a letter to the populace for Their assembled Baronage to disseminate. The letter, below, addresses the Symbols of Rank proposal.

## A letter from Their Majesties unto the Populace of Atlantia Concerning Symbols of Rank

Unto the noble populace of Atlantia do Michael and Seonaid, King and Queen of Atlantia, send greetings on this 27th day of May, 2011.

At Our Curia held at Crown Tournament on May 7, 2011, We announced Our intent to publish a proposal for codified Symbols of Rank. All present were directed to share this information and provide feedback on this proposal to Us at a dedicated e-mail address, which was created to ensure that commentary could be easily read and referenced, without getting lost in email forums.

Since that time We have received a great deal of commentary, some of it very polite, thoughtful, and constructive. However, We have watched with concern as a great many uniformed, disrespectful and blatantly rude comments have been sent to both public and private forums.

Based on some recurring comments, it has become clear that there has been a failure to adequately explain the purpose of these Symbols to the populace as a whole.

The purpose of these symbols is not to restrict but to define the basic style of both Viscounty and Baronial coronets, as the Laurel King of Arms instructed the Kingdoms to do many years ago. There is no reserved symbol for either Viscounts or Barons at the Society level. **There is a common misconception that a coronet of 6 points or pearls is the "Society standard" for baronial coronets. However, this standard simply does not exist, except in certain Kingdoms.** In 1984, Master Wilhelm von Schlüssel, Laurel King of Arms, explained his reasoning for not allowing barons to append their arms with coronets, and directed individual kingdoms to regulate both Viscounty coronets and Baronial circlets (his words). Only a few Kingdoms followed through with setting a defined symbol for either Viscounts or Barons, and in the intervening time, and lacking defined symbols of their own, the general populace simply followed along with what other Kingdoms allowed. Master Wilhelm's full letter can be found here:

<http://heraldry.sca.org/loar/1984/07/cl.htm>

Some have asked why we need these symbols now, when we have come 30 years without them. Atlantia has 17 baronies, with an average turnover in leadership every 3.5 years. Typically, retired territorial baronage become court barons/baronesses upon successfully completing their terms. Additionally, several court baronetcies are awarded each reign at the discretion of the monarchs. In practice, this means that the most common coronet worn in Atlantia, and very probably in all of the SCA, is baronial. Yet in some kingdoms, including Atlantia, there is little, if any, guidance as to the style those coronets should take. While creativity and personal taste should allow for a variety of different looks, as is the case with county and ducal coronets, having a reserved symbol creates a mark of distinction. Additionally, when educating newcomers to the SCA or to our Kingdom, it allows us to include the basic style in educational materials, such as Master Bran's excellent "Guide to Atlantian Heraldry", or to describe these coronets in a consistent way.

Although these particular symbols may not have been defined in the past, reserved symbols of rank are nothing new. The College of Heraldry has reserved symbols of rank for various awards, orders and achievements for many years, such as white belts for Chivalry, laurel wreaths for Laurels, strawberry leaves for Dukes/Duchesses. Additionally, all Atlantian awards and orders have reserved symbols, such as the Golden Dolphin, Coral Branch, Sea Dragon, etc. Defined symbols of rank are how we identify the various achievements within the SCA. Court Baronetcies alone, among all awards and honors that may be bestowed within the Kingdom of Atlantia, have no such symbol.

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Since its inception, the SCA has struggled to find balance between being more historical and being more accessible. We are not of the same ilk as many of the more historically accurate reenactment groups, yet we do distinguish ourselves from the common Ren Faire. Our feet are firmly in both camps, and this is good for the health of the organization. Although the SCA has grown toward greater authenticity over time, we are still a modern organization with a great many anachronisms, and trying to find balance is challenging. The awards and orders bestowed across the SCA and in Atlantia bear little or no resemblance to period achievements, but they are essential to the recognition and encouragement of our populace. When defining any symbol, it is likely it will not be period to the time or place of each individual who may be permitted its display. Thankfully there are a great many artisans whose knowledge and talent can be helpful in creating something appropriate.

We have been reading the feedback sent so far, and have already found some areas worthy of reconsideration. Some wording may be changed to be less confusing and accurately reflect the intent. This proposal is a work in progress, and we look forward to more, hopefully polite, comments from Our populace. We would like to address a few common misinterpretations here, and encourage you to read the full proposal and FAQ on the Atlantian website.

- We are aware of both the financial and sentimental value associated with coronets. There is indeed a “grandfather clause”. We are investigating how best to express this in the law or an appendix, as appropriate. The Society grandfather clause referenced in the FAQ and in Master Wilhelm’s letter addresses those who move from one Kingdom to another. We will also grandfather those coronets which existed prior to the enactment of the law. Although some may choose to alter their coronets to meet the definition, alteration is not required.
- Many of our Baronies have unique coronets which reflect the character of the Barony. It is Our intent to keep these unique qualities, and will seek to adjust the wording accordingly.
- The wording regarding “smoothly concave” will be removed as it is confusing. The intent is to state that the total number of points shall not be exceeded by having two heights of points. Just as with Ducal and County coronets, having a definition does not require a uniform style. We will seek to adjust the wording to allow for creative interpretation, while still achieving a definition.
- The proposal currently states that Territorial Baronial coronets (current landed baronage) may only contain laurels leaves if they are used as part of the Baronial arms.
- As ours is a society of honor, and many existing coronets already fall within the intended definition, we do not foresee that enforcement will be an area of great concern. Courtesy should be paramount. That is not to say that there will be no enforcement. Recourse does exist in the form of Courts of Courtesy, and other sanctions are available for those who persistently or egregiously refuse to follow any of the laws of our Kingdom or Society.

We hope this missive will help to address some concerns, and look forward to your continued feedback. Feedback should be sent to [feedback@atlantia.sca.org](mailto:feedback@atlantia.sca.org) so ensure it will be read.

In Service to Atlantia and Her people we remain,

*Michael Rex*

*Seonaid Regina*

Symbols of Rank letter reprinted from: <http://atlantia.sca.org/rankmissive.php>

Symbols of Rank proposal: <http://atlantia.sca.org/rank.php>

Symbols of Rank FAQ: <http://atlantia.sca.org/rankfaq.php>

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# Sapphire Joust



The Future of the SCA  
*Photo by Eliisa Harman/Annika Siltanen*



Mmm... Meat: A Baronial Tradition at Sapphire!!!  
*Photo by Eliisa Harman/Annika Siltanen*



Sapphire Joust List Field  
*Photo by Eliisa Harman/Annika Siltanen*



Above:  
A Happy Father and a Sleeping Baby!  
(Hannus Siltanen and Oliver)  
*Photo by Eliisa Harman/Annika Siltanen*

# Atlantia' Royal Archery Championship

## Barony of Ponte Alto– Leesburg, VA on June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2011

The weather is warm and the days are long. It is once again time for Atlantia's archers to gather and test their skills. To once again, see who will be the best of the best and take home the title of Atlantia's Royal Archer. The Barony of Ponte Alto is honored to host this challenging shoot and invites all archers to come and test the strength of their bow arm.

**Marshal Activities:** Archery (recommend you bring 12-18 arrows)

### Schedule:

Weapons Inspection:	10:00 a.m.
Practice Range Opens:	10:20 a.m.
Tourney Starts:	11:00 a.m.
Lunch:	12:00 p.m.
Tourney Continues:	12:30 to 4:30 p.m.
Finals:	5:00 p.m.
Court:	To Follow Finals



Photo by Eliisa Harman/Annika Siltanen

### Cost:

Adult, Members:	\$12.00 Day Trip - Includes Lunch
Adult, Non-members:	\$17.00 Day Trip - Includes Lunch
Youth, 5–17:	\$7.00 Day Trip - Includes Lunch
Children, 0- 4:	\$0.00 Day Trip - Includes Lunch

**Make Checks Payable To:** SCA, Inc., Barony of Ponte Alto

**Site:** Loudon County Fairgrounds, 17558 Dry Mill Road, Leesburg, VA 20175. Site opens at 10:00 a.m., closes at 6:00 p.m.

**Site Restrictions:** The site is dry. Leashed pets are allowed in the outdoor areas, but please clean up after them.

**Feast Information:** A lunch will be prepared by the Ponte Alto Cook's Guild, led by Baron Brénainn MacShuibne. Please direct any dietary concerns to him at [mtorsky@hotmail.com](mailto:mtorsky@hotmail.com)

**Merchanting Information:** Merchants are welcome. Please contact the autocrat as space is limited.

**Autocrat:** Baroness Emma West (Dawn Hutchings), 631 Constellation Square SE Apt I, Leesburg, VA 20175; (301)943-2469 No calls after 10:00 p.m.; [ewestsca@gmail.com](mailto:ewestsca@gmail.com)

**Reservationist:** Lady Caitilin Irruis inghean ui Riada (Christine Menton), 9824 Fairfax Square, Apt 376 Fairfax, VA 22031; 703-786-6739 (M) No calls after 10:00 p.m.; [mentoni@msn.com](mailto:mentoni@msn.com)

### Directions:

**From Points North, South, and East:** Take your best route to the Dulles Toll Road/Greenway (Rt. 267) off of the Washington Beltway (I-495). Go through the toll booth(s) past Dulles Airport. Merge onto VA-7 W via EXIT 1A on the LEFT toward LEESBURG/WARRENTON. Take Route 9 West exit (stay in left lane of exit). At STOP sign at end of exit, turn left and proceed over bridge that crosses Route 7 (stay in the left lane). Proceed to STOP sign and turn left onto Dry Mill Rd. Travel approximately 1 mile to Fairgrounds entrance on left.

**From Points West of Leesburg:** Take Route 7 East (Harry Byrd Hwy) towards Leesburg, VA. Take Route 9 Exit. At STOP sign at end of exit, turn right and immediately get into the left lane. Proceed to STOP sign and turn left onto Dry Mill Rd. Travel approximately 1 mile to Fairgrounds entrance on left.

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<http://www.sca.org/docs/pdf/ReleaseModelFillable.pdf>

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