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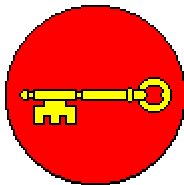
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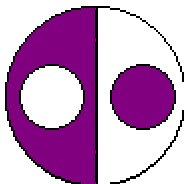


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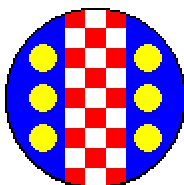


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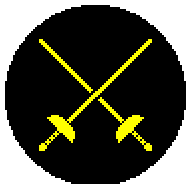
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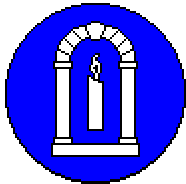
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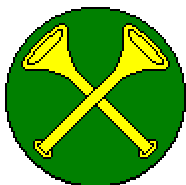
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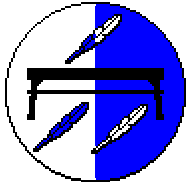
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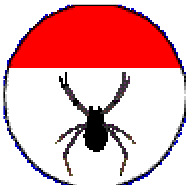
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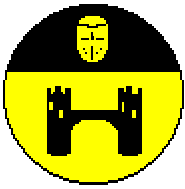


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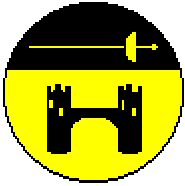
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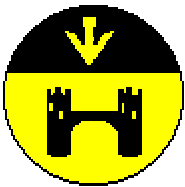
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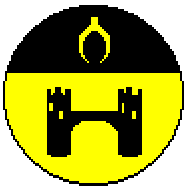
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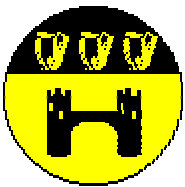
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# **Barony Meeting Minutes – November 28, 2004**

Held in the Education Building of St. Paul's, Falls Church

21 Attendees

Meeting Start Time: 6:00 pm

## **Officer Reports**

### Seneschal: Lady Maria-Therese Normand

- Chronicler: Update: Julina will be stepping up as the acting chronicler as of four days prior to the meeting.
- Nothing more to report for this month.

### Web Minister: Lady Cassandra Arabella Giordani

- Reminder to submit updates to information for the baronial web site and newsletter.

### MOL: Baroness Agnes Daunce

- No fighting events, no report.

### Chatelaine: Lady Marsaili Johnston of Lochwood Moss

- Newcomers this week was successful. A few new folks showed up
- Lacy Marsaili has received inquiries from newcomers from other kingdoms moving to this barony.

### Rapier Marshal: Lord Geoffrey ap Clywd

- Rapier practice has been discontinued at Tysons Pimmit Park on Sundays, however indoor practice will continue through the winter at Shreveview Elementary on Thursdays.

### Heavy Marshal: Lord Duncan the Elder

- A very successful War practice was held two weeks ago
- Due to Fairfax County Schools closing for winter break, the Thursday night heavy weapons fight practice at Lemon Road Elementary will be cancelled on Thursday, December 23 and Thursday, December 30th. Practices will resume after New Years on Thursday, January 6th.

### Archery Marshal: Arnfriör

- Not present; Indoor target archery practices continued through November, with pretty good attendance, though fewer than we had at our outdoor sessions.
- Miles de Locwode served as marshal-in-training at Stierbach's Holiday Faire under MIC Earl Mika Longbow.
- The practice has moved to the indoor site in Stierbach, Bull Run Regional Shooting Center on Fridays from 4:30 until 8:00.
- There is a practice held on Sundays in Roxbury Mills.





## A&S: Baroness Greta Klusenaere

- Scriptorium/A&S Nights have also been going well.
- Baroness Greta is looking into setting up A&S classes; if you are interested in learning something or teaching something, let Greta know, and she will help coordinate.
- Looking to see plenty of entries at 12<sup>th</sup> night. There will be an open display and Spike contest.
- There was one entry at the Day at the Races event – a children's book by our new MoM.
- Greta will be attending Unevent this coming Saturday.

## Exchequer: Lady Katharine Devereaux

- There is currently \$9,465.15 in the Baronial account. With some expenses still outstanding from the last event but it is anticipated the net will be over \$9,000.
- A request had been made by the Chamberlain for \$150.00 - \$200.00 .to purchase clear tubs for storage of baronial items. This would make it easier for storage of items and getting things from storage. The delegation of funds was unanimously approved.

## Herald: Lord Connor Sinclair

- Not present

## MOM: Siobhán

- Not present

## **Baron and Baroness: Baroness Belphoebe de Givet**

- Their Excellencies attended Dun Carraig's Baronial Birthday. It was a nice little event with lots of fun fighting and excellent food. Besides His Excellency and myself, three other Pontoons participated in the rapier tournament, a double elimination type, and the winner of the tournament was our own Seamus, who beat our own Baron Marcellus in the finals. In that regard, Marcellus was the winner of the Dun Carraig Ring of Chivalry, for his courteous and chivalrous behavior on and off the field. Vivant for Seamus and Marcellus!.

## **Events**

### A Day at the Races: November 13, 2004

#### Baron Marcellus Capozziello di Napoli and Baroness Belphoebe de Givet, Co-Autocrats

- Thanks to everyone that helped with the event to make it a great success. The feast was a success. There was \$631 made at the silent auction, more than needed to cover the expense of making the new backs for the chairs. It was requested by Baroness Belphoebe to donate some of the proceeds towards the making of new cloaks for the King and Queen to be completed by 12<sup>th</sup> Night. It was unanimously approved to donate \$50.00 to help fund this project.

### 12th Night: January 8, 2005, Stierbach

- Although Ponte Alto is not officially hosting 12th Night, many Pontoons are involved in the preparations.
- Lady Cassandra built the event web site, so check it out at <http://twelfthnight.atlantia.sca.org/> to see the latest information.



## Baronial Birthday/Performers Symposium: February 19, 2005

Lady Allasan bhán inghean Fhaoláin and Lord Odde ap Tam, Co-Autocrats

- Lady Allasan and Lord Odde are Autocrating,
- There will be a walk through of the site this coming weekend.
- The flyer is competed. The evening feast is planned. There are announcements to do for the January Acorn. The flyer and list of classes will be posted on the web site
- There was a suggestion made for a portion of the proceeds from this event be donated to the kingdom travel fund. This was tabled until the January meeting.

## Bloodbath: March 19, 2005

Angelique du Cambion and Lord Connor Sinclair, Co-Autocrats

- Angelique and Lord Connor Sinclair are co-autocrating Bloodbath in March.
- Master Kevin of Thornbury made a proposal to rename the event to honor Duke Gyrth Oldcastle. Suggested was Gyrth Oldcastle Memorial Bloodbath. It was also requested that the proceeds or part of them be donated to the American Diabetes Association on his behalf. The vote on this was postponed until the January meeting, when hopefully the autocrats will be present.

## **Old Business**

- None

## **New Business**

- There will be no December business meeting.

## **Announcements**

- Music rehearsals (Alle Psallite and Harp & Drum) resume this week

Meeting adjourned at approximately 6:50 pm.



# Upcoming Events

Baronial Progress	
Date	Event
December 11	Caer Mear Baronial Investiture

December 2004			
Date	Event	Group	Location
4	<a href="#">Unevent</a> (R,H)	Hindscroft	Ramseur, NC
11	<a href="#">Caer Mear Baronial Investiture</a> (R,H)	Caer Mear	Palmyra, VA
11	<a href="#">Feast of St. Andrew</a>	Tear-Sea's Shore	Harleyville, SC
18	<a href="#">Polar Bear Ball</a> (R)	Crannog Mor	Piney Creek, NC

## Kingdom of Atlantia Twelfth Night

**Barony of Stierbach**  
**January 8, 2005**  
**Foxchase Manor**  
**8310 Chatsworth Drive**  
**Manassas, VA 20109**

As the sun shines brightly in the azure sky, so shine Atlantians in colors to match. Don your finest BLUEs and GOLDs in celebration of Atlantian glory and pride! Their Royal Majesties, Janos and Rachel invite you attend Atlantia's marking of the Feast of 12th Night in Their most noble Barony of Stierbach. It is also the Royal Whym that you honor the symbol of Atlantia's pride, which is her populace, with many diverse images and representations of Spike. Lastly, as the Magi were honored, you should also greet warmly and merrily our visitors from the East as they bring a taste of the Celestial Court of Japan to the festivities.

Many details about the activities held at 12th Night may be found on the official website. A brief listing may be found below.

### Arts & Science Competitions:

- Competition for choosing the next Royal Bard
- Tempore Atlantia Competitions (Highlighted time period: 1250 - 1492)
- "All Things Middle Eastern" (any object of Middle Eastern design)
- Young Artists (open competition for artisans under the age of 17)
- Best work of religious art, in any medium
- Japanese Garb for Men or Women
- Books of Hours. (Calligraphy & Illumination, must be in book form)
- Metal Thread Embroidery
- Use of Atlantia's "Spike" in any medium
- Feast table decoration competition.



There will also be an open A&S display for Atlantia's artisans, a grand ball, and a silent auction fundraiser for The Oak. For additional information on A&S activities, please see our website or contact Lord Li Saburou Katsumori (Josh Badgley) at arts AT stierbach.org.

## Costs:

	Day Trip	Feast
Adult	\$8.00	\$10 per person 5 years and up Please note no discount for children on feast.
Children 5-17	\$4.00	

Infants and Toddlers (Ages 4 and younger) are guests of the Barony.  
Non members please add \$3.00 to the aforementioned fees.

**Feast:** Lady Grace Whyting and House Longbow shall prepare a delicious feast. Menus will be posted to tempt you on the website. Please contact Grace Whyting (Kristi Kelly) with any allergy concerns at 540/338-6498 or KristiWhyKelly AT aol.com. SEE ALSO RESERVATION NOTES ABOUT ADVANCE FEAST TABLE SIGN UP. Thank-you.

**Reservations:** Something new and exciting is being offered for Kingdom 12th Night: online feast table sign-up! You and your friends can sign up for feast spots in advance. When pre-registering for feast, please make sure you include names of everyone in your party you are paying for. Please include your e-mail address in your registration. Your e-mail address will be used as a confirmation for your reservation and be used to send you a code and URL link to see the feast seating chart and sign up in advance for feast tables. Deadline for online feast seating is Dec 31st 2004. After that date you will have to wait till the day of the event to sign up for feast table selections.

Please make checks payable to Barony of Stierbach, SCA Inc. Mail reservations to:

Alys of Foxdale  
c/o S. Montuori  
4121 Lees Corner Road  
Chantilly, VA 20151-3409  
Contact: montuos AT gmail.com  
703-802-6385

A confirmation message will be sent for each set of paid reservations, whether you sign up for feast or not.

## Site Information:

[Foxchase Manor Weddings and Corporate Events](#)

8310 Chatsworth Drive  
Manassas Virginia 20109

The site opens at 10am and closes at 10pm. Anyone on-site after 10pm will be asked to participate in cleanup. The site is discreetly wet. No original containers.

**Hotel information:** A block of rooms has been reserved at the Comfort Suites ~2 miles from the site for the group rate of \$59.00 per night under Society for Creative Anachronism. The cut-off date for reservations is December 20th.

Comfort Suites of Manassas  
7350 Williamson Blvd  
Manassas, VA 20109  
703-686-1100

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**Directions to Site:** [From the Foxchase Manor website](#)

**From Washington D.C.:** Take Route 66 West to Exit 47A (Route 234 Business South). Follow from \* below.

**From Northern Virginia:** Take Route 66 to Exit 47 (Route 234 Business). Go South on Route 234 Business. Follow from \* below.

**From Maryland:** Take the Beltway 495 to Rt. 66 West. Take Route 66 West to Exit 47A (Route 234 Business South). Follow from \* below.

\* At the 4th stoplight (one mile) turn right onto Sudley Manor Drive. Follow that until it ends (one mile) and turn Right onto Chatsworth Drive. Turn Left into Foxchase Manor.

## Baronial Birthday and Performers Symposium Performer's and Dance Symposium III Barony of Ponte Alto February 19, 2005 King of Kings Lutheran Church, Fairfax, VA

The Atlantian Performer's Guild, the Atlantian Dance Academy, and the Barony of Ponte Alto present the third Performer's and Dance Symposium. The Symposium will consist of a day of classes on various performing arts. There will be a lunch and convocation in the middle of the day. Since Their Excellencies of Ponte Alto, in order to support the performing arts have graciously given the date usually reserved for their annual Baronial Birthday, there will be a Baronial Court before the evening feast.

But wait! There's more. Following the feast and at the same site, we will be hosting an evening of performances given by the students and teachers at the Symposium. This performance will showcase the talents of Atlantia, and will be open to all who wish to attend. Following the performances, a ball will be held covering dances taught during the day. Harp and Drum (other musicians are welcome, too) will provide live music at the ball. If you wish to perform in the evening, please contact Mistress Anne of Carthew (anne AT ravenstreet.org) or sign up at the event.

### The Classes:

The following is the current schedule (current as of Nov. 15). Visit the [Class Descriptions page](#) for details:

	Time					
Track	10-11am	11-12pm	12-1:30pm	1:30-2:30pm	2:30-3:30pm	3:30-4:30pm
Italian Dance	<a href="#">Introduction to Italian Renaissance Dance</a>	<a href="#">Flirtatious Italian Renaissance Dance</a>	L U N C H	<a href="#">Easy Italian Renaissance Dances 1</a>	<a href="#">Easy Italian Renaissance Dances 2</a>	<a href="#">Branles for All</a>
Other Dance	<a href="#">Beginning English Country Dance</a>	<a href="#">Period Dances to Non-period Music</a>		<a href="#">Bassedance</a>	<a href="#">Be a Better Dancer the Period Way</a>	<a href="#">Politics of Dance in 16th Century England</a>
Chapel	<a href="#">Three Blind Mice is Period: Rounds</a>	<a href="#">Cuan's class</a>		<a href="#">Group Choral Rehearsal</a>		
Classroom 1	<a href="#">Children's Theater</a>			<a href="#">History of Theater in the Middle Ages</a>	<a href="#">Acting Shakespeare</a>	<a href="#">Beginning Story Telling</a>
Classroom 2	<a href="#">Narrative Composition for Performers</a>	<a href="#">Poetry Made Easier</a>		<a href="#">Composing Your Own Tunes</a>	<a href="#">Dying with Style</a>	
Classroom 3	<a href="#">Learn to Juggle!</a>	<a href="#">Beyond the Cascade (Three Ball Juggling Tricks)</a>		<a href="#">Auditions for Macbeth - Known World Players</a>		
Classroom 4	<a href="#">Secular Cantigas of Alfonso el Sabio</a>	<a href="#">Corun's lute class</a>				



The Children's Theater class will perform at 1pm. All instrumentalists are encouraged to bring their instruments. Baroness Arianna Morgan will be coordinating the Group Choral Rehearsal and music will be available prior to the event. Anyone interested in auditioning for the Known World Players' Macbeth, to be performed at Pennsic, should visit <http://www.dracontius.net/macbeth> for more info.

## Site:

The site is the King of Kings Lutheran Church, 4025 Kings Way, Fairfax, VA, at the south west side of the intersection of Routes 50 and 7100. The event opens at 9:00am and closes at 11:00pm. Registration begins at 9:00 and classes begin at 10:00am. The evening activities begin at 7:30. This site is DRY.

## Feast and lunch:

Lunch will be simple fare of soup, ham, fruit, bread and cheese available for \$3. The evening meal is being planned by our Head Cook, Lady Renata von Hentzau. Please direct all dietary concerns to her at starfox5 AT msn.com. There are only 75 seats for feast, so reserve soon. Cut off date for on board reservations is February 12th.

## Cost:

	Off Board	On Board
<b>Adult Member</b>	\$5	\$13
<b>Adult Non-Member</b>	\$8	\$16
<b>Youth 6-17</b>	\$3	\$11
<b>Children under 6</b>	Free	Free

## Hotel:

TBD

## Autocrat:

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From points west or southern Fairfax County:

Take your best route to the intersection of I-66 and Route 7100, Fairfax County Parkway. Take the Parkway NORTH. (DON'T exit at 50: You won't be able to get across the traffic to where you need to be.) After crossing Route 50, turn left at the light onto Rugby Road. Go straight through the intersection of Rugby and Route 50, and IMMEDIATELY turn left onto the Route 50 service road. This road curves right, becoming Kings Way. The church is on the left.

## St. Paddy's Day Bloodbath Barony of Ponte Alto March 19, 2005

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# Officer Reports and Letters

## Chronicler

Unto the gentles of Ponte Alto doth Julina de Beaumont send fair greetings.

I am new to this area and Barony but not new to the SCA. I would ask that you forgive the delay in publishing this month's Il Tempo as I was recruited to the office a mere five days prior to the business meeting.

As an offering I bring the following article written a few years ago which seems appropriate for this time of year.

Did you know that the Anglo-Saxons used the phrase Wæs hal! as an everyday greeting? Wæs is a form of the verb "to be" related to modern English was. Hal is the ancestor of the modern English words whole and hale. Thus, wæs hal literally meant "Be healthy!". The Norse, who later settled in Northern England, used a dialectal variant of the same phrase: Ves heill!. Since the Anglo-Saxons and Norse shared a custom of welcoming guests by presenting them with a horn of ale (or cup of mead, or goblet of wine), the greeting evolved into a toast.

The phrase was eventually contracted into one word, wassail, and came to refer to the act of toasting to someone's health, wassailing, and to a type of alcoholic beverage (spiced ale or punch) used to toast people's health on special occasions. The use of wassailing to mean "caroling" (as in "Here we go a-wassailing...") stems from the habit of singing songs whilst drinking from the "wassail-bowl" during Christmas celebrations. Some say that Christmas carolers in old England often carried wassail bowls with them when they went caroling. They would go "wassailing" to the house of a friend, sing a carol, and offer a drink to those inside. Yeah right, I can see them sloshing in more ways than one by the end of the night!

Remember folks, don't wassail and drive. Please, if you are going to wassail, have one of your "carolers" be your designated sleigh driver. Because we want you home for Christmas....

Today's Recipe: Hot Wassail

4 cups Unsweetened apple juice

3 cups Unsweetened pineapple juice

2 cups Cranberry juice cocktail

1/4 teaspoon Ground nutmeg

1 Cinnamon stick

3 Whole cloves

Lemon slices

Combine all the ingredients in a large kettle.

Simmer for 10 minutes.

Serve hot.

Until next month – I leave you with these words

A small petite woman covered in a heavy wool cloak and hood moves from the shadows near the fire and into the midst of all those gathered upon the steps of the kingdom.. Lifting her tankard of ale, she quietly speaks: "To all present here, a quaff of the finest"

"Soon twill be the time of Jehwla (Yule). A time to look hither and yon so that eyes and thoughts might rest upon all who have touched our lives over the years. For it has been saged that with every one we meet, a part of that personna no matter how minute or trivial, remains with us for the passing of our time and aides in the shaping of our beliefs and attitudes. Likenstwhich a part of ourselves remains with that person who in passing, shared a but brief entourage with us. Thus doest the brotherhood of mankind grow rich with the diversity that makes each of us unique amongst others, yet so alike."

"May the blessings of the Yule season be upon thee and thine households for now and ever more." As her words descend upon the minds of those here present, the woman once more melds with the shadows and wisps of smoke. From all here at my household Sincerest Greetings and Salutations of the Yuletide season to the gentles of the steps, the great kingdom, and all in the society.



In Service,

Julina de Beaumont  
Acting Chronicler



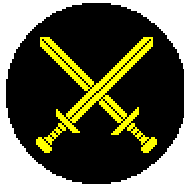
## ***Archery Marshal***

Indoor target archery practices continued through November, with pretty good attendance, though fewer than we had at our outdoor sessions.

Miles de Locwode served as marshal-in-training at Stierbach's Holiday Faire under MIC Earl Mika Longbow.

In Service,

Arnfriðr  
Archery Marshal





## Past Times

What was reported in our past issues of *Il Tempo* (The Times)?

### **Highlights from Ten Years ago, *Il Tempo*, December, 1994:**

Sea Dog Tavern's "break even" point was 80 people, and we had over 100. The kitchen stayed well within budget, so we anticipate a profit of more than \$300 but less than \$600.... Due to the imminent departure of Maeve and Maelgwyn to another kingdom, both Harp and Drum (Monday nights) and the Scriptorium (Thursday nights) have been relocated to Allasondrea's.... The Sunday (outdoor) heavy weapons and rapier practices have been suspended for the winter. The indoor practices at GMU are currently trying to be held on Monday nights due to room scheduling conflicts... At the October Curia Baron Bran of Sacred Stone issued a challenge to the other Baronies of the Kingdom to raise money to replace the royal crowns of Atlantia with a new set of crowns. Several people have already made generous donations on behalf of Ponte Alto and if you would like to contribute as well, see Baron Niall, Lady Aislynn Fyrlocc or Lord Kenwrec FitzRaymund.

### **Highlights from Five Years ago, *Il Tempo*, December, 1999:**

Their Majesties, Amalric and Caia have chosen Lord Donald Macgregor and Dame Winifred Corbet de Wynterwood as next Baron and Baroness. Have requested of Their Majesties that the details of the polling results be provided and published, as per our charter. They are considering it...Lady Muireann, A&S officer, announces the competitions for this upcoming 12th Night, which will be held in Caer Mear, Richmond, Va.



## Other Articles

### *A Race in Ponte Alto by Lady Ana Bek*

*Photos courtesy of Edonea MacKay*

#### **A Race in Ponte Alto**

It being autumn in Altantia,  
and peaceful people seeking cheer,  
the Barony Ponte Alto held a race,  
inviting every rider and his steed  
to come and show their prowess on the track,  
and all to come enjoy a festive day.



Bright shone the sun on the appointed day.  
Folk traveled there from all Atlantia.  
Her Highness led a parade upon the track,  
and from the crowd there rose a mighty cheer  
as every rider waved from top his steed  
processing in for to begin the race.

The crowd watched as race came after race,  
passing quickly as passed the day.  
Every rider urged on his noble steed,  
to win the race, win glory in Atlantia.  
The gathered people raised up a cheer  
each time the horses passed by on the track.





At last it came to two upon the track,  
time had come for a semi-final race.  
the sight of these competitors gave all cheer;  
dressed find in gold and green upon that day,  
Connor and Seamus raced there in Atlantia,  
each noble man upon a fine, strong, steed.

The trupmets cried, forward surged the steeds,  
but joy turned quick to fear upon the track.  
For Connor's charger, a fine horse of Atlantia,  
stumbled and fell while bounding in the race.  
Nervously watched those gathered on that day,  
a silent crowd, lost all thoughts of cheer.



Then from the crowd there came a sudden cheer!  
Beside Connor did Seamus halt his steed.  
Chivalry was in bloom that autumn day,  
as two men on one horse circled the track,  
and Connor, riding first, thus won the race.  
Truly the finest race e'er held in Atlantia!

For courtesy this day then raise a cheer,  
shown in Atlantia by noble men and steeds,  
upon the track in Ponte Alto's race.



# Ponte Alto Weekly Activities

**Indoor Archery Practice** resumes on **October 29, 2004** on **Fridays from 4:30 pm to 8 pm** at [Bull Run Shooting Center Facility](#) out in Stierbach. [Contact the Baronial Archery Marshal](#) for carpool and other information.

Due to the holidays coming up, the November and December **Dance Practices** will be held on the **third Thursdays (November 18, 2004 and December 16, 2004)** rather than the usual fourth. Practices will be held at the normal time from **7:30-9pm** at [Shrevewood Elementary School](#). Lady Allasan bhán inghean Fhaoláin (**jedierika AT yahoo.com**) will be covering dances for 12th Night at the next two practices.

**Sunday Rapier Practices are suspended** until the spring. Thursday night rapier practices continue as usual on days the school remains open. Contact the [Baronial Rapier Marshal](#) for more information.

There will be no **Newcomers Meeting** in December.

SUNDAY	
Ponte Alto Baronial Business Meeting	Last Sunday of the month at 6 pm at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Idylwood Road, Falls Church. <a href="#">Business Meeting Directions</a> .
Outdoor Heavy Weapons Practice	Weather permitting, Noon - Dark, outdoors at Tysons-Pimmit Park, behind Tysons-Pimmit Library, Falls Church. Please contact the <a href="#">Baronial Knight Marshal</a> for more information. <a href="#">Sunday Fight Practice Directions</a> .
MONDAY	
Alle Psallite (Vocal Music)	Every Monday, 7:30-9 pm in Herndon. Please contact Mistress Anne of Carthew ( <b>anne AT ravenstreet.org</b> ) 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> .
Ponte Alto Scriptorium	Meets the second Monday of the month. Please contact Lady Renata von Hentzau ( <b>starfox5 AT msn.com</b> ) for more information and directions.
Asian Nights (Exploration of all things Asian)	Second Monday of every month, starts at 6:30 in Centreville. Please contact Lady Aine Sindradottir ( <b>ellen.m.davis AT att.net</b> , (703) 815-0310) or Lord li Saburou Katsumori ( <b>logan AT modzer0.cs.uaf.edu</b> ) for more information or directions.
TUESDAY	
Harp and Drum Corps (Instrumental Music)	Directed by Mistress Anne of Carthew ( <b>anne AT ravenstreet.org</b> ) whom you may contact for more information. Held every Tuesday, 7:30 - 9 pm at the home of Master Corun MacAnndra ( <b>corun AT medievalist.org</b> , (703) 876-0650), in Annandale.
WEDNESDAY	
No Activities	
THURSDAY	
Rapier Practice *	Every Thursday at Shrevewood Elementary school from 6 pm to 9 pm. Please use the rear entrance to the Gym. Please contact the <a href="#">Baronial Rapier Marshal</a> for more information. <a href="#">Indoor Rapier Directions</a> . This is a <a href="#">school location activity</a> .



## THURSDAY

### Dance Practice \*

Last Thursday of the month at Shrevewood Elementary school from 7:30 pm to 9 pm. Please use the rear (outside) entrance to the cafeteria. Please contact Lady Allasan bhán inghean Fhaoláin ([jedierika AT yahoo.com](mailto:jedierika AT yahoo.com)) for more information. [Dance Practice Directions](#). This is a [school location activity](#).

### Heavy Weapons Indoor Practice \*

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](#).

### Ladies Instructional Heavy Weapons Indoor Practice \*

First Thursday of every month at Lemon Road Elementary School on Idylwood Road, 6 pm - 9 pm. Contact Lady Marie Thérèse Normand ([mariatheresapontoon AT yahoo.com](mailto:mariatheresapontoon AT yahoo.com)) for more information. [Indoor Heavy Directions](#). This is a [school location activity](#).

## FRIDAY

### Ponte Alto/Stierbach Archery Practice

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>.

## FRIDAY

### Ponte Alto Scriptorium/A&S Night

May meet on a Friday during the month, as posted on the at the top of this page. Please contact Lady Perronelle la peintre ([dwatsonirwin AT cox.net](mailto:dwatsonirwin AT cox.net), (703) 455-0298) for more information and directions.

### Stierbach/Ponte Alto Bardic

Come and share your songs and stories! Meets the fourth Friday of the month at 7:30 pm. Contact the [Baronial Deputy A&S Officer](#), the [Baronial Bard](#), or Baroness Briana Maclukas ([darbyjanie AT hotmail.com](mailto:darbyjanie AT hotmail.com)) for more information.

## MONTHLY

### SCA Newcomer Meetings

Newcomer Meetings occur once a month on a weeknight from 7-9 pm at the home of the Lady Luce Antony Venus ([scalucia AT cox.net](mailto:scalucia AT cox.net), (703) 534-6075). Contact the [Baronial Chatelaine](#) for more information, or check out the top of this page for the most recently posted information.

### Newcomers Garb Night

We have newcomers garb night once a month on a weeknight at 7 pm, at the homes of various members of the Barony. Please contact the [Baronial Chatelaine](#) for more information, or check out the top of this page for the most recently posted 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.



## Monthly Calendar

December 2004						
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
November 29 7:30 pm - <a href="#">Alle Psallite</a>	30 7:30 pm - <a href="#">Harp and Drum</a>	December 1	2 6 pm - <a href="#">Rapier Practice</a> 6 pm - <a href="#">Heavy Weapons Practice</a> 6 pm - <a href="#">Ladies Instructional Heavy Weapons Practice</a>	3 4:30 pm - <a href="#">Archery Practice</a>	4 <a href="#">Unevent</a>	5 Noon - <a href="#">Outdoor Heavy Fighter Practice</a>
6 7:30 pm - <a href="#">Alle Psallite</a>	7 7:30 pm - <a href="#">Harp and Drum</a>	8	<i>Hannukah</i> 9 6 pm - <a href="#">Rapier Practice</a> 6 pm - <a href="#">Heavy Weapons Practice</a>	10 4:30 pm - <a href="#">Archery Practice</a>	11 <a href="#">Caer Mear Baronial Investiture</a> <a href="#">Feast of St. Andrew</a>	12 Noon - <a href="#">Outdoor Heavy Fighter Practice</a>
13 6:30 pm - <a href="#">Asian Night</a> 7 pm - <a href="#">Scriptorium</a> 7:30 pm - <a href="#">Alle Psallite</a>	14 7:30 pm - <a href="#">Harp and Drum</a>	15	16 6 pm - <a href="#">Rapier Practice</a> 6 pm - <a href="#">Heavy Weapons Practice</a>	17 4:30 pm - <a href="#">Archery Practice</a>	18 <a href="#">Polar Bear Ball</a>	19 Noon - <a href="#">Outdoor Heavy Fighter Practice</a>
20 7:30 pm - <a href="#">Alle Psallite</a>	21 7:30 pm - <a href="#">Harp and Drum</a>	22	23	24	<i>Christmas Day</i> 25	<i>Boxing Day</i> 26 Noon - <a href="#">Outdoor Heavy Weapons Practice</a>
27	28	29	30	31	<i>New Year's Day</i> January 1	2 Noon - <a href="#">Outdoor Heavy Weapons Practice</a>
3 7:30 pm - <a href="#">Alle Psallite</a>	4 7:30 pm - <a href="#">Harp and Drum</a>	5	6 6 pm - <a href="#">Rapier Practice</a> 6 pm - <a href="#">Heavy Weapons Practice</a> 6 pm - <a href="#">Ladies Instructional Heavy Weapons Practice</a>	7 4:30 pm - <a href="#">Archery Practice</a>	8 <a href="#">12th Night</a>	9 Noon - <a href="#">Outdoor Heavy Fighter Practice</a>

