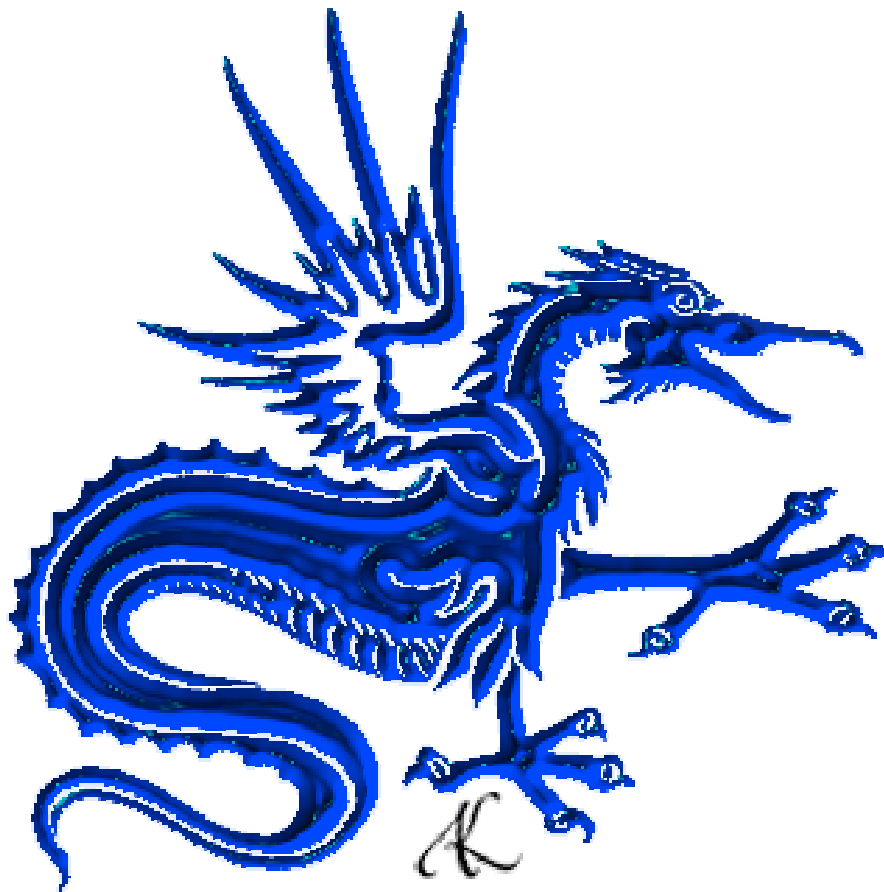


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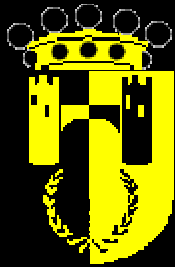


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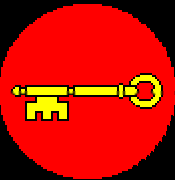


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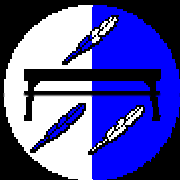
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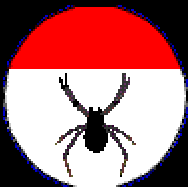


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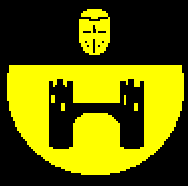
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## barony meeting minutes – august 29, 2004

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

27 Attendees

6 pm

### officer reports

#### **Seneschal:**

- \* Maria-Therese conducted her first meeting as the new Seneschale of Ponte Alto. There was much rejoicing, especially from Miles who was seen doing the I'm-free Happy Dance.

#### **Exchequer:**

- \* There is currently \$5,835 in the Baronial account. Katherine got the Baronial Policies back from the Kingdom Exchequer who suggested some minor changes, which will be made. The Policy will then be resubmitted to Kingdom.
- \* Mel will succeed Katherine as Exchequer at the end of the year. It was noted the Mel was neither coerced nor drugged at the time of consent.

#### **A&S:**

- \* Activities will be starting up again soon now that Pennsic is over. There will be a special Scriptorum the second Tuesday of September on the subject of gilding. Contact Lady Renata von Hentzau. Celia is working on creating an A&S page on the Ponte Alto web site to show off projects etc.

#### **Marshal:**

##### *Heavy:*

- \* Letter to the Barony was read by Maria Thérèse for the absent Knight Marshal.

#### **Warlord**

- \* The Ponte Alto troops killed everyone at Pennsic. A lot. And often. This should make it easier to find good camping spaces next year. There were, on average, 18 fighters in Ponte Alto tabards on the field at any one time.
- \* Reminder: Kingdom Crusades is coming up. Let's kill everyone again.

##### *Rapier:*

- \* Everyone had a good time at Pennsic (see Warlord report above).
- \* Indoor rapier practice will return to Shrevewood Elementary school the Thursday on September 2<sup>nd</sup>.





**Archery**

- \* Arnfridr got good marshalling experience at Pennsic. Her paperwork is done and she's duly warranted. She may have a new deputy, more on that later.
- \* Practice still continues in Oakton on Mondays after 5:00 pm.

**MOL:**

- \* Agnes performed two emergency rapier authorizations at Pennsic. Otherwise nothing is happenin'.

**MOM:**

- \* "Ain't done nuthin' " is the direct quote. She also is retiring from the position and it needs to be filled soon. If you're interested contact Marsali or Maria-Therese.

**Web Minister:**

- \* Updates are needed for the weekly calendar now that the school season has begun. Please get these to Cassandra ASAP.

**Herald:**

- \* The Pennsic Court report will go to the Web Minister. The paperwork for the Baronial award badges was found and will be resubmitted to Kingdom.
- \* Connor is also in the process of tracking down any lost submissions. If you submitted something in the last year and haven't heard from anyone about it contact him. He will need you mundane name, SCA name and a copy of the Kingdom letter of acceptance.

**Chatelaine:**

- \* Luce to change over the office in November to her Deputy, Lady Marsaili Johnston of Lochwood Moss.
- \* The next Newcomers meeting will be held on September 8 at 7:00 pm. The next Garb Day will be Sept. 22.
- \* Luce also received a request from the local Boy Scouts for an evening demo on Sept. 14 at 8:00 pm. Anyone interested should contact her.

**baron and baroness**

- \* Many thanks to all for helping with Pennsic and the camp. The camp was very well done and big Vivats to Peronelle for her hard work. Thanks to all who fought (see Warlord note above). Thanks to those who put the hospitality tent together for the Atlantian 5 Man Rapier Melee.
- \* Looking forward to Chalice. It will be a Royal Progress event, so anyone who wants to volunteer for Royalty duty please check with Baroness Denise Duvalier.



## events

***Chalice: Sept 17-19***

- \* This is now a Royal Progress event (see B&B report above). Bronwyn is handling the silent auction. This is a team competition event.

***A Day at the Races: November 13***

- \* The event flyer is going to Kingdom Chronicler for publication in the Oct. and Nov. Acorn. There is a site—the Church of the Good Shepherd—but due to renovations being scheduled to the church, it is now tentative. A backup site is being sought. There will be a dessert competition that Baron Marcellus and Master Kevin are going to judge. The bardic competition is being run by Master Corun. The theme is 16th century Italy.

***Baronial Birthday and Performers Symposium:***

- \* Lady Allasan and Lord Odde ap Tam are Autocrating. This will be held on the day of Baronial Birthday (3rd weekend in Feb.). Allasan will be talking to the site committee to find a site and will be asking for classes to be submitted to her very soon now.

***Pennsic:***

- \* Peronelle will be putting out a survey of lessons learned for comments on this year's camp. Look for it on the Ponte Alto elist.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:25 pm.



## upcoming events

### ***Chalice: Sept 17-19***

- \* This is now a Royal Progress event (see B&B report above).
- \* Bronwyn is handling the silent auction. Please contact her if you have items for the auction. She can be reached at 703-737-6402.
- \* This is a team competition event. All teams must be registered by the 11th. Registration needs to include the name of the team, name of the team members, and the discipline in which they will be competing. NO LATE REGISTRATIONS will be accepted. Teams will consist of up to five participants in five disciplines, Heavy, Rapier, Archery, Bardic and A&S. No one may play in the same discipline on different teams however anyone can play on different teams in different disciplines. Multiple disciplines on the same team are also acceptable. However, a team MUST consist of at least 4 people competing in separate areas. Note that the Baronial Champions will compete as Champions, but will not be competing as a single team. There is a FAQ on the Ponte Alto web site containing the rules for the competitions.
- \* You do NOT need to be on a team to participate in the competitions.
- \* We still have sign up sheets available for volunteers to help with Troll, site set-up, site breakdown (EXTREMELY IMPORTANT as it must be done by noon on Sunday), feast servers, feast hall cleanup, and autocrat assistants.
- \* There is a yummy feast planned, so reserve early. **Cost:** NON-SCA MEMBERS: add \$3 to all prices below.

	Pre-Registered	Non Pre-Registered
Adult w/cabin	\$15.00	\$16.00
Adult Daytrip	\$10.00	\$11.00
Child (5-17 yrs.)	\$6 (cabin)/\$5 (daytrip)	\$8 (cabin)/\$6 (daytrip)
Under 5 yrs.	Free	Free

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- \* Sign up sheets for volunteers will soon be making the rounds.
- \* Master Tirloch is preparing the feast so you know it'll be good.
- \* The palio races will consist of both an adult and a youth race. The A&S competition is based on the symbols of the Conratti (contact Baron Marcellus for more details).
- \* There will be a dessert competition that Baron Marcellus and Master Kevin are going to judge. They are looking for a third judge. Bribes for this coveted position should begin *now*.



- \* **Cost:** NON-SCA MEMBERS: add \$3 to all prices below.

	Off Board	On Board
Adult	\$8.00	Add \$7.00
Child (5-17 yrs.)	\$6.00	Add \$7.00
Under 5 yrs.	Free	Free

- \* The bardic competition is being run by Master Corun. The theme is 16th century Italy. Please contact him with questions. Details of this will be posted everywhere Real Soon Now. Baron's Bardic Competition announcement  
Greetings Fair Atlantia,

I wish to announce that there will be a performance competition at the upcoming Ponte Alto event "A Day at the Races" in November. The theme of the event is 16th century Italy and so to the competition will be focused on this country and period. Here are some criteria to consider for the competition:

- \* An actual period piece: An original piece done in a style commensurate with 16th century Italy (this can be about the SCA, Atlantia, and/or the Barony of Ponte Alto and/or its Baron and Baroness).

Minimal documentation will be necessary. Types of performances can be vocal or instrumental music, dance, poetry, theatrical presentation or any other proven period performance art. No performance will be turned away, but adherence to the above criteria will count toward your overall score. Naturally the judges will be looking for performance skill and style as well as what is performed and accompanying documentation. In the case of theatrical presentations, please keep them under five minutes in length. If you have written an original play please have a copy of the entire work available for perusal by the judges.

I need judges. I will be judging but I need at minimum two more to make up an odd number. If you wish to judge please contact me. I would like judges who are familiar with judging performances. Anyone having direct familiarity with 16th century Italy will certainly be most welcome.

I have chosen to put a narrow focus on this competition so that it may make it easier for the competitors to research their entry. I would like this to be a learning experience more than "just another bardic competition". I hope this will encourage you, the performers of Atlantia to come out and show off your skills.

If anyone has any questions or concerns or just needs some help in research do not hesitate to contact me.

In service,

Master Corun MacAnndra, OP



***Kingdom 12th Night***

- \* Kingdom 12th Night is being hosted in NoVa this year, and autocrated by Iustinos, with assistance by Baroness Denise Duvalier (Denise Hundley). It looks as though they have Foxchase Manor as the site.
- \* The theme is Spike (Atlantian seahorse) in any style or medium. Theme colors are gold and blue.
- \* By request of the Royals, there will be a Japanese emphasis as well.

***Baronial Birthday and Performers Symposium:***

- \* Lady Allasan and Lord Odde ap Tam are Autocrating. This will be held on the day of Baronial Birthday (3rd weekend in Feb.). Allasan will be talking to the site committee to find a site and will be asking for classes to be submitted to her very soon now.

***Bloodbath:***

- \* Angelique is scheduled to autocrat Bloodbath in March, pending schedules and promises of assistance.

***Pennsic:***

- \* Perronelle will be putting out a survey for comments on this year's camp. Responses to the survey will be used in planning next year's camp. Look for the survey on the Ponte Alto elist.



## officer reports and letters

### **Baron and Baroness**

Greetings unto the Barony from Marcellus and Belphoebe.

Pennsic is a fond (if damp) memory, and now we begin preparations for our upcoming events in September and November. But first, we would both like to thank the many people who contributed to making the Ponte Alto Pennsic Encampment a massive success. Vivant to you all!

Special thanks to our wonderful Land Agent and Camp Coordinator, Lady Perronelle, and congratulations for her induction into the Order of the Opal. So well deserved!

Congratulations also go out to Lady Cassandra for receiving her Coral Branch, and THL Luce Antony Venus for being elevated to the Order of the Pearl. THL Abel Brem was inducted into the Order of the Kraken on the battlefield, after the Bridge Battles.

Many well-deserved awards were given at Baronial Court on Tuesday night, including The Order of the Golden Mole to Lord Robert of Calais for his tireless efforts in preparing the camp. Lord Miles de Locwode has become the newest member of the Order of the Garland. I know I am missing a few others, but the full list has yet to be unpacked. ..

We would like to thank all of the heavy fighters, rapier fighters, combat archers, siege engineers and sappers, target archers, and thrown weapons enthusiasts who came out to support the Barony and the Kingdom at Pennsic this year. The Black and Gold was a force to be reckoned with in every battle and War Point. We would also like to thank everyone who helped make the Hospitality Tent at the Atlantian 5-Man Melee Tournament a complete success. Thanks also to Lady Marie-Therese, Lady Allasoun, and Lady Marsali for the wonderful pouches donated for the Courtesy Prize at the tournament.

Thanks also to those who volunteered of their time to help out at Pennsic, from doing shifts at Troll and Chiurgeons Point, to standing guard Thursday evening at TRM encampment. The tradition of service continues to run strong in Ponte Alto.

We now look forward to Chalice of the Sun God, just a few short weeks away. If you have not contacted the Autocrat Luce to volunteer, please do so. Many hands make light work. This event is a Royal Progress, so we are expecting a high turnout. Let's show the rest of Atlantia what a great event Ponte Alto can put on!

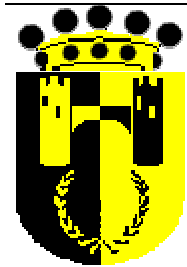
Also upcoming is the Day at the Races event in November. Planning has begun in earnest, and her Excellency and I will be circulating volunteer sign-up sheets at the September business meeting. This event looks to be a great deal of fun.

Again, thank you to everyone who helped make this such a wonderful and memorable Pennsic for us. Vivant, Ponte Alto!



Yours in Service,

Marcellus and Belphoebe  
**Baron and Baroness of  
Ponte Alto**



### ***Exchequer***

Society financial policy has changed and Baronial policy needs to be adjusted to meet the new Society policy and charter. The Kingdom Exchequer suggested revisions to the proposed financial policy in August, which need to be incorporated into the proposed financial policy. These proposed revisions will be distributed to the populace via the Baronial Newsletter, the Il Tempo, during October, and a poll to approve the updated financial policy will be held at the October Baronial Business Meeting.

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### ***Baronial Charter Changes***

The changes to the Baronial Charter were approved by the Barony at the August Business Meeting. The current baronial charter (including the new changes) can be found at: <http://pontealto.atlantia.sca.org/charter.php>

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Accepted change to the Baronial Charter is as follows:

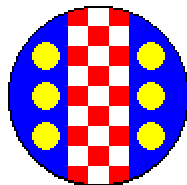
Section IV, Disbursement of Funds, revised to reference Financial Policy.

#### **IV. Disbursement of Funds**

A. Shall be as stated in The Barony of Ponte Alto Financial Policy.

Yours in Service,

Lady Katharine Devereaux  
**Baronial Exchequer**



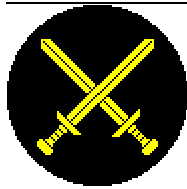
***Knight Marshal***

Greetings unto Ponte Alto!

There were only two heavy weapons fight practices during August. However, several of our practice fighters who authorized prior to Pennsic participated in some of the battles at the war. These included Baron Marcellus, Drusus, Cecily, Katherina, Isabella, Ben, and Duncan (spear).

Yours in Service,

Lord Duncan the Elder  
(Duncan Cooper)  
**Knight Marshal**





## Recent events

### Pennsic War XXXIII

Ponte Alto fielded a large force at the great Pennsic War this year, and many accolades were bestowed upon its members! An average of 18 Ponte Alto tabards graced the battlefield at any given time, and in the words of the Baronial Warlord: "We killed them a lot!" Atlantia and Ponte Alto were instrumental in securing victory for the East by Wednesday of War Week. Vivat Ponte Alto!

Aside from the fighting, several members of the populace were recognized for their good works.

At Baronial Court, Lord James de Biblesworth was awarded the Ponte d'Argento for all his work researching authentic clothing and then freely sharing his knowledge with members of the Barony. Our dear Pennsic Land Agent, Perronelle la peintre, then bestowed tokens of thanks to those who helped her: Lord Miles and Lady Luce, for their Pennsic planning advice and assistance during land grab; Lady Cassandra, for all her work on the Pennsic web site; Sir Thomas, Lord Meuric and Don, for their assistance during land grab; and of course, Lord Robert of Calais, who was made the premier member of the (completely unofficial, but highly entertaining) Order of the Golden Mole! Heraldry of "Fieldless, a shovel Or" will no doubt soon be in the works. Baronial Court continued with the office of Seneschal passing from Lord Miles to Lady Marie Therese. Lord Miles was then inducted into the Order of the Garland for his service to the Barony. Baroness Belphebe granted tokens of thanks to Lady Marie Therese, Lady Allasan, and Lady Marsaili (in absentia) for making prize pouches for the Atlantian 5 Man Melee. All those who fought at Pennsic were awarded Beads for their service to the Barony and Atlantia. Vivant to Lord James, Lord Miles, all Pennsic assistants, and all Ponte Alto fighters!

Congratulations also go to Lord Abel Brem of Regnesfolc, who was inducted into the Order of the Kraken on the field after the bridge battles. Vivat to THL Abel!

Atlantian Royal Court also recognized members of Ponte Alto: Perronelle la peintre was awarded Arms along with the Order of the Opal for her wonderful Pennsic service as Land Agent and Artisan. Lady Cassandra was made a companion of the Order of the Coral Branch for her music, most especially for a song for His Majesty Cuan. And Lady Luce was inducted into the Order of the Pearl for her many A&S achievements. Vivant for Lady Perronelle, Lady Cassandra and THL Luce!



## past times

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

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

13 Ponte Alto Archers showed up to shoot at Pennsic, with the average score of 3 points. Since the overall average score at Pennsic is 1 point per archer, Ponte Alto archers must be three times better than average...The Herald has published a list some of the language variants (Latin, Italian, French, Spanish, and German) of the Corpora approved titles of rank so that you may wish to have your title be more appropriate to your persona... Ransoming the Rose is coming upon us quickly. Please note from the flyer that there are several arts and sciences competitions.... Fighting practice at Mason should be scheduled starting 1 to 2 weeks into September (check the grapevine for the evolving situation!). In the meantime, Master Malcolm will be available at Pimmit.

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

Because we camped next to Atlantian Royal, many members of the Barony volunteered their time, frequently on short notice, and have the thanks and gratitude of Their Excellencies, Their Majesties, and Their Highnesses....Introductory letters are provided by those nominated for Baron and Baroness...Baroness Miriam announced she is stepping down as Chronicler, to be succeeded by Baron Corun MacAnndra....Plans for a Pas d'Armes event were shelved as Lochmere is planning one. Winifred suggested a "Faux pas d'armes" for April as a fools' event/revel...next Fairfax lunch bunch will meet at Bombay Bistro.



## pontoons say...

**The Pontoon populace was polled.** Here are the responses to this month's survey questions:

Please share with us your exploits from this year's Pennsic. What new sights did you see? What favorite companions, events, and classes did you renew your acquaintance with? How did this year's Pennsic compare with Pennsic's in the past? If this was your first time attending this event, what things stick out most in your memory?

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### *Valentine Graye*

Pennsic XXXIII marked my second Pennsic... so my first return to Pennsic.

I point this out because first timers don't know what to expect (though many think they do) and old timers don't remember what it is like to return for your first time.

Returning to Pennsic was like returning home. This time I knew many more people than the first time and I ran into some people I wasn't expecting to. I made new friends and acquaintances. This was the first Pennsic that I hung out in the coffee shops or in other camps than my own and talked to totally random people.

Yes, Pennsic is home away from mundanity.

I can't wait for next year....

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### *Agnes Daunce*

This Pennsic I enjoyed being a retainer for their Highnesses. His highness is funny, considerate and appreciative of service provided.

Compared to last year's Pennsic and my first – the Pennsics were the same: Rain, Mud, and more rain. But, what a wonderful time I had dodging the rain and trying not to fall in the mud. Yea! Pennsic.

Post Script: Doing 10 loads of laundry was no fun, ironing all that stuff was not great - but just think I get to do it all over again next year. Yippiee

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### *Lady Cassandra Arabella Giordani*

I did a fair number of new things this Pennsic, although I guess that isn't too difficult, only being my third! I went to my first bardic circles\* at Pennsic; many thanks to House Longbow and Windmaster's Hill for hosting such fun filled evenings! I met some fellow jugglers at the Coxcomb Academy, but didn't get to play with them as much as I would have liked, since it pretty much rained after I

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found them. The torches will have to wait until next year; oh well! And I was in my first Pennsic battle (which I survived!) as siege crew \*\* for the Ponte Alto trebs, and wow, did we cause a "ruckus" at the bridge battles\*\*\*! Kingdom Crusades, here we come!

And, of course, there was the most excellent Known World Choir (not new, but definitely fun!) that pulled together really well this year. We even mostly followed our director at the concert, what a concept! (Right, Anne?) What was new was that I met lots of fellow singers who I am definitely looking forward to singing with again in the future. Altos rock!

Something else that sticks in my memory: the most awesome Pennsic showers!! Vivat to our Ponte Alto Shower Engineer, William!

Something I'm desperately trying to erase from my memory: the swamp that was our campsite Friday night. The Pennsic Chocolate Moo I brought home did help to ease that memory, anyway! Prior to "Charlie's" arrival, though, the Pennsic weather was cool, dry, and the best I've seen yet.

So, there was much fun, but as always, never enough time to do everything. But thankfully there is next Pennsic to look forward to!

\* Bardic circles - A meeting of performers (bards), typically singers, storytellers, and poets, generally gathered in a circle, sometimes around a fire, sometimes including folks who are just audience, where each person in turn around the circle is asked to perform. Generally each person has the option to Pick (pick someone else in the circle to perform instead), Pass (pass to the next person in the circle) or Play (perform themselves). Unless you go to the Longbow bardic circle, where Earl Mika Longbow Picks, and everyone else lives with it. :)

\*\* Siege crew - A relatively new addition to the realm of Heavy Fighting includes Siege Engines. Siege engines are mechanical devices that fling rocks into enemy forces or buildings to take them out. Siege Engines must be captained by an authorized Siege Engineer (the person who built the engine) and must be crewed by 1 or more people to assist in loading the engine with rocks and launching those rocks.

\*\*\* Bridge battles - Each day of War Week (the second week of Pennsic) brings different kinds of battle scenarios. On Wednesday, these were the Bridge Battles. In this scenario, hay bales are setup in the middle of the field in lines representing the sides of bridges. Five such bridges are setup, and the forces of the Middle and her Allies are on one side, while the East and her Allies are on the other. The object of each bridge battle is to hold the most bridges at the end of the battle. The bridges are assumed to be over a river or cliff or something, so that falling off a bridge means death.

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Siobhan (*mka Laura Storey*)

Pennsic XXXIII

This was not my first Pennsic, but my first Pennsic as an SCA member. I've come to War for years now -- driving out from Chicago, more recently from NoVA . . . this was the first time I identified my road trip's start point in terms of "Barony" or "Kingdom." Now, I'm a Pontoon!

I've only attended one local event earlier this year, so I'm still feeling out how the "real" (local) SCA compares to my "on the sidelines/not an SCA member" Pennsic experiences. (I still am trying to figure out the points on the hats and how to address people; I'm liking "my lord / lady" very much of late!)

This war, things were different -- partly because XXX was the last War I made, but it was largely due to Lady Bianca di Bari camping with my clan this War. Lady Bianca has played for many years, in five kingdoms (if I recall correctly), and was an "SCA guide" for me at War. Wandering Pennsic-town with her was decidedly different: not the least because she could tell a Baron from a Duchess and a Tuchuk from a wannabe; she, too, is a member of the Cult of the Coopers Chocolate Milk, and I'd never turn down a chance to "just stop by Coopers." (Can we import some? I'm a huge fan.)

I accompanied Lady Bianca on her rounds to catch up with friends from other kingdoms, and had a wealth of SCAdian experiences:

My very first Bardic Circle was at the Baron of Carolingia's camp, up on Too D\*\*n Far Road (a place I'd previously only seen on maps); later, we watched the regatta fireworks with the expected "dragon" jests.

We spent some time with the Westies under their amazing "batwing" shade, listening to the day's battle tales and watching bruise comparisons. (I hadn't known the "No s\*\*t, there we were . . ." storyline was =real= until that afternoon.)

We wandered the Bog with some friends from the East Kingdom, in search of meade and a spot for Safiya with the drummers.... and were successful in both goals each night we roamed. (Win, win, win!)

To sum up: I had a very different War, for having a bit more clue about the SCA, paying a lot more attention to what was going on around me, and frequently asking Lady Bianca, "What's that (mean)?"

So; the fallout from this Pennsic:

I have finally asked the questions of some Heavy Fighters (is "stick jock" a pejorative term?) about how to play around with this hit-others-with-sticks thing, and will (eventually) show up at a practice some Thursday or Sunday.

I have been fitted for Italian Renn, many thanks to Giuliana and Perronelle; I may actually take scissors to some of my War loot this year!

And, I have volunteered to help at Chalice, my second local event; hope to see you there!



I still enjoy the same things about Pennsic that I enjoyed before I joined . . . I'll just "get it" a bit more at XXXIV!

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*Renata von Hentzau*

Well, my Pennsic was quiet but relatively pleasant. Apart from discovering that my new tent leaked, my great memory was guarding the Crowns of Atlantia during an interval when Their Majesties' Retainers hadn't come on duty...

Also, watching the Field Battle with the Combat Archers was breathtaking . . . huge masses of troops maneuvering around the field, arrows & missiles flying thick overhead. . . I remember thinking "If only we could figure out how to get some horses in here. . . "

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*Mistress Anne of Carthew*

Favorite activity? That's gotta be the choir concert. Thanks to Lord John and others, the choir practices were easier to deal with than the last time I directed; the choir concert itself was much, much better, probably due to the size of the group assembled. I had 65 singers this time, as opposed to about 50 or so two years ago. The sound was really awesome.

New stuff? I got to see a battle from the inside. That was VERY cool. I had a staff medallion, and got to use the staff shower. Twice.

This was my thirteenth Pennsic. I must say that the weather was generally much better than a typical Pennsic. I love cold nights, even if I do get up to troll\* at 6am. We got the camp setup done in record time: I had three pavilions up before noon on the day of landgrab\*\*. It's amazing what you can accomplish when it's NOT 90 degrees and 90% humidity.

But one experience I would be happy to NOT repeat again was the Saturday, 12:20am, episode when I decided that it was raining too much, Tirloch hadn't returned yet from closing troll, and I better get up and check that the stakes were all still holding. I threw back the covers, stepped out of bed, and my feet went splash. Yep, I could do without ever having a "splash" inside the tent again.

\* Troll - (n) the front gate, where one pays/signs waivers to enter an event. (n) a volunteer who works the front gate (v) to troll = to work at the front gate. At Pennsic, troll is open 24x7 from noon on the Friday of landgrab weekend till midnight on Friday two weeks later. It takes a lot of volunteers working a lot of hours to keep troll open for those people who arrive at Pennsic.

\*\* Landgrab - the process by which camping spots are parceled out to groups at Pennsic. The process has evolved significantly over the years, because there hasn't always been a pre-registration process. It was, I believe, originally a first come/first



choice approach, just like most of our events today. It evolved to having an day about a week before the event really started when squatters could come and claim and hold land for their group (which is when the term "land grab" started, I think). And today the process is very organized ahead of time (some would say bureaucratic) based on pre-registrations. "Landgrab" is now the term also used for the day and time when the land allotment process kicks off (Saturday, at 9am).

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Belphoebe

This Pennsic was a bit different from others since this was my first Pennsic as Baroness of Ponte Alto. For the first time since I have been going to Pennsic, I camped with the Barony instead of my Household, Fallen From Grace. I was a little bit anxious as to how it was going to work but to my delight it was wonderful. Everyone was great and made sure that we had a wonderful time. It was wonderful to see all of our friends, whether they were camping at Ponte Alto or someplace else, get together every night for chats, songs and laughter around the fire. It was like having a party every single night!

The other two new things that I did this year was to fight with a spear on the heavy field and join the Pennsic Choir. I have fought on the heavy field before manning a siege engine, but fighting with a spear was an entirely different experience. It was so much fun to be there in the middle of the mayhem with my fellow Pontoons! (And I even got killed by a ballista bolt -- talk about poetic justice!)

Pennsic Choir was great. This is the first time that I do it and I would definitely like to do it again. I got the opportunity to meet a lot of new people and have a great time trying to figure out a very complicated set of songs in only a week. It was a wonderful experience and Mistress Anne was terrific as our director. It is amazing what she was able to accomplish with 60 people from all over the Known World in only one week of rehearsals! (Plus watching her donning heavy armor and shoot a trebuchet like a champ was well worth the trip!)

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And one final submission about this year's Pennsic . . . .

*Katharine Devereaux*

To share my joys from Pennsic. . . I didn't go! :)

That was fun to the point that I got the place to myself, watch the Olympics to my hearts desire, and get the whole bed to myself!

I was very happy that James went and had a wonderful time, but I also enjoyed his return after our longest separation since starting our life together. The pewter gifts and books he brought me back were also very nice!

This was a very good Pennsic but, vacation permitting, I will be there next year!

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And a late submission about this year's Pennsic . . . .

*Angelique du Cambion*

Lessons Learned this year include:

1. 'Friends don't let friends fight without VAMBRACES"
2. Rent a car for Pennsic and pay the extra for insurance from the rental agency. And pay for parking, if at all possible. Someone hit my car in the parking lot this year and tore the front driver's side bumper loose, then wandered off. A hit and run, for the second time in just a few years. The damage was approximately \$850 this time, so I'm a little more upset than I was over the scraped paint and small dent from last time. And a few Pennsics ago, the ruts in the roads were so deep, I cracked an axle—again, in the parking lot.

Survey submissions gathered and organized by – Gabrielle / Sandra





## upcoming events

baronial progress	
Date	Event
September 17-19	Chalice of the Sun God
November 13	A Day at the Races
January	Kingdom 12th Night
February 19	Baronial Birthday/Performers Symposium
March 19	Bloodbath

september 2004			
Date	Event	Group	Location
3-4	Coronation (R,H)	Atlantia	TBD
10-12	Lochmere Baronial Birthday	Lochmere	Annapolis, MD
10	<a href="#">Sacred Stone Baronial Birthday</a>	Sarced Stone	Blacksburg, SC
17-19	<a href="#">Autumn Fest VI</a>	Crannog Mor	Blowing Rock, NC
17-19	<a href="#">Chalice of the Sun God</a>	Ponte Alto	Triangle, VA
17-19	Turning Leaves	Black Diamond	Blacksburg, VA
17	Tourney of the Red Cross Demo	River P	Ettrick, VA
17-19	<a href="#">Raiders of the Lost Cove</a>	Raven's Cove	Swansboro, NC
24-26	Celtic Cattle Raids	Nimenfeld	Holly Springs, NC
24-26	Viking Thyng	Yarnvid	New Canton, VA
24-26	Siege of Glenbarry	Highland Foorde	Hedgesville, WV



## ponte alto weekly activities

**Thursday night Rapier practice** will resume its indoor location on **Thursday, September 2, 2004** at [Shrevewood Elementary School](#) in the gym. Practice on Thursday, September 9, 2004 will also be in the gym. After that, practice continues in the cafeteria. Please contact the [Baronial Rapier Marshal](#) for more information.

**Thursday night Heavy Weapons practice (including Ladies Instructional Heavy Weapons practice)** remains outdoors at [Tysons Pimmit Park](#) until further notice. Please contact the [Baronial Heavy Marshal](#) for more information.

The September **Newcomers Meeting** will be held on **Wednesday, September 8, 2004 at 7:00PM** at the home of the [Baronial Chatelaine](#). Please contact her for more information.

**Scriptorium** will be held **Tuesday, September 14, 2004 at 7:00PM** at the home of [Lady Renata von Hentzau](#). This month's meeting will be a special class on gilding. Please contact Lady Renata for more information.

The yearly **Lochmere Arrow** competition will be conducted during the afternoon at the Ponte Alto event the [Chalice of the Sun God](#) on **September 18, 2004**. As always it consists of teams of two members of the same Barony, Shire, etc. There can be as many teams as a group can muster. Be prepared for some stiff competition between groups as you go on a hunt for animals from rats to deer. A number of other familiar targets will be seen during the competition. So get your group's team members together and come out to have some fun in the competition for the Lochmere Arrow.

The September **Newcomers Garb Night** will be held on **Wednesday, September 22, 2004 at 7:00PM** at the home of the [Baronial Chatelaine](#). Please contact her for more information.

<i>sunday</i>	
<b>Ponte Alto Baronial Business Meeting</b>	Last Sunday of the month at 6 pm at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Idylwood Road, Falls Church. <a href="#">Business Meeting Directions</a> .
<b>Outdoor Heavy Weapons Practice</b>	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> .
<b>Outdoor Rapier Practice</b>	Weather permitting, 2 pm - Dark, outdoors at Tysons-Pimmit Park, behind Tysons-Pimmit Library, Falls Church. Please contact <a href="#">Baronial Rapier Marshal</a> for more information. <a href="#">Sunday Fight Practice Directions</a> .



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<b>Alle Psallite (Vocal Music)</b>	Every Monday, 7:30-9 pm in Herndon, starting September 13, 2004. Please contact Mistress Anne of Carthew through e-mail at 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> .
<b>Ponte Alto Scriptorium</b>	Meets the second Monday of the month. Please contact <a href="#">Lady Renata von Hentzau</a> for more information and directions.
<b>Asian Nights (Exploration of all things Asian)</b>	Second Monday of every month, starts at 6:30 in Centreville. Please contact Lady Áine at 703-815-0310 (nlt 10:30 pm) or <i>ellen.m.davis AT att.net</i> , or Lord Ii at <i>logan AT modzer0.cs.uaf.edu</i> for more information or directions.
<b>Ponte Alto/ Stierbach Archery Practice</b>	Mondays from 4:30 pm until dark, Ponte Alto's outdoor season archery practice site is the home of Rene Hollebrandse (thanks, Rene!). <a href="#">Archery Practice Directions</a> . Practices are jointly held with Stierbach. You may also contact the <a href="#">Baronial Archery Champion</a> for carpool or other information. Contact and practice time/location information for Stierbach practices can be found at the Stierbach Archery website: <a href="http://mysite.verizon.net/vze4ks38/archery/main.html">http://mysite.verizon.net/vze4ks38/archery/main.html</a> .

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<b>Harp and Drum Corps (Instrumental Music)</b>	Directed by Mistress Anne of Carthew who can be contacted through e-mail at anne AT ravenstreet.org for more information when instrumental music resumes after Labor Day on September 7, 2004. Held every Tuesday, 7:30 - 9 pm at the home of <a href="#">Master Corun</a> , in Annandale.
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<b>Outdoor Heavy Weapons Practice</b>	Weather permitting, 6 pm to 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="#">Fighter Practice Directions</a> .
<b>Lady's Instructional Heavy Weapons Practice</b>	Suspended until October due to Lady Maria-Térèse's broken arm. Contact <a href="#">Lady Maria-Térèse de Normande</a> for more information. <a href="#">Fighter Practice Directions</a> .



<b>Rapier Practice*</b>	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> .
<b>Dance Practice*</b>	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 <a href="#">Lady Allasan bhán inghean Fhaoláin</a> for more information. <a href="#">Dance Practice Directions</a> . This is a <a href="#">school location activity</a> .
<b>Needlework Nights</b>	Every Thursday, 7 pm in Sterling. Contact Jaine the Embroiderer at <i>wombat AT lazywench DOT com</i> for directions.
<i>Friday</i>	
<b>Ponte Alto Scriptorium/A&amp;S Night</b>	May meet on a Friday during the month, as posted on the at the top of this page. Please contact <a href="#">Perronelle la peintre</a> for more information and directions.
<b>Stierbach/Ponte Alto Bardic</b>	Come and share your songs and stories! Meets the fourth Friday of the month at 7:30 pm. Contact the <a href="#">Baronial A&amp;S Officer</a> , the <a href="#">Baronial Bard</a> , or Baroness Briana ( <i>darbyjanie AT hotmail.com</i> ) for more information.
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<b>SCA Newcomer Meetings</b>	Newcomer Meetings occur once a month on a weeknight from 7-9 pm at the home of the <a href="#">Baronial Chatelaine</a> , whom you should contact for directions and information, or check out the top of this page for the most recently posted information.
<b>Newcomers Garb Night</b>	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 <a href="#">Baronial Chatelaine</a> 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

September 2004						
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
August 30 4:30 pm - <a href="#">Archery Practice</a>	31	September 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> 7 pm - <a href="#">Needlework Night</a>	3	4 <a href="#">Coronation</a>	5 Noon - <a href="#">Heavy Weapons Practice</a> 2 pm - <a href="#">Rapier Practice</a>
<i>Labor Day</i> 6 4:30 pm - <a href="#">Archery Practice</a>	7 7:30 pm - <a href="#">Harp and Drum</a>	8 7 pm - <a href="#">Newcomer's Meeting</a>	9 6 pm - <a href="#">Rapier Practice</a> 6 pm - <a href="#">Heavy Weapons Practice</a> 7 pm - <a href="#">Needlework Night</a>	10	11 <a href="#">Masters of Defense/Baronial Birthday Sacred Stone Baronial Birthday</a>	12 Noon - <a href="#">Heavy Fighter Practice</a> 2 pm - <a href="#">Rapier Fighter Practice</a>



September 2004						
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<b>13</b> 4:30 pm - <a href="#">Archery Practice</a> 6:30 pm - <a href="#">Asian Night</a> 7:30 pm - <a href="#">Alle Psallite</a>	<b>14</b> 7 pm - <a href="#">Scriptorium</a> 7:30 pm - <a href="#">Harp and Drum</a>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 6 pm - <a href="#">Rapier Practice</a> 6 pm - <a href="#">Heavy Weapons Practice</a> 7 pm - <a href="#">Needlework Night</a>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> <a href="#">Partito Di Autunno(Autumn Fest)</a> <a href="#">Chalice of the Sun God</a> <a href="#">Raiders of the Lost Cove</a> <a href="#">Turning Leaves</a>	<b>19</b> Tourney of the Red Cross Demo Noon - <a href="#">Heavy Fighter Practice</a> 2 pm - <a href="#">Rapier Fighter Practice</a>
<b>20</b> 4:30 pm - <a href="#">Archery Practice</a> 7:30 pm - <a href="#">Alle Psallite</a>	<b>21</b> 7:30 pm - <a href="#">Harp and Drum</a>	<b>22</b> 7 pm - <a href="#">Newcomer's Garb Night</a>	<b>23</b> 6 pm - <a href="#">Rapier Practice</a> 6 pm - <a href="#">Heavy Weapons Practice</a> 7 pm - <a href="#">Needlework Night</a> 7:30 pm - <a href="#">Dance Practice</a>	<b>24</b> 7:30 pm - <a href="#">Stierbach/Ponte Alto Bardic Circle</a>	<b>25</b> <a href="#">Celtic Cattle Raids</a> Siege of Glengary <a href="#">Viking Thyng</a>	<b>26</b> Noon - <a href="#">Heavy Fighter Practice</a> 2 pm - <a href="#">Rapier Fighter Practice</a>



September 2004						
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<p>27</p> <p>4:30 pm - <a href="#">Archery Practice</a></p> <p>7:30 pm - <a href="#">Alle Psallite</a></p>	<p>28</p> <p>7:30 pm - <a href="#">Harp and Drum</a></p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p> <p>6 pm - <a href="#">Rapier Practice</a></p> <p>6 pm - <a href="#">Heavy Weapons Practice</a></p> <p>7 pm - <a href="#">Needlework Night</a></p>	<p>October 1</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Fall University</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Noon - <a href="#">Heavy Weapons Practice</a></p> <p>2 pm - <a href="#">Rapier Practice</a></p> <p>6 pm - <a href="#">Business Meeting</a></p>
<p>4</p> <p>4:30 pm - <a href="#">Archery Practice</a></p> <p>7:30 pm - <a href="#">Alle Psallite</a></p>	<p>5</p> <p>7:30 pm - <a href="#">Harp and Drum</a></p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>6 pm - <a href="#">Rapier Practice</a></p> <p>6 pm - <a href="#">Heavy Weapons Practice</a></p> <p>6 pm - <a href="#">Ladies Instructional Heavy Weapons Practice</a></p> <p>7 pm - <a href="#">Needlework Night</a></p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Kingdom Crusades</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Noon - <a href="#">Heavy Weapons Practice</a></p> <p>2 pm - <a href="#">Rapier Practice</a></p>



## The Charter of the Barony of Ponte Alto

### I. Concerning this charter

- A. All provisions of this charter are subject to Kingdom law and Corpora.
- B. This charter may be amended as follows:
  - 1. A proposed amendment must be submitted at a Barony meeting.
  - 2. If the consensus of the meeting is that the proposed amendment is a good idea, a meeting shall be selected at which to conduct a straw poll.
  - 3. The proposed amendment shall be published in two issues of the newsletter before the meeting designated for the straw poll. If approved by 60% of those voting in the straw poll, it shall take effect upon publication in the next issue of the newsletter. A member unable to attend may send a written opinion to the meeting to be counted in the straw poll.

### II. Baronial Heads

- A. There need not be both a Baron and a Baroness. There may be either or both.
- B. The Baron and/or Baroness shall serve for a term of two years.
  - 1. At the end of the first term, they may serve a second term should that be the desire of the group [evidenced by a vote of confidence, per Kingdom law] and of the Crown.
  - 2. At the end of the second term, they are not eligible for the next term, per Kingdom law. They may serve the term after that.
- C. Candidacy for Baronial Heads
  - 1. Candidates may be self-nominated or nominated by another person.
    - a. All nominations must be made at a Barony meeting designated for that purpose.
    - b. Potential candidates must accept nomination in writing. If a potential candidate is not present at the meeting where he/she is nominated, the seneschal shall inform them of their nomination. The candidate(s) must accept nomination by the next meeting.
  - 2. Persons nominated to serve as a couple must agree to do so.
  - 3. All candidates must agree in writing to the provisions for term of office and selection of successors, and pledge to maintain them.
- D. If the Baron and /or Baroness have reached the four-year tenure limit, or if the Crown judges that their support is insufficient for a second term, a poll shall be conducted to determine a new Baron and/or Baroness. Polling to determine the membership's preference for baronial heads shall be conducted no less than four months before the planned investiture.
  - 1. Polling forms shall be sent to all members of the Society for Creative Anachronism Incorporated who reside within the ZIP codes belonging to Ponte Alto. Each polling form shall contain the names of all candidates, a deadline date for returning the form, and a signature line. There shall also be an envelope addressed to the current Crown of Atlantia.
  - 2. Ponte Alto intends that the polling results be interpreted by the following method (Australian ballot), unless specifically prohibited by Kingdom law:



## The Charter of the Barony of Ponte Alto

- a. Each respondent shall rank-order the names on the polling, with "1" being the preferred choice, "2" the second favorite, and so on. There is no minimum set on the number of names that must be ranked; the respondent may mark none, one, some, or all.
  - b. The polling forms shall be sorted into piles by first preference.
  - c. If no candidate [or couple] has received a clear majority, the smallest pile [i.e., the forms for the candidate [or couple] with the fewest first preferences] shall be sorted onto the remaining piles by second preference; forms with no second choice shall be discarded.
  - d. This process shall continue until one candidate [or couple] has a clear majority.
3. Ponte Alto requests that the Crown determine their choice as the new Baron and/or Baroness within a month after the polling deadline and that the choice be communicated to the Ponte Alto seneschal in order to facilitate an orderly transition.
4. Ponte Alto requests that the tabulation of the polling responses be made public.
- E. If half of a Baronial couple cannot fulfill a term, the other individual may elect either to serve the remainder alone or to resign. If a sole Baronial head or both members of a couple cannot fulfill a term, a vicar shall be recommended to the Crown by the Baron and/or Baroness with the consensus of a Barony meeting.
  1. The vicar shall serve until a polling can be completed and a new Baron and/or Baroness installed.
  2. Time spent as vicar shall not affect eligibility to serve term(s) as Baron or Baroness.

### III. Order and Award

- A. There shall be one order, the [Order of the Garland](#), to recognize contributions to the group. Fields of achievement shall include, but not be limited to, arts, service, and fighting.
- B. There shall be one award of distinction, the Bead. Fields of achievement shall include, but not be limited to, arts, service, and fighting. There is no limit to the number of times that an individual may receive this award.

### IV. Disbursement of Funds

- A. Shall be as stated in The Barony of Ponte Alto Financial Policy.

### V. Barony Business Meetings

- A. Barony business meetings shall be held at least once per month.
  1. The meeting shall be conducted by the seneschal.
  2. Minutes of the meeting shall be published in the newsletter.
- B. The date, place, and time of the meetings shall be published in the newsletter