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Credits

Thank you's Lord Breanna who over the last year has done a fantastic job with the newsletter. Having left it in such good shape I have very little to do except find content.

Having had people help me with articles, ideas and photography I must thank them for the time they spent working on the newsletter.

Pictures by Myselt, and Lord Simon Grimstone

Articles by Myselt and Baroness Katherine.

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Chronicler in Transition

Greetings Ponte Alto,

As you will have notice by glancing through the Il Tempo there are some changes to the look. This is due to the fact that the Chronicler's are changing. Lord Brennan gave a term of service to the Il Tempo, and is now looking forward to expanding his educational horizons. Due to the work-load required of him he cannot continue with the responsibilities required of him as Chronicler and student, so I have volunteered to take over the publishing of the Il Tempo. For the remainder of my time as Chronicler I welcome articles, art, photographs, comments, and criticisms posted to the chroniclers email at chronicler AT pontealto.atlantia.sca.org or mariatheresapontoon@yahoo.com. I would like to keep an open dialog with the populace, to the extent of publishing what you want to hear. I've done this job three times. Once while I was Seneschal of Ponte Alto, and two other times under Lady Wulfwyn and Lord Brennan respectively. My day job is as a desktop publisher/graphic artist, so have a great deal of experience behind me. The Il Tempo layout under, Lord Brennan and Lady Wulfwyn has been in essence my work with a few tweeks and changes by the Chronicles to accomidate readability and preferences. So with that in mind, let me assure you that other than a few spelling errors per issues, I know the office as well as any chronicler out there can know the office they are taking on.

In the following months I'm hoping to establish a calendar of submission dates, meet with the web minister and solicit articles and art from the populace of Ponte Alto to help fill out the newsletter, and establish as staff of deputies that can and will write about events in the Barony. My ultimate goal with the Il Tempo is to publish an entertaining informative newsletter that tells you, the reader, a little bit more about the history of the middle-ages you may not know about. I would also like to bring this newsletter in under deadline and out of being a drain on the Barony's funds. Because, as every Seneschal and Exchequer knows this part of our Barony makes little or no money and so burdens the Barony with the requirements of maintaining, and or mailing it to the crown. This is a requirement we gladly pay for. Weather it is in print or email we distribute our newsletters at a loss of income to ourselves. My goal in trying to bring it out of the red is to compile an annual collector's edition and CD of the Il Tempo to raise funds for the runningn of the next years issues. These are simply ideas swirling around in my head at the moment and have not received Baronial approval but these are the types of things I would like to accomplish over the next year.

I hope you enjoy what I've selected for publication and I will be speaking with many of you on what you would like to see and on what I need from you. Please bear with me while I adjust schedules and get the Il Tempo published. If you have anything you would like to hear about, email me, I'm always looking for subjects of interest.

Thank you

Baroness Marie-Thérèse Normand
Barony of Ponte Alto

Exchequer's Year End Report

Exchequer report

Greeting to the Barony of Ponte Alto from your Chancellor of the Exchequer

Below you will find a snapshot of the 2009 Comparative Balance Statement which combines our Assets and Liabilities to give us our Net Worth. Also provided is a snapshot of the 2009 income statement so you can see where we made and spent our money.

You will notice that this year we are unfortunately showing a decrease in net worth. By 341.72. Lest you worry too much let me hasten to add that the reason for this deficit is due to management/policy changes at the Tourney of Love and Beauty site we were requested to pay half the site fee at the time of reservation. So an expense was incurred in 4th quarter for an event that will not take place until the next quarter. If not for this we would have shown a net gain of about \$400. Hopefully in 2010 we continue to maintain the upward trend our finances have shown in the past few years.

Per the Baronial Financial policy, our Emergency Financial Committee consists of the Exchequer, the Seneschal and a third officer whose position rotates on an annual basis each February. This year's officer is the Chronicler Lord Brennain Mc Shane

Yours in Service

Baroness Celia of Rosedale

Baronial Exchequer

Barony of Ponte Alto 2009 Financial Report

Comparative Balance Statement

Assets

Undeposited and Non-interest bearing cash

Start	12,245.57
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End	11,947.85
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Regalia and Non-Depreciated Equipment

Start	895.00
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End	895.00
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Total Assests

Start	13,184.57
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End	12,842.85
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Liabilities

Non

Net Worth

Start	13,184.57
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End	12842.85
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Change in Net Worth	(-341.72)
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Income Statement**Income**

Fundraising	\$323.00
Direct contributions	220.00
Authorizations (MOL)	\$100.00
Activity fees (lemon road	\$1381.75
(Pennsic camp)	\$102.00
Adjusted gross event income	\$7860.00
Total Gross Income	\$10,158.75

Expenses**Office and Admin**

Service charge bank	\$37.25
Equipment maintenance	0
General Supplies	\$101.42
Occupancy and site charges	\$1630
Postage& shipping	0

Subtotal	\$1768.81
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Activity related

Equipment rental and Maintenance	\$455
Food	\$1638.52
General supplies	\$423.09
Occupancy and site charges	\$5,914.05
Subtotal	\$8430.66

Funds Transferred to the Kingdom

MOL	\$100
NMS	\$201

Subtotal	\$301
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Total Expenses	10,500.47
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Net	(341.72)
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Baronial Meeting Minutes

Officer's Reports

Seneschal – Autocrat act as are now considered deputy seneschals and can sign site contracts.

Exchequer – Has deputies. Emma is on the signature card. Still need the class don't have warrant.

Current – \$11,425.35.

Quarterly and Doomsday done.

Net worth change in the negative by about \$340. Would have been in the positive. The check for Feb event was paid in 4th quarter and effected it.

Minister of the List – Still looking for a Minister of the List. There has been talk about having a class up north. Working out dates with the training deputy. Possibly the 28th.

Knight Marshall – Charles the Bold.

Rapier Marshal – no practice the 18th of Feb.

Archery Marshal – N/A

Chatelaine – Newcomers meeting was on the 15th at Brenainn's house.

There weren't many newcomers. Only 4. 6 people less than a year. 15 people.

Next meeting 26th of Feb and excellencies house.

There will also be a brewing class.

Chronicler – Due to school, I need to step down. Mary interested.

Web minister – N/A

Arts & Sciences – A&S happens.

Tourney of love and Beauty will choose new baronial A&S champion.

Baronial performer will be selected as well.

KASF first weekend in March.

Theme is medusa for Chalice.

Baron and Baroness – Quiet winter. Lots of stuff. University, Love and Beauty. No Ymir.

Open house on 27th.

March KASF and Bloodbath, Defending the gate.

WoW opposing side is Stierbach and we will be fighting with them.

Gearing up for Pennsic. Looking for a land agent.

Looking for award recommendations.

Event's

Love and Beauty – Volunteers for set up. Help with water bearing and troll. Need last bit of deposit to send in.

Bloodbath – The form has been faxed in. Still waiting to hear from the Park Authority.

Pennsic – still looking for a land agent.

Chalice – has been spiked and going to be in October this year. Third weekend. Wulfwyn autocrat. Belpheobe going to be helping her.

Old Business

Coronets

New business

Restaurant Depot – go ahead and get membership.

6:31 meeting over.

15 attendees

Monthly Calendar

February 2010						
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
1 4:30 pm - 8 pm Ponte Alto / Stierbach Archery Practice	2 6:30 pm - 9 pm Fiber Arts	3	4 6 pm - 9 pm Indoor Rapier Practice 6 pm - 9 pm Indoor Heavy Weapons Practice	5	6 University of Atlantia	7 1 pm - 4 pm Indoor Heavy Weapons Practice
8 4:30 pm - 8 pm Ponte Alto / Stierbach Archery Practice	9 6:30 pm - 9 pm Fiber Arts	10 7 pm - 9 pm A&S Night	11 6 pm - 9 pm Indoor Rapier Practice 6 pm - 9 pm Indoor Heavy Weapons Practice	12 Tourney of Yamir	13 Tourney of Yamir Bright Hills Birthday at the Bazaar Storvik Performer's Revel	14 Tourney of Yamir
15 4:30 pm - 8 pm Ponte Alto / Stierbach Archery Practice	16 6:30 pm - 9 pm Fiber Arts	17	18 6 pm - 9 pm Indoor Rapier Practice 6 pm - 9 pm Indoor Heavy Weapons Practice	19	20 Tournament of Love and Beauty	21
22 4:30 pm - 8 pm Ponte Alto / Stierbach Archery Practice	23 6:30 pm - 9 pm Fiber Arts	24 7 pm - 9 pm Armoring Night	25 6 pm - 9 pm Indoor Rapier Practice 6 pm - 9 pm Indoor Heavy Weapons Practice	26 7 pm - 9 pm Newcomer's Meeting	27 Nottingham Coll's Baronial Birthday and Investiture A Day in the Middle East 11 am - 7 pm Baron and Baroness Open House	28 Nottingham Coll's Baronial Birthday and Investiture 6 pm Business Meeting
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* = **Baronial Progress**

Events

Baronial Progress for January

February 6	Winter University	James and Katharine
February 20	Tournament of Love and Beauty	James and Katharine
March 6	Kingdom Arts & Sciences Festival	James and Katharine
March 13	St. Paddy's Day Bloodbath	James and Katharine

January 2007 Calendar of Scheduled Events

Cancelled	<u>University of Atlantia</u>	Isenfir	Mineral, VA
12-14	<u>Tourney of Ymir</u> (R,H)	Windmasters' Hill	Reidsville, NC
13	<u>Storvik's Performer's Revel</u>	Storvik	Bowie, MD
13	<u>Bright Hills Birthday at the Bazaar</u>	Bright Hills	Manchester, MD
20	<u>Tournament of Love and Beauty</u> (R,Pr)	Ponte Alto	Leesburg, VA
27	<u>A Day in the Middle East</u>	Dun Carraig	Mechanicsville, MD
27-28	<u>Nottingham Coill Baronial Birthday and Investiture</u> (R)	Nottingham Coill	Clinton, SC

Weekly Activities

Weaving night will resume in March on the Second Wednesday of the month at the home of Lord Jürgen van der Vols (Joorkin Volz) (jcfrench AT mac.com), whom you should contact for more information and directions.

Armoring night will resume in March on the Fourth Wednesday of the month at the home of Lord Jürgen van der Vols (Joorkin Volz) (jcfrench AT mac.com), whom you should contact for more information and directions.

Ponte Alto Baronial Business Meeting	Fourth Sunday of the month at 6 pm at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Idylwood Road, Falls Church. Baronial Business Meeting (Fourth Sunday of each month, except December) The meeting is at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 7426 Idylwood Rd., Falls Church. Take your best route to I-66. Get off at the exit for Route 7 West (Tysons Corner). Turn left at the first light after the interchange onto Idylwood Rd. The church is up the hill on the right about 1/4 mile.
Outdoor Heavy Weapons Practice	Weather permitting, Noon - Dark, outdoors at Tysons-Pimmit Park, behind Tysons-Pimmit Library, Falls Church. Contact the Baronial Knight Marshal for information. Sunday Fight Practice Directions. Practice is behind the Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library 7584 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. Take your best route to I-495. Get off at the exit for Route 7 East (Falls Church). The library is on the left about 1 mile. Park in the library lot and go down the hill to the park.
Alle Psallite (Vocal Music)	Every Monday, 7:30-9 pm in Herndon. Contact Mistress Anne of Carthew (anne AT ravenstreet.org) For more information or directions. Music files can be found at http://www.ravenstreet.org/ Anne/alle_psallite/alle_psallite.htm and on the Yahoo Group AllePsallite.
Ponte Alto Scriptorium	Meets the first Tuesday of the month at 7 pm. Contact Lady Brigid O'Hara (mill3rs AT yahoo. com, (703) 620-4945 (H)) for information and directions.
Rapier Practice	Every Thursday at Shreveewood Elementary school from 6-9 pm. Please use the rear entrance to the cafeteria. Contact the Baronial Rapier Marshal for more information. Indoor Rapier Directions. This is a school location activity.
Heavy Weapons Practice	Lemon Road Elementary School on Idylwood Road, 6-9 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.
Ponte Alto/Stierbach Archery Practice	Fridays from 4:30-8 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 .
Ponte Alto A&S Night	May meet on a Friday during the month, as posted at the top of this page. Contact Lady Perronelle la peintre (dwatsonirwin AT cox.net, (703) 455-0298 (H)) for 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 Baroness Briana Maclukas (darbyjanieAT hotmail.com) for information.
SCA Newcomer Meetings	Newcomer Meetings occur once a month on a weeknight from 7-9 pm at the homes of various members of the Barony. Contact the Baronial Chatelaine for information, or check out the top of this page for the 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. You can visit the Fairfax County Public Schools Emergency Announcement page for school closure status: <http://fcps.edu/news/emerg.htm>

Tournament of Love and Beauty

On a cold winter day in February the Barony of Ponte Alto held its annual Tournament of Love and Beauty. The day started out cold and blustery with the parking lot only partially plowed from the 40+ inches of snow that was dumped on the NOVA area in the prior two weeks. Due to the Autocrats (Lady Emma) and her husbands (Henry) diligent work the night before, and her crack team of volunteers (Siegfried) there was some progress made to make the steps and walking paths clear of ice and to sprinkle kitty litter over the worst of the snow so as to prevent accidents. That is how the day began. How the day ended was with a bang!

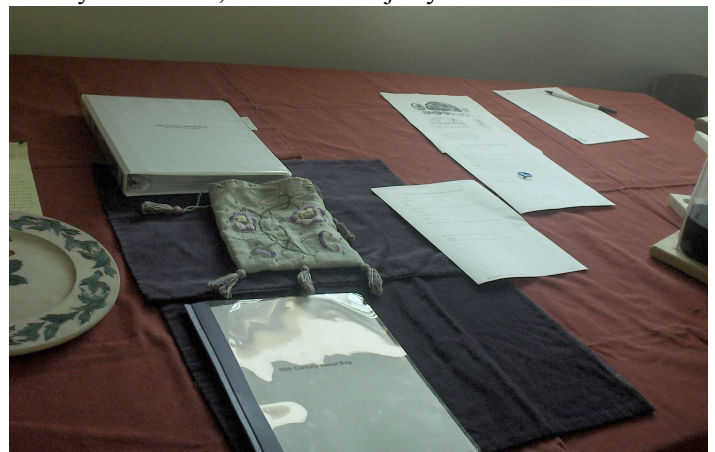


Fighting started a little late there were two heavy authorizations that I saw and two fencing authorizations. Then the Tournament started in earnest on both fields. The fencers in all their glory and joy began with challenging or as it looked like from the sidelines insulting each other in amusing ways. This began, for some 20 fencers the day's activities in earnest. They fought with grace, honor and a fierceness I have as yet to see on any other field. Perhaps they were spurred on by the weather, the beauty of the ladies in the gallery, or perhaps the winter's chill was at last shaken from their bones but the true nature of those in attendance was allowed to shine through. The Baron of Steirbach won the day, but everyone had fun.

On the heavy field the Tournament was a challenge-in Tournament where the participants were encouraged to challenge as many different fighters as possible and the prize was not awarded on how many fights you won but on how the ladies of the gallery viewed you and your chivalry on the field or how the other fighters viewed your chivalry and honor on the field. This tournament encouraged as much fair play and flamboyance as any fighter could bring to the field. Different weapons were encouraged and it was left up to the combatants to decide how many blows they would fight to, i.e. the best of three blows or to the death or in one case –mine- to the pommel. The winner of this tournament was a tie between Mistress Cunian and a non-Ponte Alto fighter. But she won because she had the good sense to stay until court, where his majesty decided she was the better fighter because she stayed to see who won. Oh, and there were some good things said about her penmanship where a particular scroll was concerned, so she was favored because of that as well.

The arts and sciences had a table full of items entered in the A&S competition. The item that won over all and granted the good lady the title of Baronial Artisan for the next year was a 16th century sweet bag by Caitilin Irruis inghen ui Riada.

Court was held and many awards were given out (see the baroness report in the next section) on both a local and kingdom level. Then the Royals both sets stayed to feast and enjoyed with all of us the wondrous cooking that Lord Brénainn MacShuibne



prepared for us. I remember four removes and by the last I was rolling down the stairs to help clean up when his Majesty called for volunteers to relieve the cooks of the arduous task of cleaning, sweeping and generally straitening up the site before we left it. Over 15 people helped with this task, not the lease being his and her Majesty. To that I am grateful because without those people the staff and most especially the Autocrat would have been there much later than 10pm. Thank you volunteers and thank you Lady Emma for planning and implementing such a wonderful event.



Lets do it again soon!

Oh wait; we are going to be doing it again soon! St Paddy's Day Bloodbath is right around the corner. See you all there.

Travel safely, until we meet again.



Baronial Letter

Greetings Ponte Alto,

For those of you that joined the rest of your Barony, Their Majesties, & Their Highnesses at Tournament of Love & Beauty this weekend, we had a great time!

First we would like to once again thank all those who took up shovels to clear places to park and pathways to parts of the event. New this year, the indoor arena where we have heavy and rapier fighting was paved much to our surprise; however most comment came back positive on this as it cut down on the dust problems of past years.

Awards for Pontooners:

Maestra Cassandra Arabella Giordani - was awarded the Fountain for her hard work as Kingdom Web Minister

Lady Pippa Morosini - was awarded the Undine from her Majesty

Baroness Celia of Rosedale - was awarded the Undine from her Majesty

Lady Emma West - the order of the Opal for the fabulous job as chatelaine

Lord Brénainn MacShuibne - the order of the Coral Branch for his feast

Lady Sian verch Gwilim ap Lewelin was also inducted into the Baronial Order of the Garland - much to her surprise as she was our court herald!

We also wish to thank **Mistress Belphoebe de Givet** for performing as our Bardic Champion and **Lord Geoffrey ap Clewyd** who represented us well as our Arts & Sciences Champion for this last year.

Our new Arts & Sciences Champion is **Caitilin Irruis inghen ui Riada** with her beautiful 16th c Sweets Bag and **Lady Pippa Morosini** is our new Bardic Champion with her, um.. lovely dance.

Lord Brénainn prepared a very tasty meal for those of you lucky enough to stay till the end of the day.

And finally, we were very proud of our barony as we had so many helpful people who stayed till the very end and helped with sweeping and mopping so that we could again return this site better than we received it. We had over 15 people staying till the very end and allowed us to leave site the earliest I can remember - 10 pm.

Thank you all!

James & Katharine

James de Bibleworth & Katharine Devereaux
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Quizzes and Games

The Getting to Know Ponte Alto Quiz

1. What offices has the current Baroness of Ponte Alto held prior to becoming Baroness of Ponte Alto
2. What offices has the current Baron of Ponte Alto held prior to becoming Baron of Ponte Alto.
3. What other title can you refer to the Baron of Ponte Alto as? (Give you a hint it is a peerage.)
4. Who is the current Archery Marshal?
5. Who is the current Knight Marshal
6. How many of the current Officers can you name? (Give you a hint there are 16.)
7. Name four peers of Ponte Alto still active in each order. (Past King or Queen, Knight, Laurel, or Pelican)
8. Who is the current New Comer's Officer\Chatelaine

Nine Men's Morris

Nine Man Morris is a game of strategy that emerged from the Roman Empire during the height of conquest and was spread through out the known world by soldiers honing there strategic skills on the road and by camp fires. The Vikings adopted it sometime later and examples of pieces have been found in 12-century graves and archeological digs from Greenland to Birka.

It is played by two players and required a board with 24 intersections and nine pieces to play (as seen in figure 1.).



Figure 1. A 9-Man Morris board made by Mavi of Black Diamond.

The object of the game is to eliminate all but two stones of the opposing player thus leaving them with no legal move on the board.

Placing the pieces

The game begins with an empty board. Players take turns placing their pieces on empty intersections. If a player is able to form a row of three pieces along one of the board's lines, he has a "mill" and may remove one of his opponent's pieces from the board; removed pieces may not be placed again. Players must remove any other pieces first before removing a piece from a formed mill. Once all eighteen pieces have been placed, players take turns moving.

Moving the pieces

To move, a player slides one of his pieces along a board line to an empty adjacent intersection. If he cannot do so, he has lost the game.

As in the placement stage, a player who aligns three of his pieces on a board line has a mill and may remove one of his opponent's pieces, avoiding the removal of pieces in mills if at all possible.

Any player reduced to two pieces is unable to remove any more opposing pieces and thus loses the game.

Flying

In one version of Nine Man Morris when a player is reduced to three pieces, his pieces may *fly*, *hop* or *jump* to any empty intersections, they do not have to be adjacent intersections to *fly*, *hop* or *jump* to them.

Strategy

At the beginning of the game, it is more important to place pieces around the board than to try to form mills immediately and concentrating your pieces in one area of the board.

The perfect position, which normally results in a win, is to be able to move one piece back and forth between two mills, removing a piece every turn.

Answers to the Trivia:

1. Seneschal, 2. Webmaster or Deputy of Demo's or Chatelaine, 3. Master James de Biblesworth, 4. Lord Miles de Locwode (Mike Emrich), 5. Lord Connor Sinclair (Kevin Houghton), 6. officer's section of this newsletter 7. Countess Denise, Mistress Belphebe, Master James of Biblesworth, Master Tierloch, Mistress Anne, Sir Thomas of Calaise, Sir Greforth, Sir Strikar, Also see the OP for more information of your local peer. 8. Lady Emma West (Dawn Hutchings)