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## From the Baron

Greeting to the People of Sacred Stone,

The confidence polling results are in, and I would like to thank you all for giving me the honor of continuing on as your Baron. It is humbling to know that you all have entrusted me with the well being of our Barony, and I pledge to do everything I can to live up to that responsibility.

For those of you living under a rock and not having heard, we have an opponent for WOW V. The Barony of Stierbach and whatever allies they can bring has agreed to face us at Elchenburg this Oct. The WOW V staff is already hard at work putting together plans for the event. They are, as always, looking for volunteers. If you are interested in helping put the event on contact the autocrat Lady Murienne .

Members of the Baronial fighting Order, "The Phoenix Claw" will be sponsoring Triad (3 man team) Melee Tournaments at Baronial fight practices over the next several months. These tourneys are meant to develop small unit tactics and cohesion in the Sacred Stone fighting force in preparation for Pennsic and WOW V. Triads can be made up from household, friends, or even un-associated fighters from fight practices. There will be prizes for the winning team, probably a 6 pack of beer, and 3 traveling favors that can worn by the current winning team. So put together your Triad team and help support baronial Melee fighting.

One last note I do not see everything people deserving of recognition do, especially when it is behind the scenes. Remember, I look for award recommendations from you all to let me know about these people.

Axel

Baron Sacred Stone

# Letters from Baronial Officers



## From the Seneschal:

Greetings Sacred Stone,

At court at Sagas of the Stone on Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup> I received the regalia of the seneschal's office from Herrin Gisela. I would like to thank the whole populace for the support I have been given as I step into this position. One of my goals as Seneschal will be to try and bring our barony together as a more cohesive group. I love that each Canton has such a good sense of individual identity but, I also think that it is very important that we retain that strong bond as a Barony as well. One of the things that I will personally be doing to help foster this feeling is that I plan on attending each Canton's business meetings once a quarter. I think that a baronial presence will remind each group that they are part of a greater whole and that we are all here to support each other. I would also like to see groups taking on the baronial populace gatherings, we still have the Baronial Unevent in June, and the fall Populace Gathering in Oct/Nov. If you have not hosted a gathering yet please consider doing so. It is a great chance to bring your group together for a common goal and brings a sense of Baronial pride to your area.

I look forward to seeing many of you at University and Ymir, and hope that everyone will be able to make it to the Populace gathering on Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>.

Until the next time we meet be well,

Lady Murienne l' aloiere



## From the Chronicler

To the populace of our wonderful barony, I would like to say thank you. I have received letters, suggestions and cooperation from many of you. I will beg a boon of all of you, please keep it up. Your contributions can only serve to make our newsletter better.

In Service to the dream,

Lady Nuala

## January Business Meeting

Lady Muirenne called the January Baronial Business Meeting to order at 1:05 pm in the party room of the Chinese Buffet in Salisbury.

Coronet Report: Axel reported that the king had contacted him to tell him he would remain as baron of Sacred Stone until the end of his tenure. Axel thanked the populace for their support of him.

Seneschal Report: Lady Muirenne – This was her first meeting as seneschal and all information she had was elsewhere on the agenda.

Exchequer Report: Lord Edmund – The fourth quarter and Domesday reports have been worked as much as possible and handed over to the kingdom exchequer to work the issues out of. The current checking account balance is \$8968.92.

Lord Edmund has been made the permanent exchequer and Lady Svana will serve as his deputy. The barony thanks them for their willingness to serve in this important office.

Knights' Marshal: Baron Achbar – He has been recruiting and is always looking for more folks interesting in becoming warranted marshals.

Letters of Intent to become Knights' Marshal are called for. Baron Achbar's term in office is up in Sept of this year. Please send a letter expressing your interest and qualifications to Seneschal Lady Muirenne and Baron Axel. The deadline to receive the letters is Feb 28. The decision will be announced at the March business meeting.

MoAS Report: Lady Lydia was unable to attend the meeting due to her work schedule. She asked Master Bran to discuss House Corvus' Decameron Competition.

House Corvus is sponsoring an A&S competition once a month at various events around the kingdom. The Decameron purses for First, Second and Third prizes are lovely in their own right but contain a monetary prize (\$100, \$75 and \$50) in recognition of the amount of money artisans put into their arts.

At the end of the year all winners will be entered in a weighted drawing for a Grand Prize to be announced.

Heralds Report: Lady Niccolina – She helped man the Kingdom 12<sup>th</sup> Night Consult Table where she reports several new folks showed up to help. She's still looking for ideas/requests for classes on heraldic topics from baronial folks. She will research whatever the topics and create a class for a future gathering.

She gave the unofficial court report from Sagas of the Stone ... Guntram and Geffrei were inducted into the Order of the Sacred Stone and Niccolina was given the Phoenix' Garnet. Raphael was also announced to be the Baronial Rapier War Lord.

There is a solid track of heraldic classes planned for the upcoming kingdom University.

Chronicler: Lady Nuala was unable to attend the meeting. The Who Am I Column in last month's Phoenix was Sir Bryan of Sacred Stone

Web Minister: Baroness Maeve – Unable to attend. The Awards page has been updated. It was decided the barony will link to the kingdom Order of Precedence rather than to keep a running OP for the barony.

Please send any updates, corrections or other changes to Maeve with a link or a screen shot explaining what is wrong or outdated and the corrected information or contact for the person who has chatelaine: Lady Serena (Ommari) – She was unable to attend due to illness but Lord Guntrum reported Gold Key needs Men's Medium sized clothing, belts and other accessories. Baroness Kisyiaia donated many pieces of Women's garb and we thank her for her generosity. The creation of the Gold Key rack is on hold till Lord Guntram has time.

Chirurgeon: Baroness Gwynwilf – Not much going on but she will be CiC at St. Urhos. If anyone needs advice about what to carry in first aid kits for the upcoming event season, please contact her.

## OLD BUSINESS

Polling of Confidence: See coronet report

February Populace Gathering: Lady Caitlin reports that Baelfire Dunn has agreed to host the gathering again. It will be held Feb 28 from 1 pm till 6 pm. The business meeting at 1, Master Bran will teach his SCA class at 3, heraldic consulting resources will be available, we expect fight practice to take place, both heavy and rapier. Bring projects to work on as we have access to the sewing rooms. A pot luck will begin about 4. Caitlin will coordinate the food on the baronial list as the time approaches. IF YOU CANNOT BRING A POT LUCK ITEM come anyway. Your companionship is MUCH more important to us.

List Fence Painting: Lord Egill, Baron Achbar and others will gather at Egill and Ullevetta's house on Feb 7 to paint the list fence. The fence will be primed and then the uprights will be painted with exterior green (not high gloss). Lady Muirenne was waiting for an estimate of how much paint is needed, brushes and other items.

## NEW BUSINESS

SSBB Bid: Baroness Rozsa presented her bid for Sacred Stone's Baronial Birthday to be held at Kings Mountain State Park (Camp York) in South Carolina on Aug 27-29. She expects gate to be \$10, Feast to be \$6 and cabins to be \$3 or \$4. There will be many Green and White competitions. Achbar will be MiC, Roanwulf will do food, Mistress Fiona will do Feast, Baroness Reyna will coordinate a hafla, Mistress Roz a bardic. The bid was accepted unanimously except for Baron Achbar who voted nay on principle that nothing should go unquestioned.

Troubles in Charlesbury Manor: Lord Christian appealed to the assembled and to Baron Axel for help in hunting down beasties of unknown origin that are reeking havoc in Charlesbury. To this end, any and all are invited to a Hunt in the Manor (Kings Mountain's Camp Cherokee ) on Oct 23. Lord Egill has agreed to cook whatever is killed that day. Many non-fighter activities are planned but it is requested that all who enter competition be present. Watch for updates.

## CANTON REPORTS:

Aire Faucon: Starting fighter practices on Wednesday evenings at Sir Bryan's. Planning to do Flight of the Falcon again this summer.

Baelfire Dunn: New exchequer: Caitlin. Hosting February Populace gathering. Working on an event called Drums of Wars which will be held on June 18-20 at the castle site.

Charlesbury Crossing: Working on The Hunt event which will happen in October. Also planning for Con Carolinas. Will have list fence painting on Feb 7<sup>th</sup>. Also still doing SCA meet-ups

Crois Brigitte: Did a school demo on Jan 22, went well. Working on SAAD which will happen on April 23-25. Archery happens somewhere in the Canton almost every weekend.

Middlegate: held Sagas of the Stone yesterday (Jan 23), it went well. Has cancelled Stellercon Demo due to a lack of communication with the event coordinators.

Salisberie Glen: Will have business meeting on Feb 20<sup>th</sup>. Hosting St. Urhos on March 13<sup>th</sup>. Guntram new Deputy Seneschal will take over for Mari as seneschal.

Next Meeting: Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> at Bunker Hill High School.



## **Call for Letter of Intent for Baronial Knight's Marshal**

Baron Achbar has served our Barony as the Knight's Marshal for close to 4 years. He will be stepping down in September. At this time we would like to call for Marshals to submit letters of intent if they are interested in taking on this position.

Please send your letters to Baron Axel ([baron@sacredstone.atlantia.sca.org](mailto:baron@sacredstone.atlantia.sca.org)), Baron Achbar ([heavymarshal@sacredstone.atlantia.sca.org](mailto:heavymarshal@sacredstone.atlantia.sca.org)), and myself ([seneschal@sacredstone.atlantia.sca.org](mailto:seneschal@sacredstone.atlantia.sca.org)) before February 28<sup>th</sup>. The letters will be published in the March issue of the Baronial newsletter, and we will welcome any commentary from the populace. We will announce our decision at the March Baronial Business Meeting.

## Questions & Answers

**What are those strange words the court herald reads on the scrolls and what do they mean?**

**Anno Societatis (abbreviated “A.S.”)** – The dating system we use in the SCA (translates to “In the Year of the Society”). May 1, 1966 was the first day of the year **A.S. I**, and May 1st is “New Year’s Day” for each Society year. The years are usually depicted in Roman numerals. For example we are now in AS XLIV which translates to 44.

**Sometimes at events I hear people yell HOLD, what is that all about?**

**HOLD!** - a cry meaning “Stop whatever you are doing and freeze in place until you see where the hazard is!” Normally used during combat, but it's been extended to cover all forms of activity.

**Is there somewhere I can go to start doing research?**

You can go to [www.sca.org](http://www.sca.org) at the top of the page you will find a resources drop-down menu. You will find a lot of useful information there.

## *The Hunt at Charlesbury Manor*

By

Lord Christian Thomas of York  
Vol. 1



The days of Winter have come and the servants of Charlesbury Manor are well-prepared to brave the cold months ahead. The storage cellars are well-stocked with harvested vegetables and the salted meats of fish, stag, and boar. With the land prepared for the season's icy grip, I feel confident that our stores will be able to maintain all the Manor's staff, as well as the surrounding Serfs, in the event of a terrible winter.

Today, the servants of the village have gathered wood and paid all fees to the Manor's tax collector. The Baron's lands are plentiful with wood to feed the fires of our homes as well as the fires of our village blacksmith and potter.

The artisans of the village have taken their Winter apprentices and have begun the laborious task of teaching their new students.

The Fall will bring us such happiness when His Excellency makes his way to the Manor. All matter of preparations shall be made for such a fine occasion. I shall send orders for new tapestries to hang about the Grand Hall, candelabras to illuminate His Excellency's High Table, and a call to all jongleurs to entertain His Excellency and his noble guests.

Also of importance, disturbing rumors of wild beasts are making their way throughout the village and Manor. Today, several of the Manor's archer guard reported that in the southeastern forest lay various remains of bone and flesh. As well, I have received disturbing news of creatures lurking in our rivers and lakes. The fishmonger and the boatman described half-eaten eels and many dead fish.

In response to these events, I have asked our Master of the Hunt, Baron Achbar Ibn Ali to gather a small, armored party to begin patrolling the southeastern forest, as I fear we maybe dealing with poachers. I have also sent a Herald to His Excellency to make him aware of the situation.

In the meantime, it is the duty of the Manor staff to begin bolstering our defenses in the event we are dealing with something other than simple poachers.

24<sup>th</sup> of January 1385

## WHO AM I?

How well do you know the people in our barony?

You will be given the answers to a few questions, see if you can figure out who they are.

The answer will be in next months issue of the phoenix.

I am a female.

I grew up in Florida

I am married

My spouse is a member of the S.C.A.

I started in the SCA in 2003

I live in the southern part of the barony

My interests are first Arts and Sciences, next Service and lastly Fighting

I have not been a member of any other barony or kingdom

I have served as an officer at canton level

At the time I joined Kisyiaia was our Baroness

My persona is from 13th century Scotland.

Last months Who Am I was Sir Brian of Sacred Stone.

Pictured here with his beautiful wife Lady Brianna.



# Calendar of Events & Activities

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> Canton Meeting CB & CC	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Fighter Practice MG	<b>4</b> A&S / Archery SG  A&S / Drumming MG	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> Fighter Practice SG & MG  Canton Meeting MG	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Canton Meeting AF	<b>10</b> Fighter Practice MG	<b>11</b> A&S / Drumming MG	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> Fighter Practice SG & MG	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Fighter Practice MG	<b>18</b> A&S / Drumming MG	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Canton Meeting SG
<b>21</b> Fighter Practice SG & MG	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Fighter Practice MG	<b>25</b> A&S / Drumming MG	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> Fighter Practice SG & MG  Baronial Meeting & Populace Gathering						

AF=Aire Faucon, BD=Baelfire Dunn, CC=Charlesbury Crossing,  
CB=Crois Brigte, MG=Middlegate, SG=Salesberie Glenn

# Baronial Regnum

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