

The Phoenix

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of the
Barony of Sacred Stone*



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Letters from the Baronial Officers

From the Seneschale:

Greetings to you all,

Over the past two months I have had a chance to visit most of the Cantons in our wonderful Barony. I must say I am impressed. The level of activity in the local groups is wonderful. It is a delight to see so many working toward common goals.

In this issue of the newsletter you will find a bit of "red tape" type of information; the financial report for this past year, and a message from the SCA Board of Directors. Please take a second to read thru them and if you have questions or comments, please feel free to speak up! I really do want to hear from you.

In a few short months it will be time once again for your "Baronial Unevent" for those who were unable to attend last year's, there is much about it that is like the kingdom level Unevent. The day is filled with meetings, the baronial orders meet as do many of the officers. The monthly business meeting for the Barony is also held. Unlike the kingdom version of Unevent the Baronial one also has classes, socializing, fighter practice, and a potluck. It really is a great day for everyone in the Barony.

So that being said..... We need you! The Barony does not yet have a bid for

Unevent. So look around your local areas, do you have a place that would work? If so put let us know! If is a great chance for your local group to work together on something that truly is for the good of all!

If you need more information on what is needed in terms of space/rooms, feel free to contact me at seneschal@sacredstone.atlantia.sca.org.

As always,

Lady Murienne l'aloiere

Meeting Minutes from the February 2010 Sacred Stone Baronial Meeting

Held at Bunker Hill High School in Newton, Nc

Officer Reports

Seneschal - It has been a very quiet month. Seneschal will be heading to Gulf Wars, but will be able to be reached by email.

Exchequer - The Doomsday Report is done and signed. In the past month checks have been written for the site deposit for Sacred Stone Baronial Birthday, and for the site tokens for WoW V. The current bank balance is \$8,013.38.

Knight's Marshal - Tenure is ending in September. Letters of intent have been called for and so far we have one letter. The deadline for the letters to be turned in to the Seneschal and the Baron is February 28th.

Minister of A&S - No report filed.

Herald - No Report filed.

Chronicler - Nothing new to report. As always articles are welcome.

Webminister - I've made most of the requested changes to the website. Most of the canton regnums are up to date, or as up to date as I can make them with current info. I am still working on a few different website redesigns to make the website both more interesting and user friendly. As always, if you have any updates, find any non working links or errors, please let me know at webminister@sacredstone.atlantia.sca.org

Chatelaine - Please donate to the Gold Key "average" sized tunic, pants, dresses and belts. Looking for volunteers to help man the newcomers point at SSB&B and WoW.

Chirurgion - Renewed her membership. Will be the Chirurgion in charge for St. Urhos.

Archery Marshal - Would like for everyone who is running archery practices to contact him with the info. There is a new overshoot rule being handed down, will be looking into that and how it will effect Archery at events and practices.

Minister of the Lists - Lady Amye Elizabeth Barrington is the new Baronial MoL.

OLD BUSINESS

List Fence - Prices of Primer & Paint are being looked into, and as soon as there is a free weekend that is dry(no rain or snow!) it will be painted.

Letters of Intent for Knight's Marshal - Deadline for Letters is February 28th. All letters received will be published in the Baronial newsletter, and the populace will have until the 15th to comment. The incoming Knight's Marshal will be announced at March business meeting.

New BUSINESS

The Board of Directors has announced that due to the current economy and a couple of lean years it is struggling with it's budget. In order to ensure that SCA inc. stays in the black they will be increasing the cost of membership and the cost of the non-member surcharge by \$2. This increase will begin in July. It was discussed

Canton Reports

Aire Faucon - Working on Flight of the Falcon, for after Pennsic.

Baelfire Dunn - Lady Caitlin is new Exchequer, Rongour is new Castellan. Is working on Drum's of War, an all melee event, it has been "spiked" and staff is in place. It will take place on June 18-20.

Charlesbury Crossing - Weekly Archery Practice, Monthly SCA Meetup, Fighter Practice on Thursdays. Working on The Hunt at Charlesbury Manor, November 21-23

Crois Brigitte - Archery Practice every Sunday. SAAD April 23-25, Will have target, combat and siege at SAAD and the Baron will hold court. Working on a Heraldic Symposium for July.

Middlegate - Still here, pretty quiet over the winter. Sagas went well.

Salisbury Glen - Lord Guntram is the new Deputy Seneschal. Weekly Archery & A&S at Serena and Guntram's house. St. Urho's on March 13th. Performer's Revel South will be on September 11th also at Serena & Guntram's house.

Coronet's Report - We need a Camp Steward for the Baronial Encampment at Pennsic. Baron Axel will be going to Gulf Wars and will be holding court on Tuesday evening. Would like to thank Mistress Rosalind and Lord andreas for their contributions to the gift baskets for Nottinghill Coil. Would like to have a gift basket coordinator. The Baron is looking for award recommendations.

The next business meeting will be held on March 28th at a location to be announced in Salisbury Glen.

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 month's issue of The Phoenix,*

*I Am A Female
I Grew Up in New York,
I Am Married
My Spouse is a member of the SCA
I have three children
And they are not members of the SCA
I Started in 1988
Lives in the Northern part of the Barony
My interests are A&S, Service, Fighting
I have been a member of a different Barony
I served as an officer of a shire
Jason & Susan of Andover were Baron and Baroness when I joined.
My persona is from 12th century English.*

Last month's Who Am I ?



Lady Miriel Crawford

Questions & Answers

Q. I've been called in to court, now what do I do?

A. Being called into court is nothing to fear if you remember a few basic points of protocol.

** Ladies should be escorted into court unless they make it clear that they do not want an escort. When they are escorted they should always be on the right.*

** Bowing - here is the run down on when to bow...*

1. When you enter the aisle to start walking toward the Crown/Coronet

2. When you are approx. 10ft. Or three paces from the Crown/Coronet.

(here you will bow to TRM and then the rest of the seated royals, and nobility)

3. When your time at court is finished you bow, then take three steps back and bow again.

(here you will bow to TRM and then the rest of the seated royals, and nobility)

** Kneeling - When you come before the Crown/Coronet you will be expected to kneel.*

There are generally cushions provided for your comfort. If you can not kneel, discreetly ask the Crown/Coronet if you can remain standing when you approach.

Q. What is a Gold Key?

A. A collection of loaner garb and gear for use by newcomers. Generally maintained by the Chatelaine.

*2009 End of Year Balance Statement
for The Barony of Sacred Stone*



THE SOCIETY FOR CREATIVE ANACHRONISM, INC. - FINANCIAL REPORT

Branch: Barony of Sacred Stone

Period: 1/1/09

to 12/31/09

COMPARATIVE BALANCE STATEMENT

For **Cumulative** Quarterly Reports, use **last year's** Comparative Balance Sheet (End) amounts for the (Start) amounts.

For **Sequential** Quarterly Reports, use **last report's** Comparative Balance Sheet (End) amounts for the (Start) amounts.

For **Year-end** Reports, the (Start) numbers will be provided to you by the Kingdom Exchequer. The numbers may have changed from what was submitted last year because of transfer reconciliation between your account and other accounts.

The Year-end Report must be signed by the person preparing the report.

(START) FIGURES MAY NOT BE CHANGED UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES!

I. ASSETS	(from page)	Start	End
a) Undeposited and Non-Interest Bearing Cash	(3,5)	\$ 10,553.45	\$ 9,067.92
b) Cash Earning Interest	(3)		\$
c) Receivables	(5)	\$ 82.00	\$
d) Inventory For Sale (Major Inventory)	(6)	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00
e) Regalia & Non-Depreciated Equipment	(7)	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00
f) Depreciated Equipment	(8)	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 3,154.84
g) MINUS Accumulated Depreciation	(8)	\$ (969.50)	\$ (1,500.33)
h) Other Assets	(5)	\$	\$
i) TOTAL ASSETS	Add a through f, subtract g, then add h	\$ 13,365.95	\$ 11,922.43

II. LIABILITIES			
a) Newsletter Subscriptions Due	(15)		\$
b) Payables	(5)	\$	\$
c) Other Liabilities	(5)	\$	\$
d) TOTAL LIABILITIES	Add a through c	\$	\$

III. NET WORTH		Line I.i minus Line II.d	\$ 13,365.95	\$ 11,922.43
Proof:	Change in Net Worth	III(End) - III(Start) (A)	\$ (1,443.52)	(A = B) ? If NO, the report is incomplete.
	Net Income	Income Statement Line 32 (B)	\$ (1,443.52)	

Signatures below certify that the information on this report is correct and complete to the best of their knowledge.

Legal Names:

Print

Sign

Exchequer:	Bailey Harris		Date: 2/28/10
Seneschal:	Kate Rauhauser-Smith		Date: 2/28/10

Financial Announcement from the SCA Board of Directors

As we reported last year, our organization is still suffering some of the effects of the recent economic down turn. Please take a moment to review the 2010 SCA, Inc. budget have posted at <http://www.sca.org/>. As you can see, the SCA is forecasting, roughly, to break-even for this budget cycle (2010). At this time, this is only a forecast, and will be monitored and modified as the year progresses.

For the year ending 2009, we project a net income of \$31,174.64. Please bear in mind that all 2009 financial data has not been processed, so this remains a projection. This is a substantial turn-around from our 2008 loss of over \$180,000. The corporate staff and directors worked diligently throughout the year to review and reduce all expenses, and eliminated anything not deemed "mission critical". The directors would like to recognize and commend the outstanding efforts by the VP for Corporate Operations, Renee Signorotti, and the Corporate Treasurer, Mazelle Attiya. These two individuals worked tirelessly to control costs. They have our great thanks.

Moving forward into 2010, we will continue to work to minimize costs, and to provide value for our members. It must be noted first and foremost- the projected break-even budget for 2010 is based on one critical change; membership rates will be increase by \$2, effective July 1, 2010. This will be matched with a \$2 increase in the NMS. We in no way want to discourage new participants from "trying us out", however, the Board feels strongly that participating non members should also contribute to the organization.

In addition, this \$2 increase will be reviewed in the following budget cycle (2011). The potential exists for additional incremental changes in the coming years, based on future increases in organizational operating costs. We have listened carefully to the comments of our membership. We believe that a smaller, regulated and controlled incremental increase is superior to one large increase. We continue to review additional sources of funding with respect to the grants committee, and we are exploring alternative revenue sources.

The budget for 2010 continues the cost cutting measures noted below.

1. The elimination of one quarterly in-person meetings of the Board of Directors, the July meeting, which will be replaced by a conference call. Please note: The directors remain committed to outreach to the membership. The elimination of this meeting was a difficult choice as the directors and corporate staff is committed to public meetings, traveling across the Known World in order to meet the members and gain input from them.
2. The introduction of the online waivers, which will reduce postage and paper costs. We will continue to explore the potential expansion of the online interface to include changes in publication subscriptions. (ie: being able to add subscriptions on-line)

Looking forward, we see the potential for continued financial distress for the Society. In light of the 2008 loss and continued "close to the bone" financial situation, the directors and corporate staff continue to work through a variance analysis and budgetary options. Moving forward, we will proceed with our efforts to examine a variety of options to reduce costs, and increase our revenue. Please take a moment to review the list of ideas below and send us your comments and ideas. We understand that some of the options will be unpopular in areas of the Society. This should not be considered a complete list of all options, nor should any of these items be considered as a "done deal". While we have no wish to unduly change the spirit of our shared activity, we feel strongly that at this time all options must be placed on the table, examined and reviewed.

1. Continued development of a grant program, specifically target at supporting our publications and A&S activities.
2. Offering Tournaments Illuminated and The Compleat Anachronist subscriptions to non members, libraries, schools, and others.
3. Raising the rate for these publications to our members.
4. Adding new tiers of member sponsorship such as a Donor or Sponsor level.
5. Examining different membership participation options, with a short term "event pass" for new participants.
6. Increase our ability to fund some internal operations from sales of SCA related merchandise. (Via Cafe Press or other, similar sites. Individual kingdoms currently have gone in this direction. We are not looking to curtail kingdom activity.)
7. Raising membership rates. As mentioned we will review additional incremental increases to align expenses and revenues.
8. Fees for paperwork processing.

As ever, the Board of Directors and corporate staff relies on your input and ideas.

Send your comments to; comments@sca.org. Please recall that this is a comment only address. All Directors all see the email from this comments address, however we do not offer individual responses.

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Letters of Intent for Baronial Knight's Marshal

Greetings from Lord William of Oland

I have heard that Baron Achbar is stepping down and I humbly ask that you consider myself for the position of Baronial Knight Marshal. It would be a great honor to serve our barony and the baron.

I have served as a marshal in the Barony for a number of years, and have been the Knight's Marshal for Middlegate for the past 3 1/2 years.

Always in serve

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Calendar of Events & Activities

<i>SUNDAY</i>	<i>MONDAY</i>	<i>TUESDAY</i>	<i>WEDNESDAY</i>	<i>THURSDAY</i>	<i>FRIDAY</i>	<i>SATURDAY</i>
	1 <i>Canton Meeting</i> <i>CC</i>	2	3 <i>Fighter Practice</i> <i>MG</i>	4 <i>A&S/Archery</i> <i>SG</i> <i>Fighter Practice</i> <i>CC</i>	5	6
7 <i>Fighter Practice</i> <i>&</i> <i>Canton Meeting</i> <i>MG</i> <i>Archery Practice</i> <i>CB</i>	8 <i>Canton Meeting</i> <i>CB</i>	9 <i>Canton Meeting</i> <i>AF</i>	10 <i>Fighter Practice</i> <i>MG</i>	11 <i>A&S/Archery</i> <i>SG</i> <i>Fighter Practice</i> <i>CC</i>	12	13 <i>St. Uthro's Day</i> <i>Tournament</i> <i>SG</i>
14 <i>Fighter Practice</i> <i>MG</i> <i>Archery Practice</i> <i>CB</i> <i>GULF WARS</i>	15 <i>GULF WARS</i>	16 <i>GULF WARS</i>	17 <i>GULF WARS</i>	18 <i>A&S/Archery</i> <i>SG</i> <i>Fighter Practice</i> <i>CC</i> <i>GULF WARS</i>	19 <i>GULF WARS</i>	20 <i>GULF WARS</i>
21 <i>Fighter Practice</i> <i>MG</i> <i>Archery Practice</i> <i>CB</i> <i>GULF WARS</i>	22	23	24 <i>Fighter Practice</i> <i>MG</i>	25 <i>A&S/Archery</i> <i>SG</i> <i>Fighter Practice</i> <i>CC</i>	26	27
28 <i>SS Baronial</i> <i>Meeting in SG</i> <i>Fighter Practice</i> <i>MG</i> <i>Archery Practice</i> <i>CB</i>	29	30	31	<p><i>Calendar Key</i> <i>AF - Aire Faucon</i> <i>BD - Baelfire Dunn</i> <i>CC - Charlesbury Crossing</i> <i>CB - Crois Brigitte</i> <i>MG - Middlegate</i> <i>SG - Salisberie Glen</i></p>		

Melee at Baronial Fighter Practice

It's beginning to warm up once again, and that means that it's time to think about fighting together as a Barony. The February Baronial Fighter Practice was pretty well attended, with 11 in armor and several more onlookers. A hearty round of thanks to everyone who came out and worked with us on melee tactics!

Sacred Stone has a lot of excellent fighting talent, but we are not currently known for the army which we field. Baronial Fighter Practices this year aim to change that, and will focus on melee skills and tactics.

When is Baronial Fighter Practice? After every Baronial Meeting! The March practice will be held at Town Creek Park (located on Boundary Street behind the Salisbury Civic Center) and will begin at 2:30. To encourage more fighters to come out to these practices, we have committed to starting them on time, regardless of whether the business meeting runs long.

The Order of the Phoenix Claw is sponsoring a Triad Tourney at each Baronial Fight Practice this year. There will be prizes each month as well as a set of belt favors for the winners to wear for the upcoming month. February's winners were Sir Bryan, Talorgen Hersir, and Lord Cyriac. If sufficient Rapier fighters attend to hold triad tourneys for the rapier melee then the same prizes will be awarded on that field.

This month we worked on the basic concepts of forming a triad, staying together, and working together. For any who may not know, the basic concept of a triad is to form a group with any two other folks on your side. It does not matter whether they have the best match of weapons to yours, or whether they are people whom you know well - only that they are fighting on the same team as you and that you work as a team to take on the opponents. Communication is key to working together, and helps to keep a team alive regardless of the caliber of the opponents.

Next month's practice will add two additional working points. First will be determining command, with each triad asked to determine quickly who is running the show. The second will be a broken line drill, where the starting position is a shield wall that has been flanked or otherwise has enemies in the backfield, and the objective is to form triads and move as teams to regroup and present another effective front with as many alive as possible.

I encourage anyone who has a well-enough attended local practice to begin adding melee work into their practice regimen. If you have only have a few fighters, you can rotate through teams of two three taking out a lone straggler. With more, it is easy to devise scenarios that provide effective training. It does not have to be a fair fight - in melee it seldom is - but should enforce teamwork and communication. Any two or three fighters who can learn to work together should be able to take out even the best single fighter amongst us.

I look forward to seeing the fighters of Sacred Stone at next month's practice. Let's build the finest melee force in Atlantia!

Talorgen Hersir nepos Wrguist

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