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FROM THE BARON & BARONESS

Fond greetings to the members of the best Barony in the Known world!

We hope everyone is as excited as we are about War of the Wings. There will be so much to do, no one could be bored!

We are looking forward to spending time with our populace and making new friends. We know everyone will have a wonderful time!

Speaking of new friends, I (Sine) spent a lovely day in Raven's Cove with Baron Torquil and Baroness Katherine. I know they are on the other side at Wow, but I couldn't hold that against them. They were very gracious and we had a lovely time celebrating their first birthday. Their birthday cake was awesome and delicious!

We braved the rain and went to Coronation and did see a few of you there. It was very damp and muddy, but everyone was cheerful. The actual Coronation was very moving and then we were honored to see a longtime friend of ours and Sacred Stone's, Baron Gaston Valmont, elevated to Pelican.

Also, please remember Charlesbury Crossing's event, Boar Hunt and Market Day. Fighting and shopping and Egill cooking ...what more can you want? We are looking forward to this event and returning to Kings Mountain, Sacred Stone's ancestral ground!

Keep those recommendations coming.

See you all at Wow.

Oshi and Sine

Baron and Baroness



FROM THE OFFICERS:

Seneschal: Lady Murienne l'Aloiere

Greetings to you all,

Time for war is drawing near! I know that everyone is busy with your prep for Wow but if you are an officer for the Barony or for one of the Cantons please do not forget to complete your 3rd quarter reports. Also we will not have a meeting in October, instead we will have a combined Baronial meeting at the beginning of November, on November 6th.

I hope that you will all be able to come out and enjoy War of the Wings and that you will also attend Boar Hunt later in the month.

Until we next meet,

Lady Murienne



From the Exchequer: Lord Edmund Hawkesworth

It has been my honor and my privilege to serve as the Baronial Exchequer for this Barony for the last two years. My warrant expires in Feb. and I will be stepping down. I am looking for someone to step up and I will assist in every way possible with that person's training and will stay on through the first quarter of 2012.



From the Minister of the Lists- Lady Amye Barrington

We need more MOLs! The job of Minister of the List is not as boring as most people think it is. With out us the fighters could not fight and where is the fun in that? We help keep every one safe and we help keep score. We get a front row seat to all the action and we often know who the winner of a tournament is even before the Marshals do! So if anyone wants to sit in the shade and sip water and watch the fighting (not to mention have inside knowledge of the winners) and doesn't mind doing a bit of paper work then this is the job for them!



From the Heavy Marshal: Baron Johan von Rothenburg

Earl Marshal requests all fighters update their information when they renew their warrants. Flight of the Falcon was a good event. No problems.

Regular fight practices are going on in the different cantons. There will be lots of opportunities to fight at War of the Wings.

Baron Johan



From the Chronicler: Lady Caitlin MacDonoughue

Greetings to all.

This will be my first edition of the Phoenix and I look forward to being able to publish all the exciting news, activities and events of this great barony. Any contributions of articles, recipes or other newsworthy items will be gladly accepted and appreciated. Stay tuned for other new changes.

Yours in Service,

Lady Caitlin



From the Chancellor of Minors: Lady Ealasaid MacDonalld

I will be handling the Trick or Treating at War of the Wings on Friday. Only camps or vendors displaying the Pumpkin Sign will be giving out candy. All who wish to participate should come to Herald's Point between the hours of 11-3 on Friday and pick up your sign. Donations of pre-packaged candy would be welcomed. There will be several Novice Competitions at WOW. Children are encouraged to enter.

In addition, I am planning Children Activities for Verses of the Stone in January.

From the Baronial Webminister: Lady Annora Hall

The last 6 months have brought a number of changes to both the format of our website and its content. My deputies and I have updated all links, placed out-of-secure network markers (the blue arrows) where necessary and most importantly we have listened and reacted to what you have requested. These changes have included a condensed awards list, a new page for our Chancellor Minor and updated Map and History.

Next on our agenda you will see the introduction of a Baronial calendar listing the events in our Barony and where our baronage will be travelling. We are standardizing the formats of the menu bar and creating a more dynamic interface that will allow the page to adjust to your monitor size. Lastly, you will notice an updated awards page with easier access to artwork, updated award scripts and a Sacred Stone specific listing of our Awards and who has been awarded (Order OF Precedence).

Many thanks go out to my deputies and support who have responded to requests with both their knowledge and eager skills! As always, if you see any broken links, corrections, or opportunities to improve our web presence, please let me know webminister AT sacredstone.atlantia.sca.org.

Webpage Help

Page transitions

There are two types of page transitions used in our Canton and Baronial websites. Some transitions take you to a new page within your open window. Please let me know if you have changes that need to be made.

Yours in service,

Lady Annora Hall

Call for Letters of Intent for the Office of Chancellor of the Exchequer

At the beginning of next year, just a few months from now, Lord Edmund will be stepping down from the office of Baronial Exchequer.

He has served the Barony with great efficiency for the past two years. We are all better off for having him in this office.

So we are in need of a new Exchequer. Thanks to Lord Edmund the books are balanced and orderly, so if you have an interest in this position fear not! It is not a difficult job to do.

As with all Baronial offices you must be able to attend a minimum of one meeting a quarter, have reliable access to the internet, and be a paid member of the SCA. For this office it will also help you to have Microsoft Excel.

Lord Edmund has offered to stay on thru the first quarter so the person that takes over will get the benefit of his experience and a bit of on the job training.

If you are interested in this position please send your letter of intent to the Baron, Baroness, Lord Edmund and myself.

If you have questions or concerns, feel free to contact any of us about them.

Thank you,

Lady Murienne

Meeting Minutes

The baronial business meeting was held on Sept 18th., 2011 at the home of Lady Prudence the Curious with 36 gentles in attendance.

The meeting went as follows:

Coronets' report:

The Baronial pavilion was sent to Panther to be repaired due to the storm damage at Drums of War. It should be returned in time to be used at WOW. The repair will cost the barony approximately \$187.00

Recently a group of barony members met at the home of Baron and Baroness Sine and Oshi to inspect and assess the amount of canvas that was being stored in the baronial storage facility. It was determined that many ropes and stakes were missing. Baron Oshi has been assessing making ropes and ordering stakes to make the canvas usable. There were 2 galleries in storage.

Baroness Sine mentioned to the assemblage that the Crown has offered to pay Byrum Bucks to cover the gate fee to Coronation if that person was willing to commit to stay and assist with clean up after the event.

The current Archery Champion, Lord Guntram, has stepped down. The Phoenix Guard will take up any archery issues as needed.

The Coronets and several other Sacred Stone members travelled to Raven's Cove for their Baronial Birthday. It was a lovely event and Raven's Cove is very excited about coming to WOW.

To all officers and Canton Seneschals, please remember to send in your quarterly reports on time.

Seneschal's Report::

Today, Sept 18th, is the last day to pre-register for WOW with ACCEPTS. Cut off is at midnight. You can still register by check or money order by Sept. 25th.

We will be combining the next Baronial meeting (Oct and Nov.) . We will meet Nov 6th tentatively at Bunker Hill High School in Hickory. Watch for an official announcement.

From the Officers:

Exchequer's Report:

Current checkbook balance is \$6,745.53.

Wow VI pre-reg checks in hand of \$502.

ACCEPTS receipts as of Aug. 18th is \$1374.00

100 more have pre-reg'd since then.

I will be stepping down in Feb 2012 and am looking for someone to step up to this position.

MOL's Report:

No new MOLs in barony. We need more folks as MOLs. I am looking for a deputy .

Heavy Marshal's Report:

Regular fighter practice's are going on in the different cantons. The Earl Marshal requests that all Marshals update their information when they renew warrants

Archery Marshal's Report:

Regular practices are going on at different locations. There is a need for tabards for Archery Marshals.

Baroness Sine volunteered to explore making tabards that could be used as heavy and archery tabards.

Minister of the Arts and Sciences Report:

Lord Etienne has stepped up as A&S Deputy. Three major events are coming up with lots of opportunities to participate in the arts and sciences, Wow, Boar Hunt and Phoenix Eye. All are encouraged to enter.

Chronicler's Report:

Thank you to Lady Nuala for the great job she has done on the Phoenix newsletter. All

Articles and other items that would make the newsletter interesting and informative would be greatly welcomed. Please email Lady Caitlin with anything you would like to see published.

Web Minister's Report

Page revisions are ongoing to resize automatically. Please let the Web Minister know if you see updates that need to be done. See Officer letter for more information.

Chatelaine's Report::

Help is needed at Newcomer's Point at WOW. Please let Lady Nuala know if you can assist.

Chancellor of Minors Report

We will be taking care of Trick or Treating at WOW. Be sure and pick up your Pumpkin sign if you wish to participate. Contributions of candy are welcome. Countess Brianna volunteered to make up treat bags from items left from Children's Fete.

Herald's Report:

Reminding all Herald's that quarterly reports are due at the end of Sept.

6 Heralds have not turned in their reports. They must be caught up by the end of Oct.

Everyone was encouraged to participate in the Heraldic activities that were going on after the meeting. The Australian group still needs signed paper work to allow them to use the name that is similar to one that Sacred Stone uses.

Deputies are needed..... A Drop Dead deputy, one to train, and one to help with Scriptoriums/ Scribal and Scroll production.

Canton Reports:

Charlesbury Crossing: The canton is busy getting ready for Boar Hunt. They are working on A&S for the hall. We will be doing the lunch for In A Phoenix Eue. We are looking for a date and location for o Holiday Party.

Baelfire Dunn: Have not been meeting regularly, just as needed. Still active and alive.

Aire Falcon: We had a great demo at the Lincolnton Apple Festival on Saturday. There were 13 members in attendance. We gave out cards with the kingdom website and with local group information. We also had a recent successful event, Flight of the Falcon.

200 in attendance, with at least half of those being newcomers. We are meeting every week and rotating A&S activities.

Cross Brigitte: We are moving our meeting date to Wed instead of Mon. Goeffrei is working on monthly A&S classes. Sunday Oct. 16th there will be a class held at Lady Aine's house on How to Judge an A&S Competition. Master Andreas from Windmasters Hill will be teaching it. Master Francis is planning a once a month A&S night at his house.

Salisbury Glen: A&S has moved to Wed. night every other week. Alternate weeks by appointment for specific projects.

MiddleGate: We are working on an event in January with a Roman theme. Weekly A&S at Lucretia's house. Monthly meetings are Friday every month. Fighter practice and Archery practice between Fergis and Nuala's houses. We just added two more new members to our canton.

Old Business:

No news on Calontir Trim. Still waiting to hear back from them.

New Business:

We are going to need replacements for our Baronial Exchequer, MOL and Rapier Marshal. Anyone interested should submit an Letter of Intent to Lady Murienne. We also need volunteers for Deputy Positions. A bid for next year's Sacred Stone's Baronial Birthday has been submitted by Baron Talorgen for Labor Day weekend. It would be a three day event. It would require 131 paid members to break even. Lady Aine presented a motion to accept the bid and it was voted on and approved.

Other Business:

Baron Achbar has requested assistance with a demo at Elchenburg Castle on October 1st . It is for a group that is having an event called Hocus Pocus Focus.

Lady Alexandra has reminded everyone to get qualified for their Dance Authorization cards. She is also looking for contributions. for gift baskets for Coronation.

Baron Talorgen gave a report from the most recent Curia with these highlights....

- ◇ Appearance laws are being removed and replaced in regards to heavy fighters appearance
- ◇ There are 5 protected Kingdom weekends; Two Coronations, 12th Night and two Crown Tournaments.
- ◇ Term limits are being removed for territorial baronage. Initial term will be 2 or 3 years. Baronage will not be allowed to hold other offices during their term.
- ◇ Officers of State will be the Deputy to thr Great Officers and will have a seat on Curia.
- ◇ Branch Seneschals will have a seat on Curia.
- ◇ 150 mile no conflict for events will be out into effect.
- ◇ Commentary opportunities will be limited—a link will be posted on the front page of he Kingdom web-site. These changes will be published by Coronation.
- ◇ HRM would like an opinion about the idea of moving the Kingdom to a “pay to play” system. Attendees to events could not fight, get most awards or hold office unless they were a paid member.

Events:

War of the Wings: Oct 6-10th.

Encourage people to attend from all over the Kingdom.

Get involved. Your volunteer points will count to help the SCA location or group of your choice. We have 117 Sacred Stone members registered for land. There will be something for everyone at this event. Don't miss it.

Boar Hunt and Market Day -Oct 28th -30th.

There will be a woods battle, heavy and rapier fighting, Archery, Poetry, Performing Arts, and a Market Day where you can buy and sell SCA related items. It is cabins only. You can pre-register at WOW.

In a Phoenix Eye- Nov 12th at Raven's Knob:

51 Categories for A&S, Charlesbury Crossing will be providing a fundraiser lunch. The Baronial Cook, Youth and Adult A&S Champion and Bardic Champion will be chosen.

Bids for next year's WOW need to be submitted by Oct 1st.

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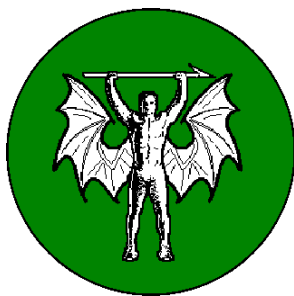
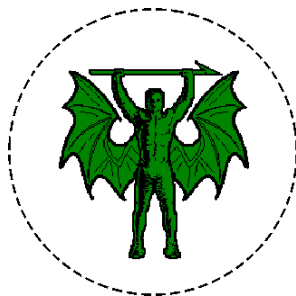
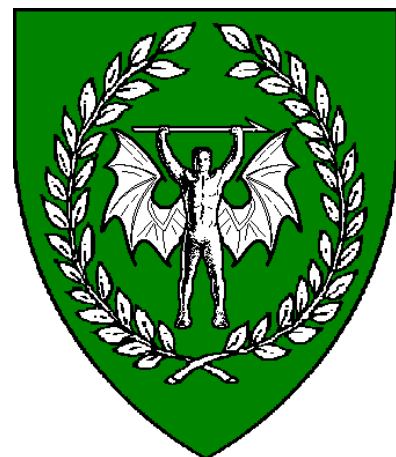
A Heraldic History of Sacred Stone by Bran Trefonnen

With next Labor Day representing the Barony of the Sacred Stone's 30th anniversary as a barony, I thought it might be interesting to review a bit of our history in heraldic terms. Perhaps more than any other thing beyond its actual name, an SCA branch is identified and represented by its heraldry. Since its creation on September 6, 1982, the Barony of the Sacred Stone has enjoyed a rich, heraldic tradition.

Back when the Barony of Windmaster's Hill was made up of all North Carolina and still a part of the East Kingdom; three of its cantons joined together to create the original Barony of the Sacred Stone. The Canton of the Guardians of the Sacred Stone (founded 1/77), the Canton of Hindscroft (founded 5/78) and the Canton of Hawkwood (founded 2/79) joined together in 1980 to form the Shire of Emanon. In the seventies, baronies had to be formed from shires. So, the three cantons formed Emanon solely to qualify for baronial status. Emanon was simply 'no-name' spelled backwards, as the plan had always been to form the Barony of the Sacred Stone. Both the shire and its name were simply required stepping stones required by the Society.

Thus, on Labor Day of 1982, the three Cantons' patience was rewarded by the Society and the Barony of the Sacred Stone was born! It was also the very first barony to be formed in the new Kingdom of Atlantia, Atlantian being elevated to Kingdom status on May 2, 1981.

The founding of the Canton of the Guardians of the Sacred Stone actually predates the founding of Atlantia by a few months! Atlantia became a Principality of the East Kingdom on March 27, 1977. As the oldest branch of the founding triumvirate, the Guardians of the Sacred Stone had registered heraldry as early as August of 1979. A teen-aged Jason Michael of Andover imagined the original concept of the Guardians of the Sacred Stone and designed its original heraldry: **Argent, a bat-winged man displayed maintaining above his head a spear fesswise environed of a laurel wreath vert.** This would remain as the Canton's device for twenty-one years until August of 2000.



In February of 1986, the Guardians of the Sacred Stone registered **(Fieldless) A bat-winged man displayed maintaining above his head a spear fesswise vert.** And in November of 1993: **Vert, a winged man displayed maintaining above his head a spear fesswise argent.** Both of these badges were employed as populace badges. Populace badges are often the branch device with the laurel wreath

charge removed. While some branches officially register these populace badges, many do not and simply employ them traditionally. The Canton of the Guardians of the Sacred Stone changed its name and device in August of 2000, but both badges have been retained as artifacts from the Canton's earliest days.

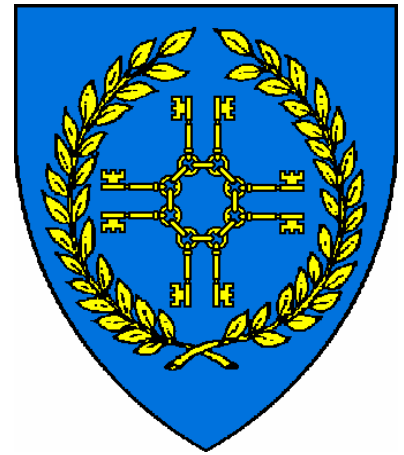
The original device of the Guardians of the Sacred Stone was used briefly as the Barony's device, but it remained, first and foremost, the device of the Charlotte-based canton. Within only a few months of its elevation, the newly elevated Barony of the Sacred Stone had its own, unique heraldry registered in December 1982: **Vert, a double-headed phoenix and in chief a laurel wreath argent.** Embodying the Barony's sense of rebirth with its creation, this device remains the official armory of the Barony to this day.



The second oldest of the Barony's original three cantons was the Canton of Hindscroft. Centered around the Winston-Salem area, it has had a long and varied history beginning in May 1978. First it was a canton of Windmaster's Hill, then of Sacred Stone, then a shire of its own, and then a Sacred Stone canton again.

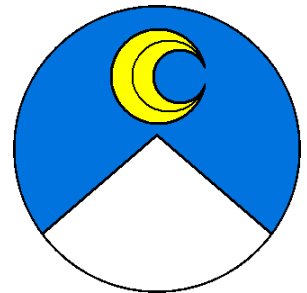
Its branch name and device were initially registered in December 1980: **Azure, eight keys in cross parted, addorsed in pairs, all conjoined at the base by links of chain, and the whole environed of a laurel wreath, all Or.**

Hindscroft would remain a canton of Sacred Stone for ten more years following this registration until becoming an independent shire in 1990. While a portion of Hindscroft would rejoin the Barony as the Canton of Crois Brigitte in 2001, the remainder of Hindscroft didn't rejoin Sacred Stone until 2004.



The last of the Barony's founding cantons was the Canton of Hawkwood, founded in February 1979. Based primarily around the Western, NC city of Asheville, it didn't have a registered device until April 1990: **Counter-ermine, a vol Or within a laurel wreath vert.**

The Barony did, however, employ a registered populace badge as early as March 1982: **Per chevron azure and argent, in chief a decrescent Or.** This has often served as the unofficial arms of Hawkwood and, even to this day, is frequently seen amongst the populace, Hawkwood's fighters, and in feast hall decorations.



When Hawkwood became its own barony on June 19, 2004, it retained all of its original heraldry. While they proceeded to register all sorts of new badges for orders/awards, they worked hard to keep the motifs employed by its founders.

Shortly after the founding of the Barony of the Sacred Stone, an attempt was made to form an SCA branch at Davidson College. Lady Mya Rhys Faren worked to get the incipient College of Annwyn established from September 1982 to May 1983. Those seeds finally took root when the College of Caer Daibhidh was founded one year later in May 1984. The college branch thrived as an active part of Sacred Stone until April 1996. It bore the heraldry: **Argent, on a pale azure a plate indented, environed of a laurel wreath counter-changed.**



The mid- to late eighties was a time of growth and expansion for the Barony of the Sacred Stone. So much so that a group forming in Danville, VA petitioned to become a canton in the Barony. While the group was land-contiguous with the Barony of the Sacred Stone, it was simply too awkward for some people to allow the Barony to spill over state lines. So, Sacred Stone created the first-ever Protectorate of Sacred Stone – a region that was its own branch within the SCA but ceremonially attached to the Barony. At *Atlantian Twelfth Night* on January 7, 1989, the Treaty of Drakken Leira was read in Court making the shire in all ways, except officially, a canton of the Barony. It went through several name iterations but registered its arms in February 1994: **Or, a pall wavy azure between a laurel wreath and two dragon's heads couped respectant vert.**

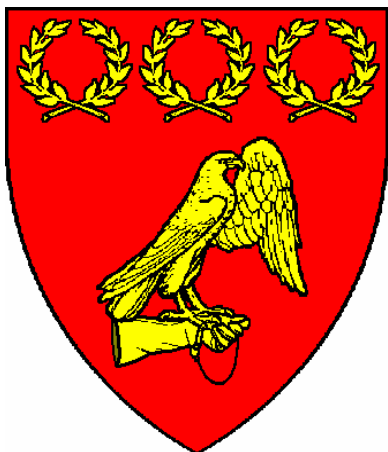
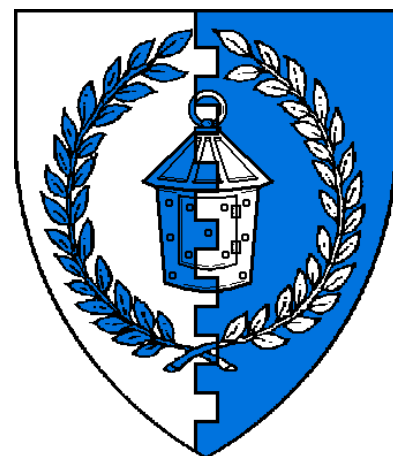


While the Protectorate of Drachenkinderschtadt/Drakken Leira/Drachentor was finding its own unique footing, an SCA special interest group was forming throughout Alexander, Burke, Caldwell, Catawba and Iredell Counties. The Canton of Baelfire Dunn had registered its name and heraldry as early as May 1990: **Per saltire vert and azure, a sun within a laurel wreath, all within a bordure Or.** It was at the very first *Coronation of Anton and Luned* on April 6, 1991, they were fully lifted from their incipient status to become the newest full branch within Sacred Stone.

While Sacred Stone was building new branches within its borders, it also released a half dozen counties in its Northwestern corner to allow the formation of the Shire of Crannog Mor. While that shire knew great success for a number of years, it eventually faded and the land was reabsorbed by Sacred Stone.

In the far Western reaches of the Barony, at Western Carolina University, another college branch was founded, that of Raven's Keep. The name and device that finally made it through the registration process was the College of Hyrnkeepe. The College was formed in March 1991 and recognized in Sacred Stone's *Investiture Court* on the 23rd day of that same month. The branch lasted until October 1994. In July 1993, it managed to get its arms registered as: **Per pale embattled argent and azure, a lantern within a laurel wreath counterchanged.**

The College of Hyrnkeepe was even a Royal College directly under Atlantia for a short time before its final dissolution. The name and device were released in November 2000.



With Baelfire Dunn centered around Hickory, NC, the area South of Baelfire Dunn slowly began to develop its own SCA identity and a group formed there originally called Mynydd Tor. Eventually, they registered the name and device for the Canton of Aire Faucon in March 1995: **Gules, a falcon contourny sinister wing expanded and inverted perched on a falconer's glove reversed in chief three laurel wreaths Or.** Made up of Cleveland, Gaston, Lincoln and Rutherford Counties, the canton of Aire Faucon was elevated to full status at Sacred Stone's then annual *Runestone Collegium* on February 8, 1997.

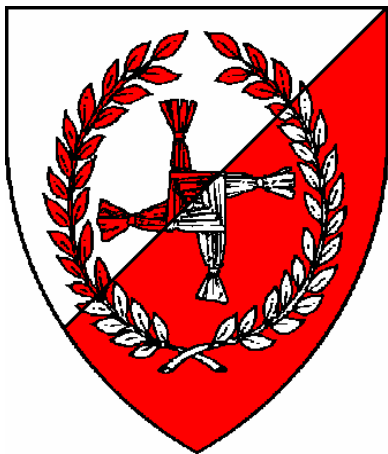
With the creation of this canton, the Barony of the Sacred Stone consisted of the Cantons of Aire Faucon, Baelfire Dunn, the Guardians of the Sacred Stone, Hawkwood, the College of Caer Daibhidh and the Protectorate of Drachentor.

On February 17, 1994, the Barony of the Sacred Stone made its Declaration of Sisterhood with the Trimarian Barony of Wyvernwoode. Based around Tampa, FL, the coronets of both Sacred Stone and Wyvernwoode would travel to each other's Baronies once per year with Sacred Stone giving preference to Wyvernwoode's annual *Baronial Bash* held in October and the Barony of Wyvernwoode giving preference to the Barony of the Sacred Stone's annual *Novice Tournament*. On such occasions as our two Kingdoms might go to war on opposing sides, such as the annual *Sea Wars* event or possibly *Pennsic*, the two Baronies always engaged in a Friendship Battle between the two. And when such occasions occurred that the two Baronies were on the same side at a war, the two Baronies always fought together.



With its own heraldry pre-dating even the Guardians of the Sacred Stone by five years, the people of Sacred Stone well recognized the arms of its Sister Barony of Wyvernwoode registered in June of 1973: **Vert, a wyvern passant argent, winged and bellied, within a laurel wreath Or.** Shown here with its April 1998 augmentation: **on a chief wavy argent three triskeles azure.**

With the dawn of a new millennium looming, and after twenty-one years of possessing arms that became increasingly uncomfortable to display (he looks like a demon, after-all), the Canton of the Guardians of the Sacred Stone chose to change both their name and device to something more appropriate for a postmodern SCA. So, in August 2000, the Guardians of the Sacred Stone officially changed their name to something more befitting its primarily Charlotte, NC locale: the Canton of Charlesbury Crossing. To go with their new name, the Canton registered a new device at the same time: **Sable, a horse statant argent within a laurel wreath Or.** Armed with its new name and device, the Canton of Charlesbury Crossing has managed to blend its ancient heritage with its new role in the scheme of the Barony.



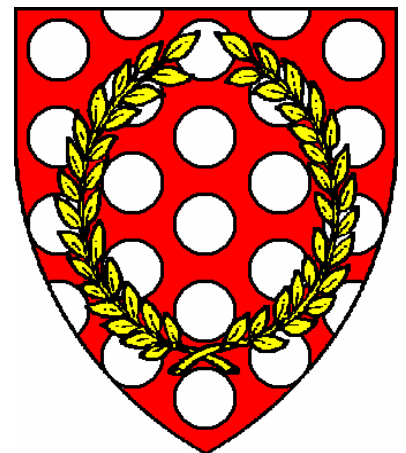
Though the former Canton of Hindscroft was still a shire, members within its lands of Forsyth County petitioned the Barony of the Sacred Stone to rejoin it as a brand new canton. Thus was born the Canton of Crois Brigte, which was granted full branch status on October 27th in Their Majesties' Court at 2001's *Labyrinth* event. The Canton has grown to encompass other counties and, despite the 2004 return of the remainder of Hindscroft, it remains its own dynamic branch to this day.

Even as the remaining lands of Hindscroft began to contemplate a return to the Sacred Stone family of cantons, another interest group had been developing in Rowan County. The incipient Canton of Salesberie Glen had its name registered in April 2003. But it was 2004 that became the busiest year in Sacred Stone's history since its initial founding. It was, in many ways, the rebirth of the Barony we all know today.

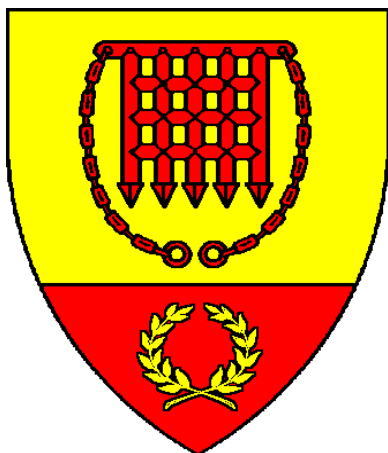
First, on June 19, 2004, one of the original founding cantons of the Barony of the Sacred Stone became its own barony. At a lovely investiture in what had once been Sacred Stone's Western-most reaches, the Barony of Hawkwood was elevated from canton to barony. They remain fast friends and staunch allies to Sacred Stone to this day.

Then, in September 2004, the Canton of Salesberie Glen registered its device: **Gules platy, a laurel wreath Or.** This registration left the incipient Canton free to be granted its full, official status as a canton of the Barony of the Sacred Stone on October 23, 2004.

Also in 2004, the remainder of the Shire of Hindscroft rejoined the Barony of the Sacred Stone as a canton. It returned Davidson, Guilford, Randolph, Rockingham and Stokes Counties to Sacred Stone making it, once again, land contiguous with the Protectorate of Drachentor, now sadly dissolved.

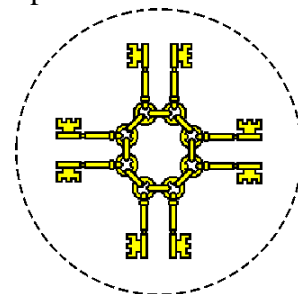


Wanting to establish a new destiny within Sacred Stone beyond its former Hindscroft legacy, the Canton of Hindscroft officially changed their branch name to the Canton of Middlegate in April 2009. Along with that name change, the Canton retired its ancient arms (12/1980) for the familiar (and much easier to blazon) arms we know today: **Or, a portcullis and on a base gules a laurel wreath Or.** These arms are shown at the top of the next page.



Of course, all that brings us to the Barony of the Sacred Stone as we know it today. The Cantons of Aire Faucon, Baelfire Dunn, Charlesbury Crossing, Crois Brigitte, Middlegate, and Salesberie Glen now make up our home.

The Canton of Middlegate retains the original Hindscroft device in badge form. But it also has a registered populace badge from that era, first registered in December 1980: **(Fieldless) Eight keys in cross parted, addorsed in pairs, all conjoined at the base by links of chain, Or.**



The heraldic legacy of the Barony of the Sacred Stone is not limited to its constituent branches, however. One of the defining characteristics of a barony is that it has the ability to create and stylize its own award structure within the SCA. Sacred Stone is no different and modeled its original Orders after the three original award tracks established throughout the Society: service, the gentle and martial arts.

The founding baron and baroness of Sacred Stone, Baron Jason Michael of Andover and Baroness Susan Douglas of Andover first established the Order of the Sacred Stone to recognize outstanding service and dedication to the Barony over a long period of time and with the promise of continuing service in the future. Its premier member, Karl von Nordmark, was inducted at the Barony's *Feast of the Winter Solstice* on December 12, 1982.



One of the chief aspects of being made a Companion to an Order is the right to bear the badge of the Order. Though it wasn't until November 1986 that the Order of the Sacred Stone had its own, registered heraldry: **Argent, in pale a phoenix and a dolmen vert.**

At the same event, Baron Jason and Baroness Susan first established the Order of the Phoenix' Eye. It was created to recognize outstanding arts & sciences achievements within the Barony of the Sacred Stone. This includes the teaching of that art in the Barony and/or its use on the Barony's behalf. Its premier Companion was Ciaran of Kells. While established in 1982, the Order of the Phoenix' Eye did not have dedicated armory until December 1987: **Argent, a phoenix's head vert issuant from flames of fire proper.**



The following May of 1983, Their Excellencies, Jason and Susan established the Order of the Phoenix' Claw. Originally created to recognize outstanding performance on the field of battle in heavy weapons within, and in the service of, the Barony of the Sacred Stone, it has since been opened to include rapier and other forms of combat. Joseph of Claridge was the Order's premier Companion. As with the Phoenix' Eye, the Order of the Phoenix' Claw had its own armory registered in December 1987: **Argent, in pale two spears in saltire and a phoenix's claw inverted vert, issuant from flames of fire proper.**

Wanting to recognize the highest qualities that all members of the Society strive to embody, courtesy and chivalry, Their Excellencies created the Order of the Phoenix' Heart, inducting Seamus O'Gallagher as its premier Companion at Sacred Stone's *Baronial Birthday* on September 3, 1988. At that time, it was originally conceived as the Order of Karl von Nordmark. But the name and its subsequent armory were altered in April 1990 to the Order of the Phoenix' Heart: **Vert, a double-headed phoenix displayed argent, between its wings a heart Or.**



The last Order created by Sacred Stone's founding baron and baroness was established to honor Archery and Scouting with Sigurd Thoro'lf being inducted as the premier Companion to the Order of the Yeoman of the Sacred Stone. It was first given at the Barony's second *Investiture* on March 23, 1991 in the last court of Their Excellencies, Baron Jason and Baroness Susan. Originally conceived to recognize the then brand new notion of combat archery, the Order of the Yeoman of the Sacred Stone grew to recognize outstanding contributions in all areas of archery, both on the field and on the range.



At that time, authorized heavy fighters who carried combat archery gear on the field were referred to as yeomen, hence the Order's name. It finally had its own, unique armory registered in April 1997: **Argent, a fist vert issuant from flames proper and maintaining an arrow reversed vert its head engulfed in flames proper.**



While Their Excellencies Jason and Susan would occasionally appoint members to a Sacred Stone Baronial Guard, the Baronial guard was formalized in March 1991. One fighter was selected from each branch and appointed as a Baronial Guardsman. A Captain of the Guard was also selected. While there was dedicated regalia for each member of the Baronial Guard, the Barony of the Sacred Stone also registered a dedicated badge for the Baronial Guard in October 1996: **Vert, a double-headed phoenix rising and in chief two swords crossed in saltire argent.**

Any member of the Barony of the Sacred Stone may display the populace badge shown to the right. But its many unofficial modifications are more often seen on the internet as symbols for the various Baronial Appointments. Variations of this badge are frequently seen as stylized symbols for anything from the Baronial Champion to the Baronial Bard to the Baronial Scrivener. That is, taking the populace badge: **Vert, a double-headed phoenix argent**, and applying various modifying symbols "in chief." There's nothing wrong with these symbols so long as it's known that they're unofficial.



The Barony also employs many symbols and tokens for its different awards. These are all unregistered and used at the discretion of the Baronial Coronet during any given reign. Their variability is precisely why they're not registered, as individual barons and baronesses like to customize them for their own use.

As you can see, the Barony of the Sacred Stone's heraldic history is a diverse one. Individual branches come and go, change status, defect, and even repatriate. And many of these changes come with differing heraldry to mark those changes in status. Heraldry isn't just about the symbols that embrace the Barony's traditions. It is a living, changing record of how the Barony sees itself, where it's been and where it's going. With it, we create all of the banners, regalia, and souvenirs that make our time in the Society visually remarkable. More than that though, the armory of Sacred Stone shows us, and the whole of the world, exactly where we belong.



October Schedule of Events for the Barony of the Sacred Stone

Meetings

Baronial Meeting- Sunday Nov.6th, 2:00 pm

Aire Faucon - Tuesday, October 11th

Baelfire Dunn - N/A

Charlesbury Crossing - Monday, Oct. 3rd

Crois Brigitte - Wed., Oct. 12th

Middlegate - Friday, Oct.14th.

Salesberie Glen - N/A

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Aire Faucon - Tues evenings at rotation locations

Baelfire Dunn - N/A

Charlesbury Crossing - Tues evenings at Egill and Ulivetta's house

Crois Brigitte - Dates and locations will be published

Middlegate - Tues 6-9- contact A&S Officer for address

Salesberie Glen -Wed. night every other week

Practices

Aire Faucon - Will be held on canton nights as location allows

Baelfire Dunn - Rapier practice Sundays at Bunker Hill HS

Charlesbury Crossing - N/A

Crois Brigitte - Archery Practice on Sundays at rotating locations

Middlegate - Wed and Sunday Heavy Fighter Practice

Salesberie Glen - N/A

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