The background is a complex stained glass design. At the top center is a white eagle with wings spread, perched on a branch. Below it, the word "PHOENIX" is written in large, white, serif capital letters with black outlines. The central focus is a shield with a green field, a white eagle with wings spread, and a white laurel wreath above it. The shield is set within a circular frame with a red top and bottom section and a blue left and right section. The entire design is surrounded by intricate patterns of green vines with yellow berries, grey and white geometric shapes, and blue circular accents.

# PHOENIX

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## **FROM THE BARON & BARONESS:**

Fond greetings to the wonderful people of Sacred Stone!

Congratulations to Master Bran Trefonnen and to the Phoenix, the Baronial newsletter, for winning the Blackfox Award for the Best Artwork on the cover or the interior of the newsletter. Congratulations are also due to Lady Stella da Lodi, editor of The Key from Middlegate, for Honorable Mention for exceptional work in producing an excellent newsletter.

We are proud of our talented members!

We had a wonderful time at WoW. The weather was perfect, the activities were many and varied, we had Sake (and plum wine) and then there were wings. We hope you took part in all these fun things and enjoyed your time there. Planning is already happening for next year, so if you are interested in volunteering, please see Our Baronial Seneschal, Lady Murienne for more information. We appreciate any and all suggestions for next year too.

Crown Tourney is coming up soon and We hope to see many of you there. Is anyone from Sacred Stone fighting for Crown? So far I only know of one.

I still have lots of Baronial trim. It is beautiful and should be on your garb. It is still only \$2 a yard!

Thanks to all the folks who volunteer at events. It's you who make the "Dream" come true.

Oshi and Sine,

Baron and Baroness



## **FROM THE SENESCHALE:**



Greetings to all,

Fall is upon us. War of the Wings has come and gone. Another year of events, projects, and good times is coming to an end. There are still a good number of events around the Kingdom but our Barony has a small break until the beginning of the year.

During that break, in that bit of down time I would ask you all to think about something just as important as events....

I would like you all to think about the baronial officers, the people who help the Baron & Baronesse keep the Barony running smoothly. A few offices are coming open (see calls for letters of intent later in this issue) and need capable members of the populace to step in and continue the good work done by the officers who are stepping down.

If you have interest in those offices I urge you to turn in a letter of intent. If you are not interested in filling any of those offices I would ask that you look at the other offices of the Barony and see if you have any interest in becoming a deputy to one of the current officer. As a deputy you would be able to learn more about the office and what it entails. You would also be a back for the officer you are deputy, which means that the burdens of that office could be shared rather than carried alone. IF you find an office you would like to learn more about feel free to contact that officer using the contact information in the back of this newsletter or on the Baronial website.

Another topic I would like to speak on is events. First, War of the Wings VIII.... For the first time we actually have more than one bid for WoW. Lady Caitlin & Lady Meadhbh have both put their name in to be the next Event Steward for WoW. Normally at the October meeting we discuss the bid received and vote to accept the bid at that meeting. With there being two bids this time we voted to table the discussion and continue it on the Baronial e-list and at the November meeting on the Sunday, November 18th.

The two potential Event Stewards are putting together their full bids and they will be posted to the E-list by the end of the first week of November. Please look them over and ask any questions you have before the November meeting.

One last thing and then I promise you can go back to reading the rest of the Newsletter...

I personally want to take a moment to thank you all for your work to make War of the Wings a success. Whether on the staff or not Sacred Stone IS what makes War of the Wings what it is. Your dedication and work have not gone without notice. I am in your debt and humbled by your willing spirit and seemingly endless energy. Every event Steward should be so lucky as to

## **Call for Letters of Intent - Archery Marshal, Minister of the Lists, and Chatelaine**

As we have multiple offices opening this call for letters of intent will cover them all. If you have interest in any of the offices but have questions I urge you to contact the outgoing officer, the coronets, or myself as we will all be happy to answer any questions regarding the office that you may have.

Over the next few months our Archery Marshal, Minister of the Lists, and Chatelaine will all be stepping down as their term of service comes to an end. Each of these officers have given their time and effort in service to the Barony and for that we thank them. If you would like to step in to fill any of these offices please note the qualifications needed and complete the procedures listed below.

Each Baronial officer must comply with the requirements as described in Sections 5.1, 5.5 and 5.6 of the Baronial Policies. If you are unfamiliar with these sections I urge you to read them before you submit your letter. Baronial Policies are located on the Baronial website and can be viewed here... <http://sacredstone.atlantia.sca.org/GPolicies.htm#baronialpolicies>

Parties interested in stepping into the office noted above will need to follow the Letter of Intent guidelines layed out below...

Letters of intent should include the following information:

SCA Name

Modern Name

Membership # & Exp date

Address

Phone

Email

A statement that you would like to be considered for the position of \_\_\_\_\_ officer.

In addition, it is suggested that you include your qualifications, reasons why you would like to be considered for the position, and any goal that you have for your term in office.

If you have an SCA Resume please include that as well.

Letters of Intent should be sent to the Coronet, Baronial Seneschal, and outgoing officer

## Meeting Minutes

The baronial business meeting took place at 2pm at 3300 Eastover Ridge Drive, Charlotte, NC 28211 (Eastover Ridge Apartments Clubhouse). There were 29 gentles in attendance. The meeting went as follows:

### Officer's Reports:

#### Coronet's Report:

Baron Oshi and Baroness Sine had a good time at WoW and wish to thank everyone who made it such a great event.



#### Seneschal's Report:

New rules to be discussed from Society. Kingdom Seneschal will be doing a rewrite to correspond with Kingdom.



#### Exchequer's Report:

Current checkbook balance is \$21,684.10 before bills are paid for WoW.

Quarterly report done for this quarter. Several outstanding receipts needed for WoW and Sacred Stone Baronial Birthday. As a reminder to canton Exchequers, reports are due by Oct 31st.



#### Chronicler's Report:

I am still in need of Officer's Reports. Please copy me when you send in your report to Murienne before the Baronial meeting. Also, if you would like me to publicize your upcoming event, send me some information and I will be happy to include it in the newsletter.



#### Herald's Report:

WoW was very active for the Herald's table. 32 paid submissions were turned in. Herald's party at WoW was a huge success.

## **Officers' Reports:**

### **MOL's Report:**

No report. Call for Letters of Intent in this month's newsletter

### **Chatelaine's Report:**

No Report Call for Letters of Intent in this month's newsletter

### **Heavy Marshall:**

Working to coordinate fighter practice in the barony. Heavy and rapier looking for central location so it is easier or everyone to attend.

### **Rapier Marshal's Report:**

Rapier fighting was so much fun at WoW. Great participation. Thanks to all who helped make it happen.

### **Archery Marshal's Report:**

WoW was a huge success. Over 100 people shot for War points. 50 people shot for fun and competitive shooting. Thrown weapons had a good turnout too. Lorelei has Spiked SAAD for spring, April 27th, 2013.

### **Web Minister's Report:**

All OP listings have been updated. Website is up to date.

### **MoAS Report:**

Etienne LeMons 's Letter of Intent for the office of Minister of Arts and Sciences was voted on and approved. Two opposed, one abstained. WoW went wonderful. 53 backlog scrolls were completed. There were 55 classes with 379 people attending.



### **Chancellor of Minors Report:**

Huge turnout at WoW with the kids. Leatherworking was a hit with both kids and adults. 20-30 kids attended the Family Masked Ball. Heraldic Twister was fun for all.

Lady Aine reported that two new pages were inducted at WoW, Alexander and Mikala . That makes a total of four pages in Sacred Stone.

### **Chirurgeon's Report:**

Ten fully certified Chirurgeons were in attendance at WoW. One CiT attended as well.

Need more Chirurgeons in Sacred Stone. Shrewlet will be happy to explain requirements to anyone interested. Everyone liked the water stations for the dogs. She donated two more coolers to the Barony which makes a total of 6 to match the number of new cooler stands.

### **Canton Reports:**

#### **Charlesbury Crossing:**

Monthly meetings at Amalies. Looking for other meeting places. A&S meetings about every other month. Still working on 12th Night projects. Having successful fighter practices at Achbar and Safira's house. Looking for other places to have fighter practices. New fighter authorized at WoW in two disciplines.

#### **Middlegate:**

The Canton of Middlegate continues to work hard. Busy with weekly A&S meetings and Scribal classes . Working on Ghesseh of the Stone, Sat. Jan 19th. which is a Persian theme. The WoW banner which was made by the canton was extraordinary and was commented on by many people. There are four newcomers to the canton. After school demo from last year generated two more requests from other schools for similar demos.

#### **Baelfire Dunn:**

Baelfire Dunn continues to be more active. We have Spiked Drums of War IV for Apr. 13-15.

We had a new fighter, Joseph Lewis, authorize at WoW. We almost have a full compliment of officers now.

### **Aire Falcon:**

No real activity at this time. Now that Bryan, Brianna have stepped down, as well as Tal, they hope to have more time to devote to canton activities.

### **Salisbury Glen:**

Sir Axel has stepped up as Seneschal. Elunid will be his Deputy. They are having newcomer meet and greets and are working on more A&S nights.

### **Croix Brigitte:**

SAAD has been Spiked for Apr 27th. Tim will Autocrat and Lorelei will be the MiC. They are moving archery practice to dates that won't conflict with Baronial meetings. Fighter practice at the castle may be moving to a more central place.

### **Old Business:**

A&S position was filled by Etienne LeMons. Looking for new Archery Marshal. Edward Dewitt is stepping down. The Smoking Beast tavern at WoW (brought to the event by Edward Dewitt's son) did well enough to warrant coming back next year. Sacred Stone's encampment went very well. No issues with people driving on the leech fields. Lady Aine did a great job with land.

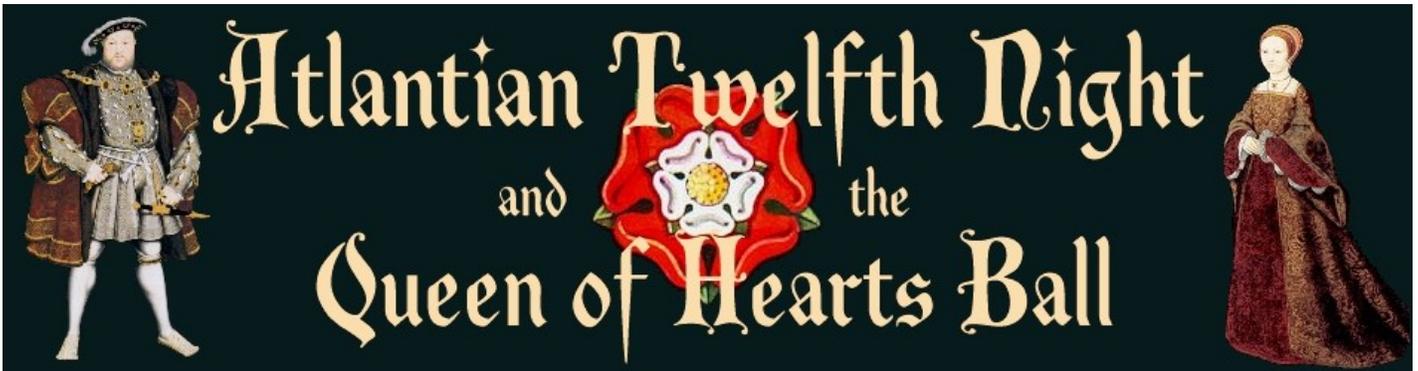
### **New Business:**

Bids for WoW 2013— Two people indicated they planned to submit a bid for next year's WoW, Lady Caitlin MacDonoughue and Lady Meadhbh the Handy. Since this is the first time we have ever had two competing bids, after some discussion, it was decided to table the vote and publish both bids to the e-list for review by the populace. The vote will be taken on the bids at the next baronial meeting on Nov 18th.

## Events :

### 12th Night: Saturday Jan.12th

Lots of activities in the works for 12th Night. See our website at [www.twelfthnight.atlantia.sca.org](http://www.twelfthnight.atlantia.sca.org) for more exciting information or check out our Facebook page. Be sure and give your favorite gentleman your Queen of Hearts cards to secure your dance at the Ball. Start planning on dance practices in your locations. The



dance list and music is already on the website. If you are going to University, there is a class on Tudor gowns and accessories being taught there. This will be an event to remember. Registration is open, so register soon. Be sure and reserve your seats for feast.

### Ghesseh of the Stone — Sat. Jan 19th.

Ghesseh of the Stone will journey to the lands of Persia while paying tribute to The Barony of the Sacred Stone through performing arts, tests of martial prowess, artistic endeavours and a marvelous candlelight persian feast.

### Kingdom A&S—Feb 2nd

Jamestown United Methodist Church, 403 E. Main St, Jamestown, NC 27282

The annual A&S Festival for the Kingdom of Atlantia

### War Practice— Regional war practice before Gulf Wars

### Drums of War IV—Apr . 13th –15th

# A few pictures of WoW



**Sacred Stone leads the processional**



**The Declarations**



**The Welcome Social**



**Welcome to War of the Wings Banner by Middlegate**



**The Masked Ball**

# Halloween – The Celtic Tradition

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*By Estienne Le Mons d'Anjou*

Halloween can be traced back to the ancient Celtic festival of Samhain (pronounced Sah-ween). The ancient Celts started their new year on November 1<sup>st</sup> each year, which marked the end of the summer and the beginning of the dark and desolate winter, a season often associated with death in the pre-Christian world. On October 31<sup>st</sup>, the night before the new year, the boundary between the living and the dead was believed to blur. Ghosts were allowed to return to the earth! While these spirits caused all sorts of trouble and damaged crops, they also allowed the druids to have prophetic visions and make predictions about the future.

To celebrate, the people would extinguish their hearth fires and gather in large groups. The druids would build large bonfires and people, often costumed in animal skins and heads, gathered to sacrifice crops and animals to the Celtic deities. They would try to predict each others' fortunes and then return to their homes, relighting their hearths with flame from the sacred bonfire.

After the coming of the Roman Empire, two Roman festivals were combined with the festival of Samhain. One of these festivals honored Pomona, the goddess of fruits and trees. The tradition of bobbing for apples was common to this festival and the apple was considered the symbol of Pomona. The other festival was Feralia, where the Romans remembered their ancestors and celebrated the passing of the dead.

Eventually, as with most pagan celebrations, this festival was integrated into Christian society. In the 5<sup>th</sup> century, Pope Boniface IV created the feast called All Martyrs Day on May 13<sup>th</sup>. This celebration was eventually moved to November 1<sup>st</sup> to take over the popular pagan festival. Later, the holiday changed its name to All Souls' Day and All Saints' Day in some areas. In Middle English, the festival was called Alhallowmesse (or All-Hallowmas). The night before it of course because All-Hallowmas Eve (or Halloween).



## *References*

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Most of the information included in this article comes directly from my knowledge as a neo-pagan. Some of the facts about the name of the holiday come from:

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## *Images*

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A Jack o' Lantern made for the Holywell Manor Halloween celebrations in 2003. Photograph by Toby Ord on 31 Oct 2003.

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# **Nov. Schedule of Events for the Barony of the Sacred Stone**

## **Meetings**

**Baronial Meeting— Nov 18th Location to be announced**

**Aire Faucon— Tuesday, Nov. 6th.**

**Baelfire Dunn - N/A**

**Charlesbury Crossing - Monday, Nov. 5th**

**Crois Brigitte - Wed., Nov. 7th.**

**Middlegate - Friday, Nov. 9th.**

**Salesberie Glen - N/A**

## **A&S**

**Aire Faucon - Tues evenings at rotation locations**

**Baelfire Dunn - N/A**

**Charlesbury Crossing - Location to be announced.**

**Crois Brigitte - Dates and locations will be published**

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

**Salesberie Glen –Occasional Wednesdays, contact Lady Mari for dates**

## **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**

# Baronial Regnum

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|----------------------------------|---|-------------------|--|
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## **BARONIAL YOUTH COMBAT CHAMPION - OPEN**

### **BARONIAL YOUTH ARCHERY CHAMPION**

Lord Vilhjálmr bani

### **BARONIAL YOUTH ARTISAN**

Hamsa of Middlegate

### **PHOENIX GUARD**

**Captain:** THL Christophe of Grey (John Atkins)  
Lady Davina de Bruce (Diana Parsons)  
Lord Jean Bartt (Bart Armstrong)  
Lord Tim Arrowfinder (Tim Kincaid)  
THL Lorelei Greenleaf (Lorelei Elkins)

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# *Regnum (continued)*

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