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Newsletter of the Barony of the Sacred Stone

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When the bird, proud of its plumage, grows up among the plants, when its life is renewed, young, full of grace, then, swift in limb, from the dust it gathers its body, the remnant of the burr. Artfully it collects the fire; and then puts the leavings of the flame; s of death, richly arrayed home once more. The ed Stone of the fire, clutches it with its claws and joyously seeks again its home-land, sunny haunts happy native country. All shall be made anew, its life and feathery dress, as it was in the beginning, when first victorious noble placed it in the noble plain. It brings there its own bones, the ashes too, which the surge of fire embraced before the funeral pile. Then the valiant bird buries the bones and ashes all together in that water-land. The sign of the sun is renewed for him, when the light of the sky, brightest of jewels, the best of noble stars, shines up from the east over the sea. - It is not sluggish nor slothful, dull nor torpid as some birds who wing their way slowly through the air, but it is speedy and swift and very alert, fair and winsome, and gloriously marked. - The people behold in wonder at how faithful its people are.



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Letter from Their Excellencies

Order meetings in either Nov or Dec maybe 1 per meeting.
Facebook msgs – please call directly – do not rely on FB messages
Pennants available for painting personal or household badges – see after meeting
Get reservations / land reservations in today.
Congratulations to Annora and Robert
Great weekend. Lots of good feedback from our visiting Royals and Barony representatives

Alianor
Baroness, Barony of the Sacred Stone

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Writings of War of the Wings XI

Parts I, II, III, V, and VI are

scattered throughout this edition

Part IV picture viewable at

the end of our newsletter. Also

check out our FB page Baron

Marc pictures are set to "I want

it all" by Queen and Baroness

Alianor pictures are set to "I am

the Fire" by Halestorm

Regnum

Statement of Ownership

Fighting Phoenix Artwork

Our next **Baronial Meeting** is

October 9th, 12 noon at

Eichenburg Castle.

Cover Page Art Work: Contributed by Annora Hall (Kathy Murphy) and accredited to *The Phoenix* an Anglo-Saxon Poem selected and translated by RK Gordon, published by Everyman's Library in 1926.

Letter from the Seneschal

The proposed Baronial Policies and Baronial Financial Policies will be published soon.

We received one bid for War of the Wings XII and that was from Baron Edward and Baroness Reyna. Their Excellencies and I have reviewed the bid and have accepted it. Unfortunately since that time Baron Edward and Baroness Reyna have made the sad announcement that they will be leaving these lands. As we already have a valid bid in place Their Excellencies and I discussed the matter, brought the situation to the Kingdom Seneschal's attention and are in the process of simply replacing the autocrat. It is my hope to have the new autocrat confirmed prior to SSBB, as we have very high confidence that the gentle we have been speaking is going to take the event on. At this time it is our understanding the remainder of the staff on the bid will remain in place.

The bid that was submitted will be published in conjunction with October's The Phoenix.

Note: When submitting bids for Baronial events all staff members listed must be confirmed and committed to being on staff for your event. If you submit a bid with "placeholders" as staff members it cannot be considered a viable bid and therefore cannot be accepted.

Baronial Birthday. We will begin accepting bids for Baronial Birthday. Please have all bids in no later than October 31, 2016. Forms may be found on the Baronial website.

Baronial MoL. The only letter received was from Lady Niccolina the Wanderer. We request commentary be EMAILED DIRECTLY to Their Excellencies and the Seneschal. The announcement will be made at the next Baronial meeting.

Baronial Chatelaine. Baroness Caitlyn is stepping down. Please forward letters of intent to Their Excellencies, myself and Baroness Caitlyn. Those who have sent in letters will be announced at the next Baronial meeting.



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Contracts. All sites, rentals, etc. must have contracts reviewed, approved and signed by the Branch Seneschal. The Branch Seneschal may also grant written approval for a deputy seneschal or autocrat to sign the contract after having reviewed and approved the contract.

Elchenburg new email address. elchenburgcastle@gmail.com

Curia at Coronation has been cancelled.

Facebook is a wonderful tool for certain things and we have become accustomed to getting answers within moments of asking a question. However, some questions cannot be answered quite so readily and I do request again that you (also) use email as a form of communication.

Polling Orders: I have had some questions to me personally lately and have seen questions on various lists regarding polling orders and wanted to take a quick moment to explain (and possibly remind some folks) what polling orders are in the SCA. Polling Orders are set up so that a body of the populace with similar interests have an avenue to discuss others who have similar interests and bring them to the attention of the Royals in hopes of having that person recognized for their achievements and inducted into the Order. Most polling orders have watchlists that are set up by members of the Order that are listings of people that they especially desire other members to keep an eye on and help out from time to time. Polling Orders gather together and discuss the progress of various members on the watchlists when the Royals call for a meeting. The rest of the year they keep up with each other via their Order elists. From time to time the Royals will direct the Order Principal to conduct a polling of various members on the watchlist (and sometimes not on the watchlist) as to whether or not the Order feels those persons are ready to be inducted into that Order. The responses are private and go directly back to the Royals. The results are rarely, if ever, shared with the Order or Order Principal. The Royals will then make a decision as to whether or not to induct that person. All that is required for the induction of someone is for a polling to be conducted. After that it is completely up to the Royals' whim as to when and if someone is inducted regardless of whether the individual had a 0% positive polling or 100% positive polling.

Deputies: While I do have two amazing deputies, neither have taken the position on with the desire to become the next Baronial Seneschal. If that is something you are interested in, please contact me. While it does not guarantee that you will be the next Seneschal it does give you an advantage.

Next Baronial Meeting: Sunday, October 9, 2016 at Noon. Potluck details to be announced.

Mesternö Bessenyei Rozsa
Seneschal, Barony of the Sacred Stone

War of the Wings XI by Lord Jonathan Blackbow

Part One

"They live for war, Mistress."

Smoke rose from yet another shattered battlefield. Only the crows moved through the wreckage.

As we surveyed the carnage, Alianor of the Swan shook her head sorrowfully. Tears could be seen tracking down her begrimed face.

"I knew they loved what they did, and I begrudged them not, for it is what they are best at."

"But I never expected that they would ensnare my lord Mark into the same foul trap."

We looked at her as she wept. Finally I said "what do you mean, Mistress?"

"Look around you," she said. "All wreckage. All carnage. All the things used for this foul war, things we could have used to better ourselves. Metal. Grain. Cattle. Cloth. Beans. Canvas, wood, arrows, swords, banners, heralds, pages, squires, knights, folk of all walks of life."



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"But His Excellency stays at home and works at his forge, Mistress. 'Tis what he enjoys. He has not-

"Has he not?" She said softly. "True, he works at his forge. Coal, and iron, and sweat, and toil. But what does he build there? Weapons. Naught but weapons. And all the things that go into those weapons. He *has* what he wants. And normally that would be enough, I think. But he wants more. And who put that thought into his head? 'Twas not the populace, assuredly. They *have* what they want, and lack for nothing. They toil, look you, and they accept that this war is a part of their lives. For some, this war has existed as long as they have. They support us, unstintingly, and they support this war, because they believe in it."

She shook her head slowly. "No. He has gone beyond the pale. *Everything* that comes into this land is made to serve him and his desire for war. Not the betterment of his people as a whole; merely those that follow his cause. War. You said it, goodman. They live for war."

"Then tell us what we must do, Mistress," I said, "for surely this cannot stand. There are those of us that do not live merely for the battlefield. Put a name to those that fight solely for the sake of fighting, and we shall unite against them."

"There are many," she said. "The Clan of Two Clubs is famous for their love of war. The Company of the Iron Lance did little else. Blood's Guard, well, their very name flaunts their enjoyment of it. From far-off Caid, the Myrmidons shake the earth when they take the field. From our very own kingdom, Prince Guillaume Tomas le Lou and the Guard of Mountain's Keep-

"But Mistress! Surely not! He is a countryman of yours! Atte Red Swanne, de la Flamme, Tomas Le Lou, d'Artagnon, du Guesclin, Valmont, good Frenchmen all! Surely not!"

But she was shaking her head again. It was a terrible thing to see, this sorrow. "No, goodman. l'amour de la guerre knows no nationalities. My own Baron, Mark d'Aubigny, as French as they come, is overcome with it. The English have William Marshall. The Scots have William Wallace. The Vikings love war as well. Our own Queen, Thora Heri, can scarcely be dragged off the field, and she is of gentle birth. I know not which she favors more; war, or the gentler arts. I suppose we shall see."

9/11/2016; Sacred Stone Baronial Meeting;

Meeting called to order: 10:13 am

Location: *Elchenburg Castle, Booneville, NC*

Count of members: 33

Count of non-members: 2

Coronet's Report (Baronne Alianor atte Redswanne): See letters from their Excellencies

Officer's Reports

Seneschal's Report (Mesternö Bessenyei Rozsa); See letter from the Seneschal

WOW Budget discussion: Lady Elizabeth

Breakeven is 1000 people, instead of 844. Budget has changed around a bit.

Tal, moved; Gawain, second: 27 for; 0 against; 2 abstain

Exchequer's Report (Lady Jdeke von Kolberg);

Total Funds in Bank \$ 20,897.08

Allocations

Baronial Travel Fund \$ 349.97

WoW X Fund \$ 10,000.00

Baronial Cookware Fund \$ 195.00

Pennsic Fete Fund \$

Newcomers' Fund \$ 333.30

Funds from Baelfire Dunn £ \$ 552.00

Total allocated \$ 11,400.27



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Total Unallocated \$ 9,496.81
 £ Decisions still to be made regarding how these monies are to be handled.

Check for purchase of archery targets (up to \$210 from Baelfire Dunn funds) has not yet been written. However, the line on this report for the Baelfire Dunn funds shows the expense.

Baelfire Dunn has been closed since November 2014. This fund was created at that time. We should take a vote to determine if we want to continue this fund or roll the monies back into the unallocated funds.

Motion to move amount in the baronial Cookware Fund to Unallocated Funds. The Baronial cooks pointed out that those monies were from fundraisers done at luncheons for cookware. The vote failed.

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Motion of Belfire Dunn \$\$ back into the general account: Malcome moved; Gise second
28 for; 0 against; 3 abstain

Motion to replenish the Pennsic Children's Fund: Prudence moved; Elizabeth second
29 for; 0 against; 2 abstain

We must vote annually to keep money allocated if no movement has occurred on the account. Murienne moved; Gise second: 28 for; 0 against; 2 abstain

Emergency Financial Committee approved \$250 for SSBB. We need to approve \$60 more for additional SSBB expenses related to the vigils. 27 for; 0 against; 0 abstain

Pay for u-haul and mileage related to rental used to move equipment to and from event site. ~ \$250
27 for; 0 against; 0 abstain; after reviewing the financial business with the exchequer, the bill was \$253.79.

Lady Jdeke amended her report to include the announcement of stepping down as Baronial Exchequer. Those interested in serving as our next Exchequer should send Letters of Intent directly to their excellencies, our seneschal, and to our exchequer.

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Seneschal@sacredstone.atlantia.sca.org

Exchequer@sacredstone.atlantia.sca.org

Quartermaster (Lord Simone da Venezia)

Behind on arranging the storage building.

Move and seconded to dispose of used archery netting.

24 for; 1 against; 2 abstain

Move and seconded to put tent into silent actions

24 for; 1 against; 4 abstain

Move and seconded to dispose of warped green baronial table

29 for; 0 against; 3 abstain

Move and seconded to spend monies not to exceed \$150 to purchase storage bins for baronial storage unit. 32 for; 0 against; 1 abstain

Since folks have been good about requesting goods from the storage building; we will make an extra key for the autocrats to use during the event.

List of goods of questionable need / use by the Barony currently stored in storage building will be brought to the next Baronial Meeting – we will decide



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Herald's Report (Lord Vincenzo D'Este)

No Report

Baronial Marshal's Report (Mistress Lorelei Greenleafe)

All reports were turned in on time.

Lord Robert Left Hand is the new regional deputy

Master Rafael will not be renewing his Marshal credentials

This leaves us with 1 new marshal and 1 person who is interested.

All reports are up to date. No issues, injuries or problems.

Reminder: If you haven't done so already, please read this link as a refresher:

<http://atlantia.sca.org/offices/seneschal/clerk-of-law/policy/134-offices/seneschal/policies-and-laws/atlantian-book-of-policy/marshal-pages>

The Canton of Salesberie Glen continues to have regular adult and youth heavy fight practices with good attendance.
The Canton of Charlesbury Crossing continues to have fighter practice every Sunday.

Rapier practice will likely happen on a regular basis in Greensboro area. More information about this will be made available when it happens. See Master Raphael for details.

Lord Robert of Avonsford is the new Regional Target Archery Marshal for NC. If he does not have your email, please contact him so that he can communicate with you when necessary.

We are still in need of Rapier Marshals in particular, but all disciplines in general. Please consider giving of your time so that we don't burden those who take the time to marshal our fun.

From the Kingdom Earl Marshal, Sir Vladimir Alexandrov:

Brian de Moray has agreed to serve as Northern Special Deputy Marshal. A full description of the duties will be made available soon. Their main function is to act as a point of appeal for a combatant or marshal, between the MiC of an event and the Deputy for a given Discipline. They are also a resource for marshals who might have a question at an event or practice and need some help interpreting a rule. (Note: Sacred Stone Marshals should have a thorough understanding of ALL the rules. If this is not the case, visit the website for your Discipline and do some studying.)

From the DEM for Armored Combat, Sir Joselin d'outremer

(Paraphrased)

...reminds marshals that proper helmet inspection entails checking both the fit of the helmet and padding on its interior. Foam breaks down and compresses over its lifespan, and we owe it to our fighters to be diligent in checking for that degradation.

To be clear, helmet padding should be inspected at each event and fighters whose padding does not comply with Society minimums should be given the chance to remedy it. If they do not or cannot, they cannot be allowed on the field in that helmet.

All this said, no fighter should learn about a helmet problem for the first time at an event he or she drove 4 hours to reach. Knights Marshal, you should work with your fighters in practice, inspecting helmets and padding. I encourage marshals to keep some half-inch closed-cell foam in your armor bag or car trunk so that you can help a fighter get her or his armor into compliance.

These are the relevant sections from the latest edition of the Society Marshal's Handbook:

VI.B.8

All parts of the helm that might cause injurious contact with the wearer's head shall be padded with a minimum of .5 inch (12.7 mm) of closed-cell foam or equivalent padding, or shall be suspended in such a way as to prevent contact with the wearer during combat. Similarly, parts of the inside of the helm that might come in contact with the wearer's neck or body



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should be padded.

VI.B.9

All helms shall be equipped with a chin strap or equivalent means to prevent the helm from being dislodged or metal contacting the wearer's face during combat. An equivalent might be, for example, a bevor or a chin-cup suspension system. A "snug fit" is NOT an equivalent. The chin strap shall be, at a minimum, .5 inch (12.7 mm) in width and shall not be placed in the helm in a manner that could strangle the wearer. Contact Sir Joselin d'outremer if you have any questions.

(Note: Please make this a priority for your local fighters before War of the Wings.)

Please let me know now if you have a need for War of the Wings, equipment, etc. We do have a small budget.

Minister of the Lists Report (OPEN)

Minister of Arts and Science Report (Lady Annice Argent)

SSBB A&S – great turn out – much better than expected
Donating your art as a prize is a great opportunity to get your art seen.
Costs for prizes may be budgeted in your event costs.

Chatelaine's Report (Baroness Caitlin MacDonaughue)

Actively seeking assistance for Newcomer's Point to man the booths. Please contact Mistress Mary Helene and Lady Clare. Baroness Caitlin will donate use of her 16 X 16 pavillion. Discussion about keeping Newcomer's point to

Chancellor of Youth Report (Lady Thamira ha Sopheret)

All you need to breathe – living adults are needed to be second Adult for Kid's Activities. Thamira needs a deputy – a limited background check is required by Kingdom.

Chronicler's Report (Lady Annora Hall)

Pennsic and WOW pictures – poems – funny stories – please consider submitting them to the Newsletter.

If you would like to contribute an article concerning your "how to run" classes or any other topics, please contact me at annorahall@yahoo.com.

Webminister's Report (Lord Lofrikr)

Everything is moved to the new site. If anything is missing, please let him know. Working with archived information to make it in a new usable form.

Canton Reports

Charlesbury Crossing (Amira - Tracy Mullins)

Sunday fighter practices in Freedom Park are very well attended. Two rapier also showing up from time to time. They just did a silk painting class.

Middlegate – Lord Simone da Venezia

A&S has changed days from Tuesday to Thursday. A&S is still strong – 18 – 24 people each week.
Feb 11th - Gitta of the Stone - \$13 – 14 for the event for feast and lunch. Canton of Middlegate had a fundraiser for their stuff library made \$30 in the tea house at SSBB. Autocrat is 19 yr old, Becca – she is doing very well pulling things together. Annora is cooking an Indian / Portuguese feast.

Aire Faucon – Lady Prudence the Curious

Report for Aire Faucon to the July 9, 2016 business meeting

Crois Brigte – Meisterin Freiherrin Gisela von Gisela vom Kreuzbach



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Using same weekend as Ice Castles, Jan. 28th – festival of St Bridgt; Keith Lee's, new pastor of St. John's Lutheran on Silas Creek, will host memorial services for his daughter, Sept. 24th.

Salesberie Glenn – Lord Gawain de Barri

Took a lot of folks to Newcomers; A&S is consistent and regular on Monday Nights; Adult fighter practice is picking up; Equestrian is also popular

Previous events

Baronial Birthday 2016; Sept 9-11th 2016; Lady Aine O Grienan, Autocrat – 346 attended. 22 people said this was their first event. 80 feast spots increased to 100. Sold out with 20+ on waiting list.

Lazers of the future used for tokens of the past

Upcoming events

WOW; October 12 – 16th, 2016 (Lady Elizabeth)

War point allocation

Stuff for people of all activity levels

Volunteers collect a ticket after they work a min of 2 hours and can vote where the \$\$ goes.

Staff positions that are still open: Privy steward is a must have position. Description of work.

Trailer parking is separate from your car – strongly requesting folks to unhook.

Paypal is open until midnight

850 are preregistered as of Saturday, 9/10

Mail-in registration is accepted if post-marked by 9/14.

Runestone, November 19th (Lady Jdeke)

Looking for teachers

36 teaching hour opportunities

Twelfth Night, Jan (Baroness Caitlin)

Baronial award recommendations; get them in as soon as possible – we have a 3 day event and lots of opportunities to acknowledge the work of our populace.

Cars – parking needs to start with our Barony and encouraging others to park

Next Meeting – Oct 9th at noon, Elchenburg

Moved and seconded to close current meeting.

Meeting adjourned – 12:25 pm

War of the Wings XI by Lord Jonathan Blackbow

Part Two

"They live for war, Master."

Smoke rose from yet another shattered battlefield. Only the crows moved through the wreckage.

Only the crows disturbed the bodies.

The crows, and the warriors stripping the dead, taking their swords, shields, spears, arrows, bows, belts, helmets, armor, and of course any spare coin purses.

As we surveyed the carnage, Marc d'Aubigny shook his head in disbelief, a half-grin frozen on his face.

"I knew they were good at what they did, and I begrudged them not, for it is what they are best at."

"But I thought there would be more."

We watched him as he stared over the battlefield. Finally I said "what do you mean, Master?"



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"Look around you," he said. "Carnage. All the things used for this war. Armor. Weapons. Arrows. Bows. By God, soldiers. By any normal standards, a well-fought battle, with a good haul at the end. But I thought there would be more."

"To be fair, Your Excellency," I said, "'tis only recently that anyone could call you away from your forge. Before that, your forces had no one to command them, and so they concentrated on simply maintaining your holdings. Now that you have taken the field-

He was smiling again, obviously at the mere thought of battle and carnage. Finally he said "The brotherhood of war knows no nationalities, my friends. I endeavored to make Baroness Alianor see that fact, and accept it; but she will not, and rises in rebellion against me. She is part of the Rebel Alliance, and a traitor. Even the King and Queen may have fallen victim to her entreaties. Well, I wager by the time things come to a head they will no longer be King and Queen."

"we hear and obey, Your Excellency. Our ambassadors have sent word that Prince Guillaume is en route with his forces, the fabled purple of Mountains Keep. As well, Blood's Guard of the East marches with the Myrmidons of Caid. The Clan of Two Woodchucks-

He glared at everyone. "That's Two Chucks, you fools."

"Sorry, your Excellency. The scouts' handwriting is sometimes hard to read."

"It matters not," he said. "They fight for beer and sausages. And I have much of that. What of the rest? What of William Marshal and his forces, and the Celtic Nations? Those savages fight simply to fight against *everyone*."

"Your Excellency, our reports indicate that all of them are en route to Elchenburg. It may take some of them several weeks to butcher- I mean, fight their way through the opposition. Some of them have indicated that they are coming by way of Cooper's Lake, which is somewhat out of the way, but they will likely gain more allies for the detour."

"Excellent," he said, and then he did not speak for some time. Finally he turned and faced us all.

"...I want *more*," he growled. "Do you hear me? I want it ALL. I want it ALL. I want it ALL, and I want it NOW."

Officer Opportunities in the Barony

As announced at the Baronial meeting on Sunday we are now accepting letters of intent for the following offices (deadline will be in The Phoenix):

Baronial Herald
Baronial Chatelaine
Baronial Quartermaster
Baronial Exchequer

If you are interested in either of these positions, please forward a letter of intent to the outgoing officer:

herald@sacredstone.atlantia.sca.org (Lord Vincenzo)

-or-

chatelaine@sacredstone.atlantia.sca.org (Baroness Caitlin)

-or-

exchequer@sacredstone.atlantia.sca.org (Lady Jdeke)

As well as to Their Excellencies and to the Seneschal:

Baron@sacredstone.atlantia.sca.org

Baroness@sacredstone.atlantia.sca.org

Seneschal@sacredstone.atlantia.sca.org

If you have any questions regarding what those offices entail, please contact the outgoing officers.

In addition, Lady Niccolina the Wanderer was the only letter we received for Baronial MoL. Please forward commentary directly to Their Excellencies and myself at the same above listed addresses.



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Those who have put forth letters will be announced at the Baronial meeting scheduled for October as well as who the next Baronial MoL will be.

ADDITIONALLY: Baronial Rapier marshal. Master Raphael is stepping down and Mistress Lorelei (Baronial Knights Marshal) is looking for someone to step in. If you are interested in the position please contact her directly at marshal@sacredstone.atlantia.sca.org

I really wish to thank these gentles for the service that they have provided this Barony or have volunteered to provide. The Dream is impossible to make happen without the service of our amazing volunteers and the time they dedicate to ensuring others have fun.

Lord Vincenzo, Baroness Caitlyn, Master Raphael and Lady Niccolina, THANK YOU!!!!!!

Rozsa

War of the Wings XI by Lord Jonathan Blackbow

Part Three

"They live for war, Mistress. And they are unstoppable."

A crossbow hummed a bolt on its way. A soldier screamed and fell.

"Not any more, they aren't."

The battlefield at Crecy once again groaned under the weight of horses, and soldiers, and spears. Crows and vultures circled far above, safely out of crossbow range, waiting for their turn at the wreckage.

"But he said it, Mistress. He practically *sang* it. He wants it all, and he wants it now. Surely killing a few of his soldiers will not slow him in the slightest."

A crossbow loosed again. Another soldier dropped.

"No," she said. "No, it won't." Her face was sad, just as it had been since the beginning of the conflict.

"But *those* soldiers were standing in the way of *that* squire."

Another crossbow bolt winged across the field. A squire dressed in red and black tried to scream, clutching uselessly at the bolt protruding from his chest, and sank to the ground.

Tears were running down her face. "He used to babysit my children. Taylor, and Brandon, and Erika, and Kaleigh, and my grandchildren Shepard and Lorelei... and I tried to tell him that living only for war was foolish. But he would not listen. And he followed Baron Marc."

More French troops died, crossbow bolts protruding. It was as if one mind was directing the withering fire of the archers.

"And now," she said, "now I must kill my lord. 'Tis the only way to end this, this... slaughter. My loyal citizens die to slow their advance, and I scarcely know which side should win the day. God knows I have no love for the English, but if they back my cause, then I must support them."

"But Mistress, surely the Baron need not die! There must be another-"

A crossbow bolt flew again across the field.

Methinks 'twas naught but Providence that caused the bolt to miss, for certainly she was aiming for the eye. As cruel as it sounded, she sought to spare him pain, and end his fight quickly.

But the bolt missed. Just as it arrived he turned slightly, and the bolt transfixed his arm. Whoever he was engaged in killing at the time did not realize how close they came to death, but the bolt spoiled his aim.

He did not scream in agony. He was too fixated on the battle for the pain to intrude on his consciousness.

His head jerked up and saw her watching him. He grinned, and tried to go back to the fight, but his arm refused to work.



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Their eyes met, and in that look was exchanged all that needed to be said. He had lost the battle between them, but his soldiers were winning the day. Gathering his household troops around him, he retired from the field.

The battle continued.

A crossbow hummed.

Baronial Policy Reviews

Attached you will find proposed changes to Baronial Policies. These will be discussed and voted upon at the November 2016 Baronial meeting. We ask that any commentary and questions prior to the meeting be forwarded directly to the Baronial Seneschal and Baronage for private discussion. We are very open to any ideas and suggestions for improvement as often even the most basic question may open our eyes to something we had not considered. Please review carefully and we look forward to updating and finalizing our policies at the November business meeting.

General Policy

1. The Barony

- 1.1. For the purposes of these policies, the Barony of the Sacred Stone shall be defined by, but is not limited to, all those geographical regions specified by Corpora and Atlantian Law.

2. The Policies

- 2.1. The Barony of the Sacred Stone, as defined by Corpora, has written the following set of Baronial policies **which were approved by the Populace at the _____, 20__ Business Meeting.**
 - 2.1.1. In all cases, these Baronial policies shall be consistent with Corpora and Atlantian Law. If such conditions should arise where there may be conflict, those documents shall always supersede these policies. This set of policies shall be amended from time to time to conform to both Corpora and Atlantian Law.
- 2.2. Changes to the Baronial policies.
 - 2.2.1. The Baronial policies can be amended or altered by the Barony of the Sacred Stone at any time, provided:
 - 2.2. ~~4.1-2~~ All proposed changes to the Baronial policies shall be published in the Baronial Newsletter at least fourteen (14) days prior to the meeting in which they will be discussed and/or voted upon.
 - **2.2.3 Changes shall not be effective until such time as they are published in the Baronial Newsletter.**
- 2.2.1.2. No changes shall be made or acted upon without approval at a Baronial meeting.

3. The Baronial Coronet

- 3.1. The Baronial Coronet shall be defined as the individual(s) appointed by the Crown of Atlantia.
- 3.2. The Baronial Coronets' term shall be in compliance with Atlantian Law.
- 3.3. The appointment of a new Baronial Coronet shall be conducted in accordance with Atlantian Law.

4. Baronial Meeting

- 4.1. A Baronial meeting is any assemblage of the populace which is called by the Baronial Coronet in order to receive advice on the administration and governance of the Barony or for the populace to vote on such issues as are required by policies.
- 4.2. The meeting agenda and the actual running of said meeting is the responsibility of the Baronial Seneschal.
- 4.3. The date, time, and place for the Baronial meeting shall be published in the Baronial Newsletter **and posted on the Baronial e-list at least fourteen (14) days prior to its commencement.**
- **4.4 A tentative agenda should be published via the Baronial e-list seven (7) days prior to the scheduled meeting.**
- 4. ~~4-5~~ Between scheduled Baronial meetings, emergency meetings of the Baronial Financial Committee may act in the Barony's best interests. Such actions will be reported at the next regularly scheduled Baronial meeting. The Baronial Financial Committee is defined in the Baronial Financial Policy.



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- 4. ~~5-6~~ . When a vote is required, members of the Barony are defined as paid SCA members who reside or participate within the geographical boundaries of the Barony. All votes conducted shall be simple majority.

5. Baronial Officers

- 5.1. Duties of the offices of the Barony of the Sacred Stone are specified in Corpora, Kingdom Law, Baronial Financial Policy and this document. Baronial offices may consist of, but are not limited to:

- Seneschal (required by Corpora)
- Exchequer (required by Corpora)
- Herald (required by Corpora)
- Chronicler (required by Corpora)
- Additional Duties: The Baronial Chronicler shall be responsible for taking the minutes at Baronial meetings or designate an acceptable deputy and publish the minutes in the Baronial newsletter.
- Knight Marshal
- Minister of Arts and Sciences
- Minister of the Lists
- Chancellor of Youth
- Chatelain(e)
- Webminister

Additional Duties: Shall publish the Baronial Newsletter to the Baronial website no later than the 1st of each month and/or within five (5) days of receipt of the same from the Baronial Chronicler.

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- 5.2. Each Baronial officer shall report on the state of their office at each Baronial meeting. Each Baronial officer is required to attend at least one Baronial meeting per quarter, or provide a proxy and report to the Baronial Seneschal and Coronet forty-eight (48) hours prior to the Baronial meeting. Noncompliance with this policy will result in a recommendation for removal being forwarded to the appropriate Kingdom officer.
- 5.3. All papers (including official correspondence) and regalia belonging to any office are the property of that office and must be transferred in their entirety to any new Baronial officer within thirty (30) days of any change of office.
- 5.4. Appointment of Baronial officers.
 - 5.4.1. The opening of a Baronial Office shall be made public by ~~all of the following methods:~~ **an announcement at a scheduled Baronial meeting, and a written announcement in the Baronial Newsletter and Baronial elist.**
 - **Announcement at a scheduled Baronial meeting, written announcement in the Baronial Newsletter and Baronial elist.**
 - 5.4.2. Announcements shall include a deadline of no less than fourteen (14) days from the date the opening is announced in all required venues.
 - 5.4.3. Interested candidates shall respond in writing to the corresponding Baronial officer, Baronial Seneschal, and Baronial Coronet.
 - 5.4.4. At the deadline, the list of candidates shall be published on the Baronial elist and website, inviting written commentary from the populace to the Baronial Seneschal and the Baronial Coronet.
 - 5.4.5. The Baronial Seneschal and the Baronial Coronet will review the commentary and together select the candidate and recommend such to the Kingdom officer for warranting.
 - 5.4.6. At such time as the warranting Kingdom officer allows, the new Baronial officer shall be publicly announced via the newsletter and website.
 - 5.4.7. Due to the length of the event, no officer changes shall be made during the duration of the Pennsic War.
- 5.5. Baronial officers may select whatever deputies they require for the duration of their office.
- 5.6. Baronial Officer Term Limits **shall be in accordance with Kingdom Law and Policy.**
 - ~~5.6.1. Officer terms shall be limited to a two (2) year warrant with an option for two (2) one (1) year re-warranting if needed or desired.~~
 - 5.6. ~~2-1~~ . Any office not required to maintain Baronial status may go vacant.



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6. Baronial Events

- 6.1. ~~The Barony or the Barony's Cantons~~ Any SCA, Inc. branch may sponsor Baronial events in accordance with Baronial Financial Policy.

7. Waiving Baronial Policies

- 7.1. Any part of these policies may be waived under special or extreme circumstances by approval of the Coronet and Baronial Seneschal with a full accounting to be given at the next regularly scheduled Baronial meeting.
- 7.2. Any part of these policies may be waived by approval of the Barony by majority vote at a Baronial meeting.

Financial Policy

1. Sacred Stone Financial Policy Procedures

- 1.1 Sacred Stone Financial Policy is superseded by: Kingdom Exchequer Policy, Kingdom Financial Policy, Kingdom Law, Society Exchequer Policy, Corpora, State, and Federal Law.
- 1.2 Sacred Stone Financial Policy was accepted by a majority vote of the Baronial Financial Committee at the _____, 20____ Baronial Business meeting and replaces all previous financial policies and may be amended or replaced by a majority vote of the Baronial Financial Committee.
- 1.3 Signatories on the checking account must consist of those officers mandated by SCA and Kingdom Policy and Law and at least two additional signatories.
- 1.4 The Financial Policy shall be reviewed each year by the Emergency Financial Committee prior to Baronial Birthday.

~~4- 2~~ . The Chancellor of the Exchequer

2 .1. The Exchequer shall:

- 2 .1.1. Maintain a checking account with appropriate signature cards for the Barony entitled SCA Inc., Barony of the Sacred Stone.
 - 2 .1.2. File all Domesday (annually), quarterly, and event reports for events sponsored by the Barony with the Kingdom Chancellor of the Exchequer (or a duly appointed Regional Kingdom Deputy) as required by Society and Kingdom law and policy.
 - 2 .1.3. Enforce and maintain the Barony's Baronial financial policy.
 - 2 .1.4. Serve as chairperson of the Barony's Baronial Financial Committee and hold primary responsibility for coordinating with other members of the Financial Committee and communicating the committee's actions to the populace.
- 2 .2. The Exchequer shall, upon request, provide access to the Barony's Baronial financial reports and books to any member of the Barony and shall publish to the Barony the annual Domesday balance sheet.
- 2 .2.1. The Exchequer shall provide access in person to above documents at their earliest convenience within ~~90~~thirty (30) days of the request being received.
- 2 .3. The Exchequer shall pursue any nonsufficient funds (NSF) checks received by the Barony according to the policy outlined in the Society Exchequer's Handbook and in the Barony of the Sacred Stone's check return policies as outlined below.

~~2- 3~~ . Financial Committee

- 3 .1. The financial committee consists of the Exchequer, officers and populace in attendance at an official Baronial meeting.
- 3 .2. All populace votes to approve or disallow expenditures shall be at a regular business meeting and be by simple majority.
- 3 .3. Members of the voting populace, with respect to their eligibility to vote in Baronial financial matters, are defined by Baronial Policy 4.6 .
- 3 .4. For purposes of determining eligibility for voting in financial matters, members must present proof of current membership upon request.



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3.5 Each member must recuse themselves from voting on any financial decisions in which there is a conflict of interest or appearance of impropriety.

3.4 . Emergency Financial Committee

4.1. The Emergency Financial Committee shall consist of the Exchequer, the Seneschal, the Coronet(s), ~~and any other Baronial officer as determined by agreement of Exchequer, Seneschal and Coronet(s).~~ **In the case of a split decision, any other Baronial officer as determined by agreement of Exchequer, Seneschal and Coronet will be chosen to provide an additional vote.** Each member of the Emergency Financial Committee must be a paid member of The Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc., be at least 18 years of age, and possess a valid warrant for their office.

4.2. Members of the Emergency Financial Committee shall have one vote and may recuse themselves from voting on any financial decisions in which there is a conflict of interest or appearance of impropriety.

4.3 Approval of expenditures must be by simple majority of the entire committee.

4.3. The Emergency Financial Committee may meet at any time any member of the Committee deems it necessary in person, over the telephone, or by **any** electronic means to conduct business.

4.3.1. Any actions taken will be reported to the populace no later than the next business meeting.

4.3.2. Decisions of the Emergency Financial Committee must be recorded by emails from each participating member showing agreement or a document signed by each participating member in either case, the record shall be maintained in the Exchequer files.

4.4. The Emergency Financial Committee shall review all proposed expenditures and may authorize any expenditure (excluding approved event bids) by majority vote up to \$250 or 10% of the Barony's unallocated funds, whichever is less.

4-5 . Events

5.1. No Baronial event held in the Barony of the Sacred Stone shall be sponsored without the prior approval of the Coronet(s), and the Baronial Seneschal.

5.2. Branches or persons wishing to autocrat a Baronial event shall submit a bid to the Coronet(s) and Seneschal, using the Baronial event bid form, at least nine months prior to the date of the event, with the exception of War of the Wings.

5.2.1. Bids for War of the Wings are due by June 1 of the previous year. ~~An itemized~~ **A preliminary** event budget must be submitted with the bid.

5.2.2. The Barony will not enter into contractual obligations pertaining to the next year's War of the Wings ~~while the current War of the Wings books are still open~~ **until its itemized budget has been approved by the Financial Committee and the books for the prior War of the Wings have been closed.**

5.3 Deadlines for any event bid will be announced at a Baronial Business meeting and in the Baronial newsletter.

5.4. All bids received will be published on the Baronial website within two (2) weeks of the deadline for review by the Populace. The Populace will then be invited to provide commentary regarding the bids to the Coronets and Seneschal.

5.5 . The Coronet(s) and the Seneschal will choose a bid and the bid that is accepted will be published in the Baronial newsletter within two months following the deadline.

5.5.1. The bid for War of the Wings that is chosen will be announced in the September Baronial newsletter.

5.6 . An itemized event budget must be submitted to the Coronet(s), Seneschal and Exchequer within one (1) month (with the exception of War of the Wings) of the bid being accepted and announced in the Baronial newsletter. Once approved it will be submitted to the Baronial Financial Committee for final approval at the next ~~Baronial meeting –no later than 90 days before the event, unless otherwise approved by the Financial Committee.~~

5.4.1. Either the Financial Committee or the Emergency Financial Committee must vote to authorize any itemized expenditure in excess of the approved amount.

5.4.2. An itemized budget for War of the Wings must be submitted to the Financial Committee no later than January 1 for the upcoming year.

5.4.3. Budgets shall be submitted using the Kingdom Event Budget form.

5.4.4. The budget is expected to be followed by the Autocrat and event staff. If the event as a whole will be in budget, overages of any line item of the budget may be approved or rejected by the autocrat. If the event is over budget, then these items must be brought to the Baronial Financial Committee (or



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Emergency Financial Committee) for approval. UNAPPROVED EXPENSES IN EXCESS OF THE EVENT ALLOCATION WILL NOT BE AUTOMATICALLY APPROVED.

5.7 . Complimentary Event Fees

5.5.1. Atlantian Royalty, Atlantian Heirs and Sacred Stone Coronet(s) shall receive complimentary admission to Baronial events and seats at feasts at Baronial Events. Other persons may be given complimentary admission and/or feast if authorized as part of the Event Bid.

5.5.2. The number of guests at high table should be determined and set in advance. All seats at high table are complimentary.

5.8 . Event Refunds shall be provided as follows:

5.8.1. The Exchequer must receive refund requests in writing no later than seven (7) days after the event ends, with the exception of War of the Wings. Exceptions may be made by authorization of the Exchequer in consultation with the Autocrat and the Seneschal.

5.8.1.1. Refund requests for War of the Wings must be received in writing prior to the close of land registration.

5.8.2. No refund shall be issued until the event books have been closed and all reservation checks have cleared.

5.8.3 No refund(s) will be issued until all financial obligations of the event have been fulfilled and only if it is ensured that the requested refund(s) will not hinder the event's ability to fulfill those financial obligations. No refund(s) will be given to those who have checked in with gate.

5.9 . Any SCA, Inc. branch that sponsors a Baronial event, will receive 50 percent of the profits from the event. The balance of the profits shall be turned over to the Baronial treasury for the General Fund within thirty (30) days from the date of the event.

5.10 . Autocrats of Baronial events are responsible for filing financial reports, and turning over event profits share to the Baronial treasury within 30 days from the date of the event.

5.8.1. A summary of the Event Financial Report shall be presented to the populace at the first regular Baronial business meeting of the Barony after the event books have been closed.

5.9. Baronial Equipment: The Autocrat is responsible for requesting the use of the Baronial Equipment from the Exchequer or designee (e.g., Quartermaster), arranging for the pickup and return of the equipment to the Baronial shed in an orderly fashion, any necessary cleaning of the equipment after use, and notifying the Exchequer of any damage or loss to the Equipment.

5.10. Receipts : The event staff must turn in event-related receipts and requests for reimbursement no later than fifteen (15) days after the event.

5-6 . Accounting Structure

6.1. General Fund (Unallocated funds)

6.1.1. The general fund is comprised of monies collected by the Barony to support the functions of the Barony. Unless otherwise specified, all monies collected shall be included in the general (unallocated) funds.

6.2. Temporary Allocated Funds

6.2.1. Temporary Allocated Funds shall be established for use as short term obligations occur. These funds shall not exceed one calendar year or the designated period of use, whichever is longer. Funding for temporary funds shall be specified upon establishment of the fund. Any funds remaining after the expiration of the time limit will revert to the general (unallocated) fund.

6.3. NonSufficient Funds (NSF) checks

6.3.1. The Baronial Exchequer shall contact the Baronial Seneschal as soon as possible after the Exchequer is notified of a NSF check.

6.3.2. The Exchequer will make a good faith attempt to contact the party with the NSF check either by phone, letter, or by any other means necessary to resolve the matter as quickly as possible.

6.3.2.1. Matters of NSF funds must be resolved by payment with cash, a certified check, or a money order to the Barony.



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6.3.3. After an unsuccessful attempt to resolve the NSF matter, the Exchequer will provide a list of parties who have NSF checks, so that the Baronial Seneschal may know who is barred from Baronial level events.

6.3.4. Individuals whose checks have been uncollectable will owe not only the face value of that check, but at the discretion of the Exchequer, any associated bank or postage fees.

6.4. Cash Advances

6.4.1. Additional advances for a different event will not be made to the same individual or anyone in that individual's residence, if the original event has passed and the original advance(s) has not been resolved.

6.4.2. Additional advances will not be made to the same individual or anyone in that individual's residence while another advance remains unresolved.

6.7. Officer Budgets

7.1. The offices listed below have annual budgets of the following:

Seneschal \$100

Exchequer \$100

All other Baronial offices \$50

8. Waiving Baronial Financial Policies

8.1. Any part of these policies may be waived under special or extreme circumstances by approval of the Emergency Financial Committee with a full accounting to be given at the next regularly scheduled Baronial meeting.

8.2. Any part of these policies may be waived by approval of the Barony by majority vote at a Baronial meeting by the voting populace as defined by Baronial Policy 4.6.

WAR OF THE WINGS, PART V by Lord Jonathan Blackbow

"They live for war, Mistress."

Far in the distance, vultures circled around yet more wreckage. Crows flocked just behind them, eagerly awaiting their turn.

" 'tis no longer just war they live for, Goodman. They seek to assert themselves across all the fields, granaries, towns, guild halls, and everywhere good folk gather."

A sliver of light showed in the window no larger than an arrow-slit where the small group hid.

"I don't understand, Mistress. I thought that once we explained to the King and his court that we were besieged, aid would follow. Is that not why you made the journey to Coopers Lake?"

She did not answer. I said "Mistress, what is it that tears at you so? All know that you care for your people. Long have you striven to see your people better themselves, and to bring themselves up from the roadside when they have fallen. When they have hungered, you have fed them. When they have thirsted, you have given them to drink. Any time they have been in need, you have done your best by them. That is, in fact, what this entire war is about. That is why you sought assistance from outside your lands. The fact that your attempt to do so was treacherously brought to nothing by agents of Baron Marc does not lessen the valor in the attempt."

She turned from the window, and started to answer. And her face was beautiful and terrible to behold.

Then she checked her answer, and said, merely, "summon the scribes. For I have somewhat to say, and I wish not to have to repeat myself."

When they arrived, and had lit candles, and set up their writing materials, and dipped their pens, and motioned that they were ready, she indicated that she wished what she said to be set down for all to read, across the entire kingdom, and the entire known world, if needs must.

And she spoke. And I felt the world tremble as she did. I count myself privileged above all men to have been one of the first to hear it, for it went thus:

"I am Alianor of the Swan.



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I make no bones of the fact that my lord Baron has chosen to glorify War, and subvert all he touches to that end. I sorrow in it, but I knowingly lead the people that choose to follow me to both ameliorate the damage he does, and to thwart his efforts.

But in doing so, in trying to resolve this conflict without further bloodshed, I have met with obstacles at every turn. Folk who stand to gain naught by doing so have shown themselves to all as nothing better than carrion from the battlefield for the vultures and crows to fight over.

Some of this was expected. Some of this, however, was not. I sought an honest conflict, not daggers in dark alleyways where no self-respecting person would travel. I sought an honest conflict, not my own Baron traveling in secret to the Eastern Kingdom to seek yet more bloodthirsty counsel and aid. Yet, while I traveled to Coopers Lake in search of aid, he did just that, and did so in secret, in shadow, for such is the level he has stooped to.

But war is made by the lowest common denominator, it seems.

Therefore do I, Alianor of the Swan, seek to emulate my namesake, for all know that Swans are both fiercely loyal, and yet terrible to behold in defense of what they hold dear to them.

I call upon all who fight on the side of Light: all those whose sabers of light burn blue, or green, all those who ride the Companions, all those who serve the Royal Navy of Manticore, all those who wander and are not lost, all those who live for the One, and die for the One, all those who say "so say we all", all those who stand between their loved homes and the war's desolation.

I say to you all, come to me now, for I needs must set you against those who would subdue us.

I am Alianor of the Swan."

I wiped the tears from my eyes and looked to the scribes. To a man, they sat enraptured, and none had taken down a word.

So I sat down, and penned what words she had spoken as best I could remember, that they not perish from the Earth.

Recipe: Asparagus (Espàrrecs)

By Lady Prudence the Curious

With a Spanish Twelfth Night around the corner, I thought I would finally break out my fourteenth century Catalonia recipe book to see what marvels it contains. I discovered an excellent vegetable dish which I had the pleasure of sharing at a recent Canton of Aire Faucon potluck. The asparagus is served in a white almond sauce creating a beautiful white and green dish, a perfect match for the Barony's heraldy.

Vogelzang, R. (translator). Santanch, J. (editor). The Book of Sent Sovi: Medieval recipes from Catalonia. Tamesis of Boydell & Brewer Ltd: Barcelona Spain. 2008.

Period recipe as published in modern type within the cookbook

Espàrrecs si vols fer, quan seran perbullits e sosengats mit-hi vin blanc e espècies comunes e un poc de bon sucre blanc. Encara, si n'has molts espàrrecs, que en vulles fer menjar per donar en escudelles, perbull-los així com damut és dit e prem los espàrrecs, e sosenga-los així com e espinacs. Aprés hages llet d'ameslles e mit-los a coure, e coguen tant tro sien ben espressos e ben cuits. E puis fe'n escudelles, e mit pólvora de canyella. E és menjar així bé de carnal com de Quaresma.. (Sent Sovi LI)

Translation – Vogelzang p.145

If you want to make asparagus, when they are boiled and fried put in white wine and common spices, a little good white sugar.

Still, if you have a lot of asparagus, that you want to make as a dish to serve in bowls, boil them as is said above and press the asparagus, and fry them just like spinach. Then take almond milk, and cook them in it, and cook them enough so that they are thickened and well cooked. Then serve them in bowls, and dust cinnamon on it. It is eaten like this on meat days as well as during Lent.



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MY INTERPRETATION - For 16 people

Equipment

Stove Top Largish Pot with lid Colander
Frying pan (optional) Spatula Serving bowls

Ingredients

Cold water (about 2 cups)
Salt (optional)
Oil or grease of your choice
1 pound of Asparagus
2 cups almond milk
Powder douce (mix of sugar, cinnamon and other sweet spices)

Process

1. Bring water to boil. Add salt if wanted.
2. Trim off woody part of stem.
3. Boil asparagus in one inch of water for about 5 minutes. Cover pot for boil.
4. Empty pot into colander. (You can reserve the vegetable broth for another recipe if desired.)
5. Return pot to stove or use a frying pan. Add oil and heat.
6. Once oil is hot, fry the asparagus uncovered, stirring with spatula to prevent burning, for about 3 to 5 minutes.
7. Add almond milk and continue to stir until the asparagus is well-cooked. About 3 to 5 minutes.
8. Put into serving bowls and dust with powder douce.
9. Serve forth hot.

Reason for choices made and other comments

1. Powder douce for the "dust cinnamon" – The first half of the recipe recommends common spices and a little good white sugar. Powder douce is a period spice mix covering this option with the predominant taste and color being cinnamon. The dish is a mix of green, white, and the dust of brown when served.
2. Using one pot for everything. I hate cleanup. This recipe requires three different stages of cooking – the initial boil, the frying stage, and finally the simmer in sauce.
3. Sauce vs. soup – The period recipe could be interpreted as an asparagus soup or as asparagus in a sauce. Because of the cost of Almond Milk in modern times, I chose to interpret it as asparagus in sauce.

Upcoming Events

Did you KNOW? DID you KNOW? DID YOU KNOW! At the time of this publication (hopefully) we will be 9 days from opening our lands to the populace of the Kingdom Atlantia and the Known World. WOW – that is right – War of the Wings is upon us.

Gee Annora – what do we have planned? I don't want to be bored or anything. I mean, really, 5 days in a field, with 1200+ of your friends and family, with marshal activities, socials, classes, solars, merchants, volunteering, raffles, fundraisers, and the wonders of seeing our hard work and planning is not enough to raise your curiosity?

Take a look at the schedule published on the Website: <http://www.warofthewings.com/schedule.html>

Here you will find activity schedules for marshal activities, performing arts, youth activities, equestrian, socials, and competitions. Beside that schedule (on the same page) is the class schedule for the village and performing arts.

Want more details about a particular activity? Go to that area on our drop-down menu at the top of the page. Many of our deputies have filled those pages with information. Perfect for those slow times in the privy.

Who are we fighting against? I feel for you my Lords and Ladies of the realm. I fear we have a domestic dispute that must be resolved. Our excellencies have met an impasse regarding the destiny of the woods of the Barony of the Sacred



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Stone. Though beautiful they may be, their use as a charcoal source has stirred the fires of war between our two coronets. Champions were chosen to help resolve this dispute and guests and competitors have been encouraged to declare a side. If neither of these are in your wheel house, you may choose which side to support by volunteering an hour (or more) to help WOW run seamlessly. For that volunteer hour, you will receive a ticket that acts as your vote for the best use of our Barony's charcoal stores. This vote may be the deciding war point so you don't want to let down your coronets.

Pack a cloak and mug, declare, volunteer, and enjoy your time at War of Wings! We hope to see you there.

Teachers of Atlantia! We all know that Pennsic boasts a *ton* of classes, but do you have ideas for classes that would be best taught inside at a small event? Do you have an idea for a class but don't have it ready yet? Or are you completely new to teaching and want a low-key place to try a class or two out?

This **November 19th**, Sacred Stone will be hosting **Runestone Collegium**, and we're looking for teachers to join our ranks. We have 36 open spots, with indoor areas ranging from kitchen space to large open areas and traditional classrooms. Classes will run from 9:00 AM through 4:00 PM, with a lunch break in the middle.

Interested? Teacher sign-ups start now through this link:https://docs.google.com/.../12FWw_aqtOnGD96SGdYRiDxc.../viewform or if you have any questions, you can contact me at ladyjdeke AT gmail.com. We look forward to seeing everything that Atlantia can show off!

Coming soon to The Empire Room in the heart of Middlegate, **Twelfth Night!** It is the court of Ferdinand and Isobel. Intrigue, pageantry, and entertainment are the focus of this celebration. More information to come!

War of the Wings XI by Lord Jonathan Blackbow

Part VI

"They live for war, Master."

We stood and watched as Prince Guillaume Tomas Le Lou approached the camp. House Mountains Keep followed on his heels, a veritable sea of purple, moving with one purpose.

War.

Baron Mark nodded. "Of all the households in the Known World, this one strikes fear into the hearts of those who oppose them like none other. They are merciless, they are the best, and they are perfect for what I need."

"And they are not bought cheaply, either," said Guillaume, who had advanced into earshot, leaving the rest of his company to wait while he parlayed. "They are one of the best, if not the best, at what they do, and unlike others, they do not fight for beer and sausages."

We waited for the inevitable growl from Baron Mark, followed by the inevitable shouting of justification for why this most recent group of fighting men did not deserve the fee they were demanding. For in truth, the coffers were running low.

But it did not come.

"I expected as much, Your Highness," Mark said. "Look on the table there, before me, and tell me what you see."

"I see nothing save lumps of metal. We will not fight for that, for there is nothing to be done with them."

Mark nodded, expecting the reply. "But what would you say, Highness, if those bars of metal were swords of the finest make? Would that prompt you to ally with me?"

Prince Guillaume was only human, much like the rest of us. His eyes shone. But all he said was "Show me."

And Mark got up, and indicated that Guillaume should follow him to the forges. And there came a rush of fire, and smoke, and steam, and flame, and heat, and sounds of pounding, that Hephaestus himself would have been proud of. The forge



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helpers were passing coal to the forges, and singing a song to themselves that followed the timing of the beats of the hammer.

Several hours passed, and none of us could see into the center of the forge, for the steam and smoke covered all. But finally it began to clear, and we could see Mark, holding an awesome weapon, such as men could only dream of holding. Its sides were damascened, which was impressive enough, but as we drew closer, we could see that the pattern seemed to go deeper into the blade, and the sword seemed to be drawing the air around it into itself in smoking threads.

"There you have it, Highness," Mark said. "Unbreakable. Eternally sharp. Guaranteed for the lifetime of the wielder."

And Guillaume took it, and swung it a few times experimentally, and nodded his approval.

"There is but one problem, Baron."

Mark's head came up. "And what might that be, Highness? Surely such a blade-"

"Oh, the blade itself is superb. Never have I seen its equal. No, that is not the problem."

"Then what?" Mark's face was genuinely puzzled.

"The only problem, Baron Mark, is that... I thought...there would be....more."

I had never seen Baron Mark's jaw drop in quite the manner it did then.

And then his mouth closed, and he nodded, and turned to his forge, and bellowed for his helpers to come to him. They came running, and the fires surged forth again, and his helpers began singing.

But this time the singing did not follow the beats of the hammer. Or maybe it did, I do not know. This time they sang a different song. I did not recognize it until later, when the forge helpers were all dead of exhaustion.

It was by the minstrels known as Dragonforce. And the song was "Through the Fire and the Flames".

But a shining pile of swords sat stacked neatly beside their corpses. Baron Mark looked...indescribable.

And Prince Guillaume had his swords.

Their Excellencies

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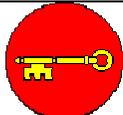
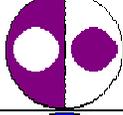
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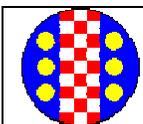
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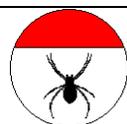
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But wait – there's more!



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War of the Wings Part IV by Lord Jonathan Blackbow

*I call upon all who fight on the side of Light: all those
whose sabers of
light burn blue, or green, all those who ride the
Companions, all those who
serve the Royal Navy of Manticore, all those who
wander and are not lost,
all those who live for the One, and die for the One, all
those who say "so
say we all", all those who stand between their loved
homes and the war's
desolation.*

*I say to you all, come to me now, for I needs must set you
against those
who would subdue us.*

