

The background is a complex stained glass design. At the top center is a small eagle with spread wings. Below it, the word "PHOENIX" is written in large, white, serif capital letters with a black outline. The center of the image features a large shield with a green field containing a white eagle with spread wings and a laurel wreath above it. The shield is set within a circular frame with a red and blue border. The entire design is surrounded by intricate geometric and floral patterns in shades of green, yellow, and grey.

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From the Seneschal:



Greetings to the Barony,

As I sit writing this letter I am struck by how quickly time flies. I stepped up to be Baronial Seneschal in January of 2010. Now just under 3 1/2 years later I am stepping down. I will be taking over as North Carolina Regional Seneschal at the end of this month. I am replacing Jehan-Franc who is the new Kingdom Seneschal.

It has been a wonderful time being Seneschal for the group that I love and consider family and stepping out of the office is bittersweet. I know things will go on just fine without me in the office and I am looking forward to being just another populace member.

So with all of that being said.....

This is the call for letters of intent for Baronial Seneschal. If you are interested in the position you will need to send a letter to the Baron, Baroness and myself by May 12th. Short notice I know, but it was also announced at the last meeting and on the Baronial elist.

We will review the letters and post them to the Baronial list for review by the populace. The Baron and Baroness will consider the letters and any commentary from the populace and will announce their decision at the May meeting on the 19th.

Letters need to include...

SCA name

Modern name

Membership # and Expire date

and your letter stating why you want the job and what you think you could bring to the position.

Send them to...

baron@sacredstone.atlantia.sca.org

baroness@sacredstone.atlantia.sca.org

seneschal@sacredstone.atlantia.sca.org

Thank you for all the support,

Lady Murienne l'aloiere, Seneschal Of the Barony of the Sacred Stone (at least for a little longer)

Lady Murienne l'aloiere

Meeting Minutes

The baronial business meeting took place at 2pm on Apr 22nd at Granite Quarry Park, in Granite Quarry, NC. 41 gentles were present. The meeting was followed by a fighter practice.

Officer's Reports:

Coronet's Report:

Everyone had a good time at Drums of War. There was a good turnout for the hood making class at Baroness Sine's house. Lady Nuala has accepted the position of Principal of the Order of the Sacred Stone.



Seneschal's Report:

A new Seneschal handbook is coming down from Society after Crown. Stay tuned for changes in policies. There will be a Curia at Atlantian Royal Archery Day, May 17-18. Etienne Le Mons has stepped up as Deputy Seneschal. Lady Murienne will be stepping down on June 1st.



Exchequer's Report:

Current checkbook balance is \$12,776.35. 1st Qtr report has been filed and sent to Regional Exchequer. Thank you to Safira for her assistance in getting help for gate at Drums of War. Lady Jdeke has stepped up as Deputy Exchequer and will take the Exchequer 101 class at Crown Tournament.



Officers' Reports:

Chronicler's Report:

I am still in need of Officer's Reports and canton reports. I welcome any articles of interest or announcements for your events that you would like to see published in the newsletter. Lady Catherine has stepped up as my Deputy and will be assuming the role of Baronial Chronicler when I step down in Sept.



Herald's Report:

Prudence has survived tax season. Court reports have been submitted. There is a Known World Heralds and Scribes Symposium in Texas on June 20-23rd if anyone is interested. The children of Atlantia who attended Drums of War had a good time. They made shields and learned about heraldry.

Web Minister's Report:

No changes were made this month. If you are interested in assisting with a new design for our Baronial site please contact me off-list. I hope we can draft ideas this summer and start coding after Pennsic.



In Service,
Lady Annora Hall

Chatelaine's Report::

There was a demo in Greensboro at Faith Academy recently. There was a huge turnout. Several in attendance showed interest in the SCA. Lady Nuala will be stepping down at the end of May and is looking for a replacement.

Chancellor of Minors Report

Lady Elaisaid will be stepping down in July and is looking for a replacement.

MoAS Report:

Lots of good art at Drums of War. There were 7 entrants in the Courtly Arts competition and 3 in the Domestic Arts competition. A third of the populace in attendance voted for their favorite as part of the Populace Favorite competition. The cantons are doing lots of A&S projects. Middlegate's on-line A&S nights have been a huge success.

MOL's Report:

No report . Still in search of someone to full this position.

Heavy Marshall:

There was a new fighter authorized at Drums. Good melee fighting there too. Resurrection tourney was fun.

Rapier Marshal's Report:

No report

Archery Marshal's Report:

SAAD is coming up next week. Lorelei is helping at Hawkewood for their Baronial Birthday. Edward deWitt may start having practices at his house in Hickory.

Chirurgeon's Report:

First off - Drums of War No one died!! Who Hoo!

Weather was superb for fighting and no reports of overheating were submitted.

Second off - War of the Wings ... I need volunteers to help with shifts... I can't do this alone!!

Third off - We are into the summer camping events.. Start to really increase your fluid intake, and no beer does not count! I really don't like to fill out paperwork, so don't drop on me due to lack of hydration, K? Thanks!!

And lastly, I'm off - as of December 31st 2013, I will be stepping down as baronial Chirurgeon, so hopefully, this will give the barony enough time to find a replacement.

Hope everyone as a great day!

Canton Reports:

Charlesbury Crossing:

Day in the Park is June 15th. We are looking for A&S activities, especially hands-on types. We would like to have displays. We need fighters, both rapier and heavy for this event too. We have new fighters in the canton. We are doing a monthly garb night and are attempting to get up and running with a weekly fighter practice. Achbar and Zafira are getting married on Sept 14th and the reception will be held at Freedom Park at 3:00pm. Everyone is invited

Middlegate:

We had newcomers at Drums of War. They were the best kind who worked all around the site. The newsletter, The Middlegate Key, is moving from a .pdf to an on-line format. More information will be available about the move will be available in the newsletter or on-line.

Baelfire Dunn:

Drums of War was a great event. We had 184 people and everyone seemed to have great time. We had lots of activities, including the first Artmoot, and a wine tasting. Lawn games, a Queen's Social for the Newcomers and a Children's Tea Party gave everyone who wasn't fighting something fun to do. Thank you to all who came to help our canton with this event.

Aire Falcon:

April meeting didn't go as well as planned. We are going to try for a different night.

Salisberie Glen:

Fighter practice is sporadic. Business meeting on Tues.

Croix Brigitte:

Robin hopes to have his schedule changed soon. The canton is getting ready for SAAD.

New Business:

Officer Changes:

Lady Murienne is stepping down as of the end of May. She will be taking over as NC Regional Seneschal the first of June. Letters of Intent are due by May 12th. She will be turning over the office at Gardens of Thyme.

A&S Officer will also be stepping down. We are asking for Letters on Intent for this office as well.

Other offices coming up:

MOAS, Chatelaine, Chirurgeon and Herald. If you are interested in any of these offices, contact the current officer Lady Murienne or Baron Oshi or Baroness Sine.

Gardens of Thyme: May 31st—June 2nd, Castle Elchenburg, Boonville, NC.

\$10 for the weekend. Saturday evening potluck. Last year people from three kingdoms attended. You can sign up to teach a class until April. 29th. University credit for both teaching and taking classes at this event. See event flyer in this newsletter.

Flight of the Falcon: August 17th, Dallas, NC

A&S, fighting, feast -\$7. This is a free event. We are working on a program that will allow our populace to “donate” a feast seat for a newcomer. Lady Aine is the feastocrat.

Baronial Unevent: June 29th, Bunker Hill HS.

There will be Order meetings and classes. Lady Nuala will run a Scriptorium. There will be a review of policies. There will be no business meeting in June.

Baronial Birthday: Aug. 31-Sept 2nd. Castle Elchenburg, Boonville, NC

Lady Murienne submitted a bid for Baronial Birthday. Lord Camillo will do a Moroccan feast. The theme of the event will be the barony goes to Morocco. There will be games, A&S, a non-alcoholic drink competition. \$10 for the weekend which includes lunch on Sat. \$8 for feast. The bid was voted on and passed with two votes against.

Pennsic Encampment: Gise will be the land agent for Pennsic this year. A vote was taken and passed to move the Sacred Stone camp to a location closer to Atlantian Royal camp.

Lady Aine will be there to assist.

New Business (cont.)

Pennsic Children's Fete:

A vote was taken and passed to continue our support for the Children's Fete at Pennsic. The amount of \$300 will be allocated to that event. Help is needed to assist with this activity. Duchess Brianna and Lady Aine will work on it.

Storage Unit:

The storage unit is up for renewal. The cost is \$1320. A vote was taken to renew the rental and passed.

Raven's Demo:

Lord Raven has asked for our help with a demo in Mocksville on Sept 14th. From 10:00-4:00 pm for the Mocksville Merchant Association. He needs 6-8 pop ups, fighters and assistance with the demo. Contact Baroness Sine if you can help.

ConCarolinas: May 31st—June 2nd. Let Achbar and Safira know if you can help.

Upcoming Events:

SADD - April 26-28th. Target archery and thrown weapons. **A&S**—Letters home from the Crusades. Quivers and Cases competition as Static A&S. The theme is Bubba goes to the Crusades. Primitive garb competition.

Gardens of Thyme: May 31st—June 2nd.

Day in the Park: June 15th.

Flight of the Falcon: August 17th

Baronial Birthday: August 30th—July 1st.

Upcoming Events: (cont.)

War of the Wings.— Oct 9—13th . We have open positions on our Wow staff. Please look at the website and if you see anything that interests you, please let the Autocrat know. We need volunteers in lots of areas too.

In a Phoenix Eye: November 9th. Star of Bethlehem church. There will be new categories. The website is up. We need someone to organize judges. There will be a Pentathlon and a fund raiser lunch.

Kingdom Unevent: Dec 7th. This is a free event at Bunker Hill HS.

The next business meeting will be May 19th in Gastonia.

The Crown Tourney of Anarchia 2013

What: ConCarolina's Science Fiction Convention

Where: Charlotte Hilton University Place

8629 JM Keynes Drive

Charlotte, NC 28262

When : 1 Jun-2013 8:30PM-9:30PM

Web Info: <http://concarolinas.org/index.php/cc/index/74>

Come be the next King of Anarchia...

This year featuring a Tourchlight Tourney.

Imagine the prestige, the honor, and Glory of winning this Tournament.

Combat will be via SCA rules and require SCA armored authorization

This is not an official SCA event, it is a demo.

This year the SCA will have a room party...Saturday night after the Tournament.

Come enjoy the world of SciFi and Fantasy at one of the best and most economical SciFi conventions in the South. This year featuring Guests

Author Timothy Zahn, and actor Aaron Douglas (Battlestar Galactica).

Seriously this is a great Convention

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Garden of Thyme: Herbal Collegium

May 31- June 2, 2013

Parsley, Sage, Rosemary, & Thyme are just a very few of the wide range of herbs used in period. Cooking, Curing Ills, & Coloring Fabrics, just a few of their uses.

Join us at Elchenburg Castle, site of the Atlantian Herb Garden for a weekend of exploring, learning, teaching and sharing! Come learn about garden planning, ointments, salves, tinctures, dyeing, cooking with herbs, brewing with herbs, a surgeon's chest, herb walk, and more!

Classes, and round table talks will fill the day.

Bring your favorite herb/Cooking/Gardening books to share at the herb library. Don't forget about the plant and seed exchange! Bring something to share/trade with your fellow "plant hugging" friends!

Cost:

Adult, Member: \$10.00 Day-Trip \$0.00 Feast \$0.00 Camping

Adult, Non-Member: \$15.00 Day-Trip \$0.00 Feast \$0.00 Camping

Youth (12-17): \$6.00 Day-Trip \$0.00 Feast \$0.00 Camping

Child (0-11): \$0.00 Day-Trip \$0.00 Feast \$0.00 Camping

Make Checks Payable To:

Early Period Life at Gulf Wars

By Lady Annorah Hall

Monday, it rained. Starting Sunday night it pelted the roof of my pavilion lulling me back to sleep. I was slow to rise and brave the rain but I had a goal. Monday, I started my adventures in Early Period Life - a pre-1000 permanent encampment and teaching center on the far western edge of the property.

I made my way to EPL braving mud and puddles. Once there, I was met by residents and told to make myself at home in the long house. A low fire was giving off a welcome warmth in a pit in the middle of the floor. Several others joined me bringing their breakfast or projects as we took seats along the edge of the wall. Wall hangings of Norse stylized animals lined the space between the eaves and the benches. On one end of the long house was a serving area and storage under a partial loft. Storage spaces on either side of the door held wood for the fire and pillows drying from the rain.

As the long house filled, we chatted about our travels and the night before. An older man stood and announced his class, those who were there for the class moved closer and he began. Like the skalds of old, he tempted us with the mystery of how Britian lost their Roman governors, became overrun first by Picts and Scots and later with Angles, Saxons and Jutes. He spoke of how these cultures fought and merged to form the basis of the Britian we knew before the Norman Conquest. Around the fire we listened, questioned and added our own research to the tale until our time was spent. After accepting our thanks, our teacher, skald, and historian donned his cloak and re-entered the rainy day.

And so my morning in EPL drew to a close. Warmed by my experience of tales by the fire in the safety and companionship of the long house, I could not but wonder if I had in some small way moved closer to the re-enactor I am striving to become.

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Then someone shouted in a voice quite loud,
To make way for the King, and ev'rybody bowed.

“Welcome to the Current Middle Ages”
Baldwin of Erebor

Master Donal Mac Ruiseart
Conch Herald

The idea of etiquette takes some getting used to, especially to modern Americans who rarely have any use for formal manners.

For one, unlike modern America where everyone is supposed to be equal, Mediaeval society was very structured and hierarchical. Rather like the rank structure in the modern military, everyone had a spot on the hierarchy and knew who was above and below them. Only Kings had no one above them (there were Emperors but they rarely held real authority) and only the lowest of serfs had no one below them.

The SCA attempts to follow this pattern, though with one specific exception. Titles, honours, and ranks in the SCA are purely the result of one's own accomplishment. No one inherits rank in the SCA.

And there are no peasants. Unless someone chooses to be, and a few do. But by default, everyone in the SCA is considered to be of gentle birth, as if you were a distant cousin of a noble family with no title. That's why the default form of address is the abbreviated “m’lord” or “m’lady.” If you're not sure of someone's rank, address them that way. They may correct you, but they SHOULD be nice about it.

Here are the various rank levels, and how to address them:

Title	What It Means	What They Wear	What To Call Them
King or Queen	Ruler of a Kingdom	Distinctive crown	Your Majesty My Liege (if you've sworn fealty)
Crown Prince or Princess	In waiting to be ruler of a Kingdom	Smaller distinctive crown	Your Highness Your Royal Highness
Duke or Duchess	Been King/Queen at least twice	Coronet with leaves	Your Grace
Earl, Count or Countess	Been King/Queen once	Coronet with embattled edges	Your Excellency
Viscount or Viscountess	Been Territorial Prince/Princess at least once	Coronet with more than six spheroids	Your Excellency
Landed Baron or Baroness	Ceremonial Head of a Barony	Coronet with six spheroids	Your Excellency
Court Baron or Baroness	Done great service to the Crown or been head of a Barony	Coronet with six spheroids	Your Excellency
Laurel	Peerage-level accomplishment in the Arts/Sciences and chivalry	Medallion with a laurel wreath	Master/Mistress/Dame (Name)
Pelican	Peerage-level service and chivalry	Medallion with picture of pelican	Master/Mistress/Dame (Name)
Knight	Peerage-level martial skill and chivalry	White belt, gold chain	Sir (Name)
Grant of Arms	Greater merit than AoA, usually comes with another award.	(no regalia)	Lord or Lady (Name) or Your Lordship

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			or Ladyship ¹
Award of Arms	Merit	(no regalia)	Lord or Lady (Name)
Anybody	Any or none of the above	(no regalia)	M'Lord/M'Lady

It should be pointed out that “m’lord” and “m’lady” are NOT titles and that no one should sign a letter or identify themselves in that way. They are courteous forms of address only.

Making a Reverence

This is just a fancy expression for bowing or curtsying. There is no one set way to bow or to curtsy. You’ll see some people do some very theatrical and flamboyant bows and curtsies, while others make them simple. They’re all ways of showing respect, and no one will criticize how you do it. I’m going to ask some of the more experienced members here to demonstrate. . . .

Full Reverence

Full reverence is the deepest bow or curtsy you intend to make. You should make a full reverence when Royalty passes by in a formal procession, when you’re called into court, or if you’re formally presented to a Royal and/or Baronial.

Small Reverence

A small reverence is a slight bow of the head, a slight incline of the body, a slight bend of the knees. Your should make a small reverence if you encounter Royalty at times other than at Court or in other non-ceremonial times, and of course give way to them if at a doorway, stairway, or some narrow passage.

Another point is that if you’re sitting in a small room or around a fire or in some large room and a Royal or the local Baron or Baroness comes into the room or into the area of the group you’re in; you should rise and make a small reverence.

Hand Kissing

This is a custom less popular currently than it was, but it is a very gallant thing to do. A lord will kiss a lady’s hand as a salute to her. It can be a flirtation, but that is not its main purpose.

The lady should extend her hand, palm down, at about waist level.

The lord should put his hand under the lady’s, palm up, and support it. He should not raise it to his lips, but should bow over her hand and just barely touch the back of her hand with his lips. He should say something like, “I am honoured,” or “your servant,” or some other complimentary thing.

Escorting and Being Escorted

If a lord goes to escort a lady, the style is a bit different from the modern way of “taking his arm.”

The lord should always place himself to the lady’s left and hold out his right arm, the forearm horizontal at waist level and palm down.

The lady rests her hand atop his, and may curl her thumb under his hand to hold it.

A gentle lord would not lift the lady’s hand much above her waist, and even in dancing, not above her shoulder.

Note though, that a lord assisting a lady to walk on slippery or otherwise treacherous footing would be better off to use the modern method, with the lord’s arm bent and the lady holding to the inside of his elbow. It is stronger and steadier.

¹ Unofficial, but commonly used.

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At Court

General

A real Mediaeval court was not the same as a SCAdian court. Monarchs held court to conduct business, and a lot of the business was pretty dull. In the SCA, we take care of the administrative stuff in a different setting, and hold Courts mostly for ceremonial things.

The large selections of awards you see in the SCA are specific to the SCA, except for Knighthood. Because our rulers can't give out lands or treasure, they give out symbolic jewels to recognize worthy service.

So our Courts are set up like a theatre, with the Ruling Nobles up front, attended; and the populace seated in rows of chairs or benches.

But even if you consider yourself just a spectator, you ARE participating just by being there. And there are a few points you need to know.

When the Court is announced to take place in ten minutes or less, make your way to where it will be. If it's indoors, chairs will probably be provided, but if it's outdoors, you should provide your own seat.

Find a seat and wait for the proceedings to begin. No need to be silent at this point; in fact, this is a time for socializing.

When the herald announces the Royals and/or Baronials, stand up and turn towards the center aisle. When the Royals and/or Baronials pass by, make a reverence.

When all the Royals and/or Baronials reach the front, face forward and wait until the herald or one of the Royals and/or Baronials invites the populace to be seated.

Keep quiet as the proceedings proceed. The herald will try to keep everyone informed of what's going on. And at the end of each presentation, he'll call for cheers. The custom is to shout "Vivat!" three times (Latin for "Long live!"). The herald usually leads it by raising a hand.

Sometimes at the end of a court, the Royals and/or Baronials process out. In that case, you do pretty much the same things you did when they processed in. Other times, they'll just declare court closed and everyone disperses.

If You're Called into Court

Don't panic. Despite all the jokes, no one gets called into court because they're in trouble. Make your way to the center aisle and make your way to the front.

If you're a lady, your lord (husband or significant other) may want to escort you; or if you're unaccompanied, some other lord may offer to escort you. This does not imply that you're unable to make it up the aisle on your own. It's a courtesy to you. Your escort should stop about ten paces away from the throne and wait for you. Unless there are stairs and you think you'll have trouble with them. In that case, he should bring you to the top of the stairs and then return to the bottom.

Note that this sort of escorting is optional, and it is the lady's choice. Some ladies welcome the offer; others prefer to show independence of spirit by going alone. A gentle lord will respect a lady's wishes in this. Also, it is not appropriate for a lord to disrupt a court by pushing past many other gentles to offer his arm to a lady he doesn't even know, who is some distance from him when she is called into court.

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When you get in front of the thrones, make a reverence to each of the Royals and/or Baronials, and if there's a cushion, kneel on it. If you have some condition that makes it difficult for you to kneel, say something like, "I am unable to kneel." They'll understand! Some will ask you not to kneel, in fact.

Chances are, you've been called forward to get an award, in which case the herald will probably read out the scroll, and the Royal or Baronial will probably add some remarks. They'll then present you with the scroll, and if it's a higher award, the medallion. They'll assist you to rise and clasp your hand or embrace you. There will be cheers.

When it's time to return to your seat, you should make a reverence and take at least one step backward before turning your back on the Royals and/or Baronials. It's not always possible or feasible, and no one wants you to fall off the edge of the stage or dais.

If there are stairs, and if you have trouble with them, and if you have an escort, he should come to the stairs and assist you.

Then just return to your seat.

At a Feast

The table manners that you parents tried to teach you are relics of the Victorian age, but some of them had their origins in the Renaissance or earlier. Unlike our actual Mediaeval counterparts, most of us don't eat with our fingers or use the points of our knives instead of forks. A simplified version of your modern table manners will serve you fine. There are no specific rules in that area.

The one point of etiquette you'll encounter at a feast is The Round of Toasts.

At some point during the feast, one of the senior people not at High Table will rise and call for a toast to Their Majesties of Atlantia.

Lords should stand up, take up a drinking vessel, raise it, and say loudly, "Atlantia!" or "Their Majesties!" then go through the motion of taking a sip (if your drinking vessel is empty, fake it!).

Ladies are not expected to stand for these toasts, burdened as they are by long and usually voluminous skirts.

But don't sit down yet, for as soon as the first toast dies down, someone else will rise and call for a toast to the Crown Prince and Princess (unless it is during the short time between Coronation and Crown Tourney when there are no Heirs). This time when you raise your vessel you should say "Their Highnesses!" and again, take a sip.

No, don't sit down quite yet! The toasts will be repeated for the local Baron, if you're in a Barony; and for any visiting royalty.

There's a chance that someone will call for a toast to the waterbearers, or to the ladies, or so forth; but they will likely come separately from the toasts to the Royals and/or Baronials.

Sometimes the Royals and/or Baronials will convene a Court during a feast, usually to take care of some bit of business left over from the main court. Usually they just open it from High Table so there's no procession.

Vigils

When a person is to be accorded a peerage title (Knighthood, Laurel, or Pelican), they are customarily placed on vigil for a time before the title is conferred. This is a tradition that harks back to the Original Middle Ages, when at least some of the time, a candidate for knighthood spent the night before watching over his armour in a church or chapel.

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In the SCA tradition, the candidate is taken to a room or a tent and kept apart from the rest of the event, but is visited by other Peers who offer the candidate advice, encouragement, and cautions about the step they're about to take. Becoming a Peer changes a person's view of the SCA, and the SCA's view of the person. Usually a guard or guards will be posted at the entrance, and several "notables" will be in charge of the proceedings. A vigil is a sort of event within an event, but it's only open to the people directly involved. If you are a friend of a person who is doing a vigil, you might offer to stand guard for a time, or to help with the preparations. Otherwise, the best thing to do is keep a respectful distance from the vigil area.

Fealty

Fealty or homage is a formal expression of loyalty between two people. In the SCA it's most often seen when peers and other persons of rank swear fealty to the Crown, but it can take place on a lower and more personal level. It begins with the lower-ranking person telling the upper-ranking person what they are willing to do for him, and the upper-ranking person responds with what they will do in return.

A classic example of the kind of wording can be seen where Peregrine Took swears fealty to Denethor the Steward of Gondor in *Lord of the Rings*.

Fealty is not something to enter into casually. It's an oath that binds you to the other person until you both agree to dissolve it. Peers, Great Officers of State, and landed Barons are required to swear fealty to the Crown, but no one else is required to, and no one should enter into any sort of fealty during their first year or two in the SCA.

Items on Display

At many events there are arts and sciences competitions or displays. Many of the items put on display are rather fragile or can be affected by being touched. Unless the exhibitor is there to give permission or unless there's some sort of notation saying it's OK to handle it, it is best to follow the old maternal admonition to "look with your eyes, not with your hands."

The same is true of anyone's property. If you want to examine something, ask first. Unless it's especially delicate, most people will be willing enough to let you have a good look if you ask.

Pavilions, Day-Shades, and Groupings of Seats

Frequently at events, particularly outdoor events, people will set up a day-shade or a pavilion or simply a group of chairs. In doing so, they establish a sort of territory, which you should not enter without asking permission or being invited in. Now, some groups set up a hospitality pavilion that welcomes everyone to partake of the company and the refreshments offered. But other branches' hospitality pavilions may be meant for members of the branch, so it's good to ask before coming in.

This is also true where people set food on a table at an indoor event other than during the feast.

Helping Out

One of the most courteous things you can do is offer to help where you think someone needs or could use it. A big part of the concept of chivalry is helping those in need. Especially ladies or those with difficulty handling loads.

The simplest form of helping out is such things as opening a door for someone as they approach it. If someone seems to be struggling with a load, an offer to assist in carrying it will usually be welcome. But don't be too pushy. Sometimes a person is especially protective of certain items (musical instruments or art objects especially, or ceremonial objects) and doesn't want anyone else to handle them. Respect their wishes.

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There are also some who are reluctant to accept help out of a sense of independence. Again, respect their wishes; and don't get discouraged by refusals. Your offers are appreciated even when not accepted. And those who DO need assistance will bless you.

Be careful about overdoing it, though. Save enough time and energy to do what you need to do at the event!

Another good way to help out is to assist in such activities as waterbearing (this will get you loved), running cards for the heralds, and other such things. You will get to know people and they will get to know you in a positive way.

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Supplemental Information

These are items not directly related to court etiquette, but useful for new members.

Special Belts

The bestowed peerages will customarily have student/assistants. Knights have squires, who by custom wear red belts; Laurels have apprentices, who by custom wear green belts; and Pelicans have protégés, who by custom wear gold belts. The belt colours are not mandatory, but that's the norm. And there is a tendency, especially among Laurels, to get away from the use of belts. And being a squire, apprentice, or protégé does not carry any prestige. In fact, it marks one as being available to assist, especially protégés.

Households

Households are groups who band together for socializing, mutual support, and/or to share common interests.

Households are acknowledged by the SCA leadership but not officially recognized. They run the gamut in size from literally thousands of members spread over the Known World to a handful of people in one local group. Their organizations also vary widely, from almost military stringency to a laid-back group that acts by consensus.

Becoming part of a household can be a good thing in the long run, but it's not necessary and you shouldn't be in a hurry to join one. Again, not for the first year or so.

May Schedule of Events for the Barony of the Sacred Stone

Meetings

Baronial Meeting– May 19th

Aire Faucon— N/A

Baelfire Dunn - N/A

Charlesbury Crossing - Monday, May 6th.

Crois Brigitte - Wed., May 8th.

Middlegate - Friday, Mar 10th

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

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BARONIAL YOUTH COMBAT CHAMPION - OPEN

BARONIAL YOUTH ARCHERY CHAMPION

Lord Vilhjálmr bani

BARONIAL YOUTH ARTISAN

Hamsa of Middlegate

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