

The background is a complex stained glass design. It features a central shield with a green field containing a white eagle with spread wings, perched on a laurel wreath. The shield is set within a circular frame with red and blue segments. The entire design is surrounded by a network of black lines forming a web-like pattern, with green vine motifs and small yellow flowers interspersed. At the top, a smaller eagle is visible above the main title.

PHOENIX

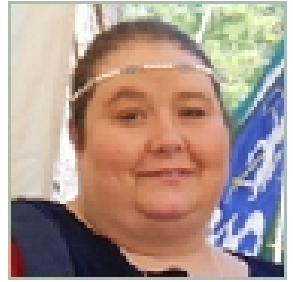
August 2012
Anno Societas XLVI
Volume 26, Issue 8

TABLE OF CONTENTS

- 1. Cover Page**
- 2. Table of Contents**
- 3. From the Seneschal**
- 4. Baronial Financial Policy**
- 7. Call for Letters of Intent**
- 8. Meeting Minutes**
- 16. Events and Calendar**
- 17. “A Heraldic History of Sacred Stone” by Master Bran Trefonnen**
- 24. Baronial Regnum**
- 25. Baronial Appointments**
- 26. Baronial Order Appointments**
- 27. Canton Seneschals and Disclaimer**

From the Seneschal:

Greetings!



As I write this a large number of you are either at Pennsic or preparing to go to Pennsic. Those of us left behind will be heading out to the castle for the Pennsic Pity Party soon and will try and make sure that the Barony is still standing when you all return.

At the July meeting I announced that the draft of the Financial Policies for the Barony would be posted to the e-list and added to the newsletter for people to comment on and make suggestions of changes or corrections that they felt were needed. The draft was posted to the lists and is included in this issue of the newsletter. I would ask that you all take a few moments to go over the proposed policies and comment. They will most likely be voted on at the August meeting.

Another thing that was addressed at the July meeting was that our current Heavy Armored Marshal, Baron Johan, has asked that we put out a call for letter of intent for the office. Baron Johan has held the office for almost two years and in the recent months he has had to be away from the SCA more than he would have liked. He would like to hand to office over to a willing individual who will be able to attend more activities and events than he currently is able to attend. There will be a formal call for letters of intent in this newsletter as well.

I hope that you all have a wonderful time at Pennsic & Pennsic Pity Party and I look forward to seeing everyone at Sacred Stone Baronial Birthday at the end of the month!

**Yours in service,
Lady Murienne**

The Baronial Financial Policy—Draft

1. The Chancellor of the Exchequer

1.1. The Exchequer shall:

1.1.1. Maintain a checking account with appropriate signature cards for the Barony entitled SCA Inc., Barony of the Sacred Stone.

1.1.2. 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.

1.1.3. Enforce and maintain the Barony's financial policy.

1.1.4. serve as chairperson of the Barony's Financial Committee and hold primary responsibility for coordinating with other members of the Financial Committee and communicating the committee's actions to the populace.

1.2. The Exchequer shall, upon request, provide access to the Barony's financial reports and books to any member of the Barony and shall publish to the Barony the annual Domesday report.

1.2.1 The Exchequer shall provide access in person to above documents at their earliest convenience within 90 days of the request being received.

1.3. The Exchequer shall pursue any non-sufficient 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. Financial Committee

2.1. The financial committee consists of the Exchequer, officers and populace in attendance at an official Baronial meeting.

2.2. All populace votes to approve or disallow expenditures shall be at a regular business meeting and be by simple majority.

2.3. Members of the voting populace, with respect to their eligibility to vote in Baronial financial matters, are defined by Baronial Policy 4.4.

2.4. For purposes of determining eligibility for voting in financial matters, members must present proof of current membership upon request.

3. Emergency Financial Committee

3.1. The Emergency Financial Committee shall consist of the Exchequer, the Seneschal(e), the Coronet (s), and any other Baronial officer as determined by agreement of Exchequer, Seneschal(e) and Coronet (s). 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.

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

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

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

3.3.2. Decisions of the Emergency Financial Committee must be recorded by e-mails from each participating member showing agreement or a document signed by each participating member in either case, the record should be maintained in the Exchequer files.

3.4. 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. Events

4.1. 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.

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

4.2.1. Bids for War of the Wings are due by October 1 of the previous year.

4.3. The Coronet(s) and the Seneschal will choose a bid and the bid that is accepted will be published in the Baronial newsletter the month following the deadline.

4.4. An itemized event budget must be submitted no later than 90 days before the event, unless otherwise approved by the Financial Committee.

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

4.5. Complimentary Event Fees

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

4.6. Event Refunds shall be provided as follows:

4.6.1. The Exchequer must receive refund requests in writing no later than seven days after the event ends, with the exception of War of the Wings.

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

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

4.7. Any 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.

4.8. 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.

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

5. Accounting Structure

5.1. General Fund (Unallocated funds)

5.1.1. 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.

5.2. Temporary Allocated Funds

5.2.1. 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.

5.3. Non-Sufficient Funds (NSF) checks

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

5.3.2. 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.

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

5.3.3. 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.

5.3.4. 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. Officer Budgets

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

Seneschal - \$100

Exchequer - \$100

Herald - \$50

Minister of the List - \$50

Call for Letters of Intent for Baronial Armored Marshal.

The Baronial Armored Marshal office is coming open and we are accepting letters of intent for the position.

The Baronial Armored Marshal MUST have the following qualifications.

1. Currently paid member of the SCA
2. Currently warranted Marshal in the Kingdom
3. Be aware and agree to follow the Kingdom and Baronial policies for officers.

If you are interested in the position please send your letter of intent to The Coronets, the Seneschal and the Current Armored Marshal for Sacred Stone.

We ask that you follow the guidelines posted on the Baronial website for your letter of intent. The guidelines can be found here <http://sacredstone.atlantia.sca.org/Guidelointent.htm>.

Meeting Minutes

The baronial business meeting took place on July 22nd, 2012 at 3300 Eastover Ridge Drive, Charlotte, NC 28211 (Eastover Ridge Apartment Clubhouse) at 2:00pm. There were 20 gentles present.

The meeting went as follows:

Officer's Reports:

Coronet's Report:

Items of business will be covered in other parts of the agenda. Retainers are needed for Baron and Baroness. If you are interested, please contact them to volunteer.



Seneschal's Report:

Thank you to the cantons who got their reports in on time. All are in except one.



Exchequer's Report:

Current checkbook balance is \$5,641.36

Checks have been written for fire tables, torches and for site fee for Baronial Birthday and for feast.



Herald's Report:

Scribal work is going well. Aire Faucon's device passed. They have retained the right to the old one.

The Herald's reports are in and done.



MOL's Report:

She is still looking for someone to step up as Deputy and to take her place when she steps down in March.

Chronicler's Report:

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



Officers' Reports:

Heavy Marshal's Report:

Asking for Letters of Intent for Heavy Marshal. Good fighter practice last weekend. 12 fighters were present.

Rapier Marshal's Report:

Our new Rapier Marshal, Ghaltai Jida (Phillip Jones) is now fully warranted. He will be marshalling at Baronial Birthday and at WoW.

Archery Marshal's Report:

While our Baronial Archery Marshal, Eduard deWitte is busy leading kids through summer camp, I'm filling in for him to relate a few archery items.

First of all, I believe we still need an archery MiC for Baronial Birthday. It's a big birthday folks, let's not leave archery off the list of fun things to do! Baronial Birthday is typically when the Champions are selected and the new members inducted into the Phoenix Guard, as well as a new Captain of the Guard selected. Details on that can be found here: <http://sacredstone.atlantia.sca.org/Archeryelig.htm>

Secondly, please don't forget that SAAD (Southern Atlantian Archery Day) will take place September 7-9! "Bubba goes to Scotland". Details about that archery event can be found here: http://acorn.atlantia.sca.org/event_flyer.php?event_id=77658a31 We still need people to staff a couple of the shooting stations for a short period of time on Saturday, as well as help with set up and take down.

Regular target archery practices are occurring at various places. For practices in the northern part of the Barony, go to www.croisbrigte.org and click on the calendar. The Barony owns some loaner gear, so if you don't have your own bow and arrows, we can help you out.

Please direct target archery related questions and concerns to Lord Eduard deWitte at sagebow-man@yahoo.com

See you on the shooting line!

Lady Lorelei Greenleaf

Web Minister's Report:

Sorry for the late posting of the July edition of the Phoenix. She is still working on the Baronial Birthday website.



Chancellor of Minors Report:

She will be at Baronial Birthday and is working on activities for that event and WoW.

Chirurgeon's Report:

She needs volunteers for Sacred Stone Baronial Birthday. For those going to Pennsic, remember to get hydrated and stay hydrated. Alcohol doesn't count. Be sure to take hats, veils and sunscreen.

Minister of Arts and Sciences's Report:

Greetings all,

A&S is alive and thriving in the Barony of the Sacred Stone! Several of the Cantons continue to have regular A&S meetings (see the Baronial Calendar) and we're still preparing for large A&S activities at several upcoming events.

Flight of the Falcon: There will be about 12-13 classes at this event, performing arts and A&S displays. There is a competition called "Oops! Did I Do That?". The idea of the competition is for you to show us something that didn't turn out the way you intended. Judging will use most of the usual categories but will not include a Workmanship score. Instead, we'll give a score for the funniest story behind the entry. There is also an "Un-Competition" which will not have judging but will allow you to receive feedback on your projects.

Sacred Stone Baronial Birthday: There are a couple competitions at our birthday. First, the Baronage would like to have a Largesse competition. All entries will be used by their Excellencies in future gift baskets and the winner will receive a gift basket of their own! Second, we're having a heraldic display competition of the ancient arms of Sacred Stone. This includes any arms that are no longer officially used by Sacred Stone or its Cantons. Lastly, there will be an Artisans' Row at the birthday. During this activity, each Canton will have 2 hours to display their artisans and show how they work. It should be a lot of fun!

Southern Atlantian Archery Day: While this event is all about the archery, archers like A&S too! There will be two competitions: the first is a bardic which is looking for stories, poems or songs from the viewpoint of an arrow and is titled "BE the Arrow"; the second is an open A&S themed around the best use of Feathers.

Deputy MoAS report (continued)

War of the Wings: There will be many competitions. The Pentathlon requires each participant to let us know about their entries ahead of time this year (the form is located at <http://warofthewings.com/ans-pent.html>). Also, the Backlog Scroll competition requires that you obtain your assignment from the Clerk Signet (<http://scribe.atlantia.sca.org>). This is really only a drop in the bucket. There will be classes, dancing, music, chicken wings and much more! For details, check out the War of the Wings website at (<http://warofthewings.com/>)

Gift Basket Corner:

The next gift basket is for the Coronation of Vlad and Kalisa. I'll be collecting donations towards the basket through September 29th. Anything in Atlantian colors would be very lovely. Specifically, their wish list includes: fabric (linen and silk), jewelry, beads, woven trim, & ceramics. His Highness enjoys chocolate, ginger ale, mead and cordials. Her Highness enjoys paintings of natural scenes and cats. Her Highness also sunburns easily, so shade and cover is always a good thing.

Yours, in Service and Art,
Etienne
Deputy Baronial MoAS

Chatelaine's Report:

No Report

Canton Reports:

Charlesbury Crossing:

The canton is working on lots of things for 12th Night. They are working on new A&S projects, stained glass jars to use as lanterns. After the business meetings, they will be having a lecture by Master Bran on the Court of Henry VIII in 1530. They will make the lectures available to be printed in the newsletter.

Middlegate:

The Canton of Middlegate continues to work hard. It's members regularly volunteer at events throughout the Barony and Kingdom. We have our weekly Arts & Sciences nights, a monthly Scribal night and a monthly Heraldic Commentary night. Soon we will also be having a research/study/discussion night which will likely be held online and open to any who would like to participate, more details to follow in the near future. In August and September we will be having a charity drive to benefit the Ward Street Missions food pantry and in October and November we will be holding a drive to benefit the Toys for Tots drive and will be looking into the possibility of holding a demo in conjunction with a Marine Corp Toys for Tots event.

Balefire Dunn:

Balefire Dunn recently had it's largest canton meeting ever at the home of Caitlin MacDonoghue and Edmund Hawksworth. Twenty people were in attendance, including Queen Brianna, Baroness Sine and our Baronial Seneschal, Murienne. We have six new members and one returning member. It was decided to spike Drums of War IV for next year and we are looking at another event later in the year.

Aire Falcon:

New device passed.

Salisberie Glen:

Still on suspension. No report.

Croix Brigitte:

Croix Brigitte is alive and well and hosting archery whenever weather and time permit.

We are looking forward to hosting the retro tavern on Friday night at The Sacred Stone 30th Baronial Birthday on August 31st. If you have stories or pictures, you are encouraged to bring or send them. Aine is coordinating so contact her.

Also, the next weekend, September 7-9th, we will be having our canton's signature event SAAD VI "Bubba Goes To Scotland". We are incorporating highland games this year from Bubba's travels. There will be a fundraiser travelers fair on Friday night and a fundraiser breakfast on Saturday morning. Dinner will be a potluck with meat provided by the event. There is a target building competition as well as an A&S and bardic competition.

Old Business:

Unevent Review of Financial policy. The corrected document will be posted as a link on the website for all to review and compare with previous version.

Send comments. It will be voted on at the next meeting.

New Business:

Call for Letters of Intent for Heavy Marshal. See attachment.

Letters are due before the August baronial meeting on the 19th.

Cantons should be discussing with their members the opportunities and requirements for any one who would be interested in taking a baronial office.

Events:

Pennsic Pity Party: Aug 4th. At Elchenburg Castle

\$9.00 per person includes hamburgers and hot dogs and lots of fun.

Flight of the Falcon—August 18th, 2012 FREE event

12 Classes. Two A&S Competitions

“Oops, did I do that? Competition for an A&S project that went wrong.

“Uncompetition” Come display a project you are working on just for the feedback.

SCA Yard Sale. Bring out all the gently used garb, armor, camping gear, and miscellaneous items and donate them so our newcomers can take advantage. Reservations for feast should be made soon. \$7 for feast.

Events (cont.):

30th Year Baronial Birthday—Aug 31—Sept 1st., 2012

Volunteers are needed for clean up and set up. They are also looking for Marshals for Thrown Weapons. Queen Brianna will be cooking feast.

A&S will include an Ancient Arms display, a Largess competition, and an Artisan's Row. There will be two taverns available. Charlesbury Crossing will have the tavern for Sat night which will consist mostly of desserts, coffee, tea. On Friday night Crois Brigitte will host the tavern and will have "retro" food items that might have been found in past times.

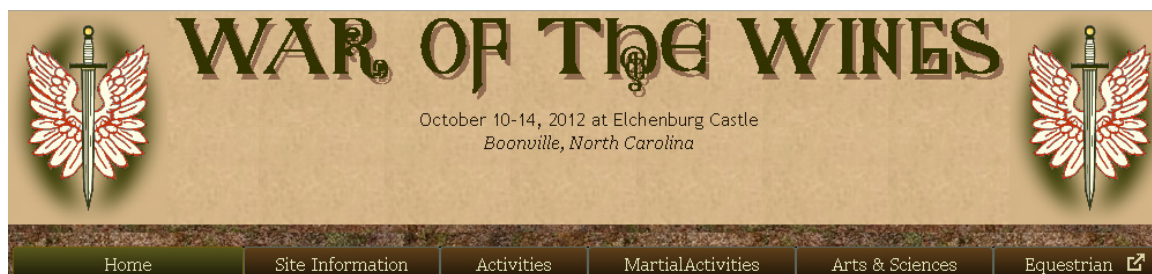
SAAD: Sept 7-9th. Archery day the weekend after Baronial Birthday.

"Bubba goes to Scotland" is the theme. There will be a "Create your own target" competition, Highland games, (everyone is encouraged to wear a kilt), bardic on Sat. night. The A&S theme is "Be the Arrow". There will be a "Best use of feathers" competition.

There will be a fundraiser selling food on Friday night and Sat. morning. Pot luck on Saturday night.

WoW:

The website and Facebook pages are up and have lots of good information. The site will open on Wed Oct 10th at noon and close on Sunday. Site map will be posted after land closes. Let Lady Aine know if you are planning on camping with the barony. Four spots are left in Murienne's dinner plan for those who come up early to help Sunday, Monday and Tuesday. The fields will be cut Sunday and Monday.



Runestone Collegium:

Charlesbury Crossing is looking at sites for this event. They are considering a church in Denver. They were turned down for two other locations which has delayed the plans.

12th Night:

Lots of activities in the works for 12th Night. See our website at www.twelfthnight.atlantia.sca.org for more exciting information or check out our Facebook page.



Next meeting will be at the August 19th at Star of Bethlehem Church in
Winston Salem, NC. .

August Schedule of Events for the Barony of the Sacred Stone

Meetings

Baronial Meeting— Aug 19th. Star of Bethlehem Church, Winston Salem, NC

Aire Faucon— Tuesday, Aug 7th

Baelfire Dunn - N/A

Charlesbury Crossing - Monday, August 27th

Crois Brigitte - Wed., Aug. 8th

Middlegate - Friday, Aug. 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 -Wed. night every other week

Practices

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

Baelfire Dunn - Rapier practice Sundays at Bunker Hill HS

Charlesbury Crossing - N/A

Crois Brigitte - Archery Practice on Sundays at rotating locations

Middlegate - Wed and Sunday Heavy Fighter Practice

Salesberie Glen - N/A

A Heraldic History of Sacred Stone by Bran Trefonnen

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

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

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

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



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

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

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



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

Its branch name and device were initially registered in December 1980: **Azure, eight keys in cross parted, addorsed in pairs, all conjoined at the base by links of chain, and the whole environed of a laurel wreath, all Or.** Hindscroft would remain a canton of Sacred Stone for ten more years following this registration until becoming an independent shire in 1990. While a portion of Hindscroft would rejoin the Barony as the Canton of Crois Brigitte in 2001, the remainder of Hindscroft didn't rejoin Sacred Stone until 2004.



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

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



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

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



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

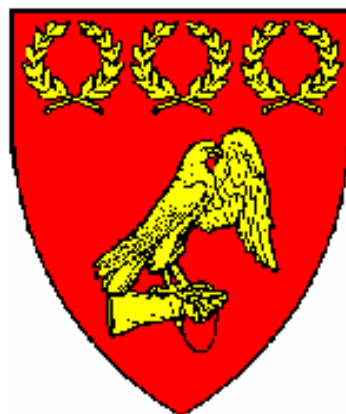


While the Protectorate of Drachenkinderschtadt/Drakken Leira/Drachentor was finding its own unique footing, an SCA special interest group was forming throughout Alexander, Burke, Caldwell, Catawba and Iredell Counties. The Canton of Baelfire Dunn had registered its name and heraldry as early as May 1990: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

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

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

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



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

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

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



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

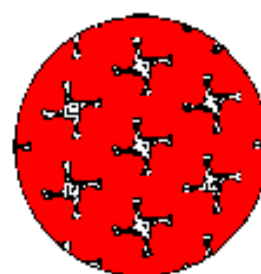
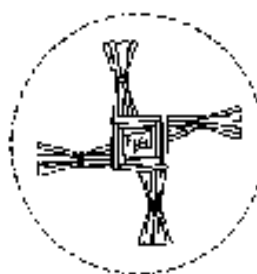
With the dawn of a new millennium looming, and after twenty-one years of possessing arms that became increasingly uncomfortable to display (he looks like a demon, after-all), the Canton of the Guardians of the Sacred Stone chose to change both their name and device to something more appropriate for a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



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

In the Spring of 2007, Crois Brigte registered two badges for the use of their populace. You will most likely see these

badges on the Canton member's belt favors. The first was March's: **(Fieldless) A Saint Brigid's cross argent.** And the second, more commonly seen badge is April's: **Gules semy of Saint Brigid's crosses argent.**



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

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



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

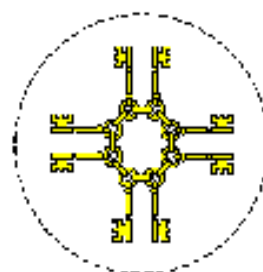
Also in 2004, the remainder of the Shire of Hindscrest rejoined the Barony of the Sacred Stone as a canton. It returned Davidson, Guilford, Randolph, Rockingham and Stokes Counties to Sacred Stone making it, once again, land contiguous with the Protectorate of Drachentor, now sadly dissolved.



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

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

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



For many years, the Canton of Aire Faucon had contemplated changing their branch arms to something a bit less complicated than their original device. Eventually, in February of 2012, they registered new branch arms of: **Per bend purple and vert, a falcon volant bendwise within a laurel wreath Or.** With a nod to tradition, however, the Canton opted to retain their original device as "ancient arms."

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

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

One of the chief aspects of being made a Companion to an Order is the right to bear the badge of the Order. Though it wasn't until November 1986 that the Order of the Sacred Stone had its own, registered heraldry: **Argent, in pale a double-headed phoenix and a dolmen vert.** This badge was blazoned incorrectly in the Society's Armorial and Ordinary as a simple phoenix, but subsequent research showing the original submission confirms that it is the double-headed phoenix that has become synonymous with the Barony of the Sacred Stone over the decades.



At the same event where they established the Order of the Sacred Stone, Baron Jason and Baroness Susan first established the Order of the Phoenix' Eye. It was created to recognize outstanding arts & sciences achievements within the Barony of the Sacred Stone. This includes the teaching of that art in the Barony and/or its use on the



Barony's behalf. Its premier Companion was Ciaran of Kells. While established in 1982, the Order of the Phoenix' Eye did not have dedicated armory until December 1987: **Argent, a phoenix's head vert issuant from flames of fire proper.**

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



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

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

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



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

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



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

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



Baronial Regnum

Coronets	Baron Matsudaira Kentarou Toshiyori & Baroness Sine ni Dheaghaidh		baron@sacredstone.atlantia.sca.org, baroness@sacredstone.atlantia.sca.org
Seneschale	Lady Murienne l'aloiere	(336) 899-8799	seneschal@sacredstone.atlantia.sca.org
Exchequer	Lord Edmund Hawksworth		exchequer@sacredstone.atlantia.sca.org
Chronicler	Lady Caitlin MacDonoughue		chronicler@sacredstone.atlantia.sca.org
Herald	Lady Prudence the Curious		herald@sacredstone.atlantia.sca.org
Chatelaine	Lady Nuala ingen Magnusa	(336) 508-0803	chatelain@sacredstone.atlantia.sca.org
Minister of A&S	Baroness Maeve Griffinsward		moas@sacredstone.atlantia.sca.org
Minister of the Lists	Lady Amye Elizabeth Barrington		mol@sacredstone.atlantia.sca.org
Webminister	Lady Annora Hall		webminister@sacredstone.atlantia.sca.org
Knight's Marshal	Baron Johan von Rothenburg		knightsmarshal@sacredstone.atlantia.sca.org
Rapier Marshal	Ghaltai Jida (Phillip Jones)		
Archery Marshal	Lord Edward De Witt		archerymarshal@sacredstone.atlantia.sca.org
Chancellor Of Minors	Lady Ealasaid Mac Donald		
Chirurgion	Lady Elizabeth (Shrewlet) of Rosewood		

BARONIAL APPOINTMENTS

BARONIAL HEAVY CHAMPION

Lord Dubhghall mac Donnchaidh (David Stewart)
[profstewart AT gmail.com](mailto:profstewart@gmail.com)

BARONIAL RAPIER CHAMPION

Vincenzo d'Este (Bradley Mills)

BARONIAL ARCHERY CHAMPION - OPEN

BARONIAL CAVALRY CHAMPION

THL Azenari Basandere (Jacquelyn Brown)
[selene1090 AT aol.com](mailto:selene1090@aol.com)

BARONIAL BARD

Lady Thamira ha Sopheret (Tammy Barr)
[mamabookelf AT yahoo.com](mailto:mamabookelf@yahoo.com)

BARONIAL ARTISAN

Lady Prudence the Curious (Esther Scott)
[prudencecurious AT aim.com](mailto:prudencecurious@aim.com)

BARONIAL SCRIBE - OPEN

BARONIAL BREWER

Lady Isabelle Lafara (Alexandra Stratton)
[ceara AT houseberra.com](mailto:ceara@houseberra.com)

BARONIAL COOK

Lady Murienne l'Aloiere (Nikole Harrington)
[dragonfly78 AT gmail.com](mailto:dragonfly78@gmail.com)

BARONIAL BEEKEEPER

THL Lorelei Greenleaf (Lorelei Elkins)
[loleleielkins AT aol.com](mailto:loleleielkins@aol.com)

BARONIAL YOUTH COMBAT CHAMPION - OPEN

BARONIAL YOUTH ARCHERY CHAMPION

Lord Vilhjálmr bani

BARONIAL YOUTH ARTISAN

Hamsa of Middlegate

PHOENIX GUARD

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

BARONIAL ORDER PRINCIPALS

PRINCIPAL, ORDER OF THE SACRED STONE

Lady Miriel Crawford (Tracey Ellis), 704-262-7124

[miriel.crawford AT gmail.com](mailto:miriel.crawford@gmail.com)

PRINCIPAL, ORDER OF THE PHOENIX' EYE

Lady Annora Hall (Kathy Murphy)

[annorahall AT yahoo.com](mailto:annorahall@yahoo.com)

PRINCIPAL, ORDER OF THE PHOENIX' CLAW

Lord Symon de Ipswich (Troy Peterson)

PRINCIPAL, ORDER OF THE YEOMEN OF THE SACRED STONE

THL Christophe of Grey (John Atkins)

Regnum (continued)

Canton Seneschals

Aire Faucon

Lord Rurik Lebedov
Ryan Matthews
rurik@att.net

Baelfire Dunn

Till Cambell
tillfirehorn@yahoo.com

Charlesbury Crossing

Lady Aminah bint al-Megal'id
Kathy Jewell
kathygrimes@gmail.com

Crois Brigitte

Lord Robyn A' Dearg
Robin Ried
twolfpax@yahoo.com

Middlegate

Lord Symon de Ipswich
Troy Petersen
symondeipswich@gmail.com

Salesberie Glen

Lady Elunid
Tracy Ellis

All photos and artwork published with permission of the photographers and artists.

For more information please contact the chronicler.

This is The Phoenix, a publication of the Barony of the Sacred Stone of the Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc. The Phoenix is available from Lady Caitlin MacDonoughue (Ruth Harris) 136 Romany Lane, Mooresville, NC 28117 or caitlinofbaelfire-dun@yahoo.com. Subscriptions are free. This newsletter is not a corporate publication of the Society for Creative

Anachronism, Inc., and does not delineate

SCA policies. (c) Copyright 2012, Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc.

For information on reprinting letters and artwork from this publication, please contact the Chronicler, who will assist you in contacting the original creator of the piece.

Please respect the legal rights of our contributors.