

The background is a complex stained glass design. At the center is a 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 pattern of green vines with yellow berries and grey geometric shapes.

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FROM THE BARON & BARONESS



December Phoenix Letter 2011

Greetings to the good gentles of the Best Barony in Atlantia!

We had a very busy month, going to Crown Tourney and In a Phoenix Eye. Congratulations to our own Brian and Brianna, Prince and Princess of Atlantia! We're already looking forward to Coronation in The Barony of Raven's Cove. We hope everyone can join us and help make it a wonderful day for them.

In a Phoenix Eye was a small but amazing event. We had lots of entries but many judges. His Excellency and I chose our Baronial Artisan, Lady Prudence the Curious, Our Baronial Cook, Lady Murienne, Our Baronial Bard, Lady Thamira Ha Sopheret and Our Youth Artisan, milord Hamza of Middlegate. Congratulations to all.

We hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving. We are looking forward to all the parties celebrating Christmas and other seasonal holidays. Have a wonderful holiday and be safe!

Baron Oshi and Baroness Síne

Seneschal: Lady Murienne l'Aloiere



Greetings to all,

I hope that this letter finds you all well and enjoying the beginning of your Holiday season. I have a couple issues to address and then I promise to let you get back to carols and firelight and holiday cheer.

Firstly, included in this newsletter you will find the notes from the November meeting. I would like to remind everyone that this was not an official meeting since the date, time and place were not posted in an official publication. The Barony's only "Official publication" is the monthly newsletter.

The second thing I wish to address is an idea that was brought up in conversation a number of times over the past several months and that I have been approached about. I then brought the idea to our Coronets.

At the unofficial meeting in November about 15 minutes before we were scheduled to leave and after the topic of the day had been addressed I brought forth the idea. I asked that until the involved parties had been contacted that it be kept off of the e-list and facebook to avoid misunderstanding and hurt feelings. The idea that was talked about was the possible forming of a southern Principality. Forming a Principality has been brought up a number of times in both the north and south ends of the Kingdom.

When I brought it up to the group assembled at that meeting it was so that those people in attendance could go back to their groups and discuss it and see if it was something that they were interested in pursuing. I also asked the group for it to not be posted to any e-lists or to facebook since at that point none of the other Baronies had been contacted about the idea.

After receiving a fairly positive response from those assembled I sent an email to the Baronies (Coronets & Seneschals) and Shires (Seneschals) in the southern half of the Kingdom. The email detailed the process that would need to be taken and some of the reasons I had been given for the change to take place.

I have not as of this writing heard back from all of the groups but I have heard back from the majority. The majority of the responses have been to not go forward with the forming of a southern Principality.

So for the foreseeable future that idea has been tabled. Though I have no doubt that in the future at some point the idea will come back around and at some point it will take hold and grow.

I hope that if you have ANY questions, comments, or suggestions that you will make them heard be that by posting to the e-list, contacting the Coronets or myself, or if you don't feel comfortable with either of those options then please feel free to contact the regional Seneschal. My only request is that for everyone to remember that the SCA is supposed to be a place of courtesy, honor and I would hope civility.

Our next meeting (an official one) is on December 18th at Bunker Hill High School.

It is a potluck holiday party as well so come one out, bring a dish to share and enjoy the company of your SCA friends before the Christmas/New Year rush takes hold.

All my best to you,

Lady Murienne

Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the unofficial meeting held at 2pm on Sunday, November 20th. at 3300 Eastover Ridge Drive, Charlotte, NC 28211 (Eastover Ridge Apartments Clubhouse)

Originally the Barony had decided to combine the October and November meeting, to hold that at the end of October and to skip the November meeting date. After that the plan changed due to an unexpected issue which arose. After consulting with the Baron and Baroness it was announced that we would meet on November 20. This meeting was not official due to not being posted in the Baronial newsletter. No votes were taken and no reports were given.

Here is the jist of the issue that caused the meeting to take place...

Sunday evening on returning from Crown Tournament I got a phone call from Mistress Alesia the Kingdom Seneschal. She had been speaking to some people at crown about the Cantons in Sacred Stone. Specifically Aïre Faucon, Baelfire Dunn, Charlesbury Crossing, and Salesberie Glen.

She had concerns about each of the Cantons having enough active participation to be able to continue.

She came to me with the idea that the four Cantons merge into one. A new Canton that would make up the lower 2/3 of the Barony.

Monday night Mistress Alesia attended Charlesbury Crossings canton meeting. The idea was presented to them at that point. I spoke with the Baron and Baroness about the idea Monday evening as well.

The next day I spoke with the Seneschal of Charlesbury Crossing and then sent emails to each of the Seneschals (or other officer if Seneschal was unavailable) of the other three Cantons involved.

So that is the back story of the issue at hand...

At the meeting, there were members of each Canton in attendance and able to voice either their groups or their personal feelings on the issue.

Here is basically what happened.

* Charlesbury Crossing - Lady Aminah has decided to stay on as Seneschale for an extra 6 months. In that time the group will be working to get a replacement ready to step in and handle that position. They currently have the required offices filled, they hold local A&S activities, regular monthly meetings, have just have a successful event and will be continuing to work to bring back some of the members that are not as active on a local level.

* Salesberie Glen - They are currently suspended due to a lack of a Seneschal. They have been discussing on their list the possibly options for their group. Lady Elunid has offered to step into the Seneschal's position, has the support of the group, and has already contacted the regional Seneschal to start the warranting and suspension removal processes.

* Baelfire Dunn - They have discussed the idea of disbanding in their group and have at this point decided to not go forward with that option. They are getting ready to have an officer change over but have people in place to take on the necessarily jobs. They have a successful yearly event and are hoping to hold some demos and more regular gatherings.

* Aïre Faucon - The group is doing well. Offices are filled and many have deputies. They have weekly gatherings, regular meetings and a successful yearly event.

The over all consensus was that though some of the Cantons may have had or are having a rough patch that none are ready or willing to disband, or merge with other groups at this time.

The majority of the rest of the meeting time was spent discussing ways to grow the groups and encourage and support each other.

The next baronial meeting will be held at 2pm on December 18th at Bunker Hill High School,

4675 Oxford School Road Claremont, North Carolina 28610.

Identifying with the Prey

I smell the breeze
of the zephyr winds
carrying flowers' jewels.

I hear the pound
of the horses' hooves
as they close and draw near.

I smell the dew
of the early sun
delighting in its cool.

I feel the cold
of the silver steel
striking deeply within.

I see the blue
of the open sky
and am urged to run wild.

I feel the warmth
of the flowing blood
bringing life to an end.

I see the green
of the forest glen
drawn to shadows' beguile.

I hear the sound
of the hunting horn
and feel the fox's fear.

by,
Lady Prudence the Curious

This is the poem that won the poetry competition at Boar's Hunt

December Schedule of Events for the Barony of the Sacred Stone

Meetings

Baronial Meeting- Sunday Dec 18th, 2:00 pm

Aíre Faucon - Tuesday, Dec 6th

Baelfire Dunn - N/A

Charlesbury Crossing - Monday, Dec 5th

Crois Brígte - Wed., Dec 7th

Middlegate - Friday, Dec 9th

Salesberie Glen - N/A

A&S

Aíre Faucon - Tues evenings at rotation locations

Baelfire Dunn - N/A

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

Crois Brígte - Dates and locations will be published

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

Salesberie Glen - Wed. night every other week

Practices

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

Baelfire Dunn - Rapier practice Sundays at Bunker Hill HS

Charlesbury Crossing - N/A

Crois Brígte - Archery Practice on Sundays at rotating locations

Middlegate - Wed and Sunday Heavy Fighter Practice

Salesberie Glen - N/A

Baronial Regnum

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