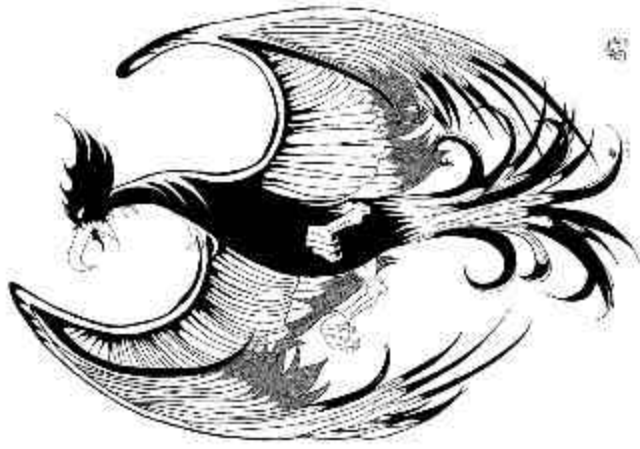


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The Barony of the Sacred Stone



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Unto the Populace

From the Baroness

Greetings to the populace of Sacred Stone!

Another month has gone by and quickly. We are now heading towards one of the heaviest parts of the event season. I hope that people have sent in their reservations for Ymir. Remember we are hosting an inter-baronial heraldry competition at Ymir, so come out and bring your nicest items! After Ymir is University and Kingdom A&S. I hope to see you at those events as well.

The Kingdom will host another Baronial A&S tourney at Kingdom A&S Festival this year. Lady Alianor atte Red Swanne will be representing Sacred Stone in the static display competition as my A&S champion. However, I still need someone to participate in the bardic tourney this year. If you are interested, please contact me. I encourage everyone to attend this event and support the arts and sciences. If you are hesitant to enter in the competition, please think about displaying. It can be a great way to get some feedback on your work. Last year several of our people attended and they were wonderfully received.

After Kingdom A&S, we start our local events: Inn on the Road, Below the Salt and Novice Tourney. Novice is an important event for the Barony. It should be a time that we bring out our best, to show what the SCA can be and to welcome new and old friends. Please attend this event and please support Baron Achbar as the autocrat.

I look forward to seeing you all soon!
Kisaiya, Baroness

From the Seneschal

Greetings!! Lots is going on within the Barony and I want to thank all of you for working so hard and being so willing to help out!

Requests have been sent in to Kingdom for approval on the following positions:
Knights Marshall - Duke Logan Ebonwoulfe
Herald - Madonna Apollonia Margherita degli Albizzi;

Our New Baronial Archery Marshall is Lord Conall Mac an Druiadh

Event bids for Baronial Birthday and In a Phoenix Eye deadline was extended to January 14, 2005 due to difficulty reaching Baronial Officers during the holiday season. One was submitted for SSBB by Lord John van der Velde and one was submitted for IAPE by Lord Christian de Rosado. Both bids have been accepted and we are looking forward to great upcoming events.

The Autocrat class will be held on Saturday, February 19, 2005 at the home of Mistress Susanna. Mistress Jessamyn will be covering the finer points of autocratting while I will be covering the forms and legalities of autocratting. Please RSVP directly to myself if you are attending.

This past month there were some questions brought up regarding policy, past decisions, etc. on the Baronial e-list. Changes to policies and decisions made at a Baronial Meeting or by a Committee set up and voted upon at a Baronial meeting will not be made due to an email posted on the e-list. Any changes that anyone may feel needs to occur needs to be brought up at a Baronial Meeting. If you are unable to attend, you may submit your request via proxy - either written or by another person.

Runestone Collegium bids are due April 30th. We have not had a Runestone in two years. Please talk to your cantons, households, and friends to see if any one would like to put in a bid. The event is to be held some point in October. Please check for any Kingdom protected weekends before putting your bid in as well as any major Baronial events in the surrounding southern Baronies.

Minister of Minors Office is still open. This position will remain open until someone comes forward and puts in a letter of intent. This is a very important position that needs to be filled. Please take the time to consider if this is area in which you can contribute to the Barony.

Elkin - a polling was done of the populace in Elkin to inquire about Sacred Stone acquiring the lands surrounding Elkin. There was not a strong enough positive response returned to Dame Anne to approve that. We have not given up on that endeavor and will continue to

work towards that goal – it is just going to take a little more time.

A group in Elkin is working towards becoming a canton of Sacred Stone – they currently have regular fighter practices every Wed night and are going to begin having regular meetings and A&S nights. If anyone would like to offer assistance to them, please see me and I will get you the contact information for Bill Maudlin who is the person that has taken the position of organizing everything.

The Seneschal of Crannog Mor has contacted me about acquiring Sacred Stone lands that border Crannog Mor and are not currently a part of any of the Cantons of Sacred Stone – Wilkes County. Currently there are SCA members who reside in Wilkes County and play with Crannog Mor that would like their lands to become a part of Crannog Mor officially. We will proceed with the policies set forth by the Seneschallate about transferring that property. I don't know what the entire process will entail at this point in time, I will keep the Barony updated on progress and will be certain to bring any votes to the Barony that are required by the Seneschallate as soon as they need to be.

The Exchequer and I are going to come up with a form or set of guidelines of information you should have if you are going to request an expenditure of Baronial funds. Standard practice for that will be to submit the request one month, it will be published in The Phoenix, then the final vote for the expenditure will occur the next month. Unless of course it is something that needs to be approved more quickly than that and the Barony votes to waive the month of contemplation.

I would like to take a moment and thank everyone who came out to assist with building the new Baronial pavilions. Pictures will be posted on the Baronial website this month of that wonderful day!

In Service to the Barony,

Rozsa

Asszony (Lady) Bessenyei Rozsa

Seneschal

From the Castellan

Miriell Crawford has done a great job making a new comer's flier. Soon, I will have copies made and I will spread them where ever I can. These fliers will be posted in some of the local colleges. With any luck, we will get some students to come and take a look at the SCA.

Once we get new people, I want to keep them busy with fun. Lately, I have seen a person here and there take a look at the SCA and leave. Too few people are involved in the SCA as it is. It would be nice if we made them feel welcomed and buy having fun.

As a fighter, I will say that you don't have to be a warrior to play in the SCA. There are Arts and Sciences in our hobby. There are all kinds of things that you can do which do not involve fighting what so ever. If there is anything I can do to make the SCA fun or if you have any questions...please call me at 704 377-85126

Achbar

From the Chronicler

Greetings,

I'm pleased to say that subscriptions have been increasing and I would just like to thank everyone for not only subscribing but also for submitting and giving some ideas for future articles. I would especially like to thank Mistress Azza for her story about her first SCA event, and also Lord Jonathan for his poem. I thoroughly enjoyed both and I hope everyone else does as well.

So please keep those articles and stories coming and be sure to tell all your friends about all the interesting things they too could be reading about in The Phoenix.

Always in service,

Lady Katerina Sina Samovicha

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January 16, 2005
Barony of the Sacred Stone
Baronial Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 by Asszony Rozsa, Seneschal.

Baroness Kisaiya

- Reminder of the Heraldic Display Competition at the Tourney of Ymir sponsored by Her Excellency and Lady Rozsa.
- Thank you, to all who came to work on the Baronial Pavilion yesterday. It is being given its final tweaking today.

Officer Reports

Seneschal - Asszony Bessenyei Rozsa

- A report was given (see Officer Letters for reports).
- Questions about Baronial policies can be sent to the Seneschal privately for answers.

Exchequer - Lady Lidia de Ragusa (by proxy)

- As of the 1/6/05 bank statement, the balance is \$9175.41.
- Fourth Quarter reports are due at the end of the month.

Castellan - Baron Achbar ibn Ali

- Baron Achbar is working with Lady Miriel on new flyers.
- He is seeking loaner garb, especially men's tunics in all sizes.

Herald - not present

Chronicler - Lady Katerina Sina Samovicha (by proxy)

- We currently have 12 paid subscriptions and 6 comps.
- Subscription forms have been made up and will be given to all the canton seneschals to take back to their home groups and I will also try to some with me at every meeting.
- Canton seneschals are welcome to write letters telling happenings in their cantons, since we are always looking for news between the cantons.

MoL - not present

Knight's Marshall - Baroness Fiona MacLeod

- Report is in.

Rapier Marshal - not present

Archery Marshal

- Lord Conall's name has been submitted for a warrant for this position.

MoAS - not present, tweaking pavilion

- Encourages display of Works In Progress.

Webminister - Lord Cyriac Grymsdale

- Requested an electronic copy of the Phoenix Subscription Form.

MoM - This position is still open. The Kingdom of Atlantia has a handbook available for youth activities.

Chiurgeon - not present

Canton Reports

Aire Faucon - Lady Maeve Griffinsward (by proxy)

- Inn on the Road is March 26.
- New Chatelaine is working on updating contacts for PR.

Crois Brigitte - Sorcha inghean Shearraigh (by proxy)

- Working on putting together a website.

Baelfire Dunn - Mistress Azza al-Shirazi

- Deputy Rapier Marshal: Lord Raphael.
- Getting an Archery Marshal lined up.
- A&S nights every Thursday at Azza & Alain's

Charlesbury Crossing - not present

Salisbury Glen - Madonna Apollonia Margherita degli Albizzi

- St. Urhoe's Tourney is a mini-event that will be held on Sunday, March 13.

Hindscroft - Lady Bronwyn Inghean An Druaidh

- Lady Bronwyn's warrant is expiring. We are stilling working on the planning for our "welcome Home" event.

Old Business

- Baroness Fiona's plans for putting in a bid for June University is postponed to a Fall University bid.
- Forms are being distributed for Baronial Officers to provide permission for personal contact information to be published.
- Subscriptions for The Phoenix are currently being accepted.
- Inner Baronial (only Sacred Stone members) Heraldic Competition at Ymir. Asszony Rozsa is providing a gift certificate to Bonnie's Bailiwick and Baroness Fiona is providing a chocolate pie as prizes. See Rozsa for any questions.

New Business

- New wording was approved to assign the Baronial Seneschal the job of running the monthly meetings. (See article)
- Baronial archers are looking at a potential practice site in Charlotte. They will be presenting a bid next month for an archery backstop.



Viking Drottkvaett:

The Hunt

By Lord Jonathan Blackbow

*Wild wolfpack follow
Rapid ragged breathing
Heartbeat races rampant
Pity our prey fleeing.*

Frantic furry rabbits
Wide-eyed fearful watching
Swift speed is their defense
Sharp teeth stops their twitching.

*Wild wolfpack follow
Rapid ragged breathing
Heartbeat races rampant
Pity our prey fleeing.*

Clucking, chirping, talking
Awkward-looking otter
Waving while pack watches
Safely swims through water.

*Wild wolfpack follow
Rapid ragged breathing
Heartbeat races rampant
Pity our prey fleeing.*

Furtive, feeding deer graze
Wary watch, then careless
Pack from nowhere pounces!
Scared survivors, witless.

*Wild wolfpack follow
Rapid ragged breathing
Heartbeat races rampant
Pity our prey fleeing.*

Powerful, proud antlers
Push their path through forest
Calls to challenge wolfpack
Prudent pack leaves to rest.

*Wild wolfpack follow
Rapid ragged breathing
Heartbeat races rampant
Pity our prey fleeing.*

Stag will soon be harried
Hounded, hassled, and then
Pack will proudly carry
More meat back to their den.

*Wild wolfpack follow
Rapid ragged breathing
Heartbeat races rampant
Pity our prey fleeing.*



Azza's First SCA Event

It was the weekend of June 2, 1988. I didn't know it's name then, but the event was called "The Hall of the Mountain King", an annual event held in Woodward Cave by the Shire of Nithgaard, Kingdom of the East. Nithgaard is at Penn State and Centre County, PA.

My new boyfriend, Jeff, had invited me to a weekend camping event for the Society for Creative Anachronism. He told me nothing else. So I prepared what I was going to bring. I knew 'anachronism' meant 'out of time order,' or some such like that, so I decided to wear my tie-dyed dress. Again, Jeff was no help in getting me garb or in explaining what the SCA is all about.

As soon as we got to Woodward Cave, Jeff said, "Goodbye, I'll see you later. I have to bake in the kitchen." To do this to a newbie is appalling. To do this to a high-maintenance newbie (as I was) was terrifying. I put on my tie-dyed dress and walked around the campsite awhile, seeing the sights through newbie eyes. Fighting behind a tourney fence, archery, neat costumes and tents were all around me. A few Tuchux came up to me and chewed me to pieces about my tie-dyed dress. I don't remember what they said, but I was devastated. I tried to hide in the kitchen with Jeff but he told me I was in the way and said I should leave. Nice boyfriend, eh?

Finally a friendly face saw my predicament and gave me garb from Golden Key (loaner garb). It was cool. It was a little short, but very form-fitting and flattering on me. It was a purple and yellow lace-up dress, maybe a bliout-I just remember feeling like a princess in it. I got more positive attention after putting on that dress!

Catlin, the lady who gave me the garb, took me in and treated me very nicely. She may have been chate-laine then. Catlin is still a friend of mine after 17 years in the SCA. She and I played recorders together and she showed me her hammered dulcimer. This was the first time I had ever seen one. I fell in love with it immediately and bought the dulcimer from her that Christmas!

We had a magical feast held inside Woodward Cave, with the constant temperature a cozy 42 degrees and water dripping down on us and our food and candles everywhere. Despite my new boyfriend's treatment, we stayed together a few months more. My relationship with the SCA, I'm happy to say, is lasting much longer.

Mistress Azza al-Shirazi



Announcements

Baronial Meeting and Practice

The Baronial Meeting will begin at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 20, 2005 at the Hickory, North Carolina practice site. Baronial Fighter Practice will follow immediately afterwards.

Autocrat Class

The Autocratting class will be held on Saturday, February 19, 2005 at the home of Mistress Susanna beginning at 10:00. If you are interested in autocratting an event within the Barony or would like to learn how to autocrat an event, please attend this class. Asszony Rozsa will be going over Baronial forms and procedures while Mistress Jessamyn will be going over the finer points of autocratting. Please contact Mistress Susanna at needleznpinz@charter.net for directions.

Inner-Baronial Heraldic Display Competition

Asszony Rozsa will be sponsoring an Inner-Baronial Heraldic Display Competition at Ymir. We will be looking for banners, livery, garb, pavilions and any other possible place you can think of to stick your heraldry on. Prizes will be provided including a Chocolate Pie by Baroness Fiona. If you are interested in entering please notify Asszony Rozsa at qchell@earthlink.net. This competition is only open to the populace of the Barony of the Sacred Stone. If you need any help or suggestions please feel free to contact Asszony Rozsa as well. Documentation is *not* required.

Novice Tourney 2005 - Livery Competition

Asszony Rozsa will be sponsoring a "Best Novice Livery" and "Best Three-Man Team Livery" competition at Novice Tourney this year. So begin work on getting your tabard, torse, mantle, and shield all matching! No documentation required.

Baelfire Dunn news

Lady Alexandria is our new MOL.

Sir Godfried is our new Knight Marshall.

Lord Raphael is our new deputy Marshal for Rapier.

Lord Christian will host a Viking workshop on February 19th.

A&S Night is now every Thursday night, 7pm, at Azza & Alain's house,

(704) 876-6401, azzazazo@yahoo.com

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