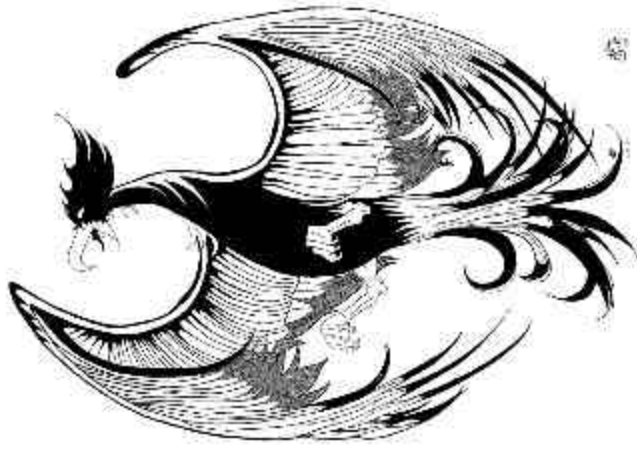


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Unto the Populace

From the Baroness

Greetings to the wonderful populace of Sacred Stone!

The year is certainly moving fast. We have coming up in March, Kingdom Arts and Sciences hosted by Windmasters Hill and Inn on the Road as hosted by the Canton of Aire Faucon. While Kingdom A&S is not a local event, I still hope that many of you will attend this event. It is a wonderful event to get ideas from, to see what your fellow artisans are doing and to cheer your barony on. This year they will be having the Baronial Champions tourney again. Lady Alianor atte Red Swann, my A&S champion, will be representing us in the static champions tourney (and displaying in the hands-on section) and Lady Brianna O'Duinn is representing us in the Bardic Champions Tourney. I ask that all of you come out and support these two gentles while they fight for the glory of Sacred Stone.

Our local event happening in March is Inn on the Road. It is an annual event in Aire Faucon that is always a great time. I know that they have a lot planned this year, so I encourage you to come out to this one. I know you will enjoy it.

This is our busy season. The pace keeps growing until the summer. I suggest that you look at the calendar and choose a few strong events to go to in order not to get too burned out. There is a lot to offer in our Barony and our neighboring Baronies, you should be able to find some interesting ones to participate in.

Finally, I want to thank all of our Baronial Officers and Canton Officers. It is not always easy to find time to fulfill the duties of an officer, but it is important to the health and productivity of the groups. I appreciate the work and energy that people put into this game. We could not do anything without that.

Thank you!
Kisaiya

From the Seneschal

I wanted to thank Mistress Jessamyn for assisting with the autocrattin class this past month. Your insight was invaluable. I also want to thank Mistress Susanna for once again opening up her home to the Barony and for providing lunch. Thank you to everyone who attended and I sincerely hope you came away with a better understanding of what all goes into planning an event and look forward to seeing bids from you in the future!

Event season is exploding upon us! There are a number of events occurring within the Barony within just the next few months as well as demos in every canton for the new library series this summer. The information will be posted on the Baronial calendar, in The Phoenix, and on the elist - please try to make it to at least one of the demos and of course we would love to see you at the events!

Bids for Runestone Collegium are due at the end of the month. I have heard that there are a few groups looking to put one in, but as of this time I have not received any. Please talk to your cantons, friends, and households, we would love to have a variety of bids to choose from in order to ensure a high quality event for the Barony.

We are still in desperate need of a Minister of Minors, this is a position that is very fulfilling and the duties are primarily for a few hours before the event and a few hours during the event. This is not a babysitting service, merely a place where children and their parents can come together for some medieval oriented fun!

Have a happy and safe Gulf Wars if you are going! We'll see everyone at the meeting in Salisbury this month!

In Service to the Barony,
Rozsa

Asszony (Lady) Bessenyei Rozsa
Baronial Seneschale

From the Herald

Greetings to the populace of Sacred Stone!

I am pleased to be your new herald and will work hard for the Barony. However, there is something I need from you. I need deputies. Your level of experience does not matter, and I would be grateful for your help. I am available by phone (no later than 10 P.M. please) or email, or even snail mail if you'd like. My goal is for everyone in the Barony to have a registered name and device.

In service to the Barony, I remain,

Apollonia

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From the Chronicler

From the Knight's Marshal

Greetings from Duke Logan Ebonwoulfe, Knight's Marshal for the Barony of the Sacred Stone.

It is once again my pleasure to serve this barony as its Knight's Marshal. I am available to assist anyone in Sacred Stone with marshallate issues should they arise. I will do my best to keep everyone up to date with any rule changes that come down on a kingdom or societal level. Please check out the kingdom web site for the most up to date marshal policy, the conventions of combat, and the armor and weapons regulations. There is also a kingdom marshal's discussion list. If you are interested in subscribing to that list please contact me directly.

I wish to thank Baroness Fiona for her work in this office and encourage those interested in becoming marshals in any discipline to take a look at the Earl Marshal's web site for more information, or feel free to contact me directly and I can help you find the information that you seek. I am currently looking for a deputy baronial marshal (heavy combat). Anyone interested needs to send me an email with your name (both SCA and modern), your preferred email address, your membership number, and a brief introduction expressing your intent and your experience. If you have no experience as a heavy weapons marshal don't let that dissuade you from applying for the position.

Regards,
Logan

From the Seneschal of Aire Faucon

Looking forward to seeing everyone at Inn on the Road on March 26th. The feast by Masters Robear and Oshi and Lord Thorgrimmr will be fantastic! There will also be a delicious lunch made by Lady Brianna, Lord Gaelan and Lord Otto. We have a demo in April for which we will post the details on the Baronial egroup. We have a new chatelaine, Katheryne Himmelstein has stepped up into this position. Our MoAS is now Lady Maeve and our chronicler is Lady Katerina. We are trying to set up an A&S/SCA recruiting display in the main branch of the Gastonia library as soon as they have an opening. That's all from the Gaston, Lincoln, Cleveland county front for this month.

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February 20, 2005
Barony of the Sacred Stone
Baronial Meeting Minutes

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

Baroness Kisaiya (by proxy)

Baroness Fiona and I will most likely still be in Wilmington, so we will not be able to make it. For my part, please just remind people of bids that need to be put in and to start focusing on Novice Tourney.

Officer Reports

Seneschal - Asszony Bessenyei Rozsa

- Letters of intent for Baronial Officers: Knights Marshall - Duke Logan Ebonwoulfe - accepted. Archery Marshall - Lord Conall Mac an Druiadh - accepted. Herald - Madonna Apollonia Margherita degli Albizzi; - accepted. Minister of Minors - none.
- Lord John van der Velde will be autocratting Baronial Birthday and Lord Christian Thomas of York will be autocratting In a Phoenix Eye.
- I highly encourage those that want to keep up with the business within the Barony to attend meetings and acquire a subscription to The Phoenix. The egroup is not an official form of communication recognized by the SCA. It is a terrific tool to use to keep up with each other and the happenings in the Barony, however I would like to get away from using that as a means to discuss anything that may have been discussed in a meeting. If you are interested in keeping up with Baronial Business I highly suggest that you attend meetings and get a subscription to The Phoenix where the minutes from the Baronial meeting are published. Once information is put out at the meeting and/or The Phoenix it becomes the individual's responsibility to be aware of that information.
- The webminister and I will be working to publish the minutes to the Baronial webpage. However, for example, December's will not be posted until Feb 1, January's - March 1, etc. This will allow those who do not have a subscription have an idea of what is going on within the Barony, however if you want to be completely up-to-date then you will need to acquire a subscription.
- 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.
- Due to a very busy month the Exchequer and I have not completed the expenditure request forms. 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.
- Publication permission forms are available for the Baronial Officers. I will try to have them with me; we need to have these on file with the Chronicler. Please be sure to sign one.

Exchequer - Lady Lidia de Ragusa (by proxy)

- Exchequer reports have been submitted.
- Baronial pavilion receipts have been paid (cost \$400.00).
- Brigihd wanted me to count the Baronial Coronets as Regalia and the Pavilion is worth even less-about \$257-at least as far as the books are concerned.
- We have received approval from Baroness Benefse with regards to the Financial Policy. The full version will be published in March's The Phoenix with final vote to be held at March's Baronial meeting.

Castellan - Baron Achbar ibn Ali

- SCA flyers have been printed up and will be distributed to area colleges.
- There is a demo in Cane Creek Park on July 23rd (adjunct to a medieval wedding). Contact Achbar if you're interested in helping out.

Herald - Madonna Apollonia Margherita degli Albizzi

- Nothing to report

Chronicler - Lady Katerina Sina Samovicha (by proxy)

- We have 18 paid subscriptions, and 6 complimentary that get mailed to king and queen, prince and princess, her Excellency, the kingdom seneschal and the deputy kingdom chronicler.
- People have been wonderful about submitting stories and poetry and I hope to see a lot more in the future. But I would like to see more officer letters and also letters from the canton seneschals. I will try to remind people about the deadlines more, since I know how easy it is to forget sometimes.
- And please let me know if anyone needs a copy of the subscription forms to hand out at their local meetings. I think that is all I have to report.

MoL - Lady Anneke Raudhe

- Needs MOL's to help her at Inn on the Road in March and Novice Tourney in April.

Knight's Marshall - Baroness Fiona MacLeod (by proxy)

- For Fiona, reports are in and we are waiting to hear from the New Kingdom Marshal on the status of the warrant request that was submitted for Duke Logan. (Seneschale's addendum) Word was received from Kingdom Friday evening, 2/18/2005 that Duke Logan was now Baronial Knights Marshal.

Rapier Marshal - not present

Archery Marshal - Conall Mac an Druiadh (by proxy)

- Will submit the proposal for the archery equipment. Would like to have a practice/IKAC shoot Sunday, Feb 27 in Greensboro.

MoAS - not present

Webminister - not present

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

Chiurgeon - not present

BARONIAL APPOINTEES:

Warlord - Sir Marc

- Only a few fighters going to Gulf Wars.
- Winter War Assessment is coming up Feb 25-27.
- Need to get a public practice going in Charlotte area.

A&S - Not present.

Heavy - Not present.

Rapier - Not present.

Canton Reports

Aire Faucon - Lady Maeve Griffinsward

- Inn on the Road coming up on Mar 26th, will have a terrific feast!
- A demo is planned for April 30th at North Lincoln High School from 10a-4p. More details will be posted on baronial list.

Crois Brigitte - Sorcha inghean Shearraigh (by proxy)

- Crois Brigitte is currently planning a newcomer's event for April 23 in Winston-Salem (flyer to be posted in Acorn). We will be doing this together with the folks from Crannog Mor. If it goes well, and we don't foresee any problems in working together, we are considering putting in a bid for Runestone. If another group wants to do that event, then we will back out.

Baelfire Dunn - Mistress Azza al-Shirazi

- Below the Salt is coming up on May 13-15 at Fort Defiance.
- They have two library demos coming up in July, the 16th in Hickory and 30th at Alexander County.

Charlesbury Crossing - Lady Alesia Gillefalyn

- They're still having Wednesday night garb making at Jessamyn's. Working on a mini-trebuchet class.

Salisbury Glen - Madonna Apollonia Margherita degli Albizzi

- House Taivassalama's annual tourney is on March 13th. Subtlety competition is for best use of grasshoppers. A&S competition will be for best use of purple and green in any media.

Hindscroft - Lady Bronwyn Inghean An Druaidh

- Having fighter practices and A&S every Wednesday night. Asheboro library has requested a demo in July.

Old Business

- Where are we on the flyers that Baron Achbar is working with Lady Miriel on? Answered in Castellan's report.

New Business

- Baron Achbar - Archery event: Event is called Desert Wind. To be held on June 10-12 at Triplette site in Elkin. \$6.00 for day trip, \$10.00 on site. Autocrat- Achbar, Reservations- Miriel Crawford, MIC- Menua, A&S- Bronwyn of Hindscroft. They will be making archery targets for this. There was a populace vote taken and the Barony has voted yes to sponsor this event.
- Lord Conall - archery equipment. A proposal was submitted with pricing for archery equipment. Lord Jonathan will put it up on the egroup for everyone to access. It will be voted on in March.
- Populace voted for information to be gathered about renting a storage unit for the barony's regalia. Prices are to be gotten from the Statesville area, where I-40 and I-77 meet, which is central to the barony. Questions that need to be answered are: Who gets the keys? Who is to be the Quartermaster? Do we have an event that we use the profits to pay for this yearly expense?
- Reminder: the 27th is the Triplette monthly site workday.
- The Elchenburg Castle War bid is being worked on. Progress report forthcoming.

Charter Change:

VI. BARONIAL EVENTS

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NEW WORDING

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Notes taken by Lady Maeve Griffinsward

Winter War Assessments

The weekend of Winter War Assessments was a very informative and productive weekend for some fighters from Sacred Stone. We caravanned to the south eastern parts of Virginia to the Barony of Tir-y-don. Once there the field was set up very nicely for several scenarios that mirrored the action that is going to happen at Gulf War 2005. Beginning with a war lord open field battle the Sacred Stone unit fought and formed up against the stronger and overpowering north but our unit was successful. We then requested to remain together rather than to split sides. We first began with a woods battle and Lord Christian Thomas of York was given command of the Southern and the Central army by his Majesty Janos. Once in the woods the object was to hold a central point in the woods and at the 1 minute mark the team with the most fighters around this point within a 9 foot spear would win the war point. The South Central army won every scenario in the Woods Battle. During the Woods Battle several notable Sacred Stonian fighters appeared. Duke Ragnarr Blackhammer, Count Valharic Caligula Aurelius, Lord Christian Von Nuremburg, and our very own heavy Champion Lord Cyriac Grymsdale appeared but were added to the Northern Army which boasted Sir Thomas of Calais, Sir Tascius Fabius Severus. Once winning all the Woods Battle scenarios it was then the Open Field Battle, and once again the South Central Army took a hold of this scenario as well winning all 3. We broke for lunch and then we were given the opportunity to fight a castle siege scenario. Using a fort type structure which was more like a playground for children we defended the stormed the castle. This was the only scenario we lost due to half of our forces left site, and the Northern Army still hosted several Knights. Once all the battle was finished there were some pick up fights and then court in which The Honorable Lord Thorgrimr inn Kyrri was awarded the Order of the Kraken, and Lord Christian Thomas of York was awarded the Order of the Silver Osprey.

The Fighting unit consisted of the following fighters:

1. Lord Christian Thomas of York....Sacred Stone
2. Andrew Bailey.....Sacred Stone
3. Thorgrim Thiggvardsson.....Sacred Stone
4. Lord Luther Josephus.....Black Diamond for Sacred Stone
5. The Honorable Lord Thorgrimr inn Kyrri.....Hawkwood for Sacred Stone
6. Lord John Bigeheved.....Tyr-y-don for Sacred Stone
7. Aiden.....Tyr-y-don for Sacred Stone

Sacred Stone Fighters not fighting with our unit

1. Lord Cyriac Grymsdale.....Aire Faucon
2. Lord Christian von Nuremburg.....Aire Faucon
3. Duke Ragnarr Blackhammer.....Aire Faucon
4. Count Valharic Caligula Aurelius.....Charlesbury Crossing

With nothing else to report

Lord Christian Thomas of York

Sacred Stone Financial Policy

This Document

- 1.1 This Document shall be accepted by a majority vote of the populace of the group and replace all previous financial policies and may be amended or replaced by a majority vote of the group
- 1.2 This document is superceded by: Kingdom Exchequer Policy, Kingdom Financial Policy, Kingdom Law, Society Exchequer Policy, Corpora, State and Federal Law.
2. The Chancellor of the Exchequer
 - 2.1 The Exchequer shall maintain a checking account with appropriate signature cards for the group, file all Doomsday (annual), quarterly, and event reports with the Kingdom Chancellor of the Exchequer as required by Kingdom and Society law and policy, enforce and maintain the group's financial policy, serve as chairperson of the group's Financial Committee and hold primary responsibility for coordinating with other members of the Financial Committee, and communicating the committee's actions with the populace.
 - 2.2 The Exchequer shall, upon request, provide access to the group's financial reports and books to any member of the group and shall publish to the group the annual doomsday report.
 - 2.3 The Exchequer shall pursue any NSF checks received by the group 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.
3. Financial Committee
 - 3.1 The group Financial Committee shall consist of the Exchequer, the Seneschal, and the Minister of Arts and Sciences and each member of the 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 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 Financial Committee may meet at any time in person, over the telephone, or by email to conduct business.
 - 3.4 The Financial Committee shall review all proposed expenditures and may authorize any expenditure by majority vote up to \$250 or 10% of the group's unallocated funds, which ever is less.
 - 3.5 The Financial Committee shall refer to vote by the populace any requested expenditure in excess of its permitted maximum; they may refer to vote by the populace any requested expenditure below their permitted maximum.
 - 3.6 The Financial Committee, at its discretion, may vote to determine whether any portion of any event's profits may be shared with cantons hosting Baronial level events, after the books have been closed for that event.
 - 3.7 The Committee shall report all of its activity to the populace at the next regularly scheduled meeting.
4. Populous Votes
 - 4.1 All populous votes to approve or disallow expenditures shall be at a regular business meeting and be by simple majority.
 - 4.2 Members of the populace, with respect to their eligibility to vote in Baronial financial matters, are defined as current paid members of the SCA in attendance at Baronial meetings or present there by proxy.
 - 4.3 For purposes of determining eligibility for voting in financial matters, members must present their "blue cards" (membership cards) to a member of the Financial Committee.
5. Events
 - 5.1 Members of the populace bidding to autocrat a Baronial event or Baronial-sponsored Kingdom level event shall present an itemized event budget for an event to the Financial Committee for consideration.
 - 5.1.1 The Financial Committee must authorize any itemized expenditure in excess of the approved amount; except as laid out in the Bid Process in the Charter for the Barony of the Sacred Stone.
 - 5.2 Event reservations and check in (troll):
 - 5.2.1 All personal checks shall be photocopied and deposited in a timely manner.
 - 5.2.2 No funds shall be removed from the check in cash box except as change for funds received.
 - 5.2.3 Photocopied records of personal checks should be destroyed by the Exchequer approximately 30 days after the close of the event's books.
 - 5.3 Event Refunds shall be provided as follows:
 - 5.3.1 No refunds shall be provided if the event does not make a profit.
 - 5.3.2 The Exchequer must receive refund requests in writing no later then seven days after the event.
 - 5.3.3 All refunds shall be paid by check from the group's checking account.
 - 5.3.4 No refund shall be issued until the event books have been closed and all reservation checks have cleared.
 - 5.4 The event financial report shall be presented to the populace at the first regular business meeting of the group after the event books have been closed.
6. Accounting Structure
 - 6.1 General Fund (Unallocated funds)
 - 6.1.1 Comprised of monies collected by the Barony to support the functions of the Barony. Unless otherwise specified, all monies collected shall be included in the General (Unallocated) funds.
 - 6.2 Temporary Allocated Funds

Announcements

Baronial Meeting and Practice

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

House Taivassalama's St Urho's Tourney
Sunday 13 March 10:00AM until dark
Town Creek Park Salisbury, NC
Haeavy, light and Youth lists
competitions for best use of Green and Purple
and subtlety (best use of grasshoppers)
For More information check out the website
<http://www.housetaivassalama.com/StUrhos.html>
or contact the autocrat:
Sir Axel of Tavastia (704) 637-2504
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- 6.2.1 Temporary Allocated Funds shall be established for use as short term obligations occur. These funds shall not exceed one calendar year or the designated period of use, whichever is longer. Funding for temporary funds shall be specified upon establishment of the fund. Any funds remaining after the expiration of the time limit will revert to the *General/ Unallocated Fund*.
- 6.3 NSF checks
- 6.3.1 The Baronial Exchequer shall contact the Baronial Seneschal as soon as possible after the Exchequer is notified of a NSF check.
- 6.3.2 The Exchequer will make a good faith attempt to contact the party with the NFS check either by phone, letter, or email to resolve the matter as quickly as possible.
- 6.3.2.1 Matters of NFS funds must be resolved by payment with cash, a certified check, or a money order to the Barony.
- 6.3.3 If applicable, the Baronial Exchequer will make this NFS check list available to the gate staff at a Baronial event. Confidentiality is an absolute requirement of anyone using such a list at troll/the gate.
- 6.3.3.1 Any NFS list must be kept secure and out of plain view at the gate or anywhere else.
- 6.3.4 Information about individuals on the NFS check lists will only include modern name, SCA name and address.
- 6.3.5 Individuals whose checks have been uncollectible will owe not only the face value of that check, but any associated bank or postage fees.

Date: _____

Seneschal: (sign) _____

Exchequer: (sign) _____