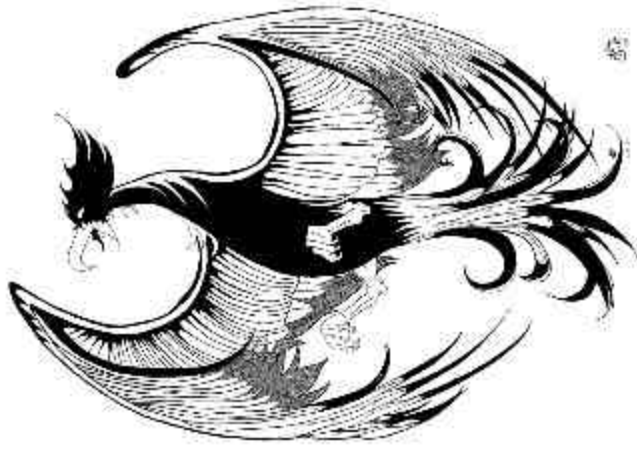


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# *Unto the Populace*

## **From the Baroness**

Greetings to the populace of Sacred Stone!

It is a busy time for us, with event season in full swing and several local events happening. I hope that you all enjoyed Novice Tourney and the Newcomers Event in Crois Brigitte. May has Below the Salt in Baelfire Dunne and Sapphire Joust in Caer Maer. If you are interested in camping with the Barony at Caer Maer please contact me ASAP.

Speaking of camping, if you are coming to Pennsic and want to camp with the Barony, please contact me ASAP. We are starting the plans for the encampment now and I want people to have a chance to be involved.

Finally, I want to talk about our neighbors. The Southern Baronage have been discussing the idea of having some regional events and encampments. The goal would be to support each others events and to meet some great new people. We are currently working on a Southern Regional Calendar that will list all the events in the region, Baronial and Canton level. Our goal is to work with the calendar and the autocrats so we don't have conflicting events. Hopefully that will allow everyone to attend each others events. The other project is a regional encampment at some of the larger events. So at events like Crusades, Sapphire Joust or Gulf Wars the Southern Baronies could camp in a row or one section and have a block party to encourage mingling and socialization. I hope that you will make an attempt to get to know our neighbors around us.

Thank you!  
Kisaiya

## **From the Seneschal**

We have lots of changes and such going on in the Barony this month, so please be sure to look through this issue carefully so that you don't miss anything!

### Baronial Meeting/Practice change:

Same locations

4th Sunday of the month

Meetings will begin at 10:30 a.m. with practice to follow immediately after

To go along with those changes the warlord is going to work on a more structured practice along with more encouragement within the Barony to attend. The earlier time will also allow everyone the ability to adjust their day accordingly and not necessarily have to devote the entire day to the Baronial Meeting/Practice. We also hope to get a regular A&S activity occurring during the practice as well. If you have something you would like to teach or group project to work on please contact the Baronial MoAS.

We have two Baronial Officer positions opening up:

Baronial MoAS - letters accepted May 1 - May 15

Baronial Seneschal - letters accepted June 1 - June 15

Please go to the Regnum page on the Baronial website to get an outline for a letter of intent.

Letters should be sent to the outgoing officer, Baronial Seneschal, and Coronet.

If you have any questions about either of these jobs please feel free to contact Lord John about BMoAS or myself about either of the positions.

Yours in Service to the Barony,  
Asszony Rozsa

## From the Chronicler

Greetings all,

I would like to thank Sayyid (lord) Asim for the beautiful poem in this month's newsletter. And, as always, I encourage people to send in any artwork, poetry, stories, or articles they might have.

I would also like to thank all those who have helped support the barony and The Phoenix by subscribing, and, now that we have changed to electronic, generously donated their remaining subscription money. It makes my job much easier and pleasurable to know that people are actually interested in reading it.

Always in service,  
Katerina

## From the Castellan

Greetings to the Barony of Sacred Stone,

We need better Newcomer Markers. The current badge of a yellow field and baronial symbol does not really grab the attention. Please assist me. I would love to get some plastic clay and make a 3D badge. I just need some better artist to assist me.

In the future, I will ask some of you before a baronial event to be a New Comer Sponsor at events. If you could assist me by being an on site contact for newcomers to the SCA and answer questions, I would appreciate it.

Achbar



The Phoenix.

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**April 17, 2005**  
**Barony of the Sacred Stone**  
**Baronial Meeting Minutes**

**Coronet – Baroness Kisaiya:**

- Still need a camp steward for the Pennsic encampment.
  - The coronets of the surrounding baronies (Hidden Mountain, Hawkwood, Nottinghill Coill, Black Diamond and Windmaster's Hill) would like to create unity in the Southern Baronies.
- Would the populace be willing to turn Runestone Collegium into a yearly event with the barony's rotating hosting duties. Since Sacred Stone is already working on a bid for this year, S.S. would be the host for this year. They would also like to host a yearly A&S event like In A Phoenix Eye. The baronial seneschal's are going to work out the logistics. They would also like to see a southern regional encampment at Sapphire Joust and Kingdom Crusades.

**Seneschal – Asszony Rozsa:**

- Runestone Collegium bids are due April 30<sup>th</sup>. Winter Solstice is due June 30<sup>th</sup>. Please talk to your cantons, households, and friends to see if any one would like to put in a bid. Please check for any Kingdom protected weekends before putting your bid in as well as any major Baronial events in the surrounding southern Baronies. No bids yet for either event. Try not to conflict with Kingdom events.
  - Minister of Minors Office is still open.
  - 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.
  - Please remember if you are going to bring children to the event that are not your own children (age 17 and under) you must have a Medical Authorization form signed and notarized by the parents.
  - Thank you again to Baron Achbar and his event staff. Everything ran very smoothly and we were all able to enjoy a pleasant day. Thank you to Walter Triplette as well for providing us with such a terrific event site!
- Seneschal is stepping down as of this year's Baronial Birthday. Letters of intent for the position are being accepted by the current seneschal and the baroness starting June 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Exchequer – Lady Lidia:**

- Preliminary report on Novice should be ready - \$806.83 profit made, 215 people at the event.
- Bank statements have been slow in reaching her this month so quarterlies are not finished yet. They will be turned into the regional exchequer after the meeting.
- Bank Balance - \$8155.00 in the account, \$432.52 of this is Salesberie Glen's. They are still working on getting their own account set up.
- Deputy needed

Majority present voted to sell the old baronial pavilion via silent auction at Baronial Birthday; opening bid is to be current depreciated value of \$215.00. Purchaser should be prepared to take the pavilion with them at the end of the event.

**Castellan – Baron Achbar:**

- See update on Cane Creek demo - cancelled
- New media policy available at <http://www.sca.org/docs/mediapolicy.pdf> Atlantia's new media deputy is Baron William Welwyn [liam@schc.sc.edu](mailto:liam@schc.sc.edu)

**Herald – Madonna Apollonia:**

- Deputy needed
- Please contact if you would like to field or court herald during events
- Please contact if you would like to be a book herald to assist with consultation tables
- Need to contact webminister for Kingdom Herald page to update Baronial listing
- Heralds track at Summer University in Crannog Mor

Trying to recreate the court reports for 2003 and 2004, please contact Apollonia at [herald@sacredstone.atlantia.sca.org](mailto:herald@sacredstone.atlantia.sca.org) if you received any awards during this period.

**Chronicler – Lady Katerina:**

- Artwork for The Phoenix needed
  - Requests letters from Canton Seneschals
  - Personal reminders of deadlines can be sent on request
- Anyone can submit letters and announcements for The Phoenix

**MOL – Lady Anneka:**

- Need more MOL's in the barony.

**Knights Marshal – Duke Logan:**

- Deputy needed
  - Update on siloflex ban – no longer legal to use in society
- Atlantian ban on unpaddinged polearms – no longer legal to use in kingdom

**Rapier Marshal – Lord Christian:** not present

**Archery Marshal – Lord Conall:**

- Deputy needed
  - Working on getting the Saunder's mat.
- Had six novice archers at Novice Tourney.

**MoAS – Lord John:** Not present

**Web Minister – Lord Cyriac:** nothing new to report

**MoM:** Office vacant.

**Chirurgion – Lord Galen Storm:** Not present

**Unofficial Youth Combat – Sir Axel:** Not present

**BARONIAL APPOINTEES:**

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**Warlord – Sir Marc:** Not present

**A&S – Lady Alianor:** Not present

**Heavy – Lord Cyriac:** Nothing to report

**Rapier – Lord Phillip:** Nothing to report

**Archery – Lord Thorgrim:**

- New people were added to the Archery Guard at Novice Tourney.
- Working on favors and regalia.

**CANTON REPORTS:**

**Aire Faucon – Lady Maeve:**

- Canton working on newcomer's event, Flight of the Falcon, to be held August 27<sup>th</sup> at Camp Golden Valley in Bostic, NC.

**Crois Brigitte – Lady Sorcha:**

- Newcomer's event April 23<sup>rd</sup> in Winston Salem.

**Baelfire Dunn – Mistress Azza:** not present

### Charlesbury Crossing – Lady Alesia:

- Contemplating bid for 12<sup>th</sup> Night.
- Working with Aire Faucon to do joint A&S classes beginning in May.

Salisberie Glenn – Madonna Apollonia: not present

### Hindscroft – Lady Bronwen of Hindscroft:

- Seneschal change is still in the works
- Still having fighter practices and A&S every Wednesday night.

### Upcoming Events

In a Phoenix Eye – Lord Christian: not present

Desert Wind – Baron Achbar

Weekend of June 11<sup>th</sup>, target and combat archery and two nights of haflas. Asim and Kisaiya will be working together on the haflas. Talorgan and Graciela will be running bardic.

Baronial Birthday – Lord John: not present

### Old Business

Follow up on information gathered about renting a storage unit for Baronial Regalia – This subject has been tabled until the next coronet. Baroness Fiona stated that she would happily transport any piece of baronial property or regalia to any event.

Final vote on archery equipment: a majority voted to purchase two targets and two stands.

### New Business:

The Phoenix: taking it online or leaving it paper subscription: majority present voted to take the newsletter online. Present subscribers are to be offered the choice of a refund or the donation of the remainder of their subscription dues to the barony. Gratis paper copies are still to be sent as required by kingdom.

Jonathan Blackbow presented a bid for Coronation at Camp Golden Valley in Bostic, NC for September 2-4. Those present voted to accept his proposal, which he will present to the Kingdom heirs at Crown Tourney.

Notes taken by Lady Maeve Griffinsward





Asim al-Talib

## Within the Garden

Within the garden flows wine so sweet and refined  
I beg his pardon as he pours, thoughts of beloveds bind

Please perceive truth ~ distant thunder shows life's passage  
With peaceful roots, mark loves lost, gone, yet still they bind

The soul of man gains loud peace from wine, a blessed water  
Don't deny man succour, nor relief from that bind

The Sultan blessed this garden equal to the others  
His love a bequest, it reflects powerful bind

Do deliver me from pain, but not from the cause  
Sweet reliever, fly with angels who know my bind

In the blessed garden, the grass bids peaceful repose  
Says Asim, Allah's child, submissive to His bind

### About the Gazal:

The Ottoman Empire picked up a number of literary traditions from its ancestors (of a sort) in the Arabian Peninsula and Persia. Amongst them was the form of poetry known as gazal. Gazals, in period, were often used to praise Allah in allegorical forms, as the one above. Said allegories also might have hid other meanings within the layers of metaphorical language, making them a difficult form to write, in and of themselves. Feel free to speculate on the layers in my work! In addition, the form demands a very rigorous structure; couplets must be able to stand alone, yet work together in a thematic whole, a strict meter must be adhered to, along with a rhyming scheme, and so on. It makes for a teeth-gashing additional challenge to the process of making one, but makes the final product very satisfying, indeed.

I hope you find it enjoyable.

Two references:

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Shahid Ali, Agha. Basic Points about the Ghazal.

<http://members.aol.com/poetrynet/ghazals/>



# Announcements

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## **Baronial Meeting and Practice**

The Meetings have been changed to the fourth Sunday of every month.

The Baronial Meeting will begin at 10:30 p.m. on Sunday, May 22, 2005 at the Salisbury, North Carolina practice site.

Baronial Fighter Practice will follow immediately afterwards.

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