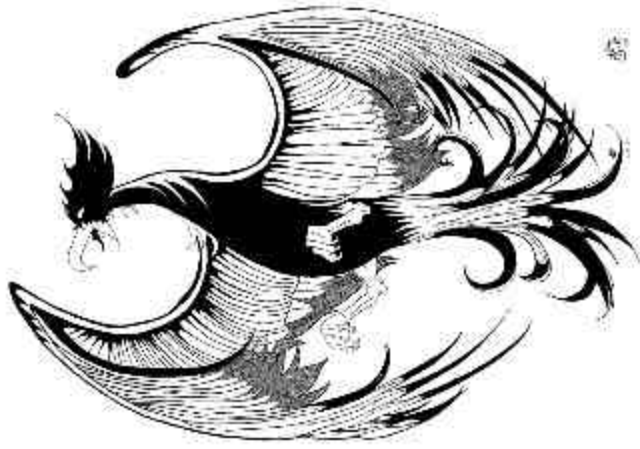


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# *Unto the Populace*

## **From the Baroness**

Greetings to the populace of Sacred Stone!

Another year is passing too quickly. Make sure that you take a moment to appreciate all the wonderful people around you. I would like to thank once again, Mistress Alianor for running Sacred Stone's encampment at Pennsic. It is a thankless task that you have done for several years in a row and we appreciate it.

I also want to thank Bessenyei Rosza for her work as Baronial Seneschal. She has worked hard over the last two years. I certainly appreciate it. Additionally, I want to thank her for stepping in and running Baronial Birthday. Thank you! Also, I hope that everyone will join me in welcoming Master Robear de Bardoulf as our new Seneschal. Robear comes to us with a new perspective and a good amount of experience as seneschal and as a member of the SCA. I am sure that he will ensure that the Barony continues to run smoothly. Thank you for taking on such a large job!

Coming up is Coronation, Baronial Birthday, Fall University, Hawkwood's Baronial Birthday, Kingdom Crusades and many more events. We are truly hitting the stride of the event season. I hope that I will see each of you out and about and having fun. I am happy to say that at many events recently I have seen Sacred Stone people recognized, working hard, and enjoying themselves. That is fantastic! Keep it up.

Thank you all  
Kisaiya

## **From the Seneschal**

September is upon us, the Pennsic War has been fought, Prince Janos and Princess Rachel are ascending the throne and the Barony's Birthday has come once again. This month also marks the end of my time as Baronial Seneschal.

I began my time as Seneschal as a virtual unknown in this Barony. My knowledge of the SCA, this Kingdom, this Barony, and its laws and practices were very much a mystery to me. There were many nights I fell asleep reading the varied laws and regulations of the SCA and this Kingdom, and dedicated myself to learning about this Barony and its people. I'm happy to say that in the last two years I have learned more about the SCA, the Dream, the Barony, and its people than I would ever have been able to in any other manner. I will always treasure the time I was able to serve as Seneschal of this Barony and hope to hold onto the friendships formed during this time for a lifetime.

The support I have received from the members of this Barony has been invaluable. Her Excellency, the Baronial Officers, and the Canton Seneschals have been an incredible group to work with. There were a lot of growing pains, but you have all stood by me through it all and I thank you for that. I'd like to thank my deputies, Master Robear, Madonna Apollonia, and Lady Louise, whose services and assistance have been amazing. There are those of you who have done a great deal to support this Barony during my time as Seneschal: Lord Jonathan Blackbow, Baron Achbar, Mistress Alianor, Sir Marc, Lady Lidia, Madonna Apollonia, Lady Brianna, Lady Maeve, Mistress Jessamyn, Baroness Sine, Lord John, Lady Anneke, Sir Axel, Lord Raphael, Lady Alexandria, and numerous others, whose names may not come to the front of my mind immediately, but your faces truly do. There are also those of you who lent your shoulders to me when I needed them for support or needed your guidance: Mistress Susanna, Baron Achbar, Duke Logan, Duchess Arielle, Master Robear, Lady Alesia, Lord Humfrey, Lady Cassandra, Lady Caterine, and Sir Dagonet.

Master Robear will be taking over and is enthusiastic about getting the chance to serve this Barony as her Seneschal. I will be slipping off to work on my autocratting skills and improving upon my heraldic display.

Baronial Birthday is coming up very quickly and is where we will be doing the official transfer of office. I am autocratting Birthday once again this year, and want to thank the incredible event staff that has been formed for this event. This Barony has come through with flying colors and the dedication and work that is being put into this event should ensure that there is something for everyone and that all have a wonderful time!

As I will always be,  
Yours in Service to the Barony, the Kingdom,  
and the Dream,  
Asszony Bessenyei Rozsa

## From the Chronicler

Greetings all,

I hope everyone is enjoying the cooler weather and is getting in the mood for fall. This is the heavy event season and a chance to take the time to relax with good friends. I look forward to all the great events and being able to everyone.

Remember I am always looking for articles and stories to put in the newsletter. This month features just one little story that I wrote myself since I wasn't able to attend Pennsic this year. I hope it will evoke fond memories for those who have been to Pennsic and perhaps give an idea of what it is like for those who have never been.

For any who are interested, you can read more of my writing on my website. <http://webpages.charter.net/samagill/Kathryn/home.htm>. Most of it is not period, but you might find some you will enjoy.

Always in service,  
Katerina

## From the Seneschal of Aire Faucon

We want to thank everyone who came out to Flight of the Falcon. The site was gorgeous and those of us who had seen it before enjoyed sharing it with our fellow Scadians and the newcomers. Thank you so much to everyone who came out with their books and information ready to talk to and teach anyone interested. And, a WOW to the wonderful people who brought A&S to display. We have a talented bunch of people in this area.

A special thank you to our two laurels present, Mistress Jessamyn and Meisterin Susanna who displayed the talent, knowledge, humor and grace to which I, for one, aspire. And of course, Sir Christian the German, who embodied the epitome of knighthood. He helped to marshal the fencers so they could all fight and tutored polearm. Then he served at feast, making sure the site owners were taken care of as well.

Speaking of feast, vivats to Lord Otto von Schwyz and his son Chris in the kitchen, that was some of the best chicken I've ever had! Thanks to Baron Achbar for MIC'ing and cleaning up the kitchen after feast and Johann for MOL'ing and Lord Connall for MIC'ing the archery. Thanks to Lord Gaelan for all the hauling of stuff back and forth. And, to Katheryn and Johan and their daughter Megan for FOD walkdown after the event. Welcome to the newcomers, we hope you enjoy the journey.

In service,  
Maeve



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# Pennsic War

By Lady Katerina Sina Samovicha

The August sun beat down relentlessly on the field as the two armies prepared to battle. The sun reflected off thousands of polished steel helms and swords, glittering and blinding and as yet unblemished.

As the kings and generals marshaled their forces, the ladies and other gentle folk watched from the side of the field in brightly decorated pavilions. Colorful banners and pennants snapped in the breeze as gaily dressed ladies and lords watched with apprehension and anticipation for this 'war' to begin.

Not all ladies watched from the sidelines, for there were many gallant women who took up arms and marched alongside the men. And even one fair-haired queen who took bow and arrow and never strayed from her husband's side.

The commanders gave the signal and the two armies charged. The sound was deafening even to those not in the midst of it. Steel rang on steel and the pounding of a hundred blacksmiths could not match the clamor. The cries of the fallen and the shouts of commands also filled the air so that one could hardly hear oneself think through the din.

The battle raged on as that harsh, blistering sun arced overhead. Ladies watched and swooned as their men were brought off the field, damaged but living. Medics bustled about with fresh, cool water and bandages wherever needed. Bards and minstrels wandered through; soothing those who lay recovering and also inspiring those would go back to do more battle.

Finally, as the sun began to sink towards the west, the battle came to an end and victory was declared. The two kings betwixt who the war was started met in the center of the battle field with all their forces surrounding them. Once the victory was declared and acknowledged they embraced like brothers and a great cheer arose. It had been a good battle and both sides had seen honors and heroic deeds done that day.

And as the day dwindled and red stained the sky, feasting and merriments were planned. Bards tuned their instruments and made sure their tankards were close to hand and ready to be filled. Lords and ladies changed to their finest feasting clothes, as cooks added the final touches to their dishes.

It was a night of merrymaking for the victors and their defeated foes alike. For it had been a glorious day, a day that would live in memory, song, and campfire tales.