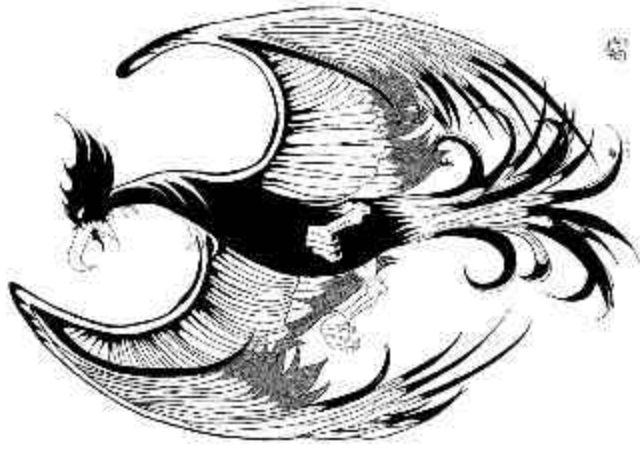


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# *Unto the Populace*

## **From the Baroness**

Greetings to the populace of Sacred Stone!!

I have been asked to write a little bit about what the job of a landed Baroness (or Baron) entails. That is very difficult for me as I genuinely feel that this job is what you make of it. However there are some set tasks.

At the Baronial level, you work with the Seneschal, Baronial officers and Canton officers to encourage play, quality events and peaceful co-existence. You recognize deserving members with Baronial awards and work with the Baronial orders. At the Kingdom level, you represent Sacred Stone at kingdom events, write letters of recommendation to their Majesties, support your neighboring Baronies and work with their Majesties to accomplish their goals.

This is a job. It is a fun job but it is work indeed. You should possess strong communication skills, a sense of humor and a love of this game. You should be concerned about the people in the Barony and the future of the Barony.

This is an important time for Sacred Stone. We have been working together very well for a while now and are growing. The next Baronage will need to have some goals in mind to keep focused on. They will need to work with all the Cantons to continue our trend of positivity and of creativity.

Being Baroness has been incredibly tough, but wonderfully rewarding. I would not have changed it for anything. I have worked with fantastic people and have been privileged to see some great workers rewarded for their activity. That is a reward itself. I look forward to the rest of my reign. I know that we have some great ideas for events in the works, we have more people who deserve recognition and we have each other to enjoy being around. I intend to enjoy every minute of it.

A few last words: As people begin to submit their names for the polling process, please remember that they are doing so because they care about the Barony and want to be involved. Even if they are not the candidates you personally support, please remember to be positive. Also, seriously think about each choice on the polling. Think about what they can bring to Sacred Stone. Each person has their own gifts and have something they can do for us. So be reasonable, be thoughtful and be positive.

Thank you!

Kisaiya

Baroness

## **From the Seneschal**

Unto the Good Gentles of Sacred Stone,

I hope this missive finds you well. I would like to reiterate that due to the fact that I have a 'two fingered hunt & peck typing' style (Frustration), it is very hard for me to respond to email unless I get my wife to do it for me. (Insert Alesia typing here) Please give me a call (704-309-9328) and I will be happy to chat with you at any time. If anyone has any suggestions for projects, get-to-togethers, fun things that we might do, please let me know. I am open to all ideas.

I would like to thank everybody for keeping the last Barony meeting under one hour. I fully expect for us to continue this trend going forward.

I would recommend if you have a dispute or issue with another gentle(s) and are having the dispute on a group email list, please be considerate to the rest of us and take that dispute off line. I would be happy to help mediate issues and prefer to work things out in person. We all respect one another as people and reasonable people will disagree. Disagreements should not be personal. (Can't we just get along? said jokingly)

We have a lot of important things coming up in the next few months. Please look in this space and the Baronial meetings minutes to stay informed.

In Service,

Master Robear de Bardoulf

## **From the Minister of Arts and Sciences**

Greetings, from the Baronial Minister of Arts and Sciences!

Fall event season is upon us, and that means lots of opportunities for the talented folks of our barony to display, compete, and generally geek out about their arts and sciences!

If you're looking at entering an upcoming competition and need help getting your display or documentation in order, please don't hesitate to contact me. I'll be glad to take a look at whatever you're entering, offer any pointers, and help get you in touch with someone who does your art, for further help in research or execution.

There are a few people who have offered to teach upcoming workshops. Those are being organized, and will be announced when the hosts/hostesses are ready to put them on. Please be on the lookout for these workshops, and come join in the fun! Please support the folks who are gracious and eager enough to put something like this together. It takes a lot of work and planning to do a workshop, and the worst thing in the world is to be so excited to share your knowledge and enthusiasm for your art, and then have no one show up. Support these workshops, and enjoy the camaraderie that will be built among those that attend. And hey, you might learn something new, too. -grin-

Don't forget about Tempore Atlantia at Crown Tournament. The time period for this one is Fall Crown Tournament 2005 - items from 1250-1492

In case you need a wee bit more preparation time for Tempore Atlantia, here are the other time periods and events until spring! Twelfth Night 2006 - items from 1492-1600. Spring Coronation 2006 - pre-1000 items. Spring Crown Tournament 2006 - items from 1250-1492. Anyone interested in sponsoring a prize for any competition within the Tempore Atlantia, please contact Mistress Jessamyn di Piemonte. Details about any of the Tempore Atlantia competitions can be found at <http://moas.atlantia.sca.org/tempore.htm>

Please support your local A&S officers, and attend A&S gatherings whenever possible. It's the best way to network, see what everyone else is doing, and get some advice on your own work, if needed. It's also a great way to bond with fellow artisans of the barony!

As always, we are in need of hand-crafted items for the Baronial Gift Baskets. If you have anything you'd like to donate, please contact Baroness Fiona MacCleod or myself, and we will make arrangements to get the items from you. Please put your contact information on each item, so that the recipients know whom to thank for their generosity (or who to come to if they want more!)

Sacred Stone has an incredible amount of talent among her artisans and researchers. Keep competing, displaying, and teaching, to remind the kingdom how wonderful we all are!

In Service to The Dream,

Oddny Knarrarbringa  
Baronial MoAS, Sacred Stone

## **From the Chronicler**

Greetings all,

I'd like to thank Lord Jonathan Black this month for his submission of the first chapter of his story, 'DRH\_LMD'. The story will be done in several chapters, one a month, and I can't wait to read them all. I hope you all look forward to them as much as I am.

It's hard to believe I have been doing this job for over now. I am truly enjoying it and want to thank all my fellow officers and a great many other gentles in the barony for the all the support and help they have offered since I stepped up. Thank you all!

Katerina

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# Barony of the Sacred Stone

## Baronial Meeting

### October 23, 2005

- \* Dame Anne (Kingdom Seneschal) has announced that event autocrats can no longer sign contracts for Event sites. Seneschals are the only officers allowed to sign for sites.
- \* Baronial Exchequer reports balance of \$9066.80, including \$278 for the now ex-Baronial pavilion. Still need to allocate funds for upcoming Events
- \* Baronial Chatelaine is looking to improve advanced knowledge of demos throughout the Barony. He's also having issues with locating demos, and is actively seeking newcomers. Anyone who is willing to use his aid in their area, please ask!
- \* Baronial Webminister requests that all flyers for events and other activities be forwards to him, as well as contact information for all Baronial Officers and Champions
- \* Baronial Marshal reports all quiet
- \* Baronial Seneschal says that we must improve reporting and waiver gathering and record maintenance. Probation is a major threat at this point if these are not improved.
- \* We are in need of new Marshals for both Rapier and Archery
- \* Baronial Herald reports that she has a few requests, and is more than happy to help in any Heraldic capacity. It's later noted the need for a deputy Baronial Herald
- \* Baronial MOAS is working on Investiture regalia, and supporting Asim's A&S Revel idea
- \* We are in need of more MoLs
- \* Asim new Deputy Chronicler, and is requesting more submissions. Has two requests for submissions; one the submission of "quotable quotes" from the Barony, the other short commentaries from Baronial Champions or other notables.
- \* Baronial Chirurgeon "doing good works" with FEMA. Fiona will have Baronial First Aid kit at events
  
- \* Balefire Dunn has 22 newcomers! They need an MoAS, and the new Castellan needs a warrant
- \* Below the Salt will have a Peasant Fashion Show, Brewing contest for A&S, and Professional Raqs (Belly) and Fire Dancers, as well as a non-Asim male dancer. For fighting, there will be a 2 hour Grand Melee (half heavy, half rapier), and an Old Fart's Tourney.
  
- \* Charlesbury Crossing has a Thanksgiving potluck, at Louise and Wolfram's, contact Wolfram or Alesia for details. Deep Fried Turkey will be offered
  
- \* Aire Faucon has 2 new folks, and two from Crannog Mor
- \* Inn on the Road 2006 is being planned for the 2nd week after Novice Tourney. It will have activities from Friday evening to Sun. near-site close.
  
- \* Salisbury Glen is running Saint Urho's as an official event, and also starting a dance practice.
  
- \* Crois Bridge is now to big to meet in people's home, and has lots of archery going on. Runestone is being hosted by them in Nov.
  
- \* Hindscroft is hosting the Wastelands event next June, and has new fighters

\* Old business:

Need to find new Quartermaster for post-Investiture

\* New Business:

Baronial Polling is about to occur, and addresses are about to be requested. Timeline: Letters of Intent until Nov. 30, sent to Robear and Kisaiya. They must include:

\* Membership number

\* Membership Expiration Date

\* Contact information

\* Both SCA and mundane names

\* Blurb must be written by intendees, and submitted for inclusion in December Phoenix

\* Intendee list will be finalized at November Baronial Meeting

\* Intendees must attend December Baronial Meeting for Social Hour with snacks, and this will include a Meet and Greet/Question and Answer session with populace

\* Everything is subject to requests of TRM and Kingdom Seneschal

\* Polling will be mailed out on January 2nd, and the plan is for the results to be to TRM by February 1st

\* Polling Notes:

\* Non-members may send letters to TRM marked SS Polling

\* The correctness of Polling Mailing List Information is NOT in Baronial hands, the labels come straight from Corporate

\* Please remember that memberships are processed on the 14th of every month

\* Negative commentary should be done in private, if at all possible

\* Please explain, in some detail, the reasons behind your choices in your letters, member or non-member alike

\* Polling is advice to TRM, not a democratic vote

\* Investiture is planned for Novice Tourney

\*Asim is starting an A&S Revel, planned for the 3rd Wednesday in January. The first one will be Tudor-themed, and he is looking for a teacher or discussion leader in that area.

\* War of the Wings:

\* New idea for a InterBaronial-level War, planned to be held at the Elkin site in October 2006. Alain and Rozsa are co-autocrats, and the

war is with Windmaster's Hill. Katerina and Dunstan are coming up

with a story for the war, to be revealed over time. Cost is \$10 before Coronation, when \$5 is added, and there is no feast, nor a charge for kids.

\* War of the Wings will have a large A&S competition, including Performing Arts, 2 Torchlight tourneys, and lots of fighting, overall. All competitions are war points. Baronages are encouraged to recruit allies early.

\* Prize will be a War Banner

\* Schedule will be hewed to strongly, as the plan is to have 2 castle battles, woods battle, champions tourney, and a last man standing grand melee. Also there will be youth combat, equestrian, rapier, siege weapons and combat archers, as well as possibly equestrian, site permitting. Most will be for war points

\* Lots of advertising, with a PR coordinator (Katerina) working on it. \* Pageantry War Point. A&S is "present to enter/win", and must be new material. MoAS is working with others on documentation classes.

\*There will also be a Champions quest, run by Kisaiya, and both European and Middle Eastern Dance.

\* Vote will occur after Event Bid committee

Notes taken by Asim al-Talib and Talorgen nei Wrguist

# DRH\_LMD

## By Lord Jonathan Blackbow

### \*Disclaimer\*

This is a work of fiction. Any resemblance to any actual events, or to persons, living or dead, is purely coincidental. Any inaccuracies are purely for the sake of fiction and not intended to be presented or taken as fact.

"Oyez! Oyez!" the herald cried against the sleepy backdrop of a late summer afternoon. Various clumps of people resolved themselves into individual groups and headed for the feast hall, knowing the announcement that was coming.

"Feast will begin in FIFTEEN MINUTES! Those gentles interested in at-large seating..." the herald trickled off as he was nearly run down by a swarm of people rushing past him.

"...never mind," the herald grumped.

"So what's so great about this cook-chef-crat dude?" Scott was a newcomer, at his first event, and hadn't yet learned the word 'feastocrat'. He was clutching a burlap bag holding God knew what, wearing a white polyester Tunic, ratty gray sweats, and tennis shoes (the last because somebody had told him that tennis shoes were period and not to worry about it). Marie turned and glared at him, hands on her hips, and said "feastocrat, Scott. It's *feastocrat*."

Too new not to be intimidated by the Awesome Power of the Seneschal™, Scott dug his toe in the wooden floor and muttered, "yeah, *feastocrat*, already. So what's so great about him, milady, an it please thee to deign to inform this unworthy one?"

Marie looked at Scott with a much less severe scowl on her face; she didn't know Scott knew enough Forsoothspeak to get a complete sentence out (and truth be known, she didn't know enough Forsoothspeak to be sure whether or not she was being insulted, much less whether the sentence was grammatically correct). Finally deciding to give it up, she told him, with just the right amount of HairFlip, that this 'feastocrat' had been getting insanely rave reviews all up and down the East Coast, and that they were darn lucky to get him at an event with only a hundred attendees or so, and that she'd heard that his feasts were so exquisite that people talked about them afterwards for days. And that Scott, as an almost-unwashed-heathen, had better appreciate it.

They arranged themselves, with four other members of their canton, at the only table remaining with space enough for them all; it seemed none of them had bothered to make on-board reservations. Rather than dwell on that Most Embarrassing Fact, Marie launched into an animated recounting of the day's happenings with the Usual Suspects:

- Marko, 29, black hair still damp from the shower, about five feet ten, almost too skinny to fight in heavy armor (but the canton's best heavy fighter nevertheless), shifting unconsciously in his seat every few seconds to ease the magnificent bruise that was developing on the back of his right thigh...he'd never fought a lefty before, you see...

- Yasmeena, 21, a senior at the local college; she'd never managed to drop the Freshman 15...or the Sophomore 15, or the Junior 15, or the Senior 15 that was on its way, and aware of the fact but not sure what to do about it. She and Marko were of the idea that they were boyfriend and girlfriend, although that theory would be shot to hell in the not-too-distant future. For now, though, they were only uneasily aware that something wasn't right, but maintaining appearances anyway.

- Arundel, 35, a gypsy/pirate/samurai/'Highlander' wannabe wearing bits of costumery from all three subcultures and doing his best to speak with a Conor Macleod-type accent (which, truth be known, wasn't a bad imitation). He was a lead computer



operator at the local college, was intensely aware of Yasmeena, easily had the most money of anybody in the canton, and had no social life that didn't involve a computer.

- Robert, 45, resident doumbek player and resident World's Authority on Everything and Nazi to Boot. The rest of the canton had nicknamed him "FunBane" but hadn't yet succeeded in ostracizing him, mainly because he knew where to buy rattan, leather, buckles, spices, natural dyes, and all the other requirements so essential to the practicing SCAdian. Robert also knew that he wasn't well liked but he spent so much of his time reigning in smug superiority over the rest of the canton that he just didn't care.

Their remaining dinner companion had placed his dinner setting (and a NICE one at that) with a handwritten placard on the dinner plate that nobody had bothered to read. Probably somebody just like FunBane, so they'll have a good time showing each other how wrong they are, Marie thought.

"All right, FunBane-" Marie started off. Glaring, Robert snarled at her, "I've told you NOT to call me that, *ever!* But especially not in PUBLIC!" He instinctively performed the Picard Maneuver (unconscious straightening of the clothing around the torso by pulling down on both sides briskly - ed. ) as a way of reestablishing his dominance over the group. This, of course, made the entire table fall apart laughing, which didn't help matters any. Still grinning, Marie said, "all right, *Robert*, since you asked so nicely, what can you tell me about that dinner setting over there?"

Robert, happy to have one of his ON buttons pushed, began spouting what he knew about the entire setting, which wasn't a lot, and wasn't terribly accurate, as it turned out, but provided a minute or two of distraction from the gentle approaching quietly behind him. "So you can see, right here, the maker's mark in the - oh, I'm sorry, *senor*, I didn't see you there." Robert turned the plate right side up and just about broke bones putting it down in a hurry. The plate made a happy *thump* as it settled back into place, which covered Robert's pulse nicely. One did not touch another gentle's possessions without permission.

The stranger smiled benignly down at him. "*Seignore*, actually, but no harm done. What did you say your first name was, Mr. Fahnbain?"

Grimacing at the use of his *nom de moquerie* but unable to rebut in a sufficiently wilting way, Robert extended his right hand, saying "Robert, *seignore*, *Il mio nome è Robert.*"

The stranger smiled and extended a hand gloved in some fairly impressive calfskin, but since the rest of his outfit was also stunning, that wasn't surprising. "Almost, Mr. Fahnbain. *Il mio nome è Roberto* is technically correct. But a good effort nonetheless." He ignored the openmouthed gazes of everyone at the table and seated himself, removing the nameplate in the process.

To be continued in Chapter Two in next month's The Phoenix.



# Runestone Collegium

**Date of Event: November 19, 2005**

**Hosting Group: Canton of Crois Brigitte**

Come take a class, teach a class or just spend the day with your friends. Join us in The Canton of Crois Brigitte for a day of sharing knowledge at The Barony of Sacred Stone's Runestone Collegium.

Cost: Adult, Member: \$5.00 Day-Trip  
Adult, Non-Member: \$8.00 Day-Trip  
Children 12 and under \$2.00

Please make checks payable to "The Barony of the Sacred Stone, SCA Inc"

Any cost for classes is to be paid to the teacher at the time of the class.

Site: St. Timothy's Episcopal Church  
2575 Parkway Drive  
Winston-Salem, NC 27107

Site Restrictions: No pets. Dry except for brewing classes

Food Information: There will be a light lunch served for a small fee. But we are only blocks from Winston-Salem's "food row". Maps to local fast and slow food restaurants will also be available on site if you are interested.

Merchanting Information: Merchants are welcome...but let the Autocrat know you are coming so we will have space for you.

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Directions: Make your best way to Winston-Salem and Business 40.

>From the West: take Exit 206 to Knollwood St. At the top of the ramp, turn right on to Knollwood St. You will cross Stratford Road and railroad tracks and pass an Arbys. Proceed for 4 blocks until you see the St. Timothy's sign on the left. (there will be an SCA sign there too) Turn left on to Parkway Drive and the church is directly ahead.

>From the East: Take Exit 206 to Knollwood St. At the top of the ramp, turn left on to Knollwood St. Cross the bridge and proceed as above.

When you get to the church, parking is to the right and left.

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