

# Baronial Newsletter

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## Upcoming Events

- November 11 – 12 [Buckston's Buccaneer Birthday](#) (Snow Camp NC)  
November 18 [The Curly Cross Tavern](#) (Hope Mills SC)  
November 18 [Holiday Faire 2023](#) (Fredricksburg VA)  
December 8 – 10 [Dun Carraig Baronial Birthday & Investiture](#) (Nanjemoy MD)  
December 8 – 10 [Yule Toy Tournament](#) (Pickens SC)  
January 13 [Atlantian 12th Night](#) (Yadkinville NC)  
January 19 – 21 [Nottingham Coill Baronial Birthday & Investiture](#) (Bennettsville SC)  
January 26 – 27 [Ravens Cove Baronial Birthday and Investiture](#) (Richlands NC)  
January 27 [Holiday Court of Volodymyr the Great](#) (Lothian MD)  
January 27 [Tourney of Manannan Mac Lir](#) (Harleyville SC)

For more events and happenings, please take a look at Atlantia's Kingdom  
Calendar of Events: <https://atlantia.sca.org/calendar/>



## Baronial Meeting Minutes

*October 29, 2023*

14 in attendance, with a special welcome to Baron Cormac, a recent transplant from Caid. Welcome Baron Cormac to Sacred Stone!

### Their Excellencies Report

- War of the Wings: many members did cool stuff!
- Her Excellency encourages everyone to check out the newsletter
- Crown Tournament is 11/4/23 and 7 of the combatants are from Sacred Stone
- Their Excellencies plan to attend the upcoming events: Buckston Birthday (just Baron Alain), Curly Cross Tavern, Unevent (virtual), Yule Toy Tourney, 12th night (which is in Sacred Stone lands, hosted by Lady Siobhan)

### Officer Reports

**Seneschal:** we are in need of a new seneschal, accepting nominations/letters of intent

**Herald:** one new name submitted and in process of approval

**Chatelaine:** 'report' listed on Facebook: reports there were a huge number of new people at War of the Wings which was awesome. He will be stepping down in February and we will be looking for a replacement and accepting letters of intent

**Mol:** 'report' on Facebook: nothing to report

**Marshal:** not in attendance

**MOAS:** War of the Wings was fantastic and many were awarded the Phoenix Eye. There is University (virtual) upcoming in February and teachers are needed. She is willing to help if any would-be teachers need/want assistance. There will be A&S competition/display upcoming at 12th night

**Chronicler:** asks to read the newsletter and submit information. Examples of material listed such as: testing class material/documentation, recipes, stories, art, poems, journal of events, etc.

**Exchequer:** not in attendance

**Webminister:** not in attendance

## Canton Reports

**Aire Faucon:** nothing to report

**Middlegate:** nothing to report

**Crois Brigitte:** Seneschal is stepping down, will need to vote on replacement, meeting after barony meeting

**Charlesbury Crossing:** nothing to report

**Salesberie Glen:** quarterly meeting next month is before the barony meeting. Autumn Jubilee (local arts fair) demo went very well, lots of engagement and interest. The SCA did not have to pay for booth space as we are not a merchant, so this was a free event/demo and we plan to do it again next year

## Old Business

- Containers for the barony to keep on Elchenburg site – tabled to a later meeting (still gathering information)
- Archery shed at Elchenburg site- originally belonged to Crois Brigitte, now under baronial use. Master Robert reports it has holes in the floor, damage to the roof, and signs of animal damage to archery targets. It is currently located at the old archery range location
- The Baron requests for information: such as cost of repair, cost of replacement (Purchased or built) consider a slightly mobile structure that could move range to range.
- Geekery Market is Saturday 11/4/23. We will be doing a demo from 10a-4p at 4715 Hwy 49 in Charlotte, NC
- Barony previously held events like Runestone (collegium style event) and In a Phoenix Eye (A&S display/competition). Lady Eva Toth asks if we should have these events and if they should be combined instead of alternated year to year.
  - Proposal:** to have Phoenix Eye in 2024 likely in the fall. 14 for and 0 against for interest, will need to revisit with an official visit. Bid will include if it will have collegium style classes or not.

## New Business

- Lady Eva Toth, MOAS requests teachers for Nottingham Coill's A&S workshop on display/competition upcoming
- Taking nominations for officer positions:
  - Baronial Seneschal: Master Patris de Terra Lepori was nominated. If you would like to be considered for Seneschal, please submit your letter of intent IN WRITING to the current Seneschal/their Excellencies before next meeting. Vote is to be held next meeting.
  - Baronial Chronicler: Lady Slaine inghean ui Sheachnasaigh was nominated. If you would like to be considered for Chronicler, please submit your letter of intent in WRITING to the current Seneschal/their Excellencies before next meeting. Vote is to be held next meeting.

- Baronial Chatelaine: Lady Siobhan inghean mhic Eochadha was nominated. If you would like to be considered for Chatelaine, please submit your letter of intent IN WRITING to the current Seneschal/their Excellencies before next meeting. Vote is to be held at the February meeting.

Next Baronial meeting is Sunday November 19<sup>th</sup> at 2pm

Location:

Canton of Salesberie Glen

Mean Mug Coffee Shop

1621 W Innes St. Salisbury, NC

Future meetings are planned in rotation between the Cantons as follows:

November 19: 1pm-4pm, Salesberie Glen, Mean Mug Coffee, 1621 W Innes St, Salisbury

December 17: Aire Faucon

January 21: Charlesbury Crossing

February 18: Middlegate

March 24: Crois Brigitte

April 14: Salesberie Glen

May 19: Aire Faucon

June 23: Charlesbury Crossing

July 14: Middlegate

August 18: Crois Brigitte

September 22: Salesberie Glen

October ??: Aire Faucon

## From Their Excellencies

Unto the Barony of Sacred Stone do we, Alain and Azza, Baron and Baroness, send most hearty greetings!

We trust this missive finds you healthy, hearty, and rested after the excitement which was War of the Wings. From the pageantry and silliness of the opening procession, to amazing classes, displays, and competitions, WoW was a sight to behold. Great prowess on the fields of battle were demonstrated, as Saints and Sinners fought for ascendancy. Your very own Baroness took to the rapier field, and did authorize for combat there, afterwards scoring a point for the Saints! While the Sinners ultimately triumphed in martial combat, the Saints prevailed in the Arts and Sciences. In truth, all were victorious, honor and courtesy ruled the days, and bards shall have much to tell future generations in the tales of this war.

Of all the greatness which was WoW, and there was much, one thing stands out and requires comment, and that is Service. Without the efforts of many, giving of themselves in countless ways, War of the Wings (or any other event) could not be the tale of wonder it is. Before the first of the populace could arrive on site, many had given hours and days of time making ready. Communication failures, equipment failures, and family emergencies created unforeseeable problems, requiring nimble footwork which would confound a dance master/mistress. Efforts to solve one problem create and/or complicate another, requiring yet more time and energy from a host of volunteers. WoW had over a thousand populace attend this year, and the vast majority of them had a spectacular time - and were equally unaware of the above. Some came to have an equally spectacular time, yet saw a need and graciously interrupted their plans to fill in, help out, and see to it many, many others remained unaware. In struggling to find words to describe these invisible folk, Hero comes to mind, for without these unsung heroes, little would be left to sing praises of.

With this in mind, we are sincerely grateful for every hero who helped, in any way, make War of the Wings work. From those who spent all week wrangling, to those who policed up trash before pulling out, you are the magic which makes things happen, and exemplify the foundation of our Dream. Without you, our medieval world would be a much poorer place.

To the populace at large, may this remind you our village is built by many hands, and all of them volunteers, always remain grateful of their service. Volunteer your own hands, when you can, even in small ways. Remember that before the first shaft is loosed, the first sword raised, the first creation judged, class taught, pavilion erected, feast served or glass lifted, dozens of people have worked quietly on making it possible.

Finally, we ask any reading these words to shout Vivat!, for the incredible service given at WoW.

Baron Alain and I want to celebrate all you Sacred Stoners who made WoW 2023 truly magical. Alain and I have both been in the SCA for over 35 years (gasp!) so sometimes events run together and don't stand out a few years later. Not so with this event!

I cherish the memories of being with folks in Camp Sacred Stone, holding Court in the Dark, the light up faery wings, all the puppies, authorizing in rapier, and fighting in my first melee, meeting lots of new folks (there were 29 at Royal Court!), getting caught in a deluge at Ari & Sol's Vow

Renewal in Camp Hawkwood, getting 'cheeky' at Hawkwood Court, wearing goofy haloes and flame sunglasses in the Saints & Sinners Opening Procession, little lights to guide our way in camp and Night Court, listening to Lords William, Giovanni, and Jozef Paulus reminisce about high school, seeing stunning artworks made by my peeps, seeing the Glowstick Night Archery from afar, eating lunch with our champions, and gifting largesse that Sacred Stoners gave us recently: rings, bracelets, and coins from a little treasure box, much appreciated hoods, Flame of the Phoenix candles, and we used many tassels and crocheted banner weights (so helpful in the wind).

Thank you, folks who gifted us with items for personal use and for baronial use:

Lord Jozef for the phoenix trim and for donating trenchers to new folks: you have a big heart.

Till for hanging in there and for the Rose'.

Lord Ian Corby, The Box Man for the green trim boxes- your generosity is inspiring.

Lady Elspeth Meresberie for the always welcome scroll covers.

Lady Gwenthwyfar for the unexpected but desired and delicious hospitality spread.

Lord Ihone Munroe for the charming hand-turned wooden and resin mushrooms Lady Demetria for her outstanding meat pies and spanakopita. I could live off these.

Thank you to my Zen Warrior rapier & dagger set benefactor: I promise I will keep at it!

Our war was made so special by a number of hardworking Sacred Stone volunteers.

Staff: Ladies Argent, Tatiana, Siobhan; Morita No Daichi, Sir Randall, Lord Gawain, Master Robert, Rebbeh Thamira

Teachers: Lords Fedor, Eirik, Jozef; Baron Alain, Haelfdige Annora, Mistress Lorelei, Magnifica Hildegard, Ladies Rikissa, Argent, Fyen, Slaine, Pagane; Morita, Masters Patris and Osman

Volunteers: Ladies Niccolina and Colette, Lords Alesander and Paul; our Silent Herald, Alanna (?), Heralds: Ladies Argent and Fyen, and everyone who volunteered for Guber and Gate.

Marshalls: Magister Raphael, Lady Colette

Cooks: Ladies Slaine and Pagane, Master Patris, and all the potluckers- thank you for tasty meals.

Retainers: Ladies Cassia, Ysoria, Demetria, Niccolina, Slaine, and Sofia; Lord Patrick

Special thanks to Baroness Elizabeth and Baron Talun: your quiet service was indispensable to us.

We appreciate your time and energy you gave us so freely, and we are proud to call you friends.

Lastly, we are proud of Sacred Stoners' accomplishments!

**Order of the Sacred Stone:** Lord Giovanni de Moncellis

**Baronial Award of Courtesy:** Master Olivier de Bayonne and Lord John of Charlesbury Crossing

**Flame of the Phoenix:** Master Achbar ibn Ali, Barons Talorgen nepos Wrguist, Dubhghall mac Donnchaidh, Ormarr Raumsson; Lords Alesander Davidson and Hákon brimill, Syr Garan Halftrelson, Duke Bryan of Sacred Stone

**Drakken Egg:** Lady Colette Vitalis and m'lord Finley Blackthorn  
Defender of the Sacred Stone: Lord Xavier Crystal Keeper

**Order of the Phoenix Claw:** Lord John of Charlesbury Crossing

**Order of the Phoenix Eye:** Lady Pagane and Sir Christian von Nürnberg

**Honorary Citizen of the Barony of the Sacred Stone:** Noble Eadulf Beornwaldes sunu

**Order of the Golden Dolphin:** Rebbeh Thamira

**Archery Marksman:** Master Robert

**King's Missiliers:** Lord Xavier

**Authorized in Heavy Rapier:** Lord Tristan, m'lord Daniel

**Largesse competition:** Mistress Lorelei

**Inter-Baronial Armored Combat competition:** Lord Wang

While some may measure wealth in coin, we find far more value in the kindness, generosity, and fellowship those listed above, and so many others, bring to our Barony. The flames of the Phoenix shine more brightly than gold, and announce to the known world the true abundance to be found in Sacred Stone. Vivat!

Alain and Azza Baron and Baroness  
of the Fair Barony of the Sacred Stone

## Letter from the Chronicler

Greeting to all of my Phine Phellow Phoenixes! It has been my distinct pleasure to be your Chronicler for the past year and a half. I have thoroughly enjoyed watching you all shine in your own special ways. It has occurred to me that many of you do not know who I am, let me correct that at this time. I joined the SCA in 2014 after seeing how much fun my dad was having. (He was Lord Stefan Ciakaway from South Downs.) I found myself immediately drawn to the Scribal Arts. Since I began, I have created over 100 scrolls. In addition, I have also found a passion for researching rebel women of the Middle Ages. I found contributing my time and talents to my Canton and my Barony as another way to enjoy the SCA. I have served, at different times, as Arts and Sciences coordinator, Chatelaine, and Seneschal for my Canton of Charlesbury Crossing; and I have served Our Excellencies as Their Arts and Science Champion and Chronicler. I am excited to add a Chronicler deputy! I introduce to you Lady Slaine.

Honorable Lady Fyen van Amsterdam

## Ask a Peer

Do you have a question for a Peer? Send your query to the Chronicler.

## Would you like to add something to the newsletter

Message Tamara Babulski on Facebook with your entry.



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