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Barony of Sacred Stone

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Upcoming Events in Atlantia

September - 2024

09-06 - 09-08 : [Battle on the Bay](#) :Upper Marlboro MD (Lochmere)
 09-06 - 09-08 : [SSBB 2024: The Phoenix & The Dragon](#) :Boonville NC (Sacred Stone) (Q K Pr P)
 09-13 - 09-15 : [Caravan Raids: Road to Byzantium](#) :Apex NC (Windmasters' Hill) (P)
 09-14 - 09-14 : [Stierbach Baronial Birthday: Inspiration of the 9 Muses](#) :Culpeper VA (Stierbach) (Q K Pr)
 09-21 - 09-22 : [Fall University](#) :Harleyville SC (Tear-Sea's Shore)
 09-27 - 09-29 : [Memento Mori: A Danse Macabre](#) :Old Fort NC (Hawkwood)
 09-27 - 09-29 : [Kingdom of Atlantia Royal Archery Tournament](#) :Boonville NC (Isenfir) (Q K)
 09-28 - 09-28 : [Tournament of Silver Chalice](#) :Harleyville SC (Hidden Mountain) (Pr)

October - 2024

10-04 - 10-06 : [Fall Coronation: Randall and Lu'iana](#) :Booneville NC (Atlantia) (Q K Pr P) 
 10-13 - 10-20 : [War of the Wings](#) :Boonville, NC (Atlantia) (Q K)
 10-26 - 10-26 : [Clash of the Bacchus](#) :Afton VA (Black Diamond)

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

Upcoming Sacred Stone Barony meetings

Meetings are planned in rotation between the Cantons and baronial lands

All meetings are at 2:00 pm unless stated otherwise

September	NO MEETING	NO MEETING
October 27th, 2024	Home of their Excellencies	Home of their Excellencies - 228 Jennings Road Statesville, NC
November 17th, 2024	Charlesbury Crossing	Red Clay Ciderworks - 245 Clanton Rd, Charlotte, NC 28217
December	Middlegate	TBD

Champion Challenges for Upcoming Baronial Birthday

Specialty	Baronial Champion Competition
Arts & Sciences	Rise from the Ashes: Part 1: a project that failed or you were unhappy with. Part 2: same project redone with lessons learned from Part 1. Write what you learned and what you changed
Bardic Arts	Perform two songs or stories. One must be pre-1650, the other may be filked or original creation by the performer.
Brewing Arts	Brew something with fruit other than grapes: fruit beers, ciders, and melomels. Write how you made it.
Armored Combat	Open tournament in round robin style. Each contest fought best of three. Top two warriors compete best two of three using two different weapons forms. Forms do not have to match.
Armored Warlord	Write a training proposal that involves warm ups, drills, melee communication, blow calibration, teamwork, and cool downs to use with Sacred Stone warriors at practices.

Seeking Officers and Deputies!

The Populace of Sacred Stone- our noble Excellencies and our great Seneschal Master Patris need your aid! The barony is currently in need of:

Baronial Clerk Signet

The position involves: Working with the Baron and Baroness for scroll assignments / awards, working with the other scribes of the Barony for handling assignments, working with the MOAS for planning scroll competitions at events, and working with the Baronial Herald.

Minister of the Lists (or deputy)

Minister of the List is a position within the Marshal structure to organize and document tournaments, record fighter authorizations and report the results in an unbiased fashion.

A Minister of the List (MoL) helps organize, complete and maintain the paperwork needed to track fighters' authorizations and run combat scenarios at events. They are the people sitting at the table on the side of the list field signing in combatants, checking authorization cards, recording authorizations, and filling out all those lovely forms necessary to keep fighting in Atlantia running smoothly.

Deputy Exchequer

The exchequer serves as the group treasurer. Becoming a deputy is a good way to learn how the office works! Being deputy does NOT mean you are required to become exchequer of the barony in the future, so check it out!

Deputy Seneschal

A seneschal in the Society for Creative Anachronism is an administrative officer and the modern equivalent of a president or chief operating officer. Again, being deputy is a great way to learn how the office works, you are not required to step up to seneschal in the future if you are the deputy.

These positions are open for letters of intent. Please send LOI's to:

baroness@sacredstone.atlantia.sca.org baron@sacredstone.atlantia.sca.org
and seneschal@sacredstone.atlantia.sca.org

Thank you for your interest!

Letter from Their Excellencies

Dear Phoenix Phamily and Phriends,

Baron Alain and I are thrilled to have celebrated our barony's 42nd birthday with you at Elchenburg. Please share your stories about your experience there with our phabulous chroniclers to put in the next newsletter.

Pennsic 51 was a blast: of humidity, of rain, but most importantly of...togetherness. Did you know that Sacred Stoners outnumbered all others in Atlantia's camp? That includes the Janissary camp and the AvAtAr camp (AVacal, ATLantia, and ARtemisia). Sacred Stone was represented on the battlefield, in class tents, in kitchens, at campfires, in court. Here are some specific accomplishments:

- Doogie & Susal, baronage of Elchenburg, set up a wonderful gathering place in Avatar (you missed the business meeting where I gave you new names...)
- Lord Paul & LadyTati made sure we didn't die of thirst or starvation. Paul had bestowed upon him a new title by HRM Adelhait: Executive Chef to the Royals of Atlantia - EXTRA! Susie made him two lovely aprons with the titles for that and one for the Sous Chef.
- Doogie and Paul also hauled around the baronial thrones for us. Dooghal heralded us in to court and won the Squires' Tournament.
- Young Griffin fought for Sacred Stone as our baronial champion in that tournament.
- Lords. Alesander, Steinarr, Yuri, Clement, Kalfr, Syr Cyriac, and Barons Achbar, Doogie and Alain wore our mighty phoenix tabards in an armored melee.
- House Roanwoulfe hosted a lovely dinner party and trivia night. Baron Tal made superb slow-cooked ribs. Lady Stormie had us giggling with her trivia questions and everyone won prizes of Tal's 3D printed critters.
- Laurels Osman and Ahmed led the Janissary Mehter band through Opening Ceremonies after several days of practicing our music and marching. Participating with them were Noble Kharajin, Jade, Azza, and new transplants to Sacred Stone, Maggie and Bill. Laurel Faye led us in singing warm ups with:
"Mommy made me mash my M & Ms." and then, "Mehter made me march out in the sun."
- Lady Amathullah gifted Azza with a lovely green sari with phoenixes on them.
- Master Osman, Lord Eirik, and Lady Amathullah taught classes.
- Lady Thamira organized a well-run Children's Fete. Refreshments were handled by Master Robert, Hlaefdige Annora, Baroness Eleanor, and Azza.

- Your baroness fought in her first large melee and found it invigorating. I especially appreciated the clear commands and excellent planning of Master Jacques Gonse (JG). Yeah, she got bruises on her arms, but she fought back the enemy with well-timed head shots!

love and peace, Alain & Azza, Baronage of the Sacred Stone

Baronial Progress: come join us at these events! We could always use your company and retaining at events.

Date	Event	Place
Sep. 27-29	Memento Mori (Azza)	Hawkwood/Old Fort, NC
Sep. 27-29	Kingdom Archery Tourney (Alain)	Sacred Stone/Elchenburg, host: Isenfir
Oct. 4-6	Fall Coronation	Sacred Stone/Elchenburg
Oct. 13-20	War of the Wings	Sacred Stone/Elchenburg
Nov. 2	Fall Crown Tournament	
Nov. 8-10	Grit Wars	Ursus Bay/Apex, NC
Nov. 16	In a Phoenix Runestone Eye	Aire Faucon/ Lincolnton, NC

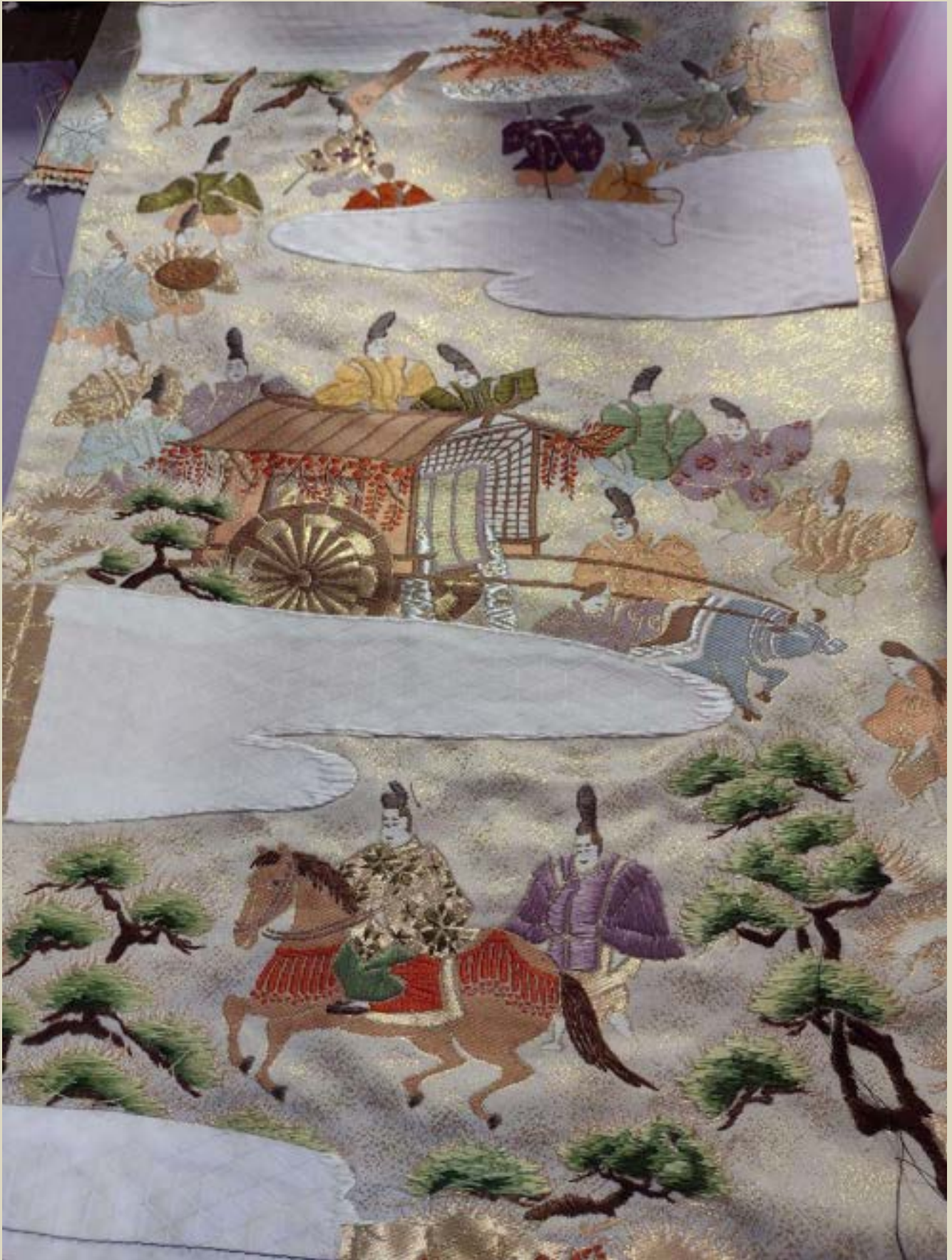
Photo Gallery from Pennsic



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The Barony of Sacred Stone - Meeting Minutes

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8/18/24

Canton of Crois Brigitte

Home of Patris and Slaine

Their Excellencies Report:

Pennsic was awesome. Sacred Stone represented well in the Atlantian campsite and participated well in many different areas! (*chroniclers note: please refer to their excellencies letter for more information on the specifics!*) There was much joyful reminiscing and storytelling about Pennsic amongst the populace.

We encourage our populace to write recommendations about the awesome things you see people do!

Sacred Stone Baronial Birthday

There are several championship contests planned for Sacred Stone Baronial Birthday, will work to get this information updated to the event website (*chroniclers note - champion contest information also included in the newsletter*).

There will be a largess contest - bakers dozen - make 13 of an item and then the winner of the contest gets to keep one of each entry.

Azza's Aviary contest - something related to birds

Contest on a processional cheer - something that we can do to show our support/pride of our Barony

There are people working on making site tokens for SSBB - belt pouches!

Her Excellency had her facebook account hacked, in the process of starting a new account and re-adding everyone

Officer Reports

Seneschal (Master Patris de Terra Lepori) :

I am still looking for a deputy for the Seneschal position. Come and learn what the job is about!

Exchequer (Meisterin Jdeke von Kolberg) :

- Balance \$28,683.69
- Two checks were written since last report:
 - To Bethel Lutheran Church for meeting space in August, \$150
 - To SCA Inc, for insurance for Baronial Birthday, \$75
- 20 yards of trim were sold, total income \$20
- 46 yards of trim were provided for use at SSBB, no charge (Baronial event, Barony owns trim, no need to "sell" it to the event)
- There was financial committee vote to allow for 'comped' attendance for SSBB for visiting royals from other Kingdoms
- 1 pre-registration by check has been received for SSBB
- I am looking for deputies - not necessarily to take over as exchequer at any point if they don't like, but to learn how the job works and more about the position

Herald (Domnall Locard) : no report

Chatelaine –(Lady Siobhan inghean mhic Eochadha) : no report

Marshal (Syr Garan):

Please check your authorization expiration date, there are big events upcoming in the future and want to make sure your authorization is current!

Minister of the Lists (MoL) (Lady Niccolina the Wanderer) :

We are in need of a new MoL going forwards as Niccholina will be stepping down - will be taking over as a regional MoL

Chronicler: (Slaine inghean ui Sheachnsaigh):

If you have anything to include in the newsletter, please send it to me, I would like to include it!

Minister of Arts and Science (Just Pagane and Lord Edward Perry) :

Would like to propose virtual meetings to aid in accessibility to people across our geographically large borders. Looking to start this in September. If there are things you would like to see let one of us know! Best way to contact Edward Perry is via Facebook

Webminster (Lady Ailís inghean uí Riagáin):

Not able to attend, nothing new to report, all is "status quo"

Canton Reports

Aire Faucon: no report

Charlesbury Crossing: meetings on Monday nights at Mugs. Sometimes social and sometimes arts/sciences. These are well attended!

Arts and Sciences on Saturday the 31st - silk banner painting for the Canton.

We should be gaining a canton herald

Fighter practice Wednesdays at Shuffletown park (weather permitting)

Middlegate:

Weely arts/science meeting in Greensboro on Wednesday evenings at Cheesecakes by Alex in downtown Greensboro 6p-8p. Maybe looking for a different location - potentially a Starbucks not quite in downtown that may have better space and parking.

Canton of Middlegate has improved its finances and signature card has been updated in proper standing.

Salesberie Glen:

Fighter practice/ general meetup (all are welcome!) at Kelsey Scott park on Thursdays at 6pm

We are looking to set up an event - St. Irmo's on March 15th!

Crois Brigte: in the process of dissolution - Kingdom has received our official intent to dissolve, no further information to report

Old Business

- Sacred Stone Baronial Birthday – September 6-8 at Elchenburg
 - Staff meeting for SSBB will follow baronial meeting
 - From Mistress Aine, the autocrat. There are 88 registrations for the event and 25 registrations for the feast. Classically this event has had more walk-ins at gate vs pre-reg. Planning several hundred attendees at this point. There may be 400 people. We MAY need to have another financial vote in case we think there

- will be additional attendance that requires additional toilets or trash purposes. If necessary this could require an emergency financial vote if needed
- Good Afternoon Sacred Stone, My apologies for not joining you today but as many know – I have a heck of a drive to get there and back. I would like to submit my report for the Reservations and Gate Prep for our Sacred Stone Baronial Birthday “ the Phoenix and the Dragon.” The numbers as of 8/18/24 at 1:30 pm are: 85 plus 3 comps currently Feast is currently at 35 SCORES will close on 9/3/24 at 11:59 pm I would like to remind all members that SSBB, after manning this event over the past 5+ years, that this is a heavy Gate registration event to the point of over 300 last year. I expect quite a few walk ins for the event. Gate will formally be open on Friday at 3:00 pm to Gate Staff, and close at 2:00 pm on Saturday. As far as needs: Gate will only require (2) 6ft Tables and one 75-100' Extension Cord all other items will be coming with me including Table Covers, Baskets for the Site Tokens, etc. The underage Blue Wrist Bands and Children Bands will be in place. Waivers, SCORES and Clipboards are provided in my kit. My only recommendation is for a basic hand out: 8x10 cut in half with the schedule on the front and a map on the back to eliminate consistent questioning asked by those Gating in. In your service, Mistress Adair of Makyswell Gate Minister
 - Mistress Aine will be there all day Friday - if you are available please feel free to come early to help with set up! Pavilions etc needs to be set up. His Excellency will be there starting in the morning to help to set up.
 - There will be two peerage vigils on Friday night, and there will be another peerage as well. These can need help with setup.
 - Also prepare that court is likely to be long
 - If you are able/willing to volunteer or are able to help out, assistance is always wanted and appreciated!
- In a Phoenix Eye/ Runestone : November 16th.
 - Collegium and arts/science event. This is a blended event. This is the showcase of projects for members of the barony (think like an art gallery). Combined with a teaching event. This event is up against a lot of other events on the Kingdom calendar (5 events this weekend). Don't let this scare you as pre-COVID this was normal to see multiple events with different focus. This also has air conditioning and is indoors!

- Website has launched. Registration/signup is not active yet but it is starting to come online
 - Plan for feast: After close of classes the feast will be heavy hors d'oeuvres you can eat while socializing/dancing, so it will not be a sit-down feast.
 - We are also seeking people to help with feast prep. Please reach out to Mistress Anora and she will get you connected.
 - We are seeking teachers! Prefer to have teachers planned by October to make sure we set up the space/schedule
 - Their Excellencies will be teaching a class (for all that have even a passing interest) in how to be landed baronage in Atlantia. You can also ask us questions about it at any time outside of this class as well.
- Fencing (and archery!) Practice - in Claremont at Bethel Lutheran Church in Claremont NC
 - Archery now available outside at this location! Had the first archery practice last week
 - Attendance is 10-16 people each practice and attendance is growing. 9 fencers are local to Sacred Stone, and not borrowed from Hawkwood!
 - Costs \$50/night. August is paid for
 - Looked for a cheaper venue - but others in the area are more expensive (\$50 per hour vs \$50 per day). This location is also of good quality, can expand to fit needs, and is just off the highway
 - We are still looking for alternative/cheaper sites
 - This site allows fighting including rapier (and heavy) practice indoors and outdoors based on the weather. It also has chairs/tables for art projects and modern plumbing. It also allows archery outside
 - **VOTE: asking \$350 to pay for the site through October (skipping Halloween)**
 - **18 in favor, 1 abstain, 0 against**
 - Sacred Stone Cooks Guild
 - Plans to keep active as an information source - keep the FB page open and such, but there was not enough of a response/interest to have administrative attention to have it stay as an active guild at this time.
 - There are some cooks guild items in different places, can be combined if needed.

- Autumn Jubilee Demo - same weekend as Coronation - October 5th - 6th. Plan arts/science primarily for Saturday and fighting for Sunday. This is a Dan Nicols park in Salisbury.
- Canva subscription for making newsletters - this can make a much nicer presentation service. It's \$120 per person per year.
 - Other baronies use this service or Adobe Pro
 - Mistress Aine will also check into what her shop uses
 - This is also used to do a lot of other social media presence and other online coordination
 - **Proposal: one account one year trial for the Barony of Sacred Stone**
 - 16 in approval, 3 abstain, 0 against

New Business

- Exchequer needs to purchase stamps
 - **Proposal for \$20 budget allotment**
 - approval 18, abstain 1, oppose 0
- Children's Fete snacks for Pennsic in 2025 - Anora and Robert have been organizing for years and would like others to be in charge going forward. We would be available to help teach and provide guidance on how to do this job.

Next meetings

- **WE WILL NOT BE MEETING IN SEPTEMBER DUE TO BUSY KINGDOM SCHEDULE**
- OCTOBER: meeting will be on October 27th. This will be at their Excellencies House in Statesville. 228 Jennings Road Statesville, NC
- November 17th in Charlesbury Crossing - Red Clay Ciderworks - 245 Clanton Rd, Charlotte, NC 28217
- Further meetings will resume canton rotation



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Email at chronicler@sacredstone.atlantia.sca.org with your entry!