

BARONY OF STIERBACH

THE BULL

Baronial Newsletter August 2024

[From the the Writing Desk of Her Excellency – It's Our Birthday!](#)

by Genefer Wolfelin

September 2, 2024



For this week's blog entry – we gratefully pass the pen to the Baroness Stierbach.

This year, the Best Barony turns 26! It is time to bring out your red, or your Classical Clothing (or, maybe, your Classical Red Clothing :D), and be inspired by the Nine Muses at our celebration on Saturday, September 14, at Mountain Run Winery in Culpeper, Virginia.

(Here is a link to more information about our Birthday Celebrations:

<https://baronialbirthday.stierbach.atlantia.sca.org/>)

If you have ever wondered about our barony, here are some facts about us, taken from the Atlantia Wiki page:

The Barony was founded in A.S. 32, and our founding Baron and Baroness were Ivan Ivanovich and Rowan Berran McDowell. His Excellency Ivan currently lives in the Barony of Bright Hills, where Countess Rowan also resides.

Stierbach is a large territory! Our lands include the counties of Loudoun, Prince William, Fauquier, Rappahannock, Culpeper, Warren, Clark, and Stafford, as well as the cities of Manassas, Chantilly, Clarke County, Frederick County, Shenandoah County, Warren County, the city of Winchester, and Centreville. Our [Canton of Sudentorre](#) encompasses Caroline County, King George County, Spotsylvania County, Stafford County, and Fredericksburg.

Our Baronial arms are a wonderful pun: we have three bulls *courant*, which in heraldic terms means that they are running. The field is divided in half horizontally (*per fess*) by an *embattlement*.

This makes our arms, heraldically, the Battle of Bull Run, which was fought near Bull Run Creek, which is in the City of Manassas – the area of Stierbach in which we were founded.

We have had, so far, nine Barons and Baronesses:

Baron Ivan Ivanovich & Baroness Rowan Berran McDowell

A.S. 32 – A.S. 34

Baron Dafydd Sean ap Hywel & Baroness Morgan Catriona Bruce

A.S. 34 – A.S. 35

Baron Mika Longbow & Baroness Ursula d’Arcy

A.S. 35 – A.S. 38

Baron Colum Maxwell & Baroness Briana Malukas

A.S. 38 – A.S.42

Baron Flaithri Cearnaigh & Baroness Rhowen verch Tudor

A.S. 42 – A.S. 47

Baron Valgard av Mors & Baroness Esperanza Susanna Flecha

A.S. 47 – A.S. 52

Baron Dietrich Saphir zum Drache & Baroness Karin Taylor de Cameron

A.S. 52 – A.S. 56

Baron Wulff Nuremberger & Baroness Geneve Wolfelin

A.S. 56 – A.S. 58

Baron Dunstan Stonehill & Baroness Cynthia Anne of Silver Lakes

A.S. 58 – Present

We have amazing people in this, the Best Barony! Here are our Baronial awards.

***Don't forget that YOU can recommend members of our Barony for any of these awards using this link: <https://polling.atlantia.sca.org/index.php> ***

Order of Saint Roch

Given to those subjects who have distinguished themselves by their service to the Barony. Converted from the original Holy Cow award where it was said "Holy Cow, you have done a lot of work!"

Award of the Silver Bow

Given to those subjects who have distinguished themselves by their skill with bow and arrow, either target or combat. It recognizes also their leadership in furthering combat or target archery education and techniques, and their honorable deportment on and off the field. Formerly called the Order of the Vined Bow.

Award of the Minotaur

Given to those subjects of the barony who have distinguished themselves by their efforts on the heavy fighting field in defense of Stierbach. Formerly called the Order of Theseus.

Award of the Silver Glove

Given to those subjects of the barony who have distinguished themselves by their efforts on the rapier fighting field in defense of Stierbach. Formerly called the Order of the Argent Glove.

Award of the Silver Axe

Given to those subjects of the barony who have distinguished themselves by their efforts on the thrown weapons fighting field in defense of Stierbach. Formerly called the Order of the Dueling Axe.

Award of the Silver Compass

Given to those subjects of the barony who have distinguished themselves by their efforts and willingness to teach others the arts and sciences of the period, and/or those who have achieved excellence in the arts and sciences of the period. Formerly called the Northern Star Award.

Order of the Silver Heart

Given to those subjects of the barony who have distinguished themselves far and above the ordinary in service to the barony. Formerly called the Heart of Stierbach.

Award of the Bull and the Crescent

Given to those children of the barony who have distinguished themselves far and above the ordinary in service to the barony. Formerly called the Promise of Stierbach, and briefly the Silver Moon.

Holder of the Dreamer's Cup

Token acknowledging an individual who has best embodied the spirit of the Society during a Baronial event. Selected by the Autocrat, Seneschal, Baroness, and current holder for the Cup. (Baron will act as a tiebreaker.) The recipient has the privilege of carrying the cup at all events he/she attends until the next Baronial event when a successor is selected, and the cup is passed on.

Award of the Silver Stirrup

Silver Stirrup of Stierbach, Award of the This order name was registered to Stierbach, Barony of in November of 2015 (via Atlantia).

Award of the Silver Horns

Given to those in the Barony who have distinguished themselves by service to the Barony. May be received more than once.

Award of the Bull and Arrow

Given to those children of the Barony who have distinguished themselves far and above in Archery.

*If you do not currently have an ESP account, there is a link on this page that will take you to a PDF that will show you how to do so:

https://polling.atlantia.sca.org/guides/Getting_Started-v2.pdf

*If you have ever wondered whether or not someone already has an award that you think that they deserve, you can look them up in the Atlantia Kingdom Order of Precedence search page, found here: <https://op.atlantia.sca.org/search.php>

Thank you Your Excellency for this most Excellent history lesson!

[It's all Greek to us...](#)

by Genefe Wolfelin

August 25, 2024

This past week our own Baroness Cynthia Anne of Silver Lakes taught us all about Classical Era clothing. She was also kind enough to share her handout here.



Several members of the Barony gathered this past Thursday night to learn a little more about Classical Era Clothing. This class is part of the preparation for our next Baronial event Stierbach's Baronial Birthday: Inspiration of the 9 Muses.

You can view Baroness Cynthia's class hand out here:



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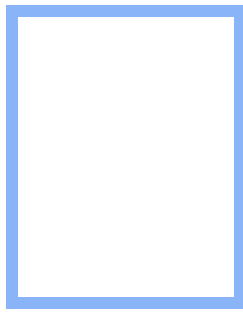
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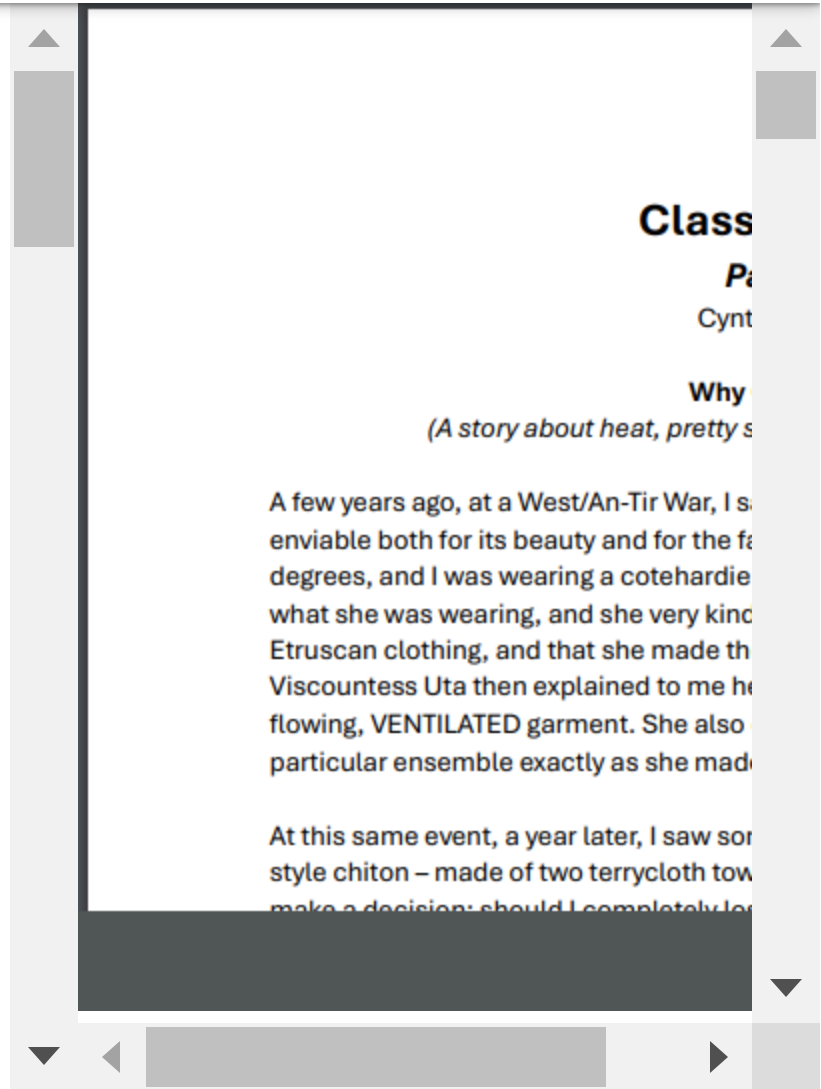
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[Classical Era Clothing – Part I – How Did They_](#) [Download](#)



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[Classical Era Clothing – Part II – How Do I...](#) [Download](#)

[Upcoming A&S Classes](#)

by Richard Wymarc

August 18, 2024

22 August: A&S Class: GREEK & ROMAN Garments Clothing for both women and men consisted of two main garments – a tunic (either a peplos or chiton) and a cloak (himation).

The tunic, in various forms, was the basic garment for all classes for the roman. Important Roman men would wear a long robe called a toga. Women would wear a dress called a stola over their tunics which fastened at the shoulders.

(by our Baroness Mistress Anne of Silver Lakes)

The activity will be held on August 22, 2024, from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm at

Bethel Lutheran Church (room B7)
8712 Plantation Ln, Manassas, VA 20110

5 September: A&S Zoom Class: The Muses

From the relationship of Mnemósine with Zeus the Muses were born Urania (astronomy), Polyhymnia (hymns), Melpomene (tragic theatre), Thalia (comedic theatre), Clio (history), Calliope (epic poetry), Euterpe (song and elegiac poetry), Terpsichore (dance), and Erato (lyrical poetry). They would entertain the gods on Mount Olympus with their singing, dancing, music, poetry, and arts and are invited to entertain the Barony of Stierbach's Birthday on September 14.

So, if you are interested come and join us at A&S ZOOM Class on September 5, 2024 at 7pm to 9pm, for inspiration to participate on our Baronial Birthday.

19 September: A&S Class: Painting Parasols II

Parasol comes from the Latin “para-“, to shield or protect, and “sol” which means “sun.” The parasol is generally smaller than the umbrella in size and considered meant to protect skin from the sun.

The activity will be held on September 19, 2024, from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm at Bethel Lutheran Church (room B7)
8712 Plantation Ln, Manassas, VA 20110

3 October: A&S ZOOM Class: Making Goat Cheese

(by Lady Vincetta De of Greyhold, Kingdom of the Outland)

The activity will be held on October 03, 2024, from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

23 October: A&S Class: Burgundian dress making.

(by Rignach Argyll) European fashion north of the Alps was dominated by the glittering court of the Duchy of Burgundy, especially under the fashion-conscious power-broker Philip the Good (ruled 1419–1469). Having added Holland and Flanders to their dominion, the Dukes of Burgundy had access to the latest fabrics of Italy and the East and to English wool exports through the great trading cities of Bruges and Antwerp. Burgundian dress is a type of loose court outer gown with fitted sleeves which overlap the palms of a wearer.

The activity will be held on October 24, 2024, from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm at Bethel Lutheran Church (room B7)
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Pennsic 51 Re-cap

by Geneve Wolfelin

August 13, 2024

Welcome back medieval readers! Read on for the latest news and stories of Stierbachers at Pennsic 51.



Their Excellencies reported that several Stierbachers were recognized at a Baronial Court.

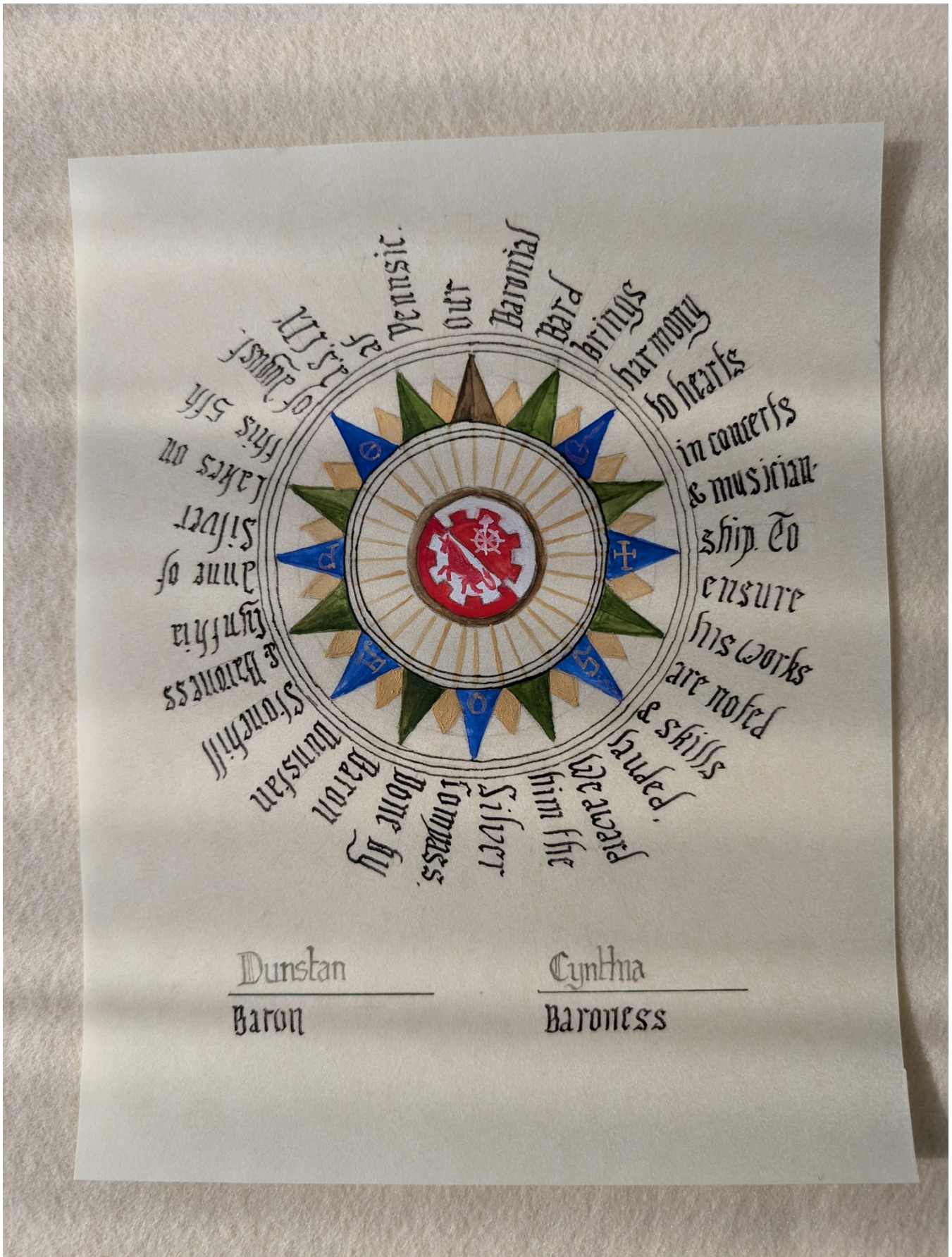
“Here are some of our many amazing Stierbachians, who were recognized at Pennsic at our Baronial Court for their achievements in our Barony:

Jackie earned a Silver Glove for her skills in rapier, and was given a scroll made by Mistress Esperanza Susanna Flecha. Etan was recognized for his artistic contributions with a Silver Compass, and received a scroll made by their Excellencies Wulff and Geneffe.

Both Zebulon and Doug, Jr. became members of the Order of St. Roch for their wonderful contributions of service to Stierbach, and were given scrolls that were calligraphed by Noble Elliot Knell. Lady Judith of Massan was recognized for her tireless service, and for the teaching of Astronomy that she does – formally and informally. She received a medallion, and will be getting a scroll made by me.

And we managed to surprise our fantastic herald, Lady Katharine Ravenshill, with a scroll made by Elliot Knell, recognizing her equestrian accomplishments.

Vivat to our accomplished Stierbachians, and the scribes who help them know that they are seen and appreciated!”



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Cynthia
Baroness

Their Majesties also saw it right and fitting to recognize the accomplishments of members of our Barony at kingdom court. Here at home, we hear that Mistress Helena Hrolfsdottir

was elevated to the order of the Laurel for her research and work with European Dance. We have also heard that Master Celestria was made a Master of Defense at the same court. Vivat to the new and worthy peers of Atlantia!

And finally we wish to report that His Excellency Stierbach made a bold declaration in the face of frequent storms this Pennsic. Baron Dunstan proclaimed:

“In defiance of the weather, I have declared today to be Jaunty Feather day. Wear your most outlandish and over the top headgear and tell the weather what we really think of it!”

Henceforth and forever more will August 7th be known as Jaunty Feather Day.



August Business Meeting

by Genefer Wolfelin

August 13, 2024

Officers in attendance:

- Baron – Dunstan Stonehill
- Baroness – Cynthia Anne of Silver Lakes
- Deputy Seneschal – Jenefer de Winter
- Exchequer -Gökhan ibn Saruhkan
- Chatelaine – Aygül bint Umur Bey al-Aydin
- Chronicler – Genefer Wölfelin
- Knights Marshal – James of Carinthia
- Minister of Arts & Science – Arielle de Pontoise
- Deputy MoAS – Rita Die Perle Von Der Wetterau
- Webminister – Richard Wymarc
- Deputy Webminister – Gaius Marius Valerius

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by our Deputy Seneschal.

Welcome back from Pennsic to everyone who went!

From their Excellencies:

Pennsic was awesome. Stierbach camp was fantastic! We had music and great food. Everyone pitched in to help. The camp survived the rain without flooding! Now Mistress Helena's vigil was held at camp. Our Baronial Bard Lord Etan scheduled two concerts for our Baronial music group. We had the most volunteers of any group at the Children's Fete!

We have some possibilities for Camp Stewards for next year – we will need replacements for next year. We recognized several Stierbachers at a Pennsic court. We are looking for more reward recommendations for Baronial Birthday.

Pennsic was a blast and we are very much looking forward to Baronial Birthday! Her Excellency is also teaching a class on Greek and Roman Garb on August 22nd. The details are posted at the end of the meeting minutes.

Populace Questions and Notes

N/A

Officer Reports

Seneschal: There are no updates from the previous month. Please make sure that we are getting our official activities onto our Baronial calendar. Email Master Richard to get your activities onto our website!

QuarterMaster: Not in attendance.

Exchequer: A deposit check was written for Holiday Faire. A copy of this month's financial report is included in the meeting notes.



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Exchequer's Report - July 2024 (A.S. L)

Financial Committee Actions:

- No New Activity this month

New Bank Account Activities:

- \$500 to Fredericksburg Fairgrou

Events:

- N/A

Other Items:

- N/A

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Chatelaine: No demos or newcomers to speak of right now. One of the challenges we are starting to run into is that people that are not social media users are having trouble tracking down local activities. We should get our web calendar up to date!

Knights Marshall: SOAP continues on Wednesdays. Several events are coming up including Battle on the Bay – let’s see if we can field a group of fighters and show Atlantia that Stierbach is amazing at more than archery 😊

Minister of the list: Not in attendance

MOAS: Welcome back! We have a bunch of classes. Her Excellency will be teaching a class on August 22nd. Details are posted at the end of our meeting minutes. We will have a Zoom meeting on September 5th to learn about the Nine Muses. September 19th will be Parasols Part 2 where you can finish what was started at the last class. Our next equestrian practice is the 15th of September – look for more details.

New Herald: We had two courts at Pennsic. Her Excellency posted a report on Facebook – including an award for Lady Katherine herself.

Chronicler: The blog that will serve as our newsletter is up and running. Please send content to Baroness Geneve Wölfelin (mpruitt085[at]gmail.com) Geneve needs to verify with the Kingdom Chronicler that our new blog will fulfill the requirements of our newsletter.

WebMinister: Master Richard asks for specifics in what is missing from the website. He will be turning our blog into a (.pdf) once a month to post on the website. Master Richard is also looking for historical images of our first two sets of Baronage. Gaius is currently updating our history page.

Event Updates:

Baronial Birthday – September 14th at the winery in Culpepper. This site is gorgeous and has a ton of space. A social media push began this week. SCORES is up and running. Lady Runa has agreed to run Troll for the event so that means that all staff positions are filled 😊 Wonderful activities are being planned by the staff. We are looking for volunteers to help with set-up and tear-down. Please contact Lady Jenefer de Winter if you can help. This event is also a Royal Progress! Check the event website for more details!

Holiday Faire – SCORES was submitted should be going up soon. We are finalizing staff and looking for more volunteers. More details to come next month.

Closing Remarks from their Excellencies

PLEASE SUBMIT REWARD RECOMMENDATIONS! Her Excellency enchanted everyone with new hand signals to express our love for the Barony 😊 Special thanks to Lady Rita for leading our food plan at Pennsic and cooking for everyone for five straight days!!!

We are still looking for a land steward for WoW – we have not had a Baronial Encampment at War of the Wings since 2022.

Please also contact Her Excellency if you would like a hand-out for the class she is teaching on the 22nd! YAY the Best Barony!!

The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 pm.

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