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# MOOT Minutes of the Barony of Marinus

Moot was called to order at 7:35 pm on Thursday, Sep 6<sup>th</sup>, 2012 and was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

## Calendar of Events

### September 2012

1	Marinus Silver Anniversary	Virginia Beach, VA
7-9	Southern Atlantian Archery Day VI	Booneville, NC
8	Silver Chalice XX	Florence, SC
8	Autumn in the Park	Chesterfield, VA
14-16	Battle on the Bay - Storvik/Lochmere Baronial Birthdays (H)	Upper Marlboro, MD
14-16	Southern War Practice	New Ellenton, SC
15	Fall University	Mineral, VA
21-23	Midnight at the Oasis 4 (Q)	Apex, NC
29	Battles of Britain	Amelia, VA

### October 2012

5-7	Coronation of Vladimir and Kalisa (R,H)	Jamaica, VA
10-14	War of the Wings VII (R)	Booneville, NC
20	Chalice of the Sun God IX (R)	Leesburg, VA
26-28	All Hallow's XXXII	Sedley, VA
27	T'N'T 13 J	Westminster, MD
27	Machiavellian Games- The Roman Catacombs	Augusta, GA

\* Baron/Baroness Attending. They are also planning to attend Silver Anniversary, Tournament of Causes, Fall Coronation, War of the Wings and Fall Crown Tourney.

## Their Excellencies' Opening Remarks

Again, thanks to Cat & staff for a great event. We'd like to see a staff event review take place in the near future.

Coronation is our next big thing. Please pre-register and offer your assistance to TYD as they are hosting.

WoW...we'd like an update on who has committed to being our allies and who/when/what we can do to encourage others (specifically who to target). Please be sure and pre-register for site at WoW and remember to complete the land agent's page so that we get land allotted for you...or you may end up in singles camping! Remember that Ken & Jael are our land agents. Also, We want to throw out the potluck idea again.

# Officer's Reports

## Chatelaine:

- **New Contacts:** Possible event with Barnes and Knoble wrapping presents. Neptune festival and fall Festival are possibilities
- **Gold Key On Loan:** There are a few items out.
- **Demos:** None scheduled at this time.
- The Chatelaine's phone number is **(757) 685-4174**. Don't be shy about calling this number (the phone was bought especially for conducting Chatelaine business). Also feel free to text me at this number and the chatelaine email is now lined up to go to this phone as well.

## Chronicler:

- **The position of Deputy Chronicler is open** and needs to be filled. If you are interested, please come see me.

## Exchequer:

- The bank account balance is **\$3228.73**.
- General Fund - **\$ 2321.73**.
- Pavilion Fund - **\$907.00**.

## Herald:

- If you need a name or device registered, feel free to email or call me. My email is [lizhanes@cox.net](mailto:lizhanes@cox.net) and my phone is (757) 694-1510.
- The court report for Silver Anniversary has been submitted.
- Recent Awards given members of the Barony
  - Pennsic: Lord Torgautr inn vikverski - received his AoA.
  - Silver Anniversary
    - New Champions
      - Thrown Weapons- Lord Tatsuo Okam and Lord Estaban de Rizzo
      - Archery- Laurie of Marinus
      - Raiper- Vittoria Cavalieri
      - Heavy- Lord Torgautr inn vikverski
      - Arts & Sciences- Lord Marco da Verona
      - Bardic Champion--Lady Jamila al-`Aquliyya
      - Chicken Champions- Lord Tatsuo Okami and Gunther von Lindenwald
      - Baron's Award of Excellence- Syr Aradd Ffestiniog
      - Baroness' Award of Courtesy- Lord Eiríkr úlfr Þorisson

## Knight Marshal:

- Working on authorizing Matthew and Josh and transferring Gryfth

## Mistress of Arts & Sciences:

- The next stitch-n-bitch session will be held on Sunday, September 30th from noon to 5 at Oda's house, 272 Hill Prince Road, Virginia Beach.
- October's stitch-n-bitch will be held in conjunction with the regular Scriptorium meeting on October 21<sup>st</sup> at the home of Collette de Paris. This will be a great chance to learn a little bit about what our scribes do! Noon to 5 at 4929 Halwell Drive, Virginia Beach
- On September 20th we will have a presentation on fashions of the 1540s in preparation for Kingdom 12th Night given by Oda. This will be a great chance to get some ideas for your Kingdom 12th Night garb!
- I am looking for teachers! If there is anything you can teach or would like to see taught at an upcoming activities night, please send an email to [moas@marinus.atlantia.sca.org](mailto:moas@marinus.atlantia.sca.org). The goal is to have one class each month and I know we have enough talent in the barony to make that happen!

## Quartermaster:

- If you need access to the baronial storage unit or want to return any of the Barony's property - please call me at 399-4488. I do not regularly check my e-mail so a phone call is the best way to communicate with me.
- **There will be a storage unit run on Sunday at 10:00am to put things back into the storage unit.** Any help is greatly appreciated.
- The Aux pavilion came back damaged, and needs to be repaired.

- Hrothny volunteered to wash the tablecloths from the event.

#### Scriptorium:

- Dates for the next scriptorium are 9 Sep and 23 Sep from 1-4pm.

#### Web Minister:

- Now that we are all settled in from Pennsic, I would love to get some pictures of sights around Pennsic. Heck any photos of Baronial Members from any event would be awesome.
- Geni Leigers has agreed to be the Deputy Webminister.
- If you need a website or an email list for an event or a guild, let me know.
- As always you can contact me at [webminister@marinus.atlantia.sca.org](mailto:webminister@marinus.atlantia.sca.org). Remember, if you want to see something on the website, you have to send it to me.

#### Chancellor of Youth:

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#### Seneschal:

- Officer's Report Reminder – please forward a copy of your report to the Seneschal and the Baron/Baroness.
  - Polling update – Everyone who is a paid member with their address on file with Milipitas as being within the zip codes of Marinus should have received their polling.
  - **The deadline for mailing your polling papers to the Royals is September 15th, 2012**
  - In accordance with the timeline, we should receive a decision by the 6<sup>th</sup> of October. Keep in mind that Their Majesties can give Their word whenever They decide (not necessarily on the date in the timeline).

## Event Status/Updates

- **Marinus Silver Anniversary** - Wrap-up – Autocrat: Melissa Rhoades  
Event made a profit of \$192.00. Attendance was 80, and the Feast was 57.
- **Marinus Baronial Investiture** – 10 Nov 2012 (Spiked) – Autocrat: Rhiannon Melanson
  - Event Flyer Deadline – 1 Sep 12 (flyer emailed on 31 Aug)
  - Website – <http://marinusinvestiture.yolasite.com/>
  - Aseps is set up
- **Interbaronial Twelfth Night (IB12)** – 5 Jan 2013 (Spiked) – Autocrat: Rhiannon Melanson
  - Event flyer Deadline – 1 Nov 12
  - Website – <http://www.ib12.yolasite.com>
- **Middle Atlantian Archery Day (MAAD)** – 8-10 Mar 2013 (Spiked) – Autocrat: Martin Connolly
  - Event Flyer Deadline – 1 Jan 13
  - Website –
  - Flyers will be distributed at Southern Atlantian Archery Day (SAAD). Need to meet with Webminister to get the website built. Putting together a staff list (please volunteer)
- **Spring Coronation** – 5-7 Apr 2013 (Not Spiked) – Autocrat: Rhiannon Melanson
  - Event Flyer Deadline – 1 Feb 13
  - Website –
  - Looking for staff volunteers
  - THIS IS A KINGDOM LEVEL EVENT

#### Old Business:

1. Mungo announced that we need to find a new place for the baronial armory before next Pennsic.
- 2.
- 3.

**New Business:**

1. A question about a donation to St. Gregory the Great Catholic Church was mentioned. As we are tight on funds it was discussed that we should probably help by offering up volunteer service to the church/church functions.
2. A can goods tourney or drive was mentioned. Will be researched.
3. We need to schedule a day for Inventory before DOOMSDAY.
4. We need new Autocrats for events. Think you might want to learn how. Please consider becoming an assistant to one of the upcoming events. This helps with the event and gives you lots of how to Knowledge.
5. Newcomers point. Please consider helping Tir-y-don. The question was asked if they are using one of our pavilions.
6. Discussion on helping the Autocrat, Troll, MOL or Feast Cook is good and reduces stress. Do not do anything to increase stress. The use of the Dinner Bell worked very well. Sarah Beth will donate good cutting boards to kingdom stock. Hrothny volunteered to Host the High Table Dishes.
7. The Idea of a mural for Penzic was mentioned as food for thought.
8. Miriam's Daughter is going to ODU, and has other students helping her in making a club. We need to set up Demos!

***There being no further business, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn this Moot.***

# An Introduction To Heraldry

Master Donal Mac Ruiseart  
Conch Herald, Atlantia

Heraldry is an important part of the SCA. We don't expect everyone to learn everything about it, but we do hope that everyone will know something about it and how we use it. At some point, you'll probably want to have heraldry of your own.

To begin – What is heraldry?

We've all seen the painted shields, the painted and embroidered banners and surcotes. Heraldry does dress up an event – and a nice surcote can hide really ugly armour. But it's more than just decoration. Lots of people painted their shields and used flags. What makes it heraldry is that it's a system, a way of telling who someone is.

There are two kinds of designs in heraldry: Coats of arms or devices, and badges.

In the SCA, a coat of arms and a device are used the same way. The only difference is if the owner has an Award of Arms. If he does, it's a coat of arms. If he doesn't, it's a device.

If you see someone with a design on his shield, that design is probably his coat of arms or device. It's his and his alone. No one else is allowed to wear it (except a herald). I have my coat of arms on my shields, and on a surcote, and on a couple of flags. Anyone who sees the design, a red saltire (X-shaped cross) on a gold field with four gold anchors on the saltire, can tell that I'm at an event, because I don't let anyone else use that design.

A coat of arms with a laurel wreath on it belongs to a branch (shire, barony, or Kingdom), instead of to a person. You can fly a flag with a branch coat of arms if the head of the branch (the seneschal or baron or king) is at the event, but only the head of the branch (or a herald) can wear it.

Sometimes you see a group of people wearing the same thing. That's a different kind of heraldry called a badge. The owner doesn't usually wear his own badge, but the people who work with him and fight with him do. Only I wear my coat of arms, but anyone who is in my household could wear my badge. And if I had several men fighting with me as a team, I'd have them wear surcotes with my badge on them. That makes them look sharp and like a team. That sort of thing is called livery, and it's an early form of uniform.

Branch badges are used the same way. Say a barony has a coat of arms and a badge. If the fighters in that barony all fight as a team, the baron would wear the barony's coat of arms or have it painted on his shield (so would the Baroness, if she's a fighter). The other fighters would wear the badge or maybe paint it on their shields.

A shield is the most common place to see a coat of arms or device, but there are lots of other places someone can use it.

There are lots of different kinds of flags people can use. One that's mostly square is called a banner. One that's a triangle shape is called a pennant. The really long narrow ones you see with all kinds of different

pictures on them are called standards. There are about a dozen other types of flags, and that can be a different lesson.

Anything a person owns can be marked with his coat of arms or device. Furniture like chairs and tables, storage chests, armour stands and weapon stands, even pets. Some people make little covers like saddle blankets with their coat of arms to put on a dog. This helps people to know whose the things are and makes them easier to return if they get lost.

There's a lot more to it, but I hope this brief introduction has made it less of a mystery to you. The Heraldry section of the SCA's Web site has lots of interesting stuff, and any herald can answer your questions about it. Heraldry isn't just for heralds. It's as old as the 14<sup>th</sup> century and as current as today's news. Enjoy it!



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Note: All phone numbers are in the 757 area code unless otherwise noted.



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