

The Flamberge



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**BARONY OF THE
FLAME**



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Fall Thoughts

As the heat finally starts to break, we take a turn toward the end of the summer eventing season. This quarter, I thought we'd take a moment to look back on a momentous summer, full of great deeds and mighty achievements for the members of our barony.

We can take a breath, now, and spend time together to reminisce while celebrating our Baronial Birthday in mid-October, before we charge ahead toward Christmas Tourney!

On this theme of looking back, I'm taking this opportunity to put the word out to the populace that I am starting a new project, with a working title of Tales of the Flame. This is going to be an effort to record and preserve stories in written form. These can be anything from experiences that embody the dream to stories that make you laugh until you weep--no story is too small to preserve! Look for me at events or email me at chronicler@baronyoftheflame.org to share your favorites with me!

-Lady Marthe Avery

Correction: Our last edition mistakenly listed our Exchequer, THL Katrina of York, as Lady Katrina of York. We apologize for not granting our dear friend her due honor!

Upcoming Events

Rendezvous at
the Bridge -
October 9-11

Demo at South
Indiana Fiber
Arts Festival -
October 16th

Baronial
Birthday Bash -
October 17th

Baronial Archery
Championship -
October 17th

Baronial Rapier
Championship -
November 2nd

Baronial
Armored
Championship -
November 23

Pennsic!

Pennsic is the undisputed crown jewel of SCA events, and is especially dear to the Children of the Dragon. Not all of us are able to be part of this archetypal event, but those of our barony who did attend this year were kind enough to answer my call for stories and images to bring the magic of Pennsic to the pages of the Flamberge.

Pennsic Poem

Gather friend and gather foe
From kingdoms far and near.
To Pennsic once again we go
And raise our battle cheer.

Beneath the many banners bright
The armies all array.
From rosy dawn until twilight
They join and clash and slay.

Like Immortals of Valhalla's own
Arise the valiant slain.
Soon refreshed they all make known
Their will to fight again.

In the flickering campfire glow
The warriors linger long
And drink their toasts to noble foe
And share in stories and song.

So pass the weeks in Eastern hills.
New friendships bind the lands afar.
We celebrate our shared ideals
And honor, the true prize of war.

Baroness Bianca Rosamund di Firenze



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Pennsic! (cont)

A Poem for Dulon Merch March, written in Cuaderna Vía style poetry

By: Roberto Jose Alfonso Cayetano de San Fernando Toledo Ruiz y Escalante



*Dulón Merch March, drumming at the
Woods Battle
photo credited to Jonathian Yu-Sen Liu*

When war waged in wooded walls, dragons lay amongst root'd land
Ancient sentinels stand tall, witness battles 'tween foes grand
The Tiger and Dragon with claw and wing test who may stand
Against the onslaught of far-traveled foe who claim this land

The Queen of Song and Armor doth proclaim "who will lead, lo!"
"Who shall lead in our spirits, that may we go ever so?"
"Stand ye forth, that your spirit may sing in our minds 'gainst foe"
"Thus is preserved for the mightiest that we may all know"

A voice from the Emerald Lands came forth and declared this:
"I will stand, My Queen, for my music gives the gift of bliss
"To tired, weary souls; rouse and lift them from abyss
"That would lead them to despair and, in their duties, remiss"

There stood a new and mighty Oak who thrummed forth rhythmically
Bard of the Ring Tribe, Dulon, drums her shield song merrily
A battle-song unending, The Midrealm goes airily
To fight, die, live, and fight again; marching summarily

The battle long, ninety minutes past between start and end
Yet all could see Dulon greeting them now as an old friend
Her music inspired the army, her drums joy did lend
Until the final horn, the only sound that could upend

Few could stand, and yet they all knelt before their Queen in truth
Deeds were recounted of the war in manners most forsooth
Yet one more worthy was called before Her Majesty's booth
"For the gift of joy in combat, We give you this Dragon's Tooth"

Thus all may know that the Bard did her duty well and true
A servant of the Dragon, music she will now accrue
Genuflection from the army, the oaks, flexible yew
That Dulon stands tall; her magic music, your soul renew



Photo credited to Tamara Smith

Pennsic! (cont)

While we naturally think of Pennsic War primarily as a martial pursuit, the arts and sciences are always well represented and a crucial part of the war points that decide victory.

Our own Mistress Camilla de la Reynarde was called on to judge two of the amazing works submitted this year, and was kind enough to share the details of the entries with me. I cannot include the full documentation here, but I will share some snippets and link the full documentation--I strongly encourage anyone interested to read through it! Both projects are gorgeous and fascinating.



Emeline la Chauciere created a probable reproduction of a Renaissance Italian theater backdrop. She used as close to period techniques and materials as she could---she made her own brushes out of squirrel hair, ground her own pigments to make her own paints, used period references to design the artwork. It's an amazing piece of work!



You can find the full documentation, with much more information about the materials and processes and photos of the finished piece, at the link below.

[Emeline la Chauciere's full documentation PDF](#)



Reinhold von Glier crafted a scabbard and accessories for a late sixteenth century parrying dagger. The process photos for this build are fascinating, and the finished products are lovely, and the extants are wonderful to look at.

In addition to the process documented in the main PDF, Baron Reinhold created two appendices that contain surveys of extant examples of scabbards (in appendix A) and accessories included in period scabbards (in appendix B). I learned so much about late period daggers from this project; I recommend you take a look!

[Reinhold von Glier's full documentation PDF](#)

[Reinhold von Glier's Appendix A](#)

[Reinhold von Glier's Appendix B](#)



Wordfame of the Flame

Welcome to the section of the Flamberge where we celebrate the awards and accomplishments of our barony members! If you want to call out someone who did something amazing, let me know in person or at chronicler@baronyoftheflame.org



At Mounted War Games over Labor Day weekend, our MOAS celebrated a lifetime's achievement with her elevation to the Order of the Laurel.

Our sincerest congratulations to Gemma for this well deserved recognition! Incendo!

Among the many honors garnered by Midrealmers at Pennsic this year, there were some that came home to Flame.

In a classic case of "wait, they don't have that award yet??" Thora Brandsdottir was given an Award of the Dragon's Heart, transforming her from merely reputable to a fully honorable bear..This means her shenanigans will now be above reproach, I'm sure! (Also, consider this your reminder to check the OP and put in award recommendations!)

Dulon Merch March was awarded a Dragon's Tooth for her part in the Wood's Battle this year; see our Seneschal's lovely poem in the Pennsic section of the newsletter to learn how that came to be!



Wordfame of the Flame (cont)

This reign saw three of the women of our barony granted court baronies by the crown! This is a special achievement, granted by the ruling pair as appreciation for exceptional service or accomplishment.

As Her Majesty explained at Simple Day, court baronies are not something the crown awards lightly or, usually, without direct knowledge of the recipient, but in the case of Baroness Bianca Rosamund di Firenze, they were overwhelmed by members of our barony singing out her praise and worthiness. On the day of her 75th birthday, in her 50th year with the Society, a baronial coronet handmade for her with great love was placed on her head by Her Majesty Queen Sadb.

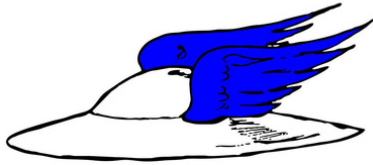


In the cases of Raziya al-Zarqa' and Thora Brandsdottir, however, the crown's great love for them is known to all, and their baronies serve as a formal recognition of that love and their service.

We here in the Flame know well their capability and dedication, and it is an honor to have them so recognized.



Help Wanted



Social Media Deputy

A Social Media Deputy is responsible for assisting the Social Media Officer in their various duties, including social media moderation and content creation. Experience in Instagram, TikTok, and YouTube is a plus! Please speak with the current SMO, Raziya, for more information.



I want to hear about your latest research rabbit hole! What leads are you chasing? What new martial drill are you finding helpful? Tell me all about it, so I can add it to the Flamberge! Write a full article, or just explain it to me so I can write one on your behalf! Reach out to chronicler@baronyoftheflame.org



Winter is coming...

And with it, Christmas Tourney! Do you know how you can help with our barony's biggest event of the year?

If you have an idea, or just a pair of willing hands, reach out to our autocrat, Kelsey, and see how you can make another excellent Christmas Tourney happen!



New Baronial Herald

By unanimous vote of all present at our last business meeting, Baroness Sybella de Wincestre is elected our new baronial herald!

Congratulations to Sybella, and thank you for your service!

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