

Baronial Webministers' Report

Baronial Curia Meeting – October 09, 2005

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www.ruantallan.org

The Baronial website located at <http://www.ruantallan.org> continues to be updated regularly.

Some changes included:

- Modification of the Feature Artisan area of the home page to feature either a feature artisan, if one is available, or items of interest to potential SCAdians. Currently this area features the artisans who contributed to the Pennsic Gift Basket project for the Kingdom of Calontir as co-ordinated by Mistress Elizabeth Darnley
- Domesday Book Submissions and Event photos are updated regularly, as are various content sections of the website.

Of interest:

I have recently accepted an offer from the Kingdom Webminister to serve as the Northern Shores Regional Deputy Webminister. I have now received all the files from the person who previously held this position, and will be spending the month of October catching up with the paperwork of the position. I conferred with the EK Webminister prior to accepting the offer to ascertain whether there would be a conflict with my holding this position as well as that of Baronial Webminister, however, because the Baronial Webminister continue to report directly to Kingdom, he felt no conflict existed.

Current Web Statistics:

	Unique Visitors
July 2005	1369
August 2005	1587
September 2005	1545

The top 5 pages/sections from September 2005:

- The photo gallery
- Events section
- Resources
- Featured Artisan – Pennsic Basket

The top 5 pages/sections from August 2005:

- Photos section
- The Event Calendar
- Guilds and Groups
- Resources
- People

New Business:

The website hosting agreement is due for renewal as of October 2005. I have enclosed an invoice for the hosting renewal, including some beneficial discount offers.

Comparison research will indicate that our current hosting environment is priced evenly with its competitors that offer the same services. I did send an inquiry letter to Don Cosmano in August, which included 10 questions regarding hosting, in order to ascertain if his server would be suitable for the Ruantallan site, in anticipation that the suggestion might be brought forth. However, I never received a response to my questions. I do know, through my experience with the northernshores.ca website, that hosting with Cosmano would NOT provide me the ability to have direct access to the server cpanel, which allows me to administer email and email forwarding. This is an integral part of maintaining the site, as this direct access is needed everytime I need to add or remove an event registration form from the site. In addition, I have concerns that if I cannot have direct access to do this work myself, and because Cosmano didn't respond to my emails, that any requests I make to him to make such changes won't be completed as expeditiously as they might need to be in order to co-ordinate with posting an event.

Therefore, I feel confident as a professional in this field, in recommending a renewal with our current hosting environment.

The enclosed invoice will need to be paid by the end of October to ensure that the site does not experience any downtime. Should the renewal lapse before Curia agrees to renew it, there would be an additional re-initialization fee of 50.00 that would need to be added to this invoice.

Presuming that Curia accepts my recommendation, a cheque can be made to SCC Spirit Inc. (as per the invoice) and mailed to the address on the invoice or delivered to me at BIA on October 15th.

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