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ELECTION OF OFFICERS

As a result of the canvass of the membership during the past summer, the following individuals have been nominated to serve as officers of the Academy during 1985 and 1986:

President: James F. Powers, College of the Holy Cross
Bernard F. Reilly, Villanova University

Secretary/Treasurer: James W. Brodman, University of Central Arkansas
Lynn H. Nelson, University of Kansas
Norman Roth, University of Wisconsin, Madison

Members are asked to complete the ballot contained at the end of the Newsletter and return it no later than December 1, 1984. Results will be announced at the AHA meeting in Chicago.

AHA MEETING (Chicago, December 27-30, 1984)

The following session, held in conjunction with the American Catholic Historical Association, will be of interest to members:

"Toledo at the Time of the Reconquest," Jill Webster, St. Michael's College of the University of Toronto, presiding.

Bernard F. Reilly, Villanova University, "The Reconquest of Toledo by Alfonso VI of Leon-Castile in 1085;"

Norman Roth, University of Wisconsin, Madison, "The Jewish Community in Mozarabic Toledo;"

David Raizman, Western Illinois University, "The Art and Architecture of Toledo in the Eleventh Century."

Robert I. Burns, S.J., of U.C.L.A., will comment.

CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Modern Language Association, Washington, D.C., December 27-30, 1984. A session has been organized that is entitled: "Alfonso X, el Sabio: An Appreciation of the Seventh Centenary of his Death -- Issues in Hispano-Arabic Poetry." For more information, please contact Michael Gerli, Department of Spanish, Georgetown University, Washington, D.C. 20057.

The Mediterranean VIII will be held during the summer of 1985 in Athens, Greece. Organizers particularly solicit papers that touch upon Catalan interests in Medieval Greece. For information, contact Norman Holub, Downing College, Oakdale, New York 11769.

A session commemorating the sixth centennial of the battle of Aljubarrota, the Cortes of Coimbra, and the beginnings of the Avis dynasty is planned for the 1985 meeting at Kalamazoo. For more information, please contact Thomas M. Izbicki, 1724 Turtle Creek North, no. 9, South Bend, Indiana 46637.

Sixth Medieval Forum, April 26-27, 1985. Proposals for papers will be accepted until December 15, 1984. Interested parties should contact Professor Manuel Marquez-Sterling, Director of the Medieval Studies Council, Plymouth State University, Plymouth, New Hampshire 03264.

MEMBERSHIP NOTES

Thomas N. Bisson, University of California at Berkeley, has published: "L'essor de la Catalogne: identité et idéologie dans une société du XII^e siècle," Annales: Économies, Sociétés, Civilisations (1984). He has been invited to give lectures during 1983 and 1984 on the subject of Catalonia at Cambridge, Oxford, Ghent and Zürich. He has been awarded the Premio Javier Conde Garriga by the Asociación Numismática Española for his book, Conservation of Coinage. Professor Bisson continues his research in early medieval France, the history and genealogy of southern France and the Pyrenees in the eleventh and twelfth centuries, and fiscal accounts in the twelfth-century West.

Thomas M. Izbicki is preparing a translation of Juan de Torquemada's Oratio synodalis de primatu.

Connie L. Scarborough of Denison University has received a faculty research grant for study in Madrid during the summer of 1984. Her recent papers include "The Figure of Doña Sancha and the Epic Legend of El Infante Don García," "Moorish Devotion to the Virgin as Seen in the Cantigas de Santa Maria," and "Alfonso X: A Monarch in Search of a Miracle."

MEDIEVAL SPANISH LAW

Professor H.T. Sturcken wishes to sell his collection of medieval Spanish law. Interested parties should write to him at: Department of Spanish, Italian and Portuguese, The Pennsylvania State University, 352 North Burrowes Building, University Park, PA 16802. Included are original print editions and microfilms (indicated by *). Among the fueros in the collection are those of Cuenca (Ureña's edition), Usagre (Ureña), Miranda de Ebro (ed. Cantera Burgos), Molina de Aragón (Sancho Izquierdo), Zorita de los Canes (Ureña), the Leonese fueros of Zamora, Salamanca, Ledesma and Alba de Tormes (Castro), Coria (Maldonado), Soria* (Galo Sánchez), Verviesca* (Sanz García), Llanes (Bonilla)*, Madrid* (Galo Sánchez, Ayala* (Uriarte Lebario). There is also the Fuero viejo de Castilla (1771 ed.), Fuero Juzgo (1815 ed.), the Ordenanzas de Ojacastró and the Fueros del Reyno de Navarra. Other related studies and texts include: Crónica de España of Lucas of Tuy (1926 ed.), Documentos para la historia de las instituciones de León y de Castilla, ed. E. de Hinojosa, Estudios jurídicos del Fuero de Bizcaya, ed. J. de Solano, and others.

REVIEW

The Sala Family Archive; A Handlist of Medieval and Early Modern Catalonian Charters, ed. and intro. Joseph J. Gwara, Jr. Washington, D.C.: Georgetown University Press, 1984. \$6.95.

This volume is a calendar of some 289 charters, dated between 1261 and 1690, that derive from the castle archive of Montorroell, an estate located some 16 kilometers north of Vic, and which are now housed principally at Georgetown University. Their subject is the normal routine of business: bills of sale, receipts, tenant leases, marriage contracts, wills, etc. The collection illustrates in particular the history of the Sala family which owed the estate from 1371 until the late sixteenth century. In addition to the calendar itself -- this briefly describes each charter, cites its initial line, and summarizes its contents --, there is also a useful introduction that sketches the history of Montorroell and the development of this particular collection. Except for a minor geographical lapse that locates Ripoll to the south of Barcelona, all of this is well done. As the editor points out, this is one of the few medieval Catalan manuscript collections located in the United States. Thus, it has importance not only in itself as a source for local history, but also as a convenient resource for the introduction of American students to the use of medieval sources. Gwara is to be commended for drawing this collection to our attention and for facilitating its exploration.

--J.W. Brodman

 BALLOT

For President of the AARHMS (vote for one):

_____ JAMES F. POWERS

_____ BERNARD F. REILLY

For Secretary/Treasurer of the AARHMS (vote for one):

_____ JAMES W. BRODMAN

_____ LYNN H. NELSON

_____ NORMAN ROTH

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