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Il Tempo

Welcome to *Il Tempo* (The Times), the Newsletter of the Barony of Ponte Alto, one of the northern baronies in the Kingdom of Atlantia.

Il Tempo strives to be an informative read that you look forward to. To this end, we are always appreciative of any contributions to it, perhaps an article of a project you are working on or are interested in, how to make/play a period game, your experience at an event, how/what to prepare for a day trip, a recipe/piece of garb that you've made, documentation on an item you've competed - how to do docu-

mentation, a few words on a historical person/event, photos, a book review, something to share with a new comer - perhaps a short autobiography of your persona or how you came to figure out your persona.

The list can go on for ages - only limited by the speed at which our hands can write out what our minds can think of.

Come, share with us adventures in the great Barony of Ponte Alto, in the grand Kingdom of Atlantia, in this - the current Middle Ages!

News / Announcements

Ponte Alto's 20th Anniversary Celebration!

Come one, come all, to the Barony of Ponte Alto's 20th Anniversary Celebration! A host of activities are planned for this event including A&S displays, a palio race, competitions for the Baronial Artisan and our Baronial Bard, dancing, music, shopping, a lavish Italian feast, shopping, and more...!

The Races: The Barony ran palio races when we were a new Barony and we have had races through the years with the last one held in A.S. XXXIX. Our 20th Anniversary event is hosting a palio - and you can't have a palio without horses! Hobby horses that is!

Bring your best steed and try your luck. Be creative. Favorite colors are sable, Or, azure and argent. Dame Aislynn of Jarrow is running the palio. Lady Delfina the Mad is her rental agent for our steeds in the Baronial Stable. There will be two sets of races during the day - one division for adults and one for youth - and there will be a prize for each division.

A full schedule of A&S activities and competitions are scheduled. There will be dancing, dancing and more dancing, with instruction and live music. Artifacts such as the original Baronial charter

and documentation detailing the history of the Barony, and banners showcasing our history will be on display for all to wonder at.

The Baronial Bardic competition will have an Italian theme. Please contact Lady Bevin an Broc Dranach (moas@pontalto.atlantia.sca.org) for details or visit the website. Competitors may perform a 15th or 16th Century period Italian piece, or a piece based upon period Italian construction.

http://acorn.atlantia.sca.org/event_flyer.php?event_id=8b4da643

Site Restrictions of note: **No glass-ware or glass bottles.** Ceramics / pottery ok. Site is wet.



Need a Steed for the Palio?

These are from the Baronial Stables.



Remember! The colors most favored are sable, Or, argent, and azure. Below are directions to making your steed.

Creating your own Palio Horse By Lady Delphina the Mad

Materials Needed:

- 1) 3 squares of soft felt in the color of your choice
- 2) Eyes (buttons, craft google eyes, etc)
- 3) A strip of fake fur in the color of your choice
- 4) A large diameter dowel (from crafts section)
- 5) Needle and thread
- 6) Hot glue or any type of strong holding glue.
- 7) Stuffing material.
- 8) Scissors

Assembly:

Trace and cut out two of the horse head shape using 2 squares of your felt.

Next, using your second piece of felt, trace and cut out two ears and set them aside.

Using your needle and thread (or a sewing machine if you're so inclined and possibly lazy, but hey, no one is judging or looking. oh where was I?.. Oh yes.), stitch the two horse head shapes together but do not sew together the bottom of the neck. Turn the sewn pieces inside out so that the seam is now on the inside.

Stuff your horse head with fiber stuffing to your desired level of non squishiness. It helps to stuff the head with enough fiber stuffing to hold its shape, but loose enough so that you can still fit the dowel in the middle. Speaking of which, take your dowel and create a space for it to go.

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Once you have done this, coat the end of your dowel with glue and reinsert it into the horse head. Allow to dry for appropriate amount of time as appropriately indicated on the appropriate glue bottle. After the glue has dried; stitch or tie the bottom of the neck closed. (If tying you may use a ribbon, string, the entrails of your enemies- whatever's handy)

Take your strip of fake fur and either glue or stitch it from the top of your horses head all the way down the back of the neck. Next, by looking at your horse determine where you wish to place its ears. Take one of the cut out ears and fold it in half. With the ear folded in half, locate the spot where you want the ear to be attached and place the flat bottom edge of the folded ear pattern there. If you do not have a general idea where a horses ear belongs..please use google to see a picture of a live horse and never confess to having to do so. Stitch along the flat bottom of this folded pattern to attach it to the horse head. Once you have sewn on the ear you may open the ear back up. The fold stitched at the bottom should give the ear a more natural looking horse ear shape. Repeat the same step for the other ear. Do not test the horse's hearing - it is only a doll and will not answer you.

Finally, locate on the horse's face where you wish to place its eyes and either glue or sew (if using buttons) the eyes in place. Again, if you do not know where on a horse the eyes should be located, please refer to Google and tell no one. Feel free to embellish or add extra features to your horse as you wish.

Congratulations you now own your very own Palio Horse!

Delphina the Mad



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Baronial Champions

Ever wonder who to talk to about “stuff”? Always the Ministers and Marshalls are a good start and everyone of us is a Champion for the SCA and the Barony. However, there are some that have said, “I want to be the Champion for xyz for the Barony”, and so they threw their hat in the ring to compete with others for the title of Baronial Champion.

The Champions are chosen at different events by the Baron and Baroness. The Arts & Sciences and Bardic Champions are chosen at the Baronial

Birthday, in February. The Heavy and Rapier Champions are typically chosen at our St. Paddy’s Day Bloodbath – an all day fighting and sparring event – in March. The Archery Champion is usually chosen at Chalice –

September /October. The Brewing Champion is typically chosen at PENNSIC – July/ August.

The responsibilities of a Champion are simple, talk about and share with others your passion. If there is a court that the Barony is represented at, if it is allowed or

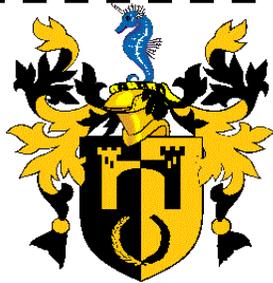
appropriate, you may be asked to stand with the Barony while they are in court. You are encourage to teach a class on an aspect of your passion – others in the Barony are curious about what you do.

If you feel we are missing a category, let us know. If you would like to BE the Champion of something, let us know. Remember, half the fun is sharing what you know/can do with others so that whatever the activity is that inspires you can be passed on and you can be the person folks go to to ask about “stuff”.



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<http://karenswhimsy.com/medieval-people.shtm>
12 January 2012



Baronial Business Meeting Minutes

January 29th, 2012
6:00 pm
Adjourned at 6:54 pm.
18 people in attendance.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church
7426 Idylwood Road
Falls Church, VA

OFFICER'S REPORTS

Seneschal - Baron Marcellus Capozziello da Napoli

The newsletter goes paperless upon request or upon renewal. Kingdom level events will start rotating between northern and southern sites.

Exchequer - Daniel Warwick - The final income for Chalice, after all expenses, was corrected to \$972. The Doomsday report went out, we have a balance of \$11,741.34. In November we fronted the heavy fighters \$200 for the VFW site, so far the fighters have collected \$160 to reimburse the barony. A new lease was signed for the storage shed, \$290. A check will be written for Tirloch.

Knight Marshal - Charles the Bull, not in attendance.

Rapier Marshal - Lord Geoffrey ap Clywd - Rapier continues, after holiday slump.

Archery Marshal - Lord Miles de Locwode, not in attendance.

Arts and Sciences - Lady Bevin an Broc Drannach will be at Kingdom A&S.

Chatelaine - Lady Caitilin Irruis inghean ui Riada - 11 in attendance at the December Newcomer's meeting; 11 at the January. For the February 17 meeting will be held at Daniel's residence. There are locations lined up through June.

Herald - Thegn Brénainn MacShuibne - not in attendance.

Chronicler - THL Adina in as Chronicler as Baroness Marie-Therese Normand has retired from the position after her term of service. Looking for a full time Chronicler. As always, the call is out for articles/artwork for Il Tempo.

Web Minister - Giovanna Rossellini di Firenze - things are up to date. Suggestion was made to permanently post the Chalice Champions on the site.

Minister of the List - Lady Cellach Mór - There are now 4 MOLs in the barony and she worked Unevent.

BARONIAL NOTABLES

Warlord - Mistress Cunen Beornhelm

Heavy Champion - Lucas von Aych

Rapier Champion - Lady Caitilín Inghean Fheichín

Archery Champion - Naran Numuchi

A&S Champion - Giovanna Rossellini di Firenze

Bardic Champion - Celia of Rosedale

Brewing Champion - Aveline Scargill

BARON AND BARONESS

The Barone and Baronessa attended Unevent; 12th Night where our own Luce received her Pelican; and Ice Castles where the new Baron and Baroness of Black Diamond were invested, and invitations to 20 Year were passed out to the Crown and Baronage in attendance. The Baronessa will be attending Kingdom A&S; they will both be representing the Barony at Ymir and Windmasters' Investature - and 20 Year! March will find them at University, Black Tower and St Paddy's Day Blood Bath.

EVENTS

Ponte Alto 20 Year (2012)

Tirloch said things are going well for 20 Year but there needs to be a change to the budget from \$4550



to \$4750 to account for the security personnel; Marcellus made the motion, it was seconded and passed. Delfina the Mad and Dame Asylin are responsible for "How to make a hobby horse" and the races. There will be a Youth and an Adult Palio. Alle Psallite will be performing; there will be a dance master; the Harp and Drum "corps" will be there. There will be Court, dinner, feast and dancing, A&S, the charter will make an appearance, a birthday cake. There will be room for 16 at high table. There will be staggered entry times to the site for vendors and Troll. DO NOT SET UP TABLES FOR DINING BEFORE FEAST. BYOB however, NO GLASS BOTTLES/DRINKING VESSELS. There will be off-board seating for feast - reservations need to be in by the 21st. The Baron and Baroness of Sacred Stone need Crash Space (for 5), anyone have available space? We are full up with merchants.

Saint Paddy's Day Blood Bath (2012)

Blood Bath is on the Kingdom Calendar, Brénainn has volunteered to cook. Giovanna has found there are 3 areas to reserve -the picnic area, field, large shelter \$320, + \$50 profit share or 15% to the park, \$320 - will probably come in under that particularly if only using 1 area, will redo the budget. Break even at \$10 with 130 people. - in the past we have only used the 1, for the event if we do it. Marcellus motioned to approve \$470 budget, it was seconded and passed. We have an MoL - Lady Cellach and a Rapier marshal, Lord Geoffrey . Still NEED MIC/Heavy Marshal/Youth. Tables, thrones, list fence, and day shade need to be brought to the park.

PENNSIC (2012)

Marlin will be the Land Agent.

OLD BUSINESS

Plastic bins: We may need more tubs as we were just gifted with a large garb collection.

Coronets, Adina needs to talk to Mimi, hasn't heard anything about design ideas from the populace yet.

Heavy practice at the VFW is up and running.

NEW BUSINESS

Celia suggested that we need to look at hosting another Kingdom level event especially since they are booking the events several years out at this point.

Bevin suggested a Token Cup A&S competition -is it done in Atlantia? Folks are given a few beads and they place them in cups in front of the entries - this is how the winners are chosen. She is looking for possible prizes for the 20 Year A&S competition.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next New Comers Meeting will be February 17 at Daniel Warwick's residence.



FEBRUARY 2012

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Weekly Events

	<i>SUNDAY</i>
Ponte Alto Baronial Business Meeting	Fourth Sunday of the month at 6:00 p.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 7426 Idylwood Rd, Falls Church. Directions: Take your best route to I-66. Get off at the exit for Route 7 West (Tysons Corner). Turn left at the first light after the interchange onto Idylwood Rd. Go ¼ mile; the church is up the hill on the right.
Outdoor Heavy Weapons and Rapier Practice	Weather permitting, 12:00 noon until dark, outdoors at Tysons-Pimmit Park, behind Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library, 7584 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. Contact the Baronial Knight Marshal for information (see Regnum). Directions: Take your best route to I-495. Get off at the exit for Route 7 East (Falls Church). Go about 1 mile; the library is on the left. Park in the library lot and walk down the hill to the park.
	<i>MONDAY</i>
Alle Psallite (Vocal Music)	Every Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in Herndon. Contact Mistress Anne of Carthew (anne@ravenstreet.org) for more information or directions. Music files can be found at http://www.ravenstreet.org/Anne/alle_psallite/alle_psallite.htm and on the Yahoo Group AllePsallite.
Ponte Alto/Stierbach Archery Practice	Every Monday, 4:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Contact the Archery Marshal at archery@pontalto.atlantia.sca.org for further details.
	<i>TUESDAY</i>
Ponte Alto Scriptorium	Meets the first and third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Contact Lady Brigid O'Hara (mill3rs@yahoo.com , (703) 409-0780 (c)) for information and directions.
	<i>THURSDAY</i>
Rapier Practice	Every Thursday, outdoors at Tysons-Pimmit Park, behind Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library, 7584 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.. Contact the Baronial Rapier Marshal for more information. Directions: Take your best route to I-495. Get off at the exit for Route 7 East (Falls Church). Go about 1 mile; the library is on the left. Park in the library lot and walk down the hill to the park.
Heavy Weapons Practice	Weather permitting, outdoors at Tysons-Pimmit Park, behind Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library, 7584 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Practice is geared to developing beginning and intermediate fighters through intensive hands on training with experienced instructors, as well as providing ample opportunity for more advanced fighters to spar with knight-level combatants. All are welcome. Contact the Baronial Knight Marshal for more information (see Regnum). Directions: Take your best route to I-495. Get off at the exit for Route 7 East (Falls Church). Go about 1 mile; the library is on the left. Park in the library lot and walk down the hill to the park.
	<i>MONTHLY</i>
SCA Newcomer Meetings	Newcomer Meetings are held once a month from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the home of various members of the Barony. Contact the Baronial Chatelaine for information, or check out the Events/Activities page on the website for the most recent information.

*Note on school locations for activities: There will be no activities at schools during school holidays or on other days when Fairfax County schools are closed or all nighttime school recreational activities are canceled. Notification of cancellation or alternate site location will be posted on the web as soon as possible. You can visit the Fairfax County Public Schools Emergency Announcement page for school closure status: <http://fcps.edu/news/emerg.htm>

Why are some of the days on the calendar in red? I'm glad you asked...

"Red letter day

A red letter day (sometimes hyphenated as red-letter day or called scarlet day in academia) is any day of special significance.

The term originates from Medieval church calendars. Illuminated manuscripts often marked initial capitals and highlighted words in red ink, known as rubrics. The First Council of Nicaea in 325 decreed the saints' days, feasts and other holy days, which came to be printed on church calendars in red. The term came into wider usage with the appearance in 1549 of the first Book of Common Prayer in which the calendar showed special holy days in red ink.

Many current calendars have special dates and holidays such as Sundays, Christmas Day and Midsummer Day rendered in red colour instead of black."

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Red_letter_day; 11 February 2012

Baronial Progress for January / February / March

Date	Event	Barone / Baronessa
14 January	Kingdom 12th Night	Drogo & Adina
28 January	Ice Castles & Black Diamond Investiture	Drogo & Adina
4 February	Kingdom A&S Festival	Adina
11 February	Ymir XXXVII & Investiture	Drogo & Adina
25 February	Ponte Alto 20th Anniversary	Drogo & Adina
3 March	Winter University	Drogo & Adina
10 March	Siege of the Black Tower	Drogo & Adina
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