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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 or 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, a how-to on documentation, a few words on a historical person/event, photos, a book review, something to share with a newcomer; perhaps a short autobiography of your persona or how you came to figure out your persona. The list can go on for ages and is only limited by the speed at which our hands can write what our minds think.

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

Check for Weekly Events

Due to the Pennsic War, many of the Barony's weekly events were not held. Check the Barony's Facebook page or contact the appropriate officer (see Regnum beginning on page 5) to check on the resumption of weekly practices and gatherings. Some outdoor events might also be cancelled due to rain or extreme heat.

There was no Baronial Business Meeting due to Pennsic, so there are no minutes published in this month's issue.

Things have been so quiet, that The Troll doesn't have anything for this month. Troll will be back in September's issue!

Baronial Business Meeting Location *Reminder*

The Business Meetings are held at American Bistro, 10407 Main St. Fairfax, VA 22030. They have a small parking lot right next to their building. Should that lot be full you may park across the street at the National Security, Inc. building—it is my office and it is okay to park there. There is also additional public parking in the gravel lot alongside Old Town Hall.

~ Caitilin Irruis inghean ui Riada



News & Announcements *(Continued)*

The Barony of Ponte Alto will host Chalice of the Sun God on Saturday, October 19, 2013 at Loudoun County Fairgrounds in Leesburg, Virginia.

This year is our 10th Chalice. In the previous nine events, we have honored the gods and goddesses of classical mythology. This year, we shine our attention upon the Sun God himself, Apollo, son of Leto and Zeus and twin of Artemis. Apollo was tasked with driving his chariot across the sky, bringing light to the world. Therefore, our theme for this anniversary year is "Chariot of Apollo".

We honor the Sun God with competitions in armored, rapier, archery, youth combat, A&S, and Bardic/Performance. The winner of each competition will challenge the 2012 Chalice Champion in that discipline. The winners receive bragging rights, the duty to challenge next year's winners, and of course, CHOCOLATE!

The Barony's MoAS, Lady Beibhinn Mhodartha (Kristin Moran) announces that the A&S competitions will be Bardic and Artifact A&S. The theme for both is anything that relates to Apollo. This includes his chariot, the sun, and horses, as well as his other symbols including the laurel tree, bow and arrow, tripod, lyre (stringed instrument), and dolphin. For Bardic, bards and other performers shall compete in a Challenger's Competition for the right to face the Chalice Bard. Each bard or performer should have 2 pieces prepared, one of which shall be in period-style and documented. For the Artifact Chalice Competition, artisans shall compete in a Challenger's Competition for the right to face the Chalice Artisan.

All can compete in individual disciplines and as part of a team. Teams must field a single participant in 4 of the 5 Chalice disciplines. A team may include up to 3 Youth participants. Each participant shall receive points for participation and performance (extra points are awarded for youth participation!). The team with the highest score will be declared the winner of the Chalice of the Sun God.

For the past three years, our neighboring Barony of Stierbach has won the team competition. Will they retain the honor or be unseated by another contender? So start on your A&S projects, your bardic performances; begin to prepare your equipment and assemble your team! The event is only 2 1/2 months away!

Respectfully,
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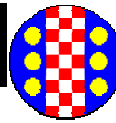
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Youth learning the finer points of heavy fighting at St. Paddy's Blood Bath in March 2013.

Photo by Theresa Crean (Lady Theresa O Cahir)



Mom, Dad... AGAIN this weekend?

By Theresa O Cahir

Most children go to SCA events because their parents do. It's fun to dress in garb and be outside the house on a Saturday and/or Sunday. Weekend or week-long wars are great—kids get to camp AND be outside playing. But playing and running around can get boring, especially as youth grow. After a while, they'd probably like to learn why their parents spend their time in the SCA and what makes the Society so special.

The Atlantian Pages Academy offers youth of the Kingdom a chance to learn about the Society and the Middle Ages. Anyone who is between the ages of 5 and 17 years old can be a Page. This is a wonderful program that offers youth the chance to gain skills and knowledge, and give them the opportunity to be involved in a productive way in Atlantia. It helps make events fun for curious kids.

How does it work? Teachers and Mentors teach chivalry, honor, responsibility, courtesy, leadership and history. This can be done through Page Academy classes that are held during events or at a local fighter practice or A&S night where, for example, youth might sit with someone and learn about embroidery for an hour. A Mentor is not required to get started in the Academy, but having one is encouraged—they can help guide a child's progress as a Page and connect them with other adults who can teach them skills. A Mentor is someone the parent(s) find; this person will "foster personal growth, as well as help you develop courtly skills and an understanding of service, courtesy, and fealty. The relationship should mirror that of Peers and their Squires, Apprentices, or Protégés.

To get started, you have to fill out an enrollment form and submit it to the Kingdom Chancellor of Family and Youth Programs. Then, arrangements will be made for an induction ceremony with the Queen present. An induction ceremony is not required, but it's really neat to do! Once you're inducted into the Pages Academy, you'll wear a blue baldric adorned with a simple white chalice. Pages begin as Novices, and progress to Cupbearers and then onto Senior Pages. The Vice Chancellor of the Pages Academy tracks the progress of Pages; kids and parent(s) are encouraged to keep a record, too. Be sure to write down any activities and the hour(s) spent on them; any and all experience in the SCA can be counted towards credits.

Anyone can attend a Pages Academy class when they are offered at events, provided the youth are between the ages of 5 and 17 years old. You can try it out before making a commitment to become a Page.

Take a look at The Atlantian Pages Academy website at <http://pages.atlantia.sca.org>. You can find the guidelines and general rules and requirements in the Youth Activities Handbook at <http://youth.atlantia.sca.org/handbook.pdf>. The website is also where kids, parents, and a potential Mentor can get all the information they need—just click on "For Pages", "For Parents", or "For Mentors". To download files with the enrollment form, click on "Forms".

So instead of kids dreading an event and asking "why do I have to go?", this is a great opportunity for them to learn what the Society is about and "grow" the future populace of the SCA.

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Information from The Atlantian Pages Academy, accessed on July 27, 2013, <http://pagesacademy.atlantia.sca.org/>.
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 Youth Activity Handbook, The Atlantian Pages Academy, accessed on July 27, 2013,



Youth of Our Fair Barony

Ponte Alto has recently had a couple of outstanding of youth winning competitions, earning recognition at events, and making our Baron and Baroness proud!

Annika and Hannus' boys, Sebastian and Oliver, won Highland River Melees' Youth Brewing Competition. They made bottles of sharab all by themselves (really, with no help from Annika!).



Photo by Eliisa Harman (Lady Annika).

At Storvik's Unbelt and Novice Tourney, Caitilin was proud to let us know that Agnarr (Reilly) won the Youth A&S Competition. He was also recognized for water bearing—which he did all day. He received a beautiful water bearer's medallion and a service bead from Her Majesty. He is pictured below with Their Majesties (notice his Pages Academy baldric!).

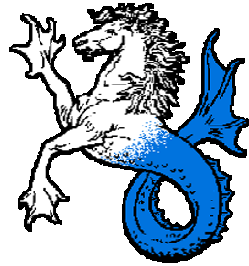


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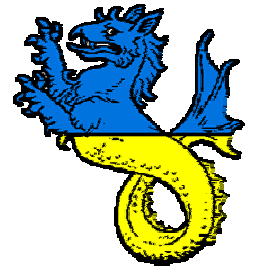
Kingdom of Atlantia Youth Awards

The Award of the Sea Urchin honors and recognizes those children (up to and including the age of 12), who have distinguished themselves by their contributions to the Kingdom of Atlantia in service, martial activities, and/or arts and sciences.



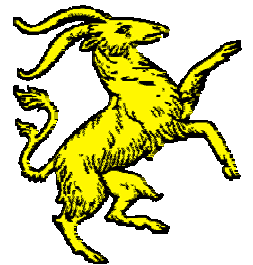
The Order of the Hippocampus honors and recognizes those young people (up to and including the age of 17), who have distinguished themselves by their service and contributions to the Kingdom of Atlantia.

The Order of the Sea Tyger honors and recognizes those young people (up to and including the age of 17), who have distinguished themselves by acts of valor and chivalry in Youth martial activities.

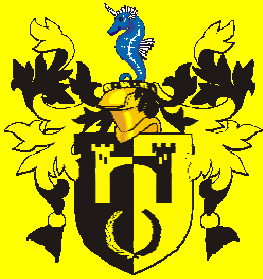


The Order of the Alcyon honors and recognizes those young people (up to and including the age of 17), who have distinguished themselves by their labors and achievements in the arts and sciences.

The Award of Arielle honors and recognizes those young people (up to and including the age of 17), who have distinguished themselves by their acts of courtesy.



Taken from Kingdom of Atlantia Order of Precedence, <http://op.atlantia.sca.org/awards.php>. Last updated by Maestra Cassandra Arabella Giordani, June 2013. Accessed on July 30, 2013.



Word Search

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Calendar

August

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
			1 Pennsic	2 Pennsic	3 Pennsic	4
5	6	7	8 6 p.m. Indoor Heavy Weapons Practice 6 p.m. Indoor Rapier Practice	9	10	11 1:30 p.m. Outdoor Heavy Weapons Practice 3:00 p.m. Archery Practice
12	13	14	15 6 p.m. Indoor Heavy Weapons Practice 6 p.m. Indoor Rapier Practice	16 Newcomer's Meeting 7:00 p.m.	17 Flight of the Falcon	18 1:30 p.m. Outdoor Heavy Weapons Practice 3:00 p.m. Archery Practice
19	20	21	22	23	24	25 1:30 p.m. Outdoor Heavy Weapons Practice 3:00 p.m. Archery Practice 6:00 p.m. Baronial Business Meeting
26	27	28	29 Hastilude at the Hollow II	30 Hastilude at the Hollow II	31 Dun Carrig Baronial Birthday/ Lochmere Arrow Shoot Hastilude at the Hollow II	



Calendar—Looking Ahead

September

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
						1 1:30 p.m. Outdoor Heavy Weapons Practice
2	3	4	5 6 p.m. Indoor Heavy Weapons Practice 6 p.m. Indoor Rapier Practice	6	7 Atlantian Academy of Rapier and Costume Symposium	8 1:30 p.m. Outdoor Heavy Weapons Practice
9	10	11	12 6 p.m. Indoor Heavy Weapons Practice 6 p.m. Indoor Rapier Practice	13	14 Battle on the Bay: Vikings Invade	15 1:30 p.m. Outdoor Heavy Weapons Practice
16	17	18	19	20	21 Bacon Wars: A Haus Divided	22 1:30 p.m. Outdoor Heavy Weapons Practice 6:00 p.m. Baronial Business Meeting
23 30	24	25	26	27	28 MATO: The Steppes West	29



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Weekly Events

- Sunday**
Ponte Alto
Baronial
Business
Meeting
- Fourth Sunday of the month at 6:00 p.m. at American Bistro, 10407 Main Street, Fairfax, VA.
- Outdoor Heavy Weapons and Rapier Practice**
- Weather permitting, 1:30 to 4:00 p.m., outdoors at Tysons-Pimmit Park, behind TysonsPimmit Library, Falls Church. Please contact the Baronial Knight Marshal for more information or check the Barony's Facebook page before you go to ensure
- Outdoor Archery Practice**
- Check the Barony's Facebook page or contact Baronial Archery Marshal for dates and times. The group has been practicing at Lake Needwood most Sundays. The Archery Marshal can give you directions to the range.
- Monday**
Ponte Alto/
Stierbach
Archery
Practice
- 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. during Daylight Savings Time. The outdoor practice site is at Grimmsfield, 16132 Crusade Ct., Haymarket, VA 20169. Practices are held jointly with Stierbach. You may contact the Baronial Archery Marshal for carpool or other information.
- Thursday**
Indoor Rapier
Practice*
- Every Thursday at Shreveewood Elementary School from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Please use the rear entrance to the cafeteria. Please contact the Baronial Rapier Marshal for more information. This is a school activity.*
- Indoor Heavy Weapons Practice***
- Haycock Elementary School at the corner of Haycock Road and Westmoreland Street in Falls Church from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Practice is geared to developing the beginning and intermediate fighters through intensive hands-on training with experienced instructors, as well as to provide ample opportunity for more advanced fighters to spar with knight-level combatants. All are welcome. Contact the Baronial Knight Marshal for more information. This is a school activity.*
- Friday**
Newcomers
Meetings
- Once a month, Newcomers Meetings occur from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the home of various members of the Barony. Contact the Baronial Chatelaine or check the Facebook page for the date and host's address.

***= 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 cancelled. Notification of cancellation or alternate site location will be posted on the website as soon as possible. You can visit the Fairfax County Public Schools Emergency Announcement page for school closure status at <http://fcps.edu/news/emerg.htm>



Il Tempo Submissions

Everyone is encouraged to consider contributing to *Il Tempo*.

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