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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

No Baronial Business Meeting for December

Due to the holidays, there will be no Baronial Business Meeting in December. See you in January!!

Check for Weekly Events

Winter weather will be setting in soon (we hope), and that means that many events might not be held or moved indoors if the weather is bad. If it's good, gatherings might still be outside! Check the Barony's email list, Facebook page or contact the appropriate officer (see Regnum beginning on page 5) to check on practices and gatherings.

Baronial Business Meeting Location *Reminder*

The Business Meetings have been moved back to St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Falls Church. We are unable to meet at American Bistro any longer. We will still be looking for meeting places that are more accessible for everyone.

~ Caitilin Irruis inghean ui Riada



Tidbits from The (Nice!) Troll Under the Bridge

Crown Tournament went really well. Giovanna did a wonderful job as Autocrat. With all that work, it was funny that she'll be remembered for the reason that Their Majesties awarded her a Fountain: she walked the list field on Friday night during set up to ensure that all the goose poop was picked up so the contenders could keep their boots clean!

Vivat to all the participants. Congratulations to Their Royal Highnesses William and Kara. Their whims and preferences should be posted soon on the Kingdom's website.

Mistress Luce took Lady Caitilin as a protégé at the event. Their ceremony was moving, and Caitilin managed to keep it together—though she was teary at one point (and I think Luce was, too!).

His Highness from the Midrealm, Cameron, attended the event. He set many hearts aflutter—and he brought COOKIES!!! At feast, he met many Pontoons who used to call the Middle Kingdom home. Baron Drogo joked that he could not have those members of the populace back (though I hear they might be sent back if the right price is offered!!!).

At Court, there was a grand procession of the Baronage, and there were even dogs! There was one point where Hannus and Annika were called forth, and they took their puppies. A growling match broke out, which became rather humorous to those of us sitting in the back.

The children were called to come forward, and they present mosaics and crafts they created on the day. Sebastian was disappointed that Her Highness Kara was not there—he was so looking forward to talking with the Princess! Annika assured him that he'd get his chance at a future event.

Their Majesties looked to be having a wonderful time a their second event in Ponte Alto is as many weeks. We're thinking of inviting them back... <grin>



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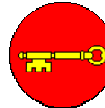
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Baronial Progress

Date	Event	Barone/Baronessa
December 7	Unevent	Drogo & Adina
December 13	Newcomer's/Cookie	Drogo & Adina
January 11	Competition	
January 25	Twelfth Night	Drogo & Adina
(tentative)	Midwinter Revel	Drogo & Adina



Baronial Business Meeting Minutes

November 24, 2013

Attendance: 14

St. Paul's Lutheran Church
Falls Church, VA

Start: 6:14 p.m.

Officer Reports

Seneschal—Christine Menton (Caitilin)

Unable to go to Unevent; Laura (Belpheobe) and Sue (Anais) will be attending meetings as my proxy. We need to review the Kingdom's Youth policy and possibly write our own. We had issues during Crown, and it might be good to have Autocrat remind attendees of the policy ahead of the event. Discussing writing our own Baronial policy. From the Society Media Officer: there is no such thing as an unofficial group anymore. Now that FaceBook, Google+ and other social media vehicles are official channels, any questions or comments posted there regarding an event can only be answered by the Autocrat or Seneschal. Better yet, send email or PM (private message) to the Autocrat or Seneschal. Contract for event sites should be read line-by-line; let's not assume that since we use the same site repeatedly that the contract would be the same. Also, because we've had an understanding/agreement with the site in the past, doesn't mean it still applies.

Treasurer—Daniel Bensing (Daniel); absent

Bank balance is \$11,190.91—minus half of Crown share, outstanding Crown checks, and not including Holiday Faire. We owe the Kingdom \$879.86 for Crown. There were 302 attendees. The 2nd quarter report is finished and am almost caught up with the 3 quarter report. Holiday Faire took in \$329.00. Per Baronial Financial Policy, we need an officer to be nominated for the Emergency Financial Committee. Next on the rotation list is Knight Marshal. Michael (Grimkirk) accepted.

Knight Marshal—Michael Schneider (Grimkirk)

Fighting continues. We're at Leeman Road (school). We plan to relocate where we fight outdoors at Tyson Pimmons Park to a sunnier site (so it's warmer!). We're losing Thomas Harvey to the West Coast; hate to see him leave.

Rapier Marshal—Jeff Williams (Geoffrey)

Rapier continues.

Archery Marshal—Nicholas Freer (Naran), absent

Practice continues. We'll have a gear day in December; date to be announced via Facebook and the email list.

Minister of Arts & Sciences—vacant

Kristin (Beibhinn) has stepped down as MoAS. We believe we have someone who is interested in the position, but if anyone is interested, please contact Christine or Liza. Elissa Krieg, (Giovanna of Ponte Alto) a new-ish member of the Barony, offered to be a Deputy. She's interested in MoAS, and wants to be a Deputy to learn about the position.

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Baronial Business Meeting Minutes (continued)

Chatelaine—vacant

November Newcomer's Meeting was on November 15th at Theresa's house. We have 23 people total—7 newcomers or SCA-transfers! The Baronial Cookie Bakeoff/Newcomer's Meeting is December 13th at Daniels. Lora as last year's winners has the honor of deciding on cookie categories. Need hosts for Newcomer's Meetings starting in January. Please contact Christine to sign up.

Herald—Matt Torsky (Brennain); absent

Sue, Deputy Herald, is going to Unevent. Now that she is 'official' Theresa will add her to the Regnum. There are 2 submissions for Herald.

Chronicler—Theresa Crean (Theresa)

No report!

Web Minister—Rachel Storey (Giovanna)

Reviewed web activity. After the first of the year, Rachel will begin training as Deputy Exchequer. Theresa will start training as Deputy Web Minister.

Minister of the Lists—Kel Dalton (Cellach)

No report.

Minister of Minors—Eliisa Harman (Annika), absent

Review activities at Crown.

Baron and Baroness—Stephen and Liza Cicirelli (Drogo and Adina)

Reviewed Progress—past and future. Twelfth Night is in Washington D.C. this January. It's near a metro stop and there is paid parking; carpools are encouraged. Sophia has lent an Ottoman garb pattern; let Liza know if you want to use it to make garb for Twelfth Night. If you are submitting someone for a Kingdom Award, let us know so we can help promote and maybe send information to Their Majesties that we know of that person! Scribal A&S is tomorrow night; December will be canceled due to no Business Meeting. Nicole Fish (Ismay the Nimble) wants to start another A&S Night in the Annandale area; this is in addition to the current Scribal/A&S to give another date and location option. Stay tuned to Facebook for a date in January.

Events

Fall Crown Tournament (Nov. 2013)—Rachel Storey (Giovanna), Event Steward

The event went really well! We made a great profit.

A Little Event with a Great Big Feast (Feb. 2014)—Bob Capozello, Event Steward (absent)

Bob has the event spiked for February 15th at King of Kings church. Christine present his budget; a motion was voted on to approve it. Roxbury Mill has offered their wonderful kitchen services for the event. Stay tuned for more info.

St. Paddy's Day Blood Bath (Mar. 2014)

Michael (Grimkirk) presented his budget; motion was voted on to approve it. Michael was reminded that Liz (Sophia) usually uses leftovers from the February event to fix lunch.

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Baronial Business Meeting Minutes (continued)

Old Business

Holiday Faire was a success!

The list fence that we purchased was discussed (how are we going to get it and transport it to storage). It will be looked into.

New Business

Deputies were discussed. MoL really needs a Deputy; there are currently no other warranted MoLs in the Barony. Kel can try to arrange a class if she has folks who are interested. Theresa needs a Deputy for Chronicler; ideally someone who can take over when her warrant is up.

We have site tokens left over from Crown Tournament and Love & Beauty last February. We voted to let Kim Gibson purchase 3 of the Crown site tokens. Liza will arrange for the rest—about 100 and the 31 from Love & Beauty—to be sent back to Master Christopher so they can be melted and reused to cast Ponte Alto awards (50 Oro, 50 Neros, and 80 Argentos). We voted to allow Adina to spend up to \$100 on this.

Discussed making a bid for Spring Crown Tournament in 2015. It would be Saturday, May 2nd. Michael (Grimkirk) will be Event Steward and start writing up a bid and a budget.

Daniel discussed looking for a new storage location. Our price is going up, and there might be other options out there.

Announcements

There will be no business meeting in December.

Michael discussed an event for Atlantia that he has been putting out “feelers” about. It’s a Tournament of Chivalry, and he’s been talking it up with the Knights and Royals. It’s not necessarily a Ponte Alto event, so he wants people to know that he’s not trying to commit the Barony to anything.

Rachel has a new sewing/embroidery machine and wants to offer to make things for people (for a fee of course!). She’s getting started on it—more info to come.

Michael passed on that His Highness from the Midrealm expressed extensive gratitude for our hospitality at Crown!

Adjourned at 7:07 p.m.



Calendar

December

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
						1 1:30 p.m. Outdoor Heavy Weapons Practice (weather permitting)
2	3	4	5 6 p.m. Indoor Heavy Weapons Practice 6:30 p.m. Indoor Rapier Practice	6	7 Kingdom Unevent	8 1:30 p.m. Outdoor Heavy Weapons Practice (weather permitting)
9	10	11	12 6 p.m. Indoor Heavy Weapons Practice 6:30 p.m. Indoor Rapier Practice	13	14 Yule Toy Tourney 8	15 1:30 p.m. Outdoor Heavy Weapons Practice (weather permitting)
16	17	18	19	20	21 Yule at Barony of Caer Mear	22 1:30 p.m. Outdoor Heavy Weapons Practice (weather permitting)
23 30	24 31 New Year's Eve	25 Christmas	26	27	28	29



Calendar—Looking Ahead

January

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		1	2	3	4	5 1:30 p.m. Outdoor Heavy Weapons Practice (weather permitting)
6	7	8	9 6 p.m. Indoor Heavy Weapons Practice 6:30 p.m. Indoor Rapier Practice	10	11 Kingdom Twelfth Night	12 1:30 p.m. Outdoor Heavy Weapons Practice (weather permitting)
13	14	15	16 6 p.m. Indoor Heavy Weapons Practice 6:30 p.m. Indoor Rapier Practice	17	18	19 1:30 p.m. Outdoor Heavy Weapons Practice (weather permitting)
20	21	22	23 6 p.m. Indoor Heavy Weapons Practice 6:30 p.m. Indoor Rapier Practice	24	25 Mid-Winter's Revel: A Journey Along the Silk Road (Lochmere)	26 1:30 p.m. Outdoor Heavy Weapons Practice (weather permitting)
27	28	29	30 Fairfax County Schools Closed (no practices)	31 Fairfax County Schools Closed	Feb. 1 Kingdom Arts & Sciences Festival (Bright Hills)	



Weekly Events

Sunday Ponte Alto Baronial Business Meeting

Fourth Sunday of the month at 6:00 p.m. Please check the Barony's email list, Facebook page, or contact the Seneschal for the meeting location.

Outdoor Heavy Weapons and Rapier Practice

Weather permitting, 1:30 to 4:00 p.m., outdoors at Tysons-Pimmit Park, behind Tysons-Pimmit 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 Shreveview Elementary School from 6:30 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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