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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

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*

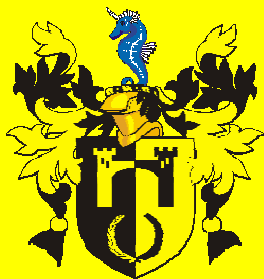
The Business Meetings have been moved back to St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Falls Church. We are unable to meet at American Bistro any longer. We will still be looking for meeting places that are more accessible for everyone.

~ Caitilin Irruis inghean ui Riada

The SCA Board of Directors (BoD) is always interested in hearing commentary from it's members regarding proposals that are put forth. The most recent one is a proposal for an additional peerage for rapier. You can find the proposal letter at the following link:

<http://www.sca.org/BOD/announcements/APECProposal.pdf>

Comments are encouraged and can be sent to: SCA, Inc., P.O. Box 360789, Milpitas, CA 95036. Comments can also be submitted electronically to comments@lists.sca.org. *(continued on next page)*



News & Announcements *(Continued)*

The Barony of Ponte Alto is honored to be hosting Fall Crown Tournament 2013.

Come fight for the glory of our great kingdom, or support your favorite combatant. A glorious day of pageantry, amazing feats of arms, and beautiful displays of arts and sciences awaits at Loudoun County Fairgrounds!

Adult, Member:	\$12.00 Day-Trip	\$10.00 Feast
Adult, Non-Member:	\$17.00 Day-Trip	\$10.00 Feast
Youth (5-17):	\$6.00 Day-Trip	\$10.00 Feast
Child (0-4):	\$0.00 Day-Trip	\$0.00 Feast

A sumptuous feast for 60 is being prepared by Lord Brénainn Mac-Shuibne (brenainn.macshuibne[AT]gmail.com). All dishes come from "The Opera of Bartolomeo Scappi" (1570).

More information can be found at crown.atlantia.sca.org.

~Giovanna Rossellini da Firenze, Event Steward



Fall Crown Tournament Luxury Fabric Challenge!

Or, how do I get the most "bang for the buck"
from a limited amount of fabric?

This challenge is designed to see how creatively you can use a small amount of fabric to create accessories, to best show off the fabric and coordinate with an outfit. You will also be required to fabricate a back-story, for how your challenge persona acquired the lovely fabric. Your definition of "luxury fabric" may be sheer silk, while another person's may be velvet or brocade, or even embroidered cotton. The purpose for this challenge is to push your creativity, not to bleed your pocketbook. More information here:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ylR9fdqknDZMnFlInJgderVXInYnM2dri0tUyogQ_hE/edit?usp=sharing

~ Lady Beibhinn Mhodartha



Tidbits from The (Nice!) Troll Under the Bridge

Chalice of the Sun God X went well despite a big surprise during the week before the event. The site double-booked an auction of antique items in the big barn. Luckily, the rain held off until the Chalice Champions were decided (the barn was our inclement weather facility!). Theresa said that she might hire the auctioneer to be the field herald for next year. Things sure would go fast!

Lady Alana of Highland Foorde and her staff created a plentiful feast! The Shire of Roxbury Mill had a successful fundraiser lunch—thank you to all who supported the cooks!

The Children's Marshmallow Battle was a blast! The battle turned into "pelt the Autocrat", but Theresa had a great time playing with the kids. Their Majesties and Their Excellencies were doing Court business, so couldn't attend—hopefully the personalized portable catapults and the buckets of marshmallows at head table during feast made up for that. You should have seen the looks on the kitchen staff's faces when they came up to be thanked. When they got to the Hall, marshmallows were whizzing around in all directions. Their initial horrified faces turned into laughs once they realized what was going on!

Stierbach won the Chalice Team Championship again this year. There was an uncomfortable moment in Court when Mistress Belphoebe announced the winners, and Theresa realized that the Chalice had been packed in the Baronial trailer with all the other gear! Thinking quickly on her feet, she made up a story about the Chalice being taken hostage... It will be located and presented at Crown Tournament.



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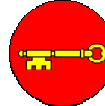
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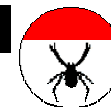
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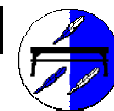


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Baronial Progress

Date	Event	Barone/Baronessa
November 2	Coronation	Drogo & Adina
November 23	Holiday Faire	Drogo & Adina
December 7	Unevent	Drogo & Adina
January 11	Twelfth Night	Drogo & Adina



Baronial Business Meeting Minutes

October 27, 2013

Attendance: 16

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Falls Church, VA

Start: 6:14 p.m.

Officer Reports

Seneschal—Bob Capozello (Marcellus)

One more week! Not much to report; there was a good crowd at Chalice.

Christine will take over the rest of the meeting as she continues the transition to Seneschal.

Treasurer—Daniel Bensing (Daniel); absent

We had a sizable event last week! There were 195 attendees; the profit estimate is \$951.70 (though there are 1-2 outstanding bills). The bank balance is \$7620.63, but that doesn't include Chalice ACCEPS income (around \$1,010). Holiday Faire has only a few spaces left; will secure ours this week.

Knight Marshal—Michael Schneider (Grimkirk)

Duncan reports that the Thursday night fighter practice is thin. We need experienced fighters to help out. Sundays are going well; October 31st practice will be cancelled due to Halloween.

Rapier Marshal—Jeff Williams (Geoffrey), absent

Rapier continues; there are about 6-8 people at weekly practices. Practice on the 31st will be cancelled.

Archery Marshal—Nicholas Freer (Naran)

Practice continues though the numbers fluxuate. There were about 30 archers at Chalice; people liked the range because there were easy and challenging shoots. Winter practices are a problem—right now, Bull Run indoor on Sunday afternoons is probably the way to go. Nicolo Santorini, from Roxbury Mill, is the new Baronial Archery Champion!

Minister of Arts & Sciences—Kristin Moran (Béibhinn), absent

Do A&S, tell her about it! There were 8 participants in A&S at Chalice; Bob (Marcellus) is the Chalice A&S Champ! Baronial A&S is this Monday, 6:30-? at Stephen and Liza's house.

Chatelaine—vacant

Looking for a Chatelaine! In the meantime, Christine will be filling in. At the October Newcomer's Meeting, there were 8-10 people, with no newbies. November Newcomer's Meeting is on November 15th at Theresa's house. The Baronial Cookie Bakeoff/Newcomer's Meeting is December 13th at Daniels.

Herald—Matt Torsky (Brennain); absent

No report.

Chronicler—Theresa Crean (Theresa)

Theresa's name appeared in this quarter's Tournaments Illuminated in the William Blackfox Award winners and nominees!

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Baronial Business Meeting Minutes (continued)

Web Minister—Rachael Storey (Giovanna)

No report.

Minister of the Lists—Kel Dalton (Cellach)

Chalice had 23 rapier fighters and 11 heavy fighters (1 withdrew due to injury). Lord Celric (spelling?) won rapier, and Sir Justus won heavy.

Minister of Minors—Eliisa Harman (Annika)

Review activities at chalice; working on activities for Crown.

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

Reviewed Progress. Twelfth Night is in Washington D.C. this January. It's near a metro stop and there is paid parking; carpools are encouraged.

Events

Chalice of the Sun God X (Oct. 2013)—Theresa Crean (Theresa), Event Steward

The event went really well! Victoria, the Cook, passed on that she thinks the oven is an induction oven—which is used differently than a typical oven since stainless steel or cast iron pots work better on this type of oven. Liza talked about polite ways to address members of the public; some folks floated over from the auction into the event space.

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

A&S will be Tempore Atlantia and the Luxury Fabric Challenge. Do we want to add the barn to the contract as a just in case (and avert what happened at Chalice?). Decided to hold off since weather forecast is good. We need additional list fence; Sir Turgis (spelling?) has offered his for our use. Tom and Denise are selling their list fence for \$250 (it's just like the Baronial list fence). Motion was made and passed to purchase it from them.

Tournament of Love & Beauty (Feb. 2014)

Discussed whether to do this or not. Bob offered an alternative—an event with A&S and games, resurrecting "A Little Event with a Great Big Feast". He'll look into sites and get it spiked for February 15th.

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

Michael (Grimkirk) will Autocrat; Theresa and Giovanna offered to be back-up for him.



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Baronial Business Meeting Minutes (continued)

Old Business

None.

New Business

Sue is setting up a loaner-library database. This way, people can share the books and reference materials that they have. Jennie donated two books to the Herald's office.

Storage was cleaned out by Theresa and Liza last week. There is a play castle (maybe for Minors?) and some paint was thrown out. Bins from past silent auctions and excess Gold Key will be taken to Holiday Faire. Motion was made to sell one box of 36 glass, ivy bowls (we'll still have 31 left).

Announcements

There will be a visiting Royal at Crown. His Highness from the Midrealm will be coming to the Tournament.

Nick and Elizabeth went to TnT; Nick won the A&S competition for his arrows!

Adjourned at 7:11 p.m.



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Calendar

November

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
				1	2 Fall Crown Tournament at Loudoun Fairgrounds	3 1:30 p.m. Out- door Heavy Weapons Practice 3:00 p.m. Arch- ery Practice at Lake Need- wood
4	5	6	7 6 p.m. Indoor Heavy Weapons Practice 6 p.m. Indoor Rapier Practice	8	9 Marinus Baronial Birthday	10
11	12	13	14 6 p.m. Indoor Heavy Weapons Practice 6 p.m. Indoor Rapier Practice	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23 Holiday Faire (Barony of Stierbach)	24 1:30 p.m. Outdoor Heavy Weapons Practice 6:00 p.m. Baronial Business Meeting
25	26	27	28 Thanksgiving	29	30	



Calendar—Looking Ahead

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



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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