

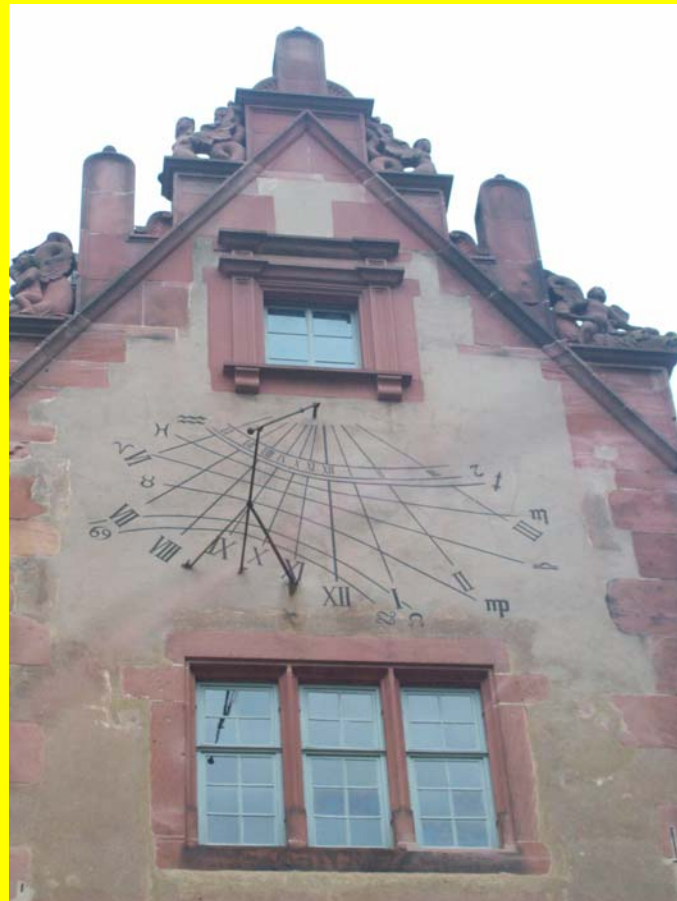


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IL TEMPO

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

Mark Your Calendar: Upcoming Ponte Alto Events!!

Our fair Barony has two local events coming up. On Saturday, February 15th, "Little Event with a Great Big Feast" will be at King of Kings Lutheran Church in Fairfax. The event is limited to 80 people, so reserve early! It is expected to sell out. Baron Marcellus is the Autocrat; information can be found on pages 3 and 4 of *Il Tempo* and on the Baronial and Kingdom websites.

St. Paddy's Day Blood Bath will take place at Nottoway Park on Saturday, March 8th. More information for this event will be available in the March issue of *Il Tempo* and on the Baronial and Kingdom web pages.

Check for Weekly Events

Winter weather is here and that means that many weekly events might be canceled 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 6) to check on practices and gatherings.

Editor's Note: Baronial Business Meeting Minutes

I missed the January Business Meeting (my daughter was in a Youth Theater production of "The Wizard of Oz"); Baroness Adina graciously took notes for me. I wasn't able to get them from her in time for the publishing deadline, so they'll be posted to Facebook and included in next month's *Il Tempo*.



Tidbits from The (Nice!) Troll Under the Bridge

Baronial Artisan and Baronial Bard

Their Excellencies Drogo and Adina will be selecting their new Baronial Artisan and Baronial Bard at Little Event with a Great Big Feast on 15 February.

There will be an open A&S display area for all those who wish to show off their latest and greatest projects. If you wish to be considered for Baronial Artisan, please let either Their Excellencies or Baron Marcellus, the Autocrat, know.

The Baronial Bard will be selected by the traditional "Hunt Down the Baron/Baroness" format. Please find Their Excellencies at some point during the day and perform for them.

Vivat for Éadaoin at Kingdom Twelfth Night!

Our own Éadaoin an Fheadha Ó Séaghdha (mka: Sarah Stango) took 1st place in the Scribal Challenge with her scroll blanks, and tied for 1st place in the "Mystery Ingredient Scribal Challenge". (Photos to come in the March issue of *Il Tempo*.)

Collections at The Walters Museum

The Walters Museum in Baltimore, Maryland has extensive medieval and ancient collections. Elissa Krieg, Deputy MoAS, posted the following links on the Barony's Facebook Page and e-mail list:

Arms and Armor.

<http://art.thewalters.org/browse/category/arms-and-armor/>

Byzantium and Early Russia.

<http://art.thewalters.org/browse/category/byzantium-and-early-russia/>

Islamic Manuscripts.

<http://art.thewalters.org/browse/category/islamic-manuscripts/>

Manuscript and Rare Books.

<http://art.thewalters.org/browse/category/manuscript-and-rare-books/>

Medieval Europe.

<http://art.thewalters.org/browse/category/medieval-europe/>

Textiles and Furniture.

<http://art.thewalters.org/browse/category/textiles-and-furniture/>

Anyone interested in a road trip!?!



Little Event with a Great Big Feast

Saturday, 15 February

Are you tired of working really hard at events? Then it's time to attend an event where you can just relax, talk, have fun, and be fed really well in the Barony of Ponte Alto.

This is a little event for only 80 people, but we are planning a huge feast with many different dishes, which will be served over a period of several hours. Throughout the day, there will also be music and gaming.

The schedule is pretty simple:

11 am – Site opens
 12:30 pm – Feast serving begins
 3:30 pm – Feast serving ends
 7 pm – Site closes

This is a **pre-registration only event**. Please remember that the only good reservation is a paid reservation. There is NO off-board seating or day-trip. Pre-registration for this event must be received by 8 February, to give our cooks enough time to properly prepare the feast.

Arts & Sciences Activities: Their Excellencies Ponte Alto will be selecting their Bardic and A & S Champions.

Cost:

Adult, Member:	\$18.00
Adult, Non-Member:	\$23.00
Youth (6-17):	\$18.00
Child (0-5):	\$0.00

Make Checks Payable To: SCA, Inc., Barony of Ponte Alto

Site: The event will be held at King of Kings Lutheran Church, 4025 Kings Way, Fairfax VA 22033.

Site Restrictions: The site is DRY and No Smoking is permitted anywhere in the building.

Other Information: For questions, contact the autocrat at (703) 975-9146 (NLT 9pm) or [afpopa AT yahoo.com](mailto:afpopa@yahoo.com)

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Reservations: Send reservations to autocrat.

(The feast menu is on the following page.)



The "Great Big Feast" Menu

Following is the menu for Ponte Alto's Little Event with a Great Big Feast on 15 Feb 2014.

Questions and concerns can be directed to the Head Cook—Lady Elizabeth of Hadley Hall (shalandara AT aol DOT com)

1st Course/German-Based:

Bratwurst with Mustard Sauce
Spaetzle
Red Cabbage Salad
Cheese and Apples
Bread

2nd Course/Mediterranean Based:

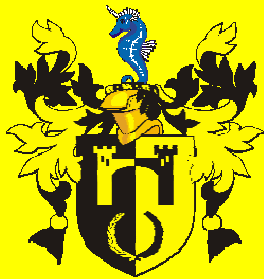
Haricot of Lamb
Meat of Cyprus Royale
Saffron Rice
Salat
A dishe of Peas
Swiss Chard and Cheese Tart

3rd course/English Based:

Beef in a Cinnamon Sauce
Frumenté
Rapes in potage
Savoury Toasted Cheese
Sodde eggs

4th course/Desserts:

Daryoles
Chiresye
Digby cakes
Fresh Fruit



Regnum

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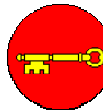
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Baronial Progress

Date	Event	Barone/Baronessa
February 1	KASF	Drogo & Adina
February 15	Little Event with a Great Big Feast	Drogo & Adina
March 8	St. Paddy's Blood Bath	Drogo & Adina
March 22	Night on the Town	Drogo & Adina
March 29	Defending the Gate	Drogo & Adina



Are Corporate Publications for You?

By Lady Theresa O Cahir

The answer is a resounding YES!

Recently at a Baronial Newcomer's Meeting at my house, I pulled out past issues of *Tournaments Illuminated* and *The Compleat Anachronist*. A couple of Pontoons had been talking about these SCA publications, and we found that even long-time members didn't know what they were all about. One 10-years-plus-SCA-member thought that *Tournaments Illuminated* (TI) was only for fighters. Not so!

TI is a magazine that is published quarterly. It has "regular" columns such as book reviews and "Events for the Known World Traveler", as well as articles that cover a wide variety of pre-seventeenth century topics. In recent years, a regular feature titled, "Quest" has offered members a chance to submit pieces to a guest editor based on a theme that aren't long enough for a feature article, but are still useful for the readers. A list of past issues and their contents can be found at <http://www.sca.org/ti/issue.html>.

The Compleat Anachronist (CA) is also a quarterly publication, but it differs from TI in that the booklet is devoted to a single topic which gives authors and readers a chance to spend more time (and page space) to a subject in detail. An index of past issues of CA can be found at <http://www.sca.org/ca/issues.html>.

Both of these publications are available by subscription or by ordering from the SCA Marketplace (<https://stockclerk.sca.org/>). Some of our Barony's populace are subscribers, so if you find an issue you're interested in and have limited funds, post a request on the Facebook page or on the Barony's email list. Someone might be able to loan you a copy from their collection.

The *Known World Handbook* is also a great resource for SCAdians. It was updated in the past few years, so both new and old copies are around. You can order the current edition from the SCA Stock Clerk (\$25.00; free shipping!).

On the SCA Marketplace site, you can buy a number of officers' and participants' handbooks (for example, *The Local Officer's Handbook* or *The Equestrian Handbook*). If you're looking for information about policies, rules, guidelines, etc., these are for you. They're usually updated every few years.

I have to admit that I have a soft spot for these publications. I was CA Editor back in the early-to-mid 2000s, and have written for or proofread/edited many of the other publications. I do feel that they help members with resources that might be available in their Local Branch or close-by in the Kingdom in which they live, and they can plant the seeds of interest in topics and Arts & Sciences that a member has never thought about before.

Our Kingdom newsletter, *The Acorn*, is also an SCA publication. Each month, it's packed with letters from Royalty and Kingdom Officers, as well as event flyers for the current and next month, and contact information for officers and Local Branch Seneschals. While this information is available on the Kingdom website, *The Acorn* has it all in one place giving members easy access, especially when they print it out or can access it on a smart phone (comes in handy at events!!).



Calendar

February

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
					1 Kingdom Arts & Sciences Festival	2 1:30 p.m. Outdoor Heavy Weapons Practice (weather permitting)
3	4	5	6 6 p.m. Indoor Heavy Weapons Practice 6:30 p.m. Indoor Rapier Practice	7	8 Bright Hills Baronial Birthday	9 1:30 p.m. Outdoor Heavy Weapons Practice (weather permitting)
10	11	12	13 6 p.m. Indoor Heavy Weapons Practice 6:30 p.m. Indoor Rapier Practice	14	15 A Little Event with a Great Big Feast (Ponte Alto)	16 1:30 p.m. Outdoor Heavy Weapons Practice (weather permitting)
17	18	19	20 6 p.m. Indoor Heavy Weapons Practice 6:30 p.m. Indoor Rapier Practice	21 Tournament of Ymir	22 Tournament of Ymir	23 Ymir 1:30 p.m. Outdoor Heavy Practice (weather permitting) 1800 Baronial Business Meeting
24	25	26	27	28	Mar 1 Winter University (Sacred Stone)	



Calendar—Looking Ahead

March

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
					1 Winter University (Sacred Stone)	2 1:30 p.m. Outdoor Heavy Weapons Practice (weather permitting)
3	4	5	6 6 p.m. Indoor Heavy Weapons Practice 6:30 p.m. Indoor Rapier Practice	7	8 St. Paddy's Blood Bath (Ponte Alto)	9 1:30 p.m. Outdoor Heavy Weapons Practice (weather permitting) Gulf Wars
10 Gulf Wars	11 Gulf Wars	12 Gulf Wars	13 Gulf Wars 6 p.m. Indoor Heavy Weapons Practice 6:30 p.m. Indoor Rapier Practice	14 Gulf Wars	15 Gulf Wars Bright Hills' Scribal Schola Tir-Y-Don Birthday	16 Gulf Wars 1:30 p.m. Outdoor Heavy Weapons Practice (weather permitting)
17	18	19	20 6 p.m. Indoor Heavy Weapons Practice 6:30 p.m. Indoor Rapier Practice	21 Night on the Town	22 Night on the Town	23 Night on the Town 1:30 p.m. Outdoor Heavy Practice (weather permitting)
24 31	25	26	27	28	29 Defending the Gate (Sudentorre)	30 1:30 p.m. Outdoor Heavy Practice (weather permitting) 1800 Baronial Business Meeting



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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Please, remember that all submissions for *Il Tempo* must be accompanied by an SCA release form. Below are the links to the necessary forms. The first link leads you to the Society Chronicler's links for forms. The last three links are for the forms that can be submitted online via Internet Form Fills.

Society Chronicler forms

[http://www.sca.org/docs/library.html#release forms](http://www.sca.org/docs/library.html#release%20forms)

Release form for **writing or artwork**:

<http://www.sca.org/docs/pdf/ReleaseCreativeFillable.pdf>

Release form for **photographs**:

<http://www.sca.org/docs/pdf/ReleasePhotographerFillable.pdf>

Release form for **models** (the subject of your artwork or photograph):

<http://www.sca.org/docs/pdf/ReleaseModelFillable.pdf>