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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 the Barony and Kingdom web pages.

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 February issue of *Il Tempo*.

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 will still be looking for meeting places that are more accessible for everyone. The next meeting is on Sunday, January 26th.

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Baronial Progress

Date	Event	Barone/Baronessa
January 11	Twelfth Night	Drogo & Adina
January 25 (tentative)	Midwinter Revel	Drogo & Adina



Calendar

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. Out- door Heavy Practice (weather per- mitting) 1800 Baronial Business Meeting
27	28	29	30 Fairfax County Schools Closed (no practices)	31 Fairfax County Schools Closed	Feb. 1 Kingdom Arts & Sciences Festival (Bright Hills)	



Calendar—Looking Ahead

February

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
					1	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. Out- door Heavy Practice (weather per- mitting) 1800 Baronial Business Meeting
24	25	26	27	28	Mar 1 Winter University (Sacred Stone)	



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 Shreveewood 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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