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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/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 completed - 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 - only limited by the speed at which our hands can write out what our minds can think of.

Come, share with us adventures in the great Barony of Ponte Alto, in the grand Kingdom of Atlantia, in this - the current Middle Ages!

NEW & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Interested in becoming a Baronial Champion?

For all those intending to submit letters of intent to serve as a baronial champion, there will be a roundtable discussion on submissions. This will take place over Zoom, on Tuesday, November 10 at 7 pm. We'll be talking about what the letters should include, how to submit them, and a very important topic -- the unfamiliar judge!

Any questions can be sent to either baronage@pontealto.atlantia.sca.org or moas@pontealto.atlantia.sca.org.



Populace Gathering Minutes

October 25, 2020

Zoom virtual meeting

5:12 pm

Adjourned at 5:59 pm

15 attendees

OFFICER'S REPORTS

Seneschal – Robert for Dwayne Eckman (Lord Seamus Ó Maoil Riain)

- ◆ Their majesties & seneschal just waived the 150 mile conflict rule for 2021. So events can conflict for 2021.
- ◆ New Business: Virtual Event Yule + Court. Has to be an event. Has to be same stuff in regular Event.

Exchequer - Katie Bischoff (Astrid)

- ◆ \$8,481.90 balance (same)
- ◆ Hopefully within the next day or two will be sending Q3 report for signature to Seneschal.
- ◆ Also sending check for storage.
- ◆ Kingdom Excheq taking time to straighten things up. Add Kingdom as signatory. Also finally added Tristan. Needs to go up to corporate and then back to Wells Fargo.

Arts and Sciences - Holly for Emily Shifflett (Lady Marion Compton)

- ◆ Fun October, lots of stuff happened.
- ◆ Awesome turnout at bardic. 12 people.
- ◆ Two events this week, on Thurs, 10/29. Tempore Atlantia + Fighter Strategy
- ◆ November will be "food month." An A&S night "cook-along" featuring Savory Toasted Cheese! Nov 17th. Will send out shopping list and recipes.
- ◆ Nov 15th. Baronial Happy Hour.
- ◆ Will be setting up a Roundtable for Baronial Champions letters questions.
- ◆ Another project this month, create a roster of Pontoon artisans who can do awards and the like.
- ◆ For Yule Court...plan to have some A&S events:
 - ◆ Bardic? A&S display "tables"?
 - ◆ Don't plan to run any as competitions
 - ◆ A cookie event for Yule Court
- ◆ Deputy. Would love to have a deputy for A&S!

Chatelaine - Holly for Charlene Ratliff (Delphina the Mad)

- ◆ Newcomers Night was two weeks ago. A few new contacts.
- ◆ Last Saturday, had a meeting with deputies. Will try to do more regularly.
- ◆ Will be scheduling Nov Newcomers soon. Need to determine date.



Populace Gathering Minutes (cont.)

Knight/Rapier Marshal - Brittany Lasley (Colette Vitalis)

- ◆ Not present

Herald - Sarah Stango (Johanna le Paumer)

- ◆ Continues
- ◆ Couple of people reached out for consults
- ◆ Couple of names still in commentary at society level, one is in proofreading.

Chronicler - Ron Hanagan (Rónán mac Ímair)

- ◆ Continues
- ◆ Would love to have some Halloween themed pix of folks in garb

Web Minister - Ron Hanagan (Rónán mac Ímair)

- ◆ Continues
- ◆ Please let me know if any pages are not working so that I can get them fixed.

Baron and Baroness - Nicholas Freer & Mary Bowles (Naran Numuchi & Marie-Therese Normand)

- ◆ *From Naran:*
- ◆ Lots of Pontoons recognized at Court a couple of weeks ago.
- ◆ Not a lot going on.
- ◆ Got conduit for banner poles.
- ◆ Acquired a Gold & Black cotehardie

- ◆ *From MT:*
- ◆ Participating in and coordinating Fighter Strategy sessions. Invites sent to other baronies to see if they'd like to participate. Using the sessions to go over various fighting scenarios. With guest: Eric S. Trying to keep the fighters engaged.
- ◆ We are almost 1/2 thru our "reign of terror." Asked if they want to extend or get a variance. Can someone explain the difference?
 - ◆ (Adina) Variance would give you 6 months or so. Push polling of confidence down the road 6 months. Vote would extend by 2 years. (So...do Variance 1st.)
 - ◆ Will need to reflect on what they want to do.
- ◆ No quote on the medallions yet. The gentlemen she was in communication with, she lost his email. Trying to get from A&S coord from Kingdom. Still in the works.

Old Business

- ◆ n/a



Populace Gathering Minutes (cont.)

New Business

- ◆ (Naran) Planning for a Yule event
- ◆ 19th of Dec
- ◆ "Meet me under the Virtual Bridge"
- ◆ Adina as Autocrat
- ◆ Vote taken (to have event). Passed.
- ◆ Need to Spike it and get it into the Virtual!
- ◆ Link from Ponte Alto page.
 - ◆ (Adina) via Kingdom, aren't required to record it. It's our option.
 - ◆ (Naran) Let's record it.
 - ◆ Adina will coordinate with Kingdom Webminister
 - ◆ Will need to figure out where we can do it, where to get camera/video recorder, etc.
 - ◆ Thrones, banner, etc.
 - ◆ Discussion of the particulars
- ◆ Location, Adina's backyard?
- ◆ Need to figure out the attendance. Herald, Crown, someone to hand things off, photographer, etc. (fewer than 10)
- ◆ Will put a staff together.
- ◆ (Seamus) Briana interested in Court Heraldry. Try for this one?

- ◆ (Marion) Email this week from the main Prince William Forest Park, trying to figure out what to do with all their reservations. Roll over to next year? 8th-10th of Oct. Same cost. No change. Wild Hunt.
 - ◆ (MT) ***let's go ahead and spike it and plan it.
 - ◆ There's a lot of outdoor space. Spreading people out shouldn't be too difficult. Feast might look a little different.

- ◆ (Adina) 3 things
 - ◆ (1) Bloodbath? It's outside.
 - What's the max for # of people?
 - Let's spike it. 13 March.
 - Same park as always.
 - Will need a new autocrat.
 - ◆ (2) May Crown
 - Try to do that? Will need to talk to Prince William County Park
 - We have cooks lined up
 - Tents outside. Seating outside, under the tents.
 - Only folks inside would be cooks, crown, etc.
 - Event to be at Elchenburg Castle
 - Have to limit the # of people on-site



Populace Gathering Minutes (cont.)

(May Crown continued...)

- Stierbach was going to do it last year. Might have 1st dibs?
Adina will check with them.

- (Madeleina) the Stierbach autocrat (who planned to run the event for 2020) will not be available.

- (MT) Don't want to step on Stierbach's toes. Maybe do together? Adina will feel out the Stierbach folks.

◆ (3) We need a new chamberlain!

- Drogo got a job in Texas. Will need to be there by March.

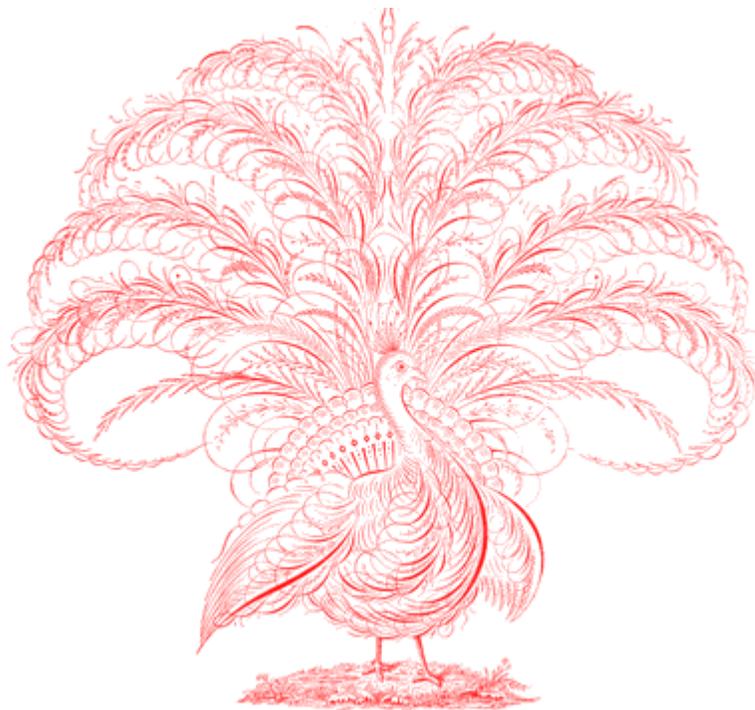
- Chamberlain is the person with keys to the shed. Responsibilities include: Grant access. Do annual inventory. Organize. Chamberlain and Exchequer has to be there for inventory. Chamberlain organizes getting stuff to events. "Master of the Closet" Helps to have a trailer/trailer hitch.

- Shed is currently in Chantilly. Centreville Rd.

- Involved in every event. Check out and check in, etc.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

◆ n/a





A&S Update from Marion Compton

Happy fall Ponte Alto!

Thank you to everyone who joined in our annual Scary Stories Bardic! We had a wonderful time telling stories, singing songs, and just seeing all of you. Congratulations as well to all Ponte Alto award recipients that day (there were 7, but who's keeping count?).

November is going to be another fun one for us. Our wonderful Baroness and Noyon have asked for people to put themselves forward to serve as baronial champions, and that includes A&S, Bardic, and Brewing! There are more instructions on that elsewhere in this newsletter, but the gist is that it's being done by letters of intent. We'll be hosting a meeting in November to workshop your letters if you have any questions on what to include and how to include it. Anyone who is interested in putting themselves forward, feel free to contact me as well- I am always happy to help, spitball ideas, or for words of encouragement.

Our monthly A&S theme this month is going to be a cook along to get us all in the mood for Thanksgiving- a tried and true SCA favorite, Savory Toasted Cheese! This is going to work a little differently. I'll be emailing out a shopping list about a week before, along with a recipe, and that evening we'll get together and we can cook and enjoy the recipe together. Hope to see you all there!

Another big announcement is our Ponte Alto Artisans Roster project. The goal of this project is to try to compile a list of our amazing artisans in Ponte Alto and what they're currently working on. This is for a few reasons: 1) I really really really want to put you guys in for awards. I know how amazing you are, and I'd really like to be able to show the rest of the world, 2) if the artisan is ok with it, we'd like to use the list to get newcomers/people working on new projects hooked up with people who may be able to help them grow as artisans. Keep an eye out on your email for that.

Last but not least, I need deputies! I have some other fun projects we'd like to work on, and if you want to help us do even more A&S, shoot me an email (moas@pontealto.atlantia.sca.org).



Martial Activities

Archery Update from Rónán mac Ímair

A little archery practice at Lake Needwood, and because it had been so long since our last event, we decided to do it in garb!



Pictures courtesy of Rónán & Sofiya



Weekly/Monthly Events

	SUNDAY
Pontalton Baronial Populace Gathering	Populace Gathering (and Business) Meeting, usually the <u>4th Sunday</u> of the month at 5:00 p.m. at a location to be determined. Details will be advertised prior to the meeting. Everyone is welcome to attend.
Outdoor Heavy Weapons	Weather permitting, 12:00 noon until dark, outdoors at Tysons-Pimmit Park, behind Tysons-Pimmit Park. Contact the Marshal for information.
Scribal and	Go to the park.
Stierbach/ Archery Practice	33 Pontalton e-
Heavy Weapons Practice	until
Rapier Practice	Practice (Arch),
Projects Ni	Practice 30pm-
Stierbach/ Winter Archery	Pontalton have a (ineau) 21.
SCA Newcomer Meetings	of various members of the Barony. Contact the Baronial Chatelaine for information (chatelaine@pontalton.atlantia.sca.org), or check out the Events/ Activities page on the website for the most recent information.

All activities and practices that take place in person have been temporarily suspended due to COVID-19.

The **Monthly Populace Gatherings** will take place on their regular dates by means of virtual communication. Details for those events, and how to access the virtual meetings will be posted on the Baronial website's calendar at <https://pontalton.atlantia.sca.org/calendar.php> and other social media (including Facebook).

Look for other virtual practices and A&S activities to be advertised and promoted via the Baronial website, calendar, and other social media.

Also be sure to check out <http://virtual.atlantia.sca.org> for classes and activities!

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

* A reminder to those to attend marshal activities and practice at Fairfax County Public Schools: NO FORM of real weapons, even Swiss Army knives, box cutters, etc. are to be brought onto school property.*



Baronial Progress

Baronial Progress for November/December	
Date	Event
	No in-person events scheduled at this time due to COVID-19
12/15	Yule Under the Virtual Bridge

We really could use your help

There are several positions in our Barony that could use a Deputy; actually, all of the positions that we have could benefit by having at least one deputy.

Why a Deputy? Well, it is easy for any one of us to intend to do something if we don't take into account that the SCA is what we do with our time after we are finished doing what we do to pay the bills.

With deputies, the work load can be shared, allowing more work to be accomplished with less time and stress for any one individual.

Besides, it is a great way to work with others to do something different to help make your, and other's, SCA experience that much better!





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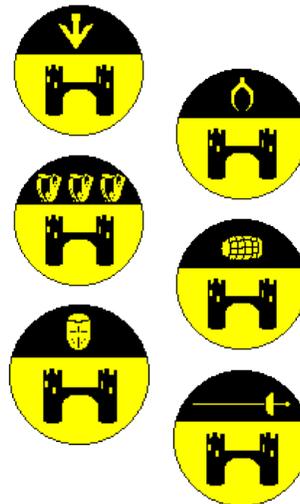
Youth Bardic Champion: M'lord Oliver of Ponte Alto

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Thrown Weapons Champion: Emilia di Nicastro
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Looking for a way to get involved?

Why not try retaining!

What is retaining?

Their Excellencies need help with taking notes (e.g. for gifts or to-do stuff), staying hydrated, reminders to stay on schedule, fetching things, and otherwise keeping Their Excellencies comfortable and out of trouble (especially the Mongol one)!

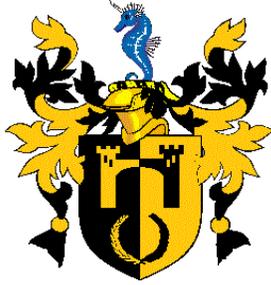
Who can retain?

Anyone can retain! If you've got free time at an event, Their Excellencies will be very appreciative of your assistance. Plus it's a great way to learn more about what it means to be part of the pageantry of the SCA!

How can I volunteer?

If you are interested in volunteering, or even just finding out more, reach out to our head retainer!

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