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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

Cookie Exchange!

Happy holidays from the annual Ponte Alto Cookie Exchange! We may not be together this Yule to exchange cookies in person, but we can still swap recipes!

Submit your best recipe for Yuletide cookies by December 15th, and then the populace will have the opportunity to marvel at your wonderful work and vote for their favorite entry for the Best Period Entry, Tastiest Sounding Cookie, and Best in Show.

Documentation is not required but would be fun anyway! Submissions should be sent through the Google form linked on the Ponte Alto website and will be open for judging starting December 16th.

Winners will be announced at Yule Court.



Populace Gathering Minutes

November 22, 2020

Zoom virtual meeting

5:23 pm

Adjourned at 6:15 pm

17 attendees

OFFICER'S REPORTS

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

- ◆ Only 7 months left! The barony needs a replacement Seneschal.

Exchequer - Katie Bischoff (Astrid)

- ◆ \$7,995.90
- ◆ Storage paid for rest of the year
- ◆ Do not foresee any other expenses
- ◆ Question was asked about the storage fees. \$486 every qtr. \$1944 annually.
- ◆ Mary's stuff should be done soon

Arts and Sciences - Emily Shifflett (Lady Marion Compton)

- ◆ Several events in the works.
- ◆ Dec sorted, virtual cookie recipe exchange planned. Will send out next Monday.
- ◆ A&S theme will be Pricking and Pouncing. For holiday garb
- ◆ Magdalena now on as deputy for A&S.
- ◆ Working on classes for the new year. Could use some ideas!
- ◆ Champions letters are due on the 5th. Incl/ A&S
- ◆ Tempora Atlantia due on the 6th (*editor's note: this has been extended to the 13th*)
- ◆ (Magdalena) Question for the attendees, has the Artisans Roster survey email been received?
 - ◆ Please respond to the survey!
 - ◆ Some folks commented they had not seen the email.
 - ◆ The Artisans Roster not going to be made public. It will be used to help organize things.
 - ◆ We need to start filling up our coffers with Largess!

Chatelaine - Charlene Ratliff (Delphina the Mad)

- ◆ Newcomer's last Monday. 1 newcomer. They were enthusiastic.
- ◆ University proposals due Dec 11th

Knight/Rapier Marshal - Brittany Lasley (Colette Vitalis)

- ◆ Not present



Populace Gathering Minutes (cont.)

Chronicler - Ron Hanagan (Rónán mac Ímair)

- ◆ Continues
- ◆ Would love to have some Thanksgiving/Holiday themed pix of folks in garb.

Web Minister - Ron Hanagan (Rónán mac Ímair)

- ◆ Continues
- ◆ Will be setting up a website for the Yule event.

Herald - Sarah Stango (Johanna le Paumer)

- ◆ Continues
- ◆ Two names currently in commentary. One name & device that was passed in most recent letter of acceptances.
- ◆ Working with two other new folks. One person device and name. Other is just working on a name.

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

- ◆ *From Naran:*
- ◆ Posted on PA FB site. New banners!
- ◆ Working on awards for Yule
- ◆ Have not been to many virtual courts, but trying to reach out and recognize.
- ◆ Working on stuff for Yule court.

- ◆ *From MT:*
- ◆ Discussed with Naran the extended pandemic reign. Would like to get a variance for their "reign of terror" before the polling.
- ◆ Question to Seamus, who initiates the Variance request? Seneschal? Or the B&B? Who submits? Answer: B&B should apply to K&Q for the variance (e.g. for the duration of COVID).
 - ◆ Variance is for 6 months.
 - ◆ (Adina) We are not likely to have a Crown in Feb.
 - ◆ Discussion of the period for the variance.
 - ◆ The B&B will discuss this with each other further.
 - ◆ At this point it could push us out another year or two.
 - ◆ (Drogo) probably don't need to worry at least until June/July.
 - ◆ General discussion about variance and extension.
- ◆ Naran covered the other stuff. Mostly stalking people on/offline and courts.



Populace Gathering Minutes (cont.)

Events

Yule event: Meet Me Under the VIRTUAL Bridge

- ◆ (Adina) Working on a location. Maybe at Adina's?
- ◆ Who would need to be there? Naran, MT, camera person, herald. Sof'ia will be present. 6 people so far.
- ◆ Briana for herald. Report in for the end. Don't need to be warranted for court herald. Request for warrant has been submitted.
- ◆ Need to work on the Zoom account. Marion will be getting with Kingdom for that.
- ◆ Discussion about recording and publishing of the event. (Marion) Will use local Zoom, and then publish to Kingdom Youtube. Will be reaching out to Kingdom Webminister, Melchior, ahead of time.
- ◆ Marion might be able to get a camera. She will look into it. So Marion will also be present. Hakon can also check his Rebel. Older, but might work.
- ◆ Sof'ia need backdrop(s) from storage. Plus the clamshells. The frame thing. Holiday background. Banner holders.
- ◆ Sof'ia donated a backdrop. Should be in storage. Adina will check.
- ◆ (Adina) Chairs? (MT) will use their X chairs with a small table between.
- ◆ (MT) We do need at least 1 banner with our heraldry. (Adina) Use the pennant. It's smaller.
- ◆ (Adina) has face shields
- ◆ Still don't know what the weather will be like. For inside vs. outside.

- ◆ (Adina) Cookies. Have people take (and submit) pictures. Send to A&S? Send to B&B?
- ◆ Use a Google form. Then we can set up a gallery page so everyone can see them. With the recipes?
- ◆ Will be judged by B&B
- ◆ Marion will add to her write-up for it on Monday.

- ◆ (Adina) What champions to be selected? Heavy, Fencing, Archery, A&S, Bardic. Not Brewing? Push Brewing to Pennsic (but see if anyone submits).
- ◆ (Drogo) Wait for Bloodbath for Heavy & Fencing?
- ◆ (MT) Wearing the colors at Events. Not much else asked of them. Would like to see participation and teaching. Followed by some discussion about the duties of the champions. (Adina) Say "charged with doing this."

- ◆ What time to do court? 2PM?
- ◆ (Adina) Need to do a court report ahead of time! So they can work on the timing. Need SCA name and modern.
- ◆ 19th meet around noon.



Populace Gathering Minutes (cont.)

- ◆ 6 people (inside) is the max.
- ◆ Ideally, if weather permits, will try to do this outside.
- ◆ Regalia? Not needed for the court, but should be ready for delivery.
- ◆ Address for Court (not recorded for privacy, see Adina for info)

Old Business

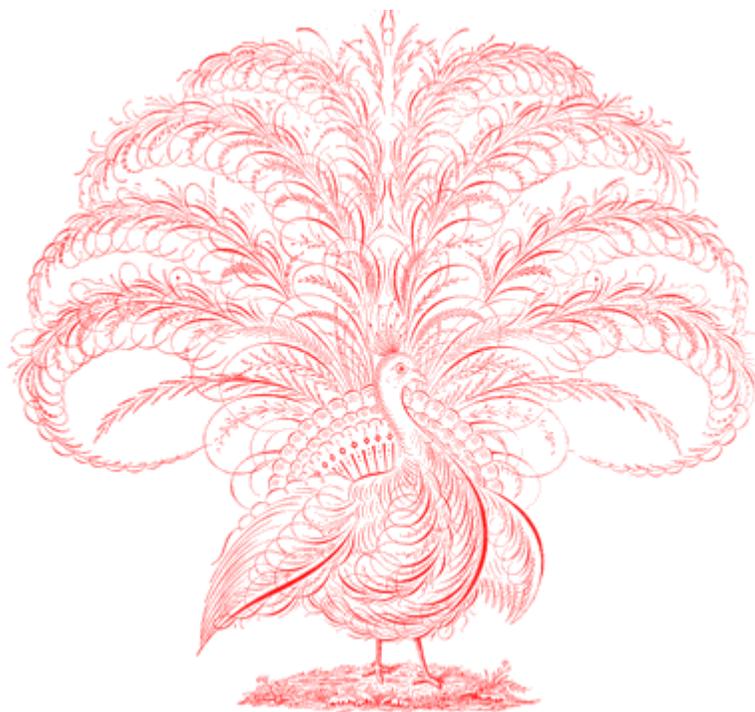
- ◆ n/a

New Business

- ◆ n/a

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ (Naran) Has also commissioned 2 Baronial face masks with the towers. Plus 10 just black and gold.
- ◆ (Naran) Arrow making went well yesterday. Asked to send pix to Chronicler.
- ◆ (Adina) Ymir is going to happen. Ymir "Giant's Asleep" (if not in person) Royal court. With another later in the year that might be in person.
- ◆ (Adina) Unevent will be virtual. Peerage meetings will be on Sunday





A&S Update from Marion Compton

Hello again Pontoons!

As the year draws to a close, your A&S team wanted to take a minute to thank everyone who has participated in Ponte Alto A&S and helped us through this somewhat tumultuous time. We have learned so much about who we are as an officer team, and about you as a barony and we look forward to serving you well in 2021 and through the duration of this craziness.

Our monthly A&S in November was a really fun one for us. We tried doing a virtual cook-along making a feast favorite- Savory Toasted Cheese. It was amazing to get together and cook, and while not quite like how we normally would, it was still a great night where we learned a lot, enjoyed eating together, and everyone got to try something new.

STC Images (L to R): Her Excellency, Lord Tristan, and Lady Magdalena



Congratulations to all those submitting entries for Baronial champions, Tempore Atlantia, and Kingdom A&S Champion! Your work continues to amaze and we can't wait to see the results in the next month or so.

Our A&S class for December will be a lesson on pricking and pouncing, and how you can use it to really easily step up your embroidery, beading, and garb decoration game. A recommended supplies list will be sent out beforehand so people can work along with us.



Martial Activities

Archery Update from Rónán mac Ímair

The Noyon spent some time working with Lady Sof'ia and Lady Marion to make new arrows. It's not often that you get to make arrows outdoors, but the quarantine requires us to adapt!



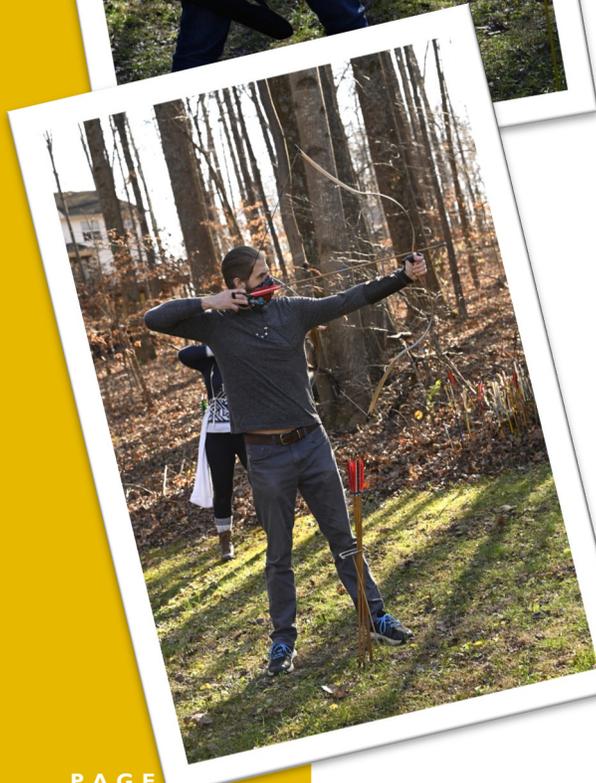
Pictures courtesy of Naran Numuchi



Martial Activities (cont.)

Archery Update from Rónán mac Ímair

The Ponte Alto archers also made a visit to Grimmsfield for a little archery practice.



Pictures courtesy of Rónán



Weekly/Monthly Events

SUNDAY	
Ponte Alto 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 Ponte Alto e-
Heavy Weapons Practice	until
Rapier Practice	Practice (Arch),
Projects Night	Practice :30pm-
Stierbach/ Winter Archery	Ponte Alto have a (ineau)
SCA Newcomer Meetings	21. of various members of the Barony. Contact the Baronial Chatelaine for information (chatelaine@pontalto.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://pontalto.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 December/January	
Date	Event
	No in-person events scheduled at this time due to COVID-19
12/19	Ponte Alto's Yule: Meet Me 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!





Ponte Alto Notables

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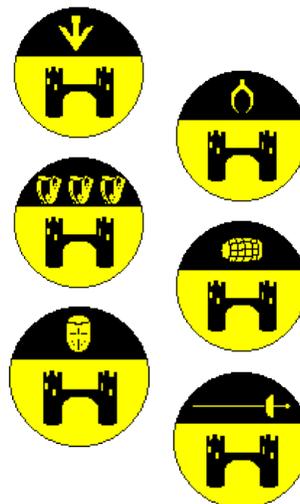
Youth Bardic Champion: M'lord Oliver of Ponte Alto

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Rapier Champion: Leifr Skraveifa
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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)!

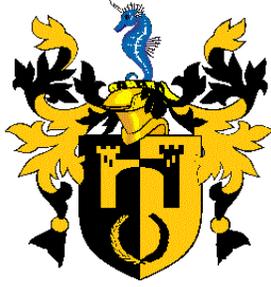
Who can retain?

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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