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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!

## *News & Announcements*

Congratulations to our newest officers!

Our new Exchequer is **Lord Mowgli of Anglesey**.

Our new Minister of Art and Science is **Noble Sæunn hima**.

Welcome!

## *Looking for Largesse*

We are in need of largess for the upcoming year! Please contact Her Excellency about your donations. 😊



# Populace Gathering Meeting Notes

Date: May 22, 2022

Began: 5:03 PM

Location: Zoom Virtual Meeting

Adjourned: 5:52 PM

Notes: Lord Rónán mac Ímair/  
Juliana le Webbe

Attendees: 17

## OFFICERS' REPORTS

### Seneschal - Lord Hákon brimill (David Hultman)

- We are still doing primarily virtual due to local/Fairfax pandemic status, but we're looking into doing a hybrid version
- I encourage people to get together safely
- Seneschals meeting tomorrow night, if anything pertinent comes up, I will share.
- Some folks did show up in the park today.
- Chatelain not feeling well today.
- Continue to follow best practices.
- (Naran) Indoor activities to be masked until announced otherwise. See notice.

### Exchequer - Lady Astrid (Katie Bischoff)

- \$10,323.70
- Blood Bath Money has been deposited and dispersed as appropriate.
- If receipts, send to Astrid.
- I'm training my replacement! Lord Mowgli of Anglesey
- The take over will be around June, around the time the quarterly report is due and after his training has ended.

### Knight Marshal - Lord Hákon brimill on behalf of Lord Jacques Gonse

- Continues to heal and recover.
- Practices continues to grow and do well especially on the Heavy side.
- 4-5 newcomers in heavy in the last few months, and one new Rapier fighter!
- Everyone will be moving outside for practice in June.
- Some folks looking to use Kingdom level Pennsic fundraisers. Check with Hákon.
- (Naran) Encouraging folks to go more period. Talking with JG about that.
- (Naran) Jacques Gonse (JG) is a deputy minister with the Kingdom, so he's been encouraging historically accurate armor!
- Hákon also looking at more war training. To be scheduled.

### Arts and Sciences - Lord Hákon brimill on behalf of Lady Mariana Ruiz de Medina (Emily Shifflett)

- Last Mariana report, she's no longer the A&S Minister
- Not a required position, so we're going to take some time to find the new minister

### Social Media Officer - Lord Hákon brimill on behalf of Mariana Ruiz de Medina

- We're looking for the position



- Social media monitoring job
- Mariana will mentor who take over this position

### **Chatelaine - Lord Hákon brimill on behalf of Lady Delphina the Mad (Charlene Ratliff)**

- We did the newcomer's meeting in the park.
- (Tristan) nothing to add
- 1 person contacted Tristan a month or so ago but has already been to events.
- (MT) One new person at practice today. Her name Kayla. Spent some time chatting with her.
- (Naran) Lady Giovanna had nephew attend On Target. Naran escorted him and provided garb.

### **Herald - Lady Johanna le Paumer (Sarah Stango)**

- Nothing to report, it continues and has been quiet.
- Adina has scroll holders.
- (MT) How would you like to receive scroll requests?
  - Email would be most direct
  - FB messenger is also fine.

### **Chronicler - Lord Rónán mac Ímair (Ron Hanagan)**

- May will be posted this evening
- Baronial Progress on the website was on the website, through November
- We are still looking for articles and submissions!
- A&S submissions especially
- (Juliana) If you have something, send to us! If you have an idea, let us know!

### **Web Minister - Lord Rónán mac Ímair (Ron Hanagan)**

- Atlantia did an upgrade to hosting services, which made a few things on the website looked odd
  - This is now fixed!
- (MT) Mushed up paragraphs?
  - List of the rules and Martials and scenario for crown
  - (Ronan) Yes, it was probably the update, I can look into it.
  - (MT) I will send you the link
- (Adina) some of the cut and paste from the website makes odd characters, that's just something to note
- (Juliana) If you have contributions or ideas, **Please Email Rónán**
- (MT) Front page idea. Move up content above B&B stuff. More important.

### **Baron and Baroness - Their Excellencies Noyon Naran Numuchi & Baroness Marie-Therese Normand (Nicholas Freer & Mary Bowles)**

- Noyon Naran Numuchi
  - Highland River Melees was wet, and it was wet.
  - On Target was a lot of fun! But it was Hot
  - Progress was given to Ronan, it's on the website
  - Now going to...Swamp Wars.
- Baroness Marie Therese Normand
  - Progress was given to Ronan, it's on the website



- We didn't do a change over of champions at Blood Bath
- It was discussed that we do a change over after Pennsic
- Will not be attending Pennsic.
- We're not getting a lot of award recommendations
  - Please look around to see what we can submit!
  - Please submit people!
- Baronial can do AoA on behalf of Their Majesties, because of kingdom travel restrictions or inability to travel,
  - If everything is properly submitted by an individual then the barony.

## **EVENTS**

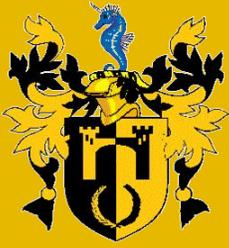
- At current Ponte Alto does not have any events on the Schedule
- Starting our look for autocrat for Blood Bath for next year
- Need ideas for events. Would like to talk about it! Reach out to Seneschal, Baronage, anyone.
- If anyone is interested in setting up/autocratting a fall event, Hákon is all in to support you!

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- n/a

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- Officer events are opening up, which will be posted to the website soon.
- If anyone is interested in Warlord, for Pennsic at least, let Hákon know!
  - Fight coordinator between groups
- If anyone has ideas for creating scroll blanks, let us know!
- (MT) Do we have the wording for our awards?
  - (Sarah) We don't have any official text.
  - (MT) I thought I sent some to you. I'll come up with some text
  - I'll send a coloring page scroll to Ronan.
  - (Adina) Traditionally until recently, it's just been the medallion, no scrolls.
- (Hákon) Adina has some reference books people can borrow.
- (Adina) it's basically a scribal kit, some supplies are free to a good home. The reference books and their locations should be monitored.
- Emilia di Nicastro would like to volunteer with her limited time, about 4 hours a week. Just let me know what I can do!
- (Adina) we still have fabric left from holiday fair. If people wanted to start making things, send them our way! We have things!
  - We also still have some left over garb to sell! Let us know if you or a newbie would like to look through and buy garb
- (Hákon) Want to do a clean up the storage unit day. We don't have a day set up yet
  - (Adina) a minimum of four people would be needed
  - MT can bring her computer to help document.
  - (Adina) May want to have this stuff available to autocrats for events.
  - Mowgli is going to look around to see if he can find a cheaper price for a storage unit space, so we have the information.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Grimm has not made official plans for Memorial Day, but the range should be open on Monday, and maybe a little earlier in the day on Memorial Day, perhaps around 2.
- (MT) If anyone would like to help me set up the day shade on the Thursday of Ruby Joust, please let me know.
- Juliana was volunteered to be head retainer. If you are interested in retaining, please let her know!

## *Martial Activities*

### **Martial Activities Update**

Happy May Ponte Alto!

In the Summer months, the Barony will have wide participation in the Pennsic War July 29 - August 14 and much more.

If you're interested in Martial Activities in the Barony, don't hesitate to reach out to Jacques Gonse (JG), Barony Knight Marshal, at [knightmarshal@pontalto.atlantia.sca.org](mailto:knightmarshal@pontalto.atlantia.sca.org).

YIS,

Lord Jacques Gonse





# Arts & Science Activities

## A&S Update

Greetings unto the populace of the Barony of Ponte Alto!

My name is Sæunn hima (formerly Ciosa di Tommaso), and it is my pleasure and honor to take up the role as your new Minister of Arts and Sciences (MoAS). I have enjoyed the camaraderie of my fellow Pontoons for almost ten years; in that time, I have served as a Deputy Herald, erstwhile retainer, and Baronial A&S Champion (regrettably, an abbreviated service due to the pandemic).

First and foremost, I would like to say that my purpose in this office is to serve you, the barony. It was in Ponte Alto that I was instilled with a love of A&S; I was taught tablet weaving, scribal work, lucet weaving, costuming, and so much more by individuals I have seen flourish in the A&S community. To the best of my ability, I would like to see A&S continue to thrive here.

Over the coming weeks, I intend to work closely with the previous MoAS (Lady Mariana Ruiz de Medina), whose dedicated efforts created a standard of excellence I aspire to continue.

It is my hope to work with the Deputy Ministers as well as any interested parties to provide the best possible activities, outreach, and education for A&S. I would like to be able to work within to the kingdom to provide inter-baronial activities, and stage community demos, health and safety permitting. Ponte Alto's events will, of course, continue to include themed and/or open competitions, and we are always seeking individuals interested in sponsoring.

To make the transition from Lady Mariana to myself easier, she has provided me with her meticulous documentation, as well as notes about the interests of those who have participated in A&S activities in the past. I have opted to continue with her virtual A&S nights; however, A&S night will now occur on Wednesdays rather than Tuesdays. The time (7-10p.m.) will remain unchanged, as well as the format of one social meet and one largesse or otherwise structured class.

If you have any questions about Arts and Sciences within Ponte Alto, suggestions for improvement, or requests for future activities, please contact me via the MoAS email ([moas@pontealto.atlantia.sca.org](mailto:moas@pontealto.atlantia.sca.org)), personally or through the Barony's group on Facebook, or at [saeunnhima@gmail.com](mailto:saeunnhima@gmail.com).

YIS,

Noble Sæunn hima, Minister of Art & Science

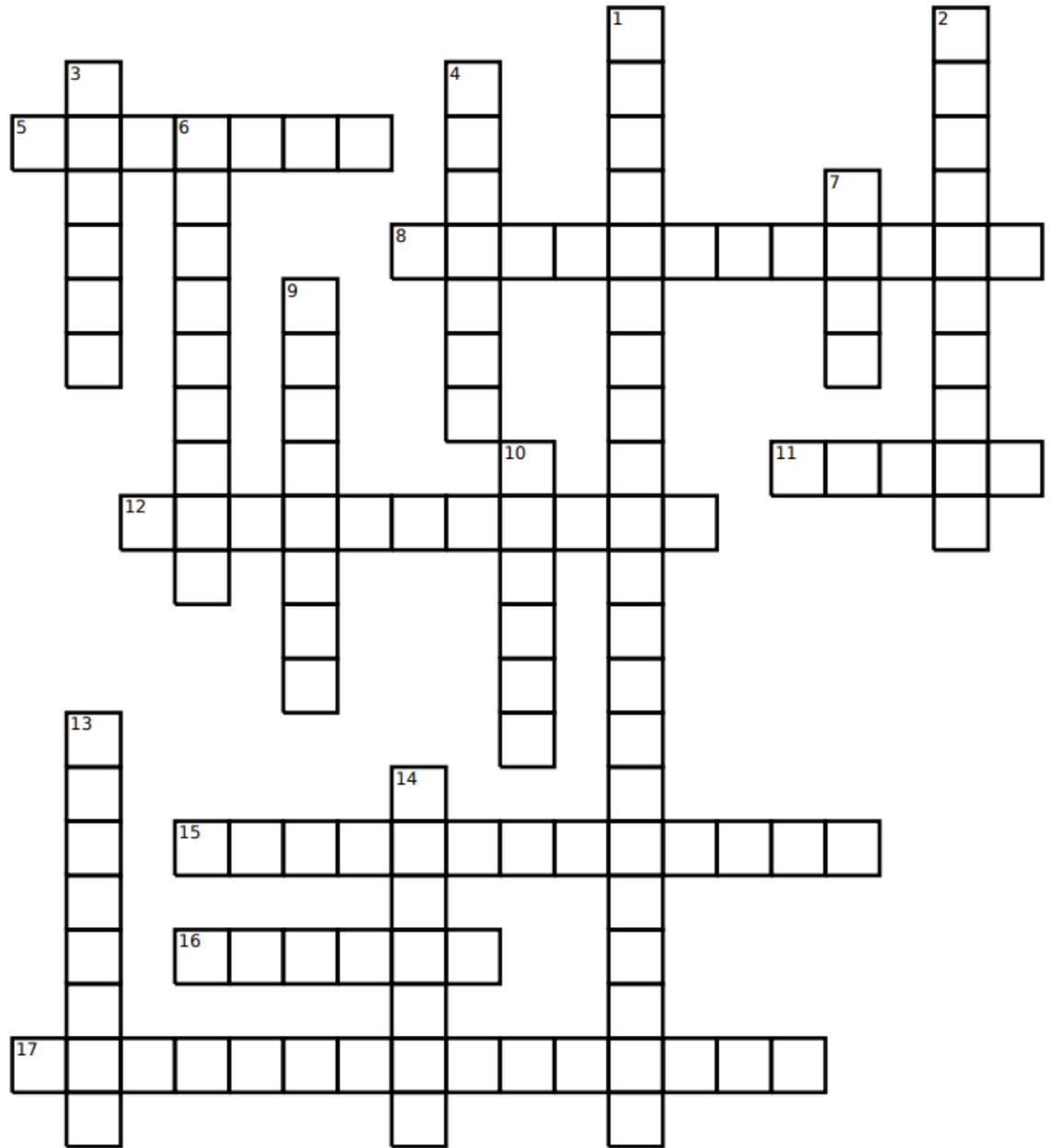
Do you have an A&S project you'd like to share with your fellow Pontoons?

We'd love to publish it! Contact our [Minister of A&S](#), Lady Mariana Ruiz de Medina!



## Bestowed Peers & Grant/Award of Arms Crossword

Here's a puzzle for you! A total of 17 names related to the Bestowed Peerages, Grant of Arms, and Award of Arms. Can solve this puzzle? I hope you can! Clues are on the next page and answers are on the same page as the Ponte Alto Notables. 😊





## Crossword Clues

### Across

5. grant of arms that honors and recognizes those subjects who have distinguished themselves by their teaching of armored combat and rapier combat (2 Words)
8. award of arms that honors and recognizes those non-belted fighters who have distinguished themselves by their effort and shown excellence on the heavy field (2 Words)
11. grant of arms that honors and recognizes those subjects who have distinguished themselves by their efforts and their excellence in the arts and sciences of the period and/or their willingness to teach those same arts and sciences
12. award of arms that honors and recognizes those subjects who have distinguished themselves in their effort and shown excellence in arts and sciences of the period (2 Words)
15. grant of arms that honors and recognizes those subjects who have distinguished themselves by their exceptional service and leadership in the Kingdom of Atlantia (2 Words)
16. grant of arms that honors and recognizes those non-belted fighters who have distinguished themselves by consistent excellence on the field
17. award of arms that honors and recognizes those subjects who have distinguished themselves by their effort and shown excellence with bow and arrow (both target and combat), thrown weapon, and/or siegecraft (2 Words)

### Down

1. grant of arms that honors and recognizes those subjects who have demonstrated exceptional expertise in the arts of equestrian activities and who have, through service to the equestrian community, advanced those arts and promoted them (4 Words)
2. grant of arms that honors and recognizes those subjects who have excelled in the exercise and advance of the noble art of fence (2 Words)
3. grant of arms that honors and recognizes those subjects who have distinguished themselves by their excellence with bow and arrow (both target and combat), thrown weapons, and/or siegecraft or the teaching of those same skills (2 Words)
4. bestowed patent through excellence in service
6. award of arms that honors and recognizes those non-White Scarf Rapier fighters who have distinguished themselves by their effort and shown excellence on the Rapier field (2 Words)
7. award of arms that honors and recognizes those subjects who have distinguished themselves by their service to Atlantia
9. bestowed patent through martial prowess on the field
10. bestowed patent through excellence in the arts and sciences
13. award of arms that honors and recognizes those subjects who have distinguished themselves by their consistent effort and shown excellence in the pursuit of equestrian activities
14. bestowed patent through martial prowess on the rapier or cut-and-thrust field



## Many Games, One Board Part 2

By Lady Lisbet of Spinning Winds

The game Alquerque as described in the famous 13<sup>th</sup> century Book of Games by Alfonso X is between two evenly matched sides. From the same source, twelve hunters try to surround the aggressive hare before it removes them in Catch the Hare. Tigers and twenty goats roam the board in two Asian games (Bagh Chal and Bagh Guti). In North and Central America, Picaria (a three-in-a row game) and El Coyote (a coyote versus twelve chicken or sheep) use similar boards missing a few lines.



Figure 1. Back right Alquerque, Front right Catch the Hare, front left 4 Nepalese tigers in Bagh Chal, back left 2 Indian Tigers and twenty goats in Bagh Guti. Game Boards and photo by author.

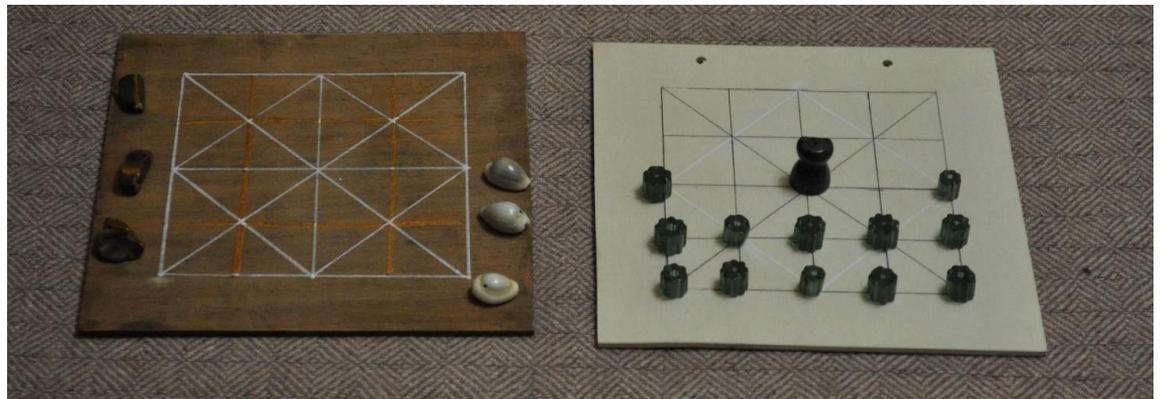
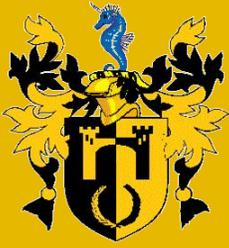


Figure 2. Picaria and El Coyote Game Boards. Photo by author.

Unfortunately, sources in English give less than precise dating of the non-European games. Many individuals have developed and webbed playable rules including

- Damien Walker
  - (<http://www.cynningstan.com/data-download/19/alquerque-leaflet>,
  - <http://www.cynningstan.com/data-download/88/catch-the-hare-leaflet>,
  - <http://www.cynningstan.com/data-download/247/bagh-chal-leaflet>,
  - <http://www.cynningstan.com/data-download/100/bagh-guti-leaflet>),
- Baron Modar Neznanitch/Ron Knight
  - (<http://www.modaruniversity.org/Game8.htm>),



- University of Waterloo's ELLIOTT AVEDON VIRTUAL MUSEUM OF GAMES
  - <http://healthy.uwaterloo.ca/museum/VirtualExhibits/rowgames/picaria.html>)
- Wikipedia
  - ([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Catch\\_the\\_Hare](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Catch_the_Hare),
  - <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bagh-Chal>,
  - <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Picaria>).

If you prefer print references, look at

- Bell, R. C. (1979). *Board and Table Games from Many Civilizations, revised edition*. New York: Dover Publications. [a combined and revised book encompassing Part 1 (1960) and Part 2 (1969)]
- Murray, H. J. R. (1952). *A History of Board-Games Other than Chess*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- Posada, J. G. (1930). *El nuevo coyote [graphic]*, Mexico City: Antonio Vanegas Arroyo, publisher. [available through the Library of Congress online <https://lccn.loc.gov/99615880>]
- Culin, Stewart. (1907). *Games of the North American Indians* AMS Press. [See pages 794, 796, and 800 available through the Internet Archive <https://archive.org/details/gamesofnorthamer00culirich>]

*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 consider that the SCA is what we do with our time after we are finished doing what we do to pay the bills.

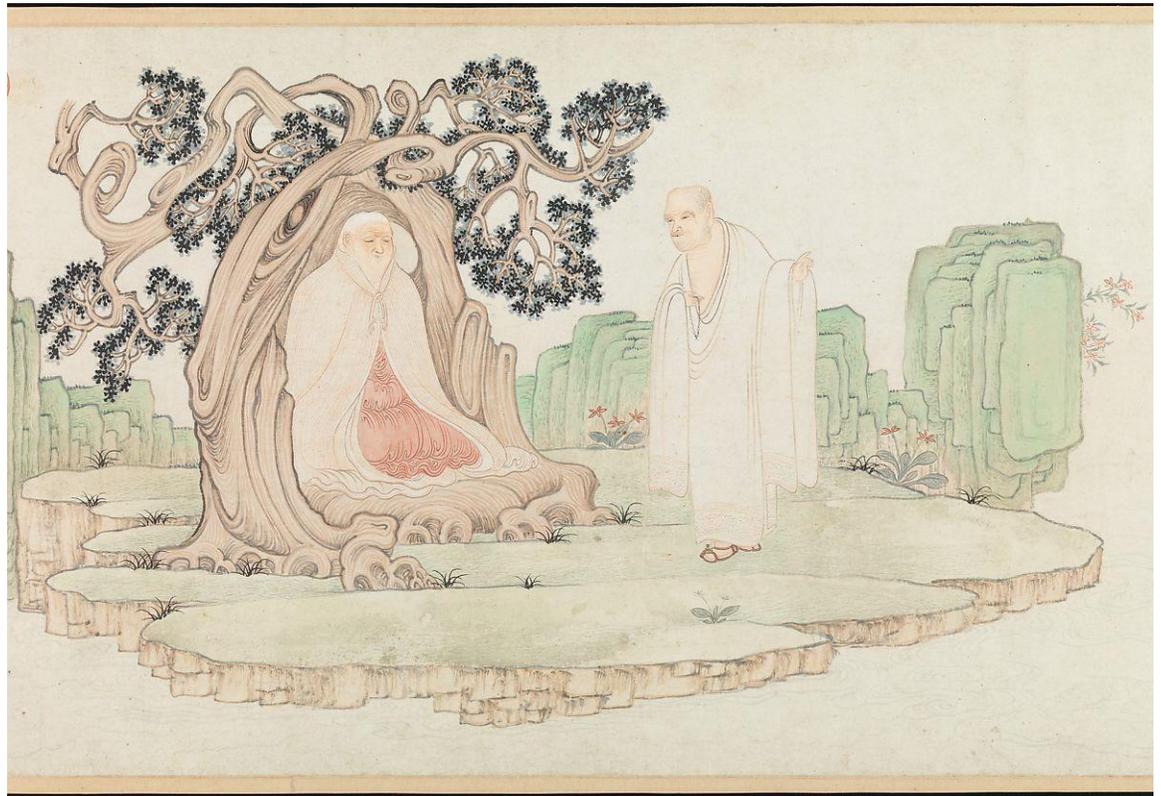
With deputies, the workload can be shared, allowing more work to be accomplished with less time and stress for any one individual.

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



## Art Spotlight: The Sixteen Luohans

Wu Bin, Chinese, circa 1591



From the Met's website:

In the Chinese popular imagination, mendicant monks, conjurers, and mysterious hermits were often thought to be disguised “living luohans,” or Buddhist holy men capable of producing miracles. When government corruption and ineptitude imperiled social order, as it did in late Ming times, such superstitious messianic beliefs became more widespread. Here, in one of his earliest extant works, Wu Bin embraced an archaic figure style and followed the tradition of depicting luohans as fantastic eccentrics whose grotesque features belie their inner spiritual nature. Wu’s humorous painting may have had a serious message: holiness can be concealed within an outwardly incongruous form.

To Find out more, visit The Met website [here](#).



## Weekly/Monthly Events

<i>SUNDAY</i>	
Outdoor Heavy Weapons	Weather permitting, 12:00 noon until dark, outdoors at Tysons-Pimmit Park, behind Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library, 7584 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. Contact the Baronial Knight Marshal for information (see Regnum). (cancellations posted on the Ponte Alto e-list) Directions: Take your best route to I-495. Get off at the exit for Route 7 East (Falls Church). Go about 1 mile; the library is on the left. Park in the library lot and walk down the hill to the park.
<i>MONDAY</i>	
Stierbach/Ponte Alto Archery Practice	Practice is held at Grimmsfield. 16132 Crusade Ct. Haymarket, VA 20169. 5:00pm until dusk. If you need loaner gear, or would like more information, please contact the Archery Marshal, Lord Rónán mac Ímair.
<i>THURSDAY</i>	
Heavy Weapons Practice	Summer, outdoors at Tysons-Pimmit Park, (see Outdoor Heavy Weapons and Rapier Practice above). Winter, Lemon Road Elementary School cafeteria (7230 Idylwood Road, Falls Church), weather and school events permitting (cancellations posted on the Ponte Alto e-list)
Rapier Practice	Summer, outdoors at Tysons-Pimmit Park, (see Outdoor Heavy Weapons and Rapier Practice above) Winter, Shrevevood Elementary school cafeteria (7525 Shreve Rd, Falls Church), 6:30pm-9pm (cancellations posted on the Ponte Alto e-list)
<i>FRIDAY</i>	
Stierbach/Ponte Alto Winter Archery Practice	ON HOLD
<i>MONTHLY</i>	
SCA Newcomer Meetings	Newcomer Meetings are held the <u>4th Tuesday</u> of the month at 7:30 p.m. via either Zoom or Google Meets. 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.
Ponte Alto Baronial Populace Gathering	Populace Gathering (and Business) Meeting, usually the <u>4th Sunday</u> of the month at 5:00 p.m. virtually on Zoom. The Zoom link is posted on the Ponte Alto calendar. Everyone is welcome to attend.
A&S Projects Night	<u>1st &amp; 3rd Tuesday</u> , via Zoom or at private residences. Address will be posted on a private site (Facebook A&S Event) to preserve the privacy of the host. If you'd like to host or don't have a Facebook account and need the address, please contact Lady Mariana de Ruiz (mka Emily Shifflett) <a href="mailto:moas@pontalto.atlantia.sca.org">moas@pontalto.atlantia.sca.org</a> .

\*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.\*



## Upcoming Events in Atlantia

Date	Event
6/17 - 6/19	<a href="#">Below the Salt - Elchenburg Market Faire</a> : Boonville NC (Sacred Stone)
6/25 - 6/26	<a href="#">Kings Assessment</a> : Roanoke VA (Black Diamond)
7/8 - 7/10	<a href="#">Storvik Novice and Unbelt Tournament</a> : Upper Marlboro MD (Storvik) (Q K)
7/16	<a href="#">Warrior's Games</a> : Harleyville SC (Tear-Sea's Shore)
7/29 - 8/14	<a href="#">Pennsic War II</a> : (Aethelmearc) (Q K)
8/26 - 8/28	<a href="#">Sacred Stone Baronial Birthday 40 Year</a> : Ellerbe NC (Sacred Stone)
8/27	<a href="#">Non-European Persona Workshop</a> : Spartanburg, SC (Nottinghamhill Coill)
8/27	<a href="#">Skewered! 3</a> : Gaithersburg MD (Roxbury Mill)
9/9 - 9/11	<a href="#">Trial by Fire and Royal Archery</a> : Glen Arm MD (Bright Hills)
9/17	<a href="#">Atlantian University TBD (In-Person)</a> : (Atlantia)
9/23 - 9/25	<a href="#">Battle on the Bay</a> : Upper Marlboro MD (Lochmere) (Q K)
9/24	<a href="#">Tourney of Silver Chalice</a> : Harleyville SC (Hidden Mountain)
10/1	<a href="#">Fall Coronation (TBD)</a> : (Atlantia) (Q K)
10/8	<a href="#">Stierbach XXIV Baronial Birthday Celebration : Charging of the Crimson Bull</a> : Spotsylvania VA (Stierbach)
10/11 - 10/16	<a href="#">War of the Wings</a> : Boonville NC (Atlantia)
10/29	<a href="#">Arts &amp; Sciences Workshop</a> : Spartanburg, SC (Nottinghamhill Coill)

\*Note that these dates and links are subject to change. For a full and updated list, please visit the Atlantian Kingdom Calendar at <https://atlantia.sca.org/calendar/>.



## Baronial Progress

Date	Event	Progress
6/25 - 6/26	Kings Assessment	MT
7/8 - 7/10	Storvik Novice and Unbelt Tournament	Naran & MT
7/29 - 8/14	Pennsic War II	Naran
8/27	Skewered	Naran
9/9 - 9/11	Trial by Fire and Royal Archery	Naran
9/17	Fall University	Naran & MT
9/23 - 9/25	Battle on the Bay	Naran & MT
10/1	Fall Coronation	Naran & MT

## 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!*

*[headretainer@pontealto.atlantia.sca.org](mailto:headretainer@pontealto.atlantia.sca.org)*





# Regnum

## Baron and Baroness

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