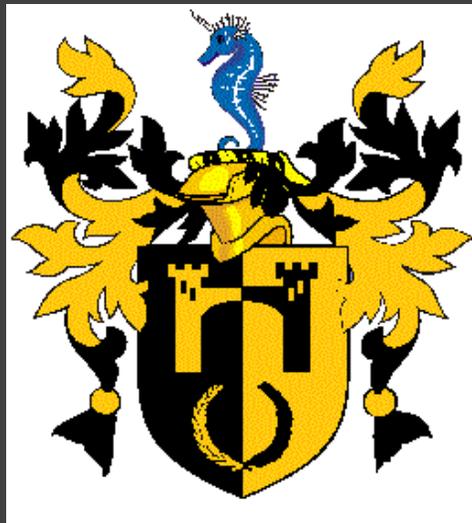


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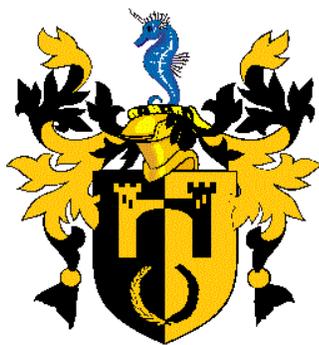
## *IL TEMPO*

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!



## EDITOR'S NOTE

Our beloved noyon's term is coming to an end at long last. Naran Numuchi, Noyon (aka Baron) of Ponte Alto will be stepping down this spring as his reign ends.

It is time for new representatives from the barony to step up and lead Ponte Alto into the future.

This issue of Il Tempo contains the Letters of Intent from our Baronial candidates. Polling is expected to open on Jan 20<sup>th</sup> and close on Feb 3<sup>rd</sup>. Polling will be conducted on the Kingdom of Atlantia website at <https://polling.atlantia.sca.org/>. Instructions for the Atlantia Baronial polling can be found at <https://pontealto.atlantia.sca.org/files/AEL-Baronial.pdf>

Everyone is encouraged to read their letters and reach out to the candidates with any questions you might have in order to make an informed vote when the polling begins!

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Rónán mac Ímair

Chronicler

Ponte Alto

# LETTERS OF INTENT

## Letter of Intent: Lady Shirin Shamsi (Sherece Creager)

Joyous greetings unto You, King Ragnarr Blackhammer and Queen Mary Isabel, Your Royal Highnesses Christoph and Adelhait, Rightful Heirs to the Noble Kingdom of Atlantia, Our great Kingdom Seneschal Cian and Regional Deputy Lughaidh, Your Excellencies Naran and Marie Therese Baronage, Our Baronial Seneschal Hakon, and to you, the wonderful populace of the Barony of Ponte Alto.

Let it be known that I, Lady Shirin Shamsi, wish to proclaim my intent to support the Kingdom by taking the mantle of Baroness of Ponte Alto.

I bring over seventeen years of SCA experience, playing in the Kingdom of Artemisia for 15 years and the Kingdom of Atlantia since Fall 2021. In the Kingdom of Artemisia, I served as a Baronial Youth Officer for a year, Deputy Baronial Exchequer two years, Baronial Exchequer three years, and Kingdom Deputy Exchequer for a year. I have traveled to many Kingdoms to attend events and Wars, which has provided me with a variety of experiences to help add to the service and ideals of the Dream of the Current Middle Ages.

I would love to serve the populace in this role to continue the prosperity and increase the strength of our Kingdoms lands. If selected as the next Baroness of Ponte Alto, I would continue to foster the family environment that has been developing. I feel that the SCA is more than just a game or hobby. The SCA becomes a way of life and the people we surround ourselves with become our chosen family. I feel that everyone's participation and input is very important to the sustainment and growth of our Barony.

I hope to encourage others to step up as Baronial Officers by encouraging teamwork and providing thorough explanation and training of what each officer needs to do. I want to show that being an officer is a fun way to contribute to our Barony, Kingdom, and Society. I will continue to strive to contribute to the improvement and wellbeing of the Barony of Ponte Alto and Kingdom of Atlantia. I would like to provide tools, connections, and leadership to our Populace to help guide them on whatever path they choose.

I understand the Baroness' role is to be the connection to the Crown and the Society; as well as a voice to facilitate direct communication with the Barony's Populace. In our monthly populace meetings, I plan to incorporate a policy focus, which will highlight facets of Society or Kingdom policy. I believe helping the Populace understand policies like these, we can avoid future misunderstandings. I realize most of these topics would normally fall under the seneschal's purview, but by working with the seneschal, we can bring more awareness and explanation to our Populace.

I feel my experience and abilities are suited to this task and look for your approval to take on this role during the coming years.

Yours in service,  
Lady Shirin Shamsi

## **Letter of Intent: Lord Hákon brimill and Lady Hrefna blinda**

We, The Lord Hákon brimill and Lady Hrefna blinda send our intent to be considered suitable candidates as successors to the Baronial Thrones of the Barony of Ponte Alto.

To The Crown, Their Excellencies of Ponte Alto, and the Kingdom Seneschal we submit these words to speak to our qualifications when considering us for candidacy.

Hákon has been an active member in the SCA since A.S. 52. Hákon started through the gates of heavy fighting at a Ponte Alto Practice and quickly found himself getting authorized and learning more about what it is to be part of the SCA. Hákon has always been active in the Barony almost from the start. Sometimes simple tasks of setting up and tearing down or running logistics and labor to get equipment to sites. Planning and coordinating events with the autocrat(s), providing infrastructure and support for their current Excellencies and those that have preceded them. Hákon has taught classes for Arts and Sciences and written articles for the Ponte Alto Newsletter. Acted as Royal Guard, served as the Baronial Heavy Champion and is currently the Baronies Seneschal.

Lady Hrefna has been active since A.S. 53 in the SCA and started in the Barony of Ponte Alto. Hrefna contributes both within and out of the Barony. Providing clothes and goods to newcomers or helping with garb so people would be comfortable or having something new to them. Hrefna can often be found helping to corral and entertain the youths of the society at events and ensure people have shade and drink. Through many events she collected water to ensure everyone on the field was taken care of. She is an Archer and Artisan and a constant behind the scenes worker.

Should we be chosen as the next Baron and Baroness of Ponte Alto, we would like to continue the focus on making the barony a welcoming place for newcomers and increasing engagement. With a bigger goal of having more events hosted by the barony and by extension increasing our presence in Northern Atlantia. Over the last year we have been openly encouraging any and all to attend our practices to create more gathering times and spaces and feel this concept should be expanded to give us as much opportunity to gather as we can.

Yours in Service to the Dream,

Lord Hákon brimill and Lady Hrefna blinda  
David and DaRong Hultman

## UPCOMING EVENTS IN ATLANTIA

Date	Event
1/19 – 1/21	<a href="#">Nottingham Coill Baronial Birthday &amp; Investiture</a> : <i>Bennettsville SC (Nottingham Coill)</i> (Q K Pr P )
1/26 – 1/27	<a href="#">Ravens Cove Baronial Birthday and Investiture</a> : <i>Richlands NC (Raven's Cove)</i> (K )
1/27	<a href="#">Holiday Court of Volodymyr the Great</a> : <i>Lothian MD (Lochmere)</i>
1/27	<a href="#">Tourney of Manannan Mac Lir</a> : <i>Harleyville SC (Tear-Sea's Shore)</i> (Pr P )
2/3 – 2/4	<a href="#">Winter University- Session #115</a> : <i>Madison Heights VA (Atlantia)</i> (Pr )

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

## 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>	
Outdoor 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, 6pm (see Outdoor Heavy Weapons and Rapier Practice above).
Rapier Practice	Summer, outdoors at Tysons-Pimmit Park, (see Outdoor Heavy Weapons and Rapier Practice above) Winter, Shrevewood Elementary school cafeteria (7525 Shreve Rd, Falls Church), 6:30pm-9pm (cancellations posted on the Ponte Alto e-list)
<i>FRIDAY</i>	
Indoor 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 ( <a href="mailto:chatelaine@pontealto.atlantia.sca.org">chatelaine@pontealto.atlantia.sca.org</a> ) or check out the Events/Activities page on the website for the most recent information.
A&S Projects Night	Monthly/Bi-Monthly. Please contact Lady Anauved.
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.

\*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.\*

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# HELP WANTED!

There are several offices 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!

Roles currently seeking help:

## **Chatelain**

Description: The Chatelain is responsible for the recruitment and retention of members in the SCA. Chatelains should be available to help potential and current members both online, via email and social media, and at in-person practices and events.

Works closely with the Social Media Officer (SMO) to promote events and welcome newcomers.

There are also deputy roles under the Chatelain office that could use volunteers for specific focus activities, including: demos, youth activities, and gold key.

## **Deputy Chronicler**

Duties include: taking notes during populace meetings, copy-editing and proof-reading, and/or article/content development.

## **Deputy Herald**

The barony is looking for volunteers for court herald!

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