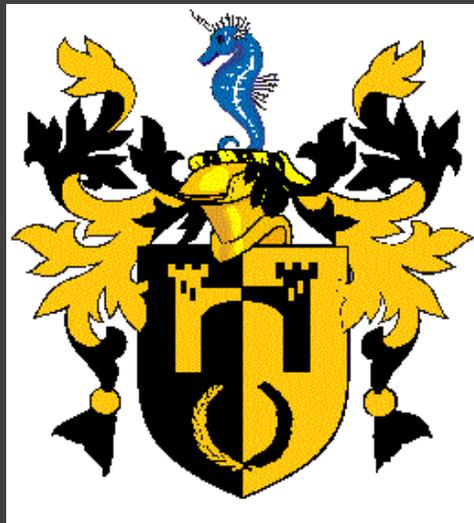


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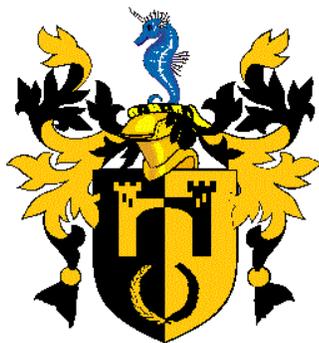
## IL TEMPO

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 SPOTLIGHT



Pictures courtesy of Maïstresse Philomene de Lys  
from Kingdom Arts & Sciences  
March 2024

Perhaps one of the last shots of our Noyon, Naran Numuchi! He steps down later this month at our Baronial Investiture where he will hand the regalia over to our new baron and baroness. We hope to see as many Pontoons there as possible to help celebrate his reign and to welcome our new baronage!

*Rónán mac Ímair*  
*Chronicler*  
*Ponte Alto*

# POPULACE GATHERING MINUTES

**Date:** February 25, 2024

**Began:** 5:05 PM

**Location:** Virtual Meeting

**Adjourned:** 5:29 PM

**Notes:** Lady Juliana le Webbe

**Attendees:** 11 people

## OFFICER'S REPORTS

### Seneschal – Sir Hákon brimill (David Hultman)

- Hakon and Hrefna are going to be the new baronage
- If you would like to be the Seneschal, please contact Hakon or regional to indicate your interest and for any questions.

### Exchequer – Sir Hákon for Lord Mowgli of Anglesey (Aaron Parness)

- \$3,854.14
- Getting the number

### Knight Marshal – Sir Hákon for Lord Jacques Gonse

- Continues
- Weather has been less conducive to outdoor practice

### Arts and Sciences – Lady Anauved de Mona (Monika Townsend)

- Continues
- Cancellations because people kept getting sick
- Feb 15. Conrad taught about storytelling
- Feb 28. Signy is teaching about banner making online, 7pm
- March 21: Ronan is speaking about sling making at practice.
  - Hakon: the SCA does not condone the breaking of windows with slings or sling-like implements
- Next weekend is KASF - at least 2 Ponte Alto going to present

### Social Media Officer – Salimbene of Ponte Alto (Beth Warren)

- Continues
- Making the posts on investiture
  - Hakon: we'll work with autocrat for strategy. Can also reach out to ther baronies' SMOs

### Chatelaine – Sir Hákon for VACANT

- Continues
- Still looking for a Chatelaine

### Herald – Lady Johanna le Paumer (Sarah Stango)

- Continues
- Monitoring submissions
- Symposium was this weekend, I hope those who attended enjoyed themselves.

## Chronicler – Sir Hákon for Lord Rónán mac Ímair (Ron Hanagan)

- Continues
- Please submit photos/messaging/articles

## Web Minister – Sir Hakon/Lady Juliana for Lord Rónán mac Ímair (Ron Hanagan)

- Continues

## Baron – Their Excellency Noyon Naran Numuchi (Nicholas Freer)

- Went to Marinus Invest, Ymir
  - Ymir Feast was really good!
  - Hakon was knighted! He took a dip in the lake.
- Going to: Cassif, Defending the Gate, Blood Bath

## **EVENTS**

- Ponte Alto Investiture at the End of March – Hakon
  - Investiture is pending
    - Look out for various call-outs for help needed.
    - Mostly going to be on Facebook
  - Cuno: Small team/army/squad willing to help out with volunteer stuff!
  - Juliana: need any award medallion cords?
    - Hakon: The current and new baronage would appreciate any and all cords people are willing to make.
- June 15: Father's day weekend: site in Culpeper.
  - Small event
  - Try out the site, maybe host Wild Hunt if we like it.

## **OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

- New Seneschal
  - Monika: 30 days to find a seneschal, yes?
  - Hakon: we're attempting to have it finished and found one before the investiture.

# WINTER MELEE PRACTICE RECAP

By Tegan of Anglesey

A number of Pontoons attended an indoor, heated armored melee practice in the neighboring Barony of Stierbach on January 20, 2024. In my role as Northern Regional Commander for Atlantia's armored army, I was not going to rest until I found a venue that could accommodate an indoor melee practice, away from the elements. The Fredericksburg Fairgrounds, the site of the most recent Holiday Faire, ended up being the perfect place, especially since the practice was scheduled for the day after snow storms hit the D.C. area. Luckily, for most people, roads were cleared in time for the practice.

We had 18 fighters in armor, including His Royal Highness, Duke Christoph. We started out with simple single death warm-ups where, once armored, fighters would join the side with the least fighters.



We then conducted single death bouts in a limited area, around 6 to 7 times. Limiting the fighting space helped fighters be mindful of their surrounding area.

We then ran bridge battles where each fighter had 3 lives, 2 resurrections. These were on a narrow path in the facility that could accommodate around 2 to 3 shields and 1 to 2 spears working together. With this scenario, spears learned how to coordinate their shots.

Article and photo courtesy of Tegan of Anglesey

We then ran another set of bridge battles, but this time with unlimited resurrections and a time limit. Sides had to control the center at 3 time checks over a 5-minute period. Fighters exhibited intense fighting to control the center.

We then did another set of 3 lives, 2 resurrections bouts in a zig-zag area. Spears could shoot over "lava." This allowed for more of a longer front line and corners to press and push.

Afterwards were 1-on-1 pick-ups and some individualized instruction in spear.

We were very honored that His Royal Highness traveled from the south to attend our practice. We are also very grateful for our cousins in the Barony of Stierbach who helped secure and pay for use of the site. Hopefully Ponte Alto can return the favor!

## UPCOMING EVENTS IN ATLANTIA

Date	Event
3/2	<a href="#">Kingdom Arts &amp; Sciences/Tir-y-Don Baronial Investiture</a> : Newport News, VA (Tir-y-Don)
3/23	<a href="#">World Turned Upside Down - Attack of the Killer Rabbits</a> : Wellford, SC (Falconcree)
3/23	<a href="#">Defending the Gate and Barony of Stierbach Investiture</a> : Spotsylvania, VA (Sudentorre)
3/29-3/13	<a href="#">Missile Madness</a> : Monroe, VA (Seven Hills)
3/29-3/31	<a href="#">Hidden Mountain Baronial Birthday</a> : Bennettsville, SC (Hidden Mountain)
<b>3/30</b>	<b><a href="#">Barony of Ponte Alto Investiture</a>: Vienna, VA (Ponte Alto)</b>

\*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, Shreewood 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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