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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 or 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 competed, 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 and is only limited by the speed at which our hands can write what our minds think.

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

Editor's Note

This month's *Il Tempo* was supposed to feature Fiber Arts. That has been moved to June since I was unable to obtain permission to published a piece in time for this issue to meet it's deadline.

April Newcomer's Meeting

When: Friday, April 18th

Time: 7:00 p.m.—until?

Hostess: Lady Flora de Bayeaux (Jerri Mooney)

Address: 3943 Persimmon Dr., Apt. #103, Fairfax, VA

Allergy Alert: Cat (a very cute one!); please medicate as necessary

As always Newcomer's meetings are open to everyone old or new. Come hang out, talk, meet new people. Bring a project to work on. If you have any questions or need more information please contact Lady Caitilin Irruis inghean ui Riada, Seneschal (703) 786-6739.

Check for Weekly Events

Spring is here... and with Spring comes rain and sometimes high winds. Please check to see if weekly events are canceled or moved indoors if the weather is bad. Check the Barony's email list, Facebook page or contact the appropriate officer (see Regnum beginning on page 6) to check on practices and gatherings.



Tidbits from The (Nice!) Troll Under the Bridge

March was a busy month for Pontoons in Atlantia. Lots of events—Defending the Gate was fun, but rainy and muddy. I think everyone got their vehicles stuck in the mud. Thankfully, the best side of SCA showed through because lots of folks pitched in to push. Some of us who dressed practical, not period, felt awkward in hiking boots/rain boots, carried umbrellas, etc. But few of us wanted to ruin expensive or handmade period footwear or our garb! It was a great day—Lord Naran was inducted into the Order of the Yew Bow by Their Majesties!



Speaking of Lord Naran... if you're attending Garb Wars, keep an eye out for him. He mentioned that he'll be making "The Emperor's New Clothes". LOL!



After the Business Meeting, I overheard someone mention flipping a dwarf. Being vertically challenged, I offered to stand-in...but then wisely asked why. When Adina and I cleaned out storage last year, there were 4 stools that we sold—2 stools were sold to Grimkirk and 2 to Kel. Turns out that there were only 3 stools (I swear there were 4!). Adina flipped a coin instead me. Kel got the stool; Grimkirk got \$10.00 back and I avoided a bout of vertigo (which I get when whirled around). Everyone was happy at the outcomes!



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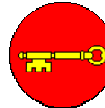
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Baronial Progress

Date	Event	Barone/Baronessa
April 4-6	Coronation	Drogo & Adina
April 11-13	Hidden Mountain Baronial Birthday	Adina
April 12-13	Gemuthlichplatz	Drogo
April 19	Bright Hills	Drogo & Adina
April 25-27	Investiture Hawkwood's 10th Baronial Birthday	Drogo & Adina
May 2-4	Spring Crown Tournament	Drogo & Adina



Business Meeting Minutes

March 23, 2014
Attendance: 13

St. Paul's Lutheran Church
Falls Church, VA

Start: 6:10 p.m.

Officer Reports

Seneschal—Christine Menton (Caitilin)

Not much to report. Will be getting to the bank so that I can be a signatory on the account.

Treasurer—Daniel Bensing (Daniel)

Bank balance is \$8,625.17. Working the final feast numbers for "Little Event", but it looks like we lost about \$72.02 on the event (the food cost \$580.02—some of that would have been used for Bloodbath (see event report)).

Knight Marshal—Michael Schneider (Grimkirk)

Fighting continues; we had one new fighter at practices.

Rapier Marshal—Jeff Williams (Geoffrey)

Rapier continues. No practice this week (Mar. 27) due to school activities.

Archery Marshal—Nicholas Freer (Naran)

Ft. Belvoir practices have had low attendance; need to find out what their policy is (or what they're enforcing) for participants. The alternate will be at Lake Needwood; looking at alternating Sundays at both facilities. There is plenty of loaner equipment and arrows right now. Will announce a Gear Day. Looking for one person to be on a team for On Target.

Minister of Arts & Sciences—Bob Capozello (Marcellus)

Per Jennie (Gwenhwyvar): there were three people at the most recent Sewing Circle. Next date is tentatively April 17. Kimberly Barker (Baroness Katharine Devereaux) has been asked to come do a hands-on workshop on making a body block and if she agrees, the date may be switched to a weekend so participants will have enough time. Cordwaining 101 was taught by James Barker (Master James de Bibelsworth) today. Scribal/A&S Night is tomorrow at Liza's (Adina's). Mistress Jessamyn has announced A&S for Coronation. 1. Their Highnesses have requested that we honor our friends to the far north (like we haven't had enough snow already!) and that you bring out your best "Viking" works of art. Documentation requested but not required. There will be a prize! 2. There will be open display, from any time or place—whether finished or in progress. 3. There will be a populace vote. There will be a prize! Come vote for your favorite work of art. 4. Tempore Atlantia time frame is 1500 C.E. to 1600 C.E. For more information: <http://moas.atlantia.sca.org/tempre.htm> 5. Purple, purple, purple: the Vikings touched att cultures and brought home to their mead halls all sorts of treasures. Purple has long been a color of royalty. What purple treasures did your Viking bring home?? Scrivener Royal, Poeta Atlantia, the Atlantia Artisan's Largesse exchange... so much to do! A&S questions should be directed to Mistress Jessamyn at gmmorismusic AT gmail.com. Pearl/Bead Tying Workshop at Pennsic—Date TBD. Jennie has arranged for someone from Tir-y-Don to teach a pearl/bead tying workshop at the Baronial camp at Pennsic. She is hoping they can do it the middle weekend to maximize availability, but a date isn't nailed down yet.

Chatelaine—vacant, report by Christine

Newcomer's was run by Adina this month and was at John and Mara's apartment. There were 11 people present, 2 of whom were new. The next Newcomer's is on Friday,
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Business Meeting Minutes (continued)

April 18th at Jerri Mooney's (Flora's). May 9th will be at Sophia's. Shannon (Lady Sorcha de Glyis) is coordinating a demo for a Cub Scout troop at Shreve-wood Elementary on April 11th. Set up will be at 6:30 with the demo at 7:00 p.m. Contact Sorcha [see Regnum] if you can help out.

Herald—Sue Schneider (Anais); absent

Sue (Anais) and Matthew (Brennain) have switched places—he'll be the Deputy Herald. Sue reported that two names and one device have been submitted and are currently under review.

Chronicler—Theresa Crean (Theresa)

This month's issue will feature Fiber Arts; May will be Music.

Web Minister—Rachel Storey (Giovanna), absent

No report.

Minister of the Lists—Kel Dalton (Cellach)

No report.

Minister of Minors—Eliisa Harman (Annika), absent

No report.

Baron and Baroness—Stephen (absent) and Liza Cicirelli (Drogo and Adina)

Reviewed recent and future progress. Going to four Baronial Investitures and Coronation, so need items donated for gift baskets. Stephen registered the Barony for Ruby Joust and for Pennsic; need a land agent.

Events

St. Paddy's Day Blood Bath (Mar. 2014)—Michael Schneider, Event Steward

Event cancelled due to weather—snow on the field; field also soggy. The Parks' Department's cancellation policy is not clear—they gave us no refund despite cancelling the Wednesday prior to the event, but they offered to waive the \$25 fee if we rebook for a later date. The option of holding a large fighter practice on a Sunday after a day-long event was discussed. Dates that Michael will look into: May 18th, the day after Sergeants and Scholars or July 18th or 19th and promote it as a last chance to authorize before Pennsic.

Chalice of the Sun God XI (Oct. 2014)—Theresa Crean, Event Steward

Waiting to hear from PWF about change of weekends (Sept. to Oct.). Went over the theme: "The Golden Age of Titans". Each discipline will have a Titan for inspiration: A&S is Astraeus (Titan of dusk, stars, planets/astrology), Bardic is Mnemosyne (remembrance/memory), Archery is Lelantos (Air,/the hunter's skill/stalking prey), Heavy fighting is Perses (destruction/peace), and Rapier is Pallas (war craft). Sue, my deputy, and I will come up with a narrative and pass it onto Bob (Marcellus) to get out to A&S/Bardic folks so they can start working on projects.

Spring Crown (Apr. 2014)—Michael Schneider, Event Steward

The bid packet is in to Kingdom; awaiting response.

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Business Meeting Minutes (continued)

Old Business

No update on the list fence.

Stephen will found his receipt for the pole driver (for Pennsic camp); he'll turn it in for reimbursement.

New Business

None.

Announcements

Coronation pre-registration is not on ACCEPS.

Officer Quarterly Reports are due by April 15th. Please send Christine a copy (if you're using a web-based form, email her a copy of the information).

April 27th is the next Baronial Business Meeting. May will be moved up to Sunday, May 18th due to Ruby Joust event.

Adjourned at 6:48 p.m.



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Calendar

April

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	1	2	3	4 Coronation	5 Coronation	6 1:30 p.m. Outdoor Heavy Weapons Practice (weather permitting)
7	8	9	10 6 p.m. Indoor Heavy Weapons Practice 6:30 p.m. Indoor Rapier Practice	11 6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Demo	12 Day in the Uttermost West (Dun Carrig) Gemuth- lichplatz (Isenfir)	13 1:30 p.m. Outdoor Heavy Weapons Practice (weather permitting)
14	15	16	17 No indoor practices— Fairfax County Schools closed for Spring Break 6:30 p.m. Sewing Circle	18 7:00 p.m. Newcomer's Meeting	19 Bright Hills Baronial Investiture	20 1:30 p.m. Outdoor Heavy Weapons Practice (weather permitting)
21	22	23	24 6 p.m. Indoor Heavy Weapons Practice 6:30 p.m. Indoor Rapier Practice	25	26 Atlantia's Royal Arch- ery Champi- onship (Sudentorre) Beltane 33 (Berley Court) Blackstone Raid (Aethel- mearc)	27 1:30 p.m. Outdoor Heavy Prac- tice (weather permitting) 6:00 p.m. Baronial Business Meeting
28	29 6:30 p.m. Scribal/A&S Night	30				



Calendar—Looking Ahead

May

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
			1	2 Spring Crown Tournament	3 Spring Crown Tournament	4 1:30 p.m. Outdoor Heavy Weapons Practice (weather permitting)
5	6	7	8 6 p.m. Indoor Heavy Weapons Practice 6:30 p.m. Indoor Rapier Practice	9 7:00 p.m. Newcomer's Meeting	10 On Target (Lochmere)	11 1:30 p.m. Outdoor Heavy Weapons Practice (weather permitting)
12	13	14	15 No indoor practices— Fairfax County Schools closed for Spring Break 6:30 p.m. Sewing Circle	16	17 Sergeants & Scholars (Roxbury Mill)	18 1:30 p.m. Outdoor Heavy Weapons Practice (weather permitting) 6:00 p.m. Baronial Business Meeting
19	20 6:30 p.m. Scribal/A&S Night	21	22 6 p.m. Indoor Heavy Weapons Practice 6:30 p.m. Indoor Rapier Practice	23 Ruby Joust (Caer Mear)	24 Ruby Joust (Caer Mear)	25 Ruby Joust (Caer Mear)
26 Ruby Joust	27	28	29	30 Garb Wars (Spiaggia Levantina)	31 Garb Wars (Spiaggia Levantina)	



Weekly Events

Sunday Ponte Alto Baronial Business Meeting

Fourth Sunday of the month at 6:00 p.m. Please check the Barony's email list, Facebook page, or contact the Seneschal for the meeting location.

Outdoor Heavy Weapons and Rapier Practice

Weather permitting, 1:30 to 4:00 p.m., outdoors at Tysons-Pimmit Park, behind Tysons-Pimmit Library, Falls Church. Please contact the Baronial Knight Marshal for more information or check the Barony's Facebook page before you go to ensure that fighters will be gathering.

Outdoor Archery Practice

Check the Barony's Facebook page or contact Baronial Archery Marshal for dates and times. The group has been practicing at Lake Needwood most Sundays, and will begin at Ft. Belvoir on alternate Sundays. The Archery Marshal can give you directions to the range.

Monday Ponte Alto/ Stierbach Archery Practice

5:00 to 7:00 p.m. during Daylight Savings Time. The outdoor practice site is at Grimmsfield, 16132 Crusade Ct., Haymarket, VA 20169. Practices are held jointly with Stierbach. You may contact the Baronial Archery Marshal for carpool or other information.

Thursday Indoor Rapier Practice*

Every Thursday at Shreveview Elementary School from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. Please use the rear entrance to the cafeteria. Please contact the Baronial Rapier Marshal for more information. This is a school activity.*

Indoor Heavy Weapons Practice*

Haycock Elementary School at the corner of Haycock Road and Westmoreland Street in Falls Church from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Practice is geared to developing the beginning and intermediate fighters through intensive hands-on training with experienced instructors, as well as to provide ample opportunity for more advanced fighters to spar with knight-level combatants. All are welcome. Contact the Baronial Knight Marshal for more information. This is a school activity.*

Sewing Circle

Third Thursday of each month. Meets at Lady Gwenthwyvar verch Lewis' home (Jennie Murphy). Please call or e-mail for directions (703) 304-3303 (M), gwenydryw AT gmail.com; check the Barony's Facebook group for any rescheduling or cancellations.

Friday Newcomers Meetings

Once a month, Newcomers Meetings occur from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the home of various members of the Barony. Contact the Baronial Chatelaine or check the Facebook page for the date and host's address.

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



Il Tempo Submissions

Everyone is encouraged to consider contributing to *Il Tempo*.

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