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# Il Tempo

Welcome to *II 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 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 - only limited by the speed at which our hands can write out what our minds can think of.

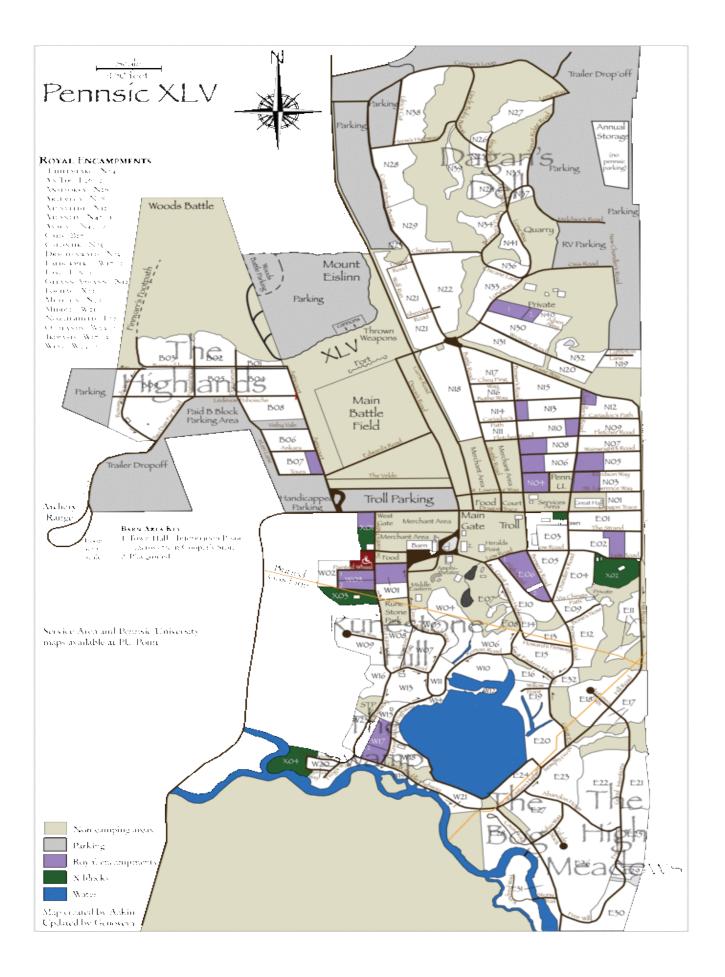
Come, share with us adventures in the great Barony of Ponte Alto, in the grand Kingdom of Atlantia, in this - the current Middle Ages!



# Simple Cyssor

1/2# Brown Sugar 2 Gallons of Apple Juice (no preservatives!) 2# honey yeast

Put all the ingredients together pasteurize if necessary and pitch yeast Let it sit until you see no bubbles (or very few - you can let it carbonate that way) Filtering is a matter of preference (and taste, some don't like the flavor the yeast brings).



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Business Meeting Minutes

May 22, 2016 6:07 pm Adjourned at 6:59 pm

St. Paul's Lutheran Church 7426 Idylwood Rd Falls Church, VA 22043

#### OFFICER'S REPORTS

### Seneschal - Christine Menton

- University is coming up. Taking class proposals.
- Storvik Novice in 2 weeks.
- The Seneschal will be out of town from July 1 July 6

### Exchequer - Seneschal reporting for Marlene Martineau

- Vadoma is out of town
- Storage paid for next 3 months
- Refund from Bloodbath has come in
- Looking for a deputy

## Knight Marshal - Michael Schneider (Lord Grimkirk ap Greymoor)

- Fighting continues
- Last practice at elementary school is this week. Then we will transfer to the park.
- Good turnout at last practice. Continuing to grow.
- Grimkirk's warrant is up and he's stepping down, he will assist in looking for a replacement Knight Marshal.

## Rapier Marshal - Jeff Williams (Lord Geoffrey ap Clywd)

- Rapier continues. Schedule going forward is in the park, starting July 5.

# **Archery Marshal** - Lord Ronan mac Imair for Nicholas Freer (Lord Naran Numuchi)

- Archery continues.
- Preparing for chalice.
- Lady Margaret asked to be archery MIC for Battle on the Bay
- Participating in SPACS shoot in preparation for Pennsic.



Arts and Sciences - Seneschal reporting for Bob Capozello (Master Marcellus Capoziello da Napoli)

- Ponte Alto Singers met June 14th
- Upcoming events: Ponte Alto Singers June 27, July 12 & 26; Sewing Circle July 10; Scriptorium June 27; Bardic 10 July; and Scribal 16 July. See Calendar for additional time/date info.

Chatelaine - Barbara Eckman (Lady Barbara MacAuley)

- We've received several contacts via email.
- Attendance at last Newcomers' Meeting: 23 adults, 5 kids
- Next Newcomers' Meeting 8/26 at Baroness Cel's
- A request was made for donations for Gold Key, especially men's garb
- A very successful demo was held at Annika's school. 4 classes of about 20 students. Already invited back for next year.

**Herald** - Sue Schneider (Lady Agnete Koslin) - Heraldry continues. Submissions are at Kingdom level. 3 more in progress.

**Chronicler** - Lord Ronan mac Imair for Elliot Poleshuck (Eliyahu bat Lavana)

- Chronicling continues.
- Looking for contributions for il Tempo (recipes, garb-making tips, etc), especially with Pennsic coming up.

Web Minister - Megan Ladd (Lady Margaret Ladd)

- Web continues. Still reviewing menu changes.

## Minister of the List -

- No MOL yet
- Baroness Cell is working on finding one.
- Upcoming events: Chalice, Love & Beauty, Bloodbath

### Minister of Minors- Eliisa Harman (Lady Annika Siltanen)

- Both of Annika's boys now officially have Royal Rounds in Target Archery, and shot the SPACS.
- Plans for events at Storvik Novice A water balloon siege event, start time around 12pm. Double dare helmet catch event.



**Baron and Baroness-** Alric O'Connor & Kari Kel Dalton (Alric the Mad & Cellach Mór )

- Attended: Ruby Joust, Old School War Practice (and commented that it was very fun), Highland River Melees (and noted that Lady Margaret had authorized for Combat Archery), King's Assessment
- Will be attending: Storvik Novice, Pennsic
- Practice and pinic had a great turnout (about 38 attendees)
- Received another inquiry about a demo at a school (plus singing?)
- Expressed their thanks for the "sewing sweat shop" that produced the Baronial favors. Alric to provide finishing work.

# **EVENTS**

# Pennsic -

- Due to change in date of Royal Court from Thursday to Wednesday, Ponte Alto will switch our court from Wednesday to Thursday at 6pm.
- Adina moved to collect donations for a social. Motion was seconded and passed.
- Alric passed along the advice to make sure your pre-reg info is complete. It will speed things up when trolling in.
- If you are doing A&S at Pennsic, please let the Baron and Baroness know so they can include in their plans.

# Chalice -

- Haakon has a budget. Site fee (including \$400 refundable security deposit) is \$980.
- Discussion of the hosts for the feast, tables of 8.
- Roxbury Mill in discussions for lunch. Other interest from within barony? Haakon will ask around.
- 10/22 as date of event.
- New MIC needed for event. Ronan was asked if he would be willing.
- Discussion about possible table-top siege battle at Chalice.
- Provisional budget reviewed and passed.
- A full write up of the event is needed by mid August.
- Looking for additional volunteers to help with Chalice tasks.



Business Meeting Minutes (cont.)

## Love & Beauty -

- Margaret is in contact with the site. Will have contract for review at next business meeting.
- Alric noted that we are looking for an MIC for the event.

Bloodbath – Adina volunteered Edmund as possible secondary autocrat.

# **OLD BUSINESS**

- Margaret in discussion with folks for demo at Cherry Hill park. Targeting August or September for demo. Possibility that we need to rent space/pavilion. Margaret to get clarification.
- Adina inquired about getting fan out of storage.

# **NEW BUSINESS**

- Margaret inquired about youth marshal at Storvik.
- Interest in youth combat expressed by attendee at latest newcomers' meetings.
- Quarterly reports are due before Pennsic!
- Email from sister barony, Lochmere, to borrow our silk banners, and possibly our run fences.
  - Need to have request in writing.
  - Discussion of nominal fee for rental.
  - Get inventory of items to be loaned.
  - Motion to grant (if we get request in writing) seconded and passed.
- Margaret mentioned that Scribal on 8/20 needs a hosts. Alternatively, use A&S night for that month, if no host.
- Interest in classes for newcomers after summer scribal. Haakon suggested a Garb 101 class.
- Alric expressed an interest in another practice & potluck on 7/10
- Business meeting for July slated for the 24th.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- None.





# SCA Demo at Fairfax County Public Schools By Lady Annika Siltanen

In Fairfax County Public Schools in June, 5th graders spend several weeks learning about the Middle Ages, feudal societies, and what life was like "long ago." This often culminates in a "Medieval Day," where students dress up, do medieval activities and crafts, sell their wares/services at a

medieval market, and have a scrumptious feast. On June 21, 2016, the 5th graders at Sunrise Valley Elementary School did just that, but had some special visitors who made the day truly come alive for them!

I am Lady Annika Siltanen, Chancellor of Youth Activities and Deputy Chatelain of the Barony of Ponte Alto. I am also, in my mundane life, Mrs. Harman, Speech Therapist at



Sunrise Valley Elementary School. Most of the people at my school know at least a little bit about what I do in my free time (namely, the SCA), so the 5th grade teachers enthusiastically asked if I could bring some of "my people" to do a presentation of some kind for Medieval Day. And wow, did "my people" step up and provide an amazing mini-demo for some enthralled 5th graders! Here follows a brief description of the amazing hour some spectacular Scadians spent with our students.

My lord Hannus and I came early to school that day to set up our canvas dayshade, to provide our presenters somewhere to sit in the shade, and to provide some medieval ambiance as well.



The first presenter was His Excellency of Ponte Alto, Baron Alric the Mad. He spent several minutes armoring up in front of a rapt audience, explaining all of the armor parts and what they were made of as he went. Her lovely Excellency Baroness Cellach Mor aided him in dressing, and generally providing commentary

The students oohed and ahhed even just walking out and seeing all the amazing things laid out in the grass.



throughout. Baron Alric also showed off some weapons, much to the delight of the students.



# SCA Demo (cont.)

# SCA Demo at Fairfax County Public Schools

Next was Lady Margaret Lad, who enthralled the students with her descriptions of archery in period, including discussions of the different types of bows (including crossbows, recurves, long-bows, and horse bows) and arrows. She talked about what bows and arrows were made of, how they were used, and let students point out differences and posit the reasons for those differences. As you can see, there were questions and comments galore!



Lord Hannus even showed off his thumb ring and was able to demonstrate the differences in draw lengths and styles.

Perhaps the most visually-impressive demonstration of the day was done by Baroness Adina von der Heide, who brought her spectacular collection of hand-painted silk banners.





She shared some information about the crafting of the banners and painting on silk, and also spoke briefly about heraldry, colors, and their meanings in period as well as in the SCA.





# SCA Demo at Fairfax County Public Schools

This feast for eyes soon turned into a feast for the other senses as Lord Stephan Grimm stepped up, and, after wowing the students with his German mercenary garb and doing a quick explanation of clothing in period, pulled out a bag of smelly, sticky raw wool. And proceeded to pass it around so that the students could get a multisensory experience!



Then milady Melanie followed up with a brief talk about other fiber arts in period, such as knitting and embroidery. The students were quite impressed with her skills!

As the presentation continued, however, the skies darkened and the winds picked up. It appeared that the storm on the horizon was not going to wait until we were done! But there was still more of



He even produced a drop spindle and spun some wool yarn right there in front of awed 5th graders! There was also discussion about various types of weaving and how fabric was made in the middle ages.



the demo to go! Milady Alix started her talk about Medieval music and instruments, but it soon became obvious that we would have to continue inside before we all got completely soaked! The students were eager to hear the rest of the presentations, however, so invited us inside (delaying their feast!) to finish up where it was dry.



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After the students were resettled in the pod, Lord Hannus Siltanen continued the musical





demonstration by playing his ancient Finnish kantele and singing the oldest recorded piece of secular music, "Reis Glorios." His resonant baritone carried through the hallways, and students and teachers alike stopped in to see where the beautiful music as coming from.

Meanwhile, outside, the previous presenters who were not involved in the music demo were frantically putting everything away in the driving rain, for which they have my heartfelt thanks!

After Lord Hannus' performance, milady Alix sat down at her harp and entranced the students with her expert playing. There were many questions and exclamations of "that's so beautiful!" and "I want to play the harp too some day!"

Following the gorgeous harp music, the members of the Ponte Alto Singers present (Margaret, Hannus, Alix, and myself) sang a lively rendition of the medieval round "Hey Ho to the Green-





# SCA Demo at Fairfax County Public Schools

The students then retired to their repast, as their delectable feast had been waiting for them while we finished our demonstrations. There was not a peep of protest at our going for nearly double our allotted time! While some Scadian visitors had to run off back to work or other commitments, several stayed to chat, and even got some shillings to spend in the medieval market! We have already been asked back (for the whole day, if we would like!) for next year's Medieval Day at Sunrise Valley Elementary School.

I cannot thank the wonderful presenters and helpers enough! Besides the people mentioned here, Lady Barbara MacAuley, Chatelain of Ponte Alto, joined us and helped facilitate the demo as well, and milady Melanie's son also helped. All of these people took time out of their busy schedules to join us, in the middle of a weekday, to share their love of the Middle Ages with students who will not soon forget the experience. I had so many comments and thanks from students, parents, and teachers on how spectacular the demo was! Perhaps I will leave it to my friend Clara however, who said it best:

Dear mrs. Harman, June 22,16 Thank you mrs. Harman For bringing your

Friends. And making medieval day come to life.

Sincerly, Clara from mrs. Foley's Class

# Huzzah!



\*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 nighting 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.\*

#### JULY 2016 Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Sat Fri 2 1 Trial by Fire/ Trial by Fire/ Lochmere Arrow Lochmere Arrow 3 6 9 5 7 8 4 1-5pm Outdoor 5:00pm Ponte Alto/ 6-9 pm Rapier Storvik Baronial Heavy Weapons Stierbach Archery Practice Investiture and Practice Practice @ 6-9 pm Heavy Novice Tourna-3-5pm Archery Grimmsfield Weapons Practice ment Trial by Fire/ Midsummer Nov-Lochmere Arrow ice Picnic 12 13 14 15 10 11 16 1-3pm Sewing Circle 6 - 9 pm Rapier Warrior's Games 5:00pm Ponte Alto/ 7-9pm Ponte Alto 1-5pm Outdoor Stierbach Archery Singers Practice 12-2 pm Summer Heavy Weapons Practice @ 6 - 9 pm Heavy Scribal Practice Weapons Practice "Calligraphy 101" Grimmsfield 3-5pm Archery 3-10 pm Bardic Revel 17 18 20 21 22 23 19 1-5pm Outdoor 6-9 pm Rapier 5:00pm Ponte Alto/ Heavy Weapons Stierbach Archerv Practice Practice Practice @ 6 - 9 pm Heavy 3-5pm Archery Grimmsfield Weapons Practice 26 27 28 29 30 24 25 1-5 pm Outdoor 5:00pm Ponte Alto/ 7-9pm Ponte Alto 6 - 9 pm Rapier Pennsic War Pennsic War Heavy Weapons Stierbach Archery Practice Singers Practice Practice @ 6 - 9 pm Heavy 3-5pm Archery Grimmsfield Weapons Practice <u>6-7pm</u> 7-9pm Scribal A&S **Business Meeting** 31 1-5 pm Outdoor Heavy Weapons Practice 3-5 pm Archery

Pennsic War

# AUGUST 2016

Sun	l	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 5:00pm Ponte Alto/ Stierbach Archery Practice @ Grimmsfield Pennsic War	<b>2</b> 7–9 pm Ponte Alto Singers Pennsic War	3 Pennsic War	<b>4</b> 6 - 9 pm Rapier Practice 6 - 9 pm Heavy Weapons Practice Pennsic War	5 Pennsic War	<b>6</b> Pennsic War
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14 1-5pm C Heavy W Practice Pennsic	Veapons	<b>15</b> 5:00pm Ponte Alto/ Stierbach Archery Practice @ Grimmsfield	16	17	<b>18</b> 6 - 9 pm Rapier Practice 6 - 9 pm Heavy Weapons Practice	19	20 Flight of the Falcon: Return to Bosworth Field
<b>21</b> 1-5pm C Heavy V Practice 3-5pm A	Veapons	<b>22</b> 5:00pm Ponte Alto/ Stierbach Archery Practice @ Grimmsfield	23 7–9 pm Ponte Alto Singers	24	<b>25</b> 6 - 9 pm Rapier Practice 6 - 9 pm Heavy Weapons Practice	<b>26</b> Peasants Revolt 7-10pm Newcomer's Meeting	27 Peasants Revolt
<u>6—7pm</u> <u>Busines</u>	Veapons archery assessment	<b>29</b> 6–9 pm Scribal A&S 5:00pm Ponte Alto/ Stierbach Archery Practice @ Grimmsfield	30	31			



Baronial Progress for July/August					
Date	Event				
July 9	Storvik Novice				
July 29-August 14	Pennsic				



# 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 use to intend to do something if we don't take into account that the SCA is what we do with our time <u>after</u> we are finished doing what we do to pay the bills.

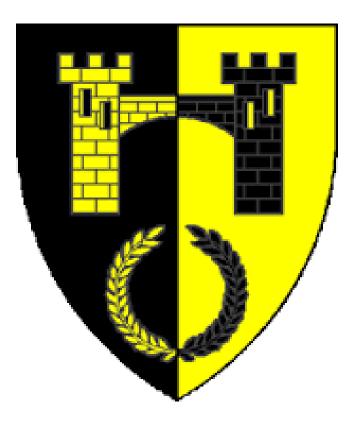
With deputies, the work load can be shared, allowing more work to be accomplished with less time and stress for any one individual.

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



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