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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!

NEW & ANNOUNCEMENTS

EVENT & PRACTICE CANCELLATION

ATTENTION! Due to COVID-19, all non-virtual events and practices are cancelled until further notice.

The Barony encourages everyone to practice social distancing (as well as state and local guidelines) and we look forward to the day when regular activities can resume.



Populace Meeting Minutes

March 22, 2020

Zoom virtual meeting

5:20 pm

Adjourned at 5:51 pm

15 attendees

OFFICER'S REPORTS

Seneschal – Geoffrey for Dwayne Eckman (Lord Seamus Ó Maoil Riain)

- ♦ Official policy (from Kingdom) that allows us to have on-line meetings

Arts and Sciences - Meghan Sherrill (Lady Ailleann O'Meighan)

- ♦ KASF report. Ailleann had a lovely time. Won smackdown. 1 entry in royal baker. Nice compliments.
- ♦ The barony (hosted by Marion) held A&S on Wednesday, 3/18, online. Mostly hiccup free. More planned in the coming weeks.
- ♦ Tomorrow Night an online A&S.
- ♦ Nailbinding class to be scheduled.
- ♦ Heraldry class to be scheduled.

Herald - Sarah Stango (Johanna le Paumer)

- ♦ Continues
- ♦ 1 name in Society in commentary. Another in the deciding phase. Hopefully in next LOAR.
- ♦ 1 person interested in name & arms.

Knight/Rapier Marshal - Brittany Lasley (Colette Vitalis)

- ♦ All practices shutdown for the foreseeable future. Was until April, but end of April at least.
- ♦ (MT) try Zoom practice? Drills we can practice at home? 30 minute thing? MT or David for heavy? (Colette) Sure we can try that.
- ♦ Duncan to send the waivers out for heavy. Colette to send for Rapier.
- ♦ (Adina) Roxbury Mill was doing a online drill thing, suggest checking it out.
- ♦ (Naran) may try a Zoom class for archery.
- ♦ Grimmsfield open by appointment, please call first.
- ♦ (Naran) Ft. Belvoir* indoor shut down, Needwood open. (**Editor's note: Ft. Belvoir has also officially closed indoor and outdoor as of the time of this publication.*)

Exchequer - Katie Bischoff (Astrid) via email

- ♦ 10,149.75 current balance.
- ♦ Storage space paid for.



Populace Meeting Minutes (cont.)

Chatelaine - Mary Dotson (Maria Chiara Datini)

- ♦ n/a (Not in attendance)

Chronicler - Ron Hanagan (Rónán mac Ímair)

- ♦ Continuing. Content welcome! Especially in light of the likelihood that many activities will be cancelled in the upcoming future.

Web Minister - Ron Hanagan (Rónán mac Ímair)

- ♦ Continuing. Working on mobile-friendly adjustments, and suggestions from Colette.

Baron and Baroness - Nicholas Freer & Mary Bowles (Naran Numuchi & Marie-Therese Normand)

- ♦ Naran last attended event was Ymir. Weather was great. No great court. Crowded. Ran the Period shoot. 9 people attended. An increase from year before.
- ♦ MT did KASF. There was a great court.
 - ♦ Baron of Storvik was suspended for current crown. For misrepresenting the Crown and baronies. Misspoke. Reprimand and asked to apologize. Was not able to wear accoutrements, etc. (2 weeks? For the remainder of Signy and Cuan's reign.)
 - ♦ Awards were given for their artistry and good deeds. Impressive elevations.
- ♦ MT will be watching her emails in this time of something very different. If anyone needs help or wants to talk, she is available.
- ♦ More about Cuan & Signy, will be doing an online event for coronation. Will need proxies.

Events

Bloodbath (Sofiya)

- ♦ Did not happen.
- ♦ Nottaway Park did refund us the \$25. Only expense was the site tokens. Will send receipt to Katie.
- ♦ Discussed maybe moving later in the year, but since a lot of stuff may try to reschedule, might be a challenge. (Like the birthdays.) So...skip until next year.
- ♦ (Drogo) Last chance for authorization? Only available weekend is the one before Pennsic, which will not work.
- ♦ Put site tokens (80) in the box. Save for next year.



Populace Meeting Minutes (cont.)

Wild Hunt (Marion)

- ♦ Still on for now.
- ♦ Only money in so far is the \$25 site application fee.
- ♦ Most of budget put together. Need a couple of items. Needs for Archery range?
- ♦ Group visit to check out the site? TBD Tabled for now.

Old Business

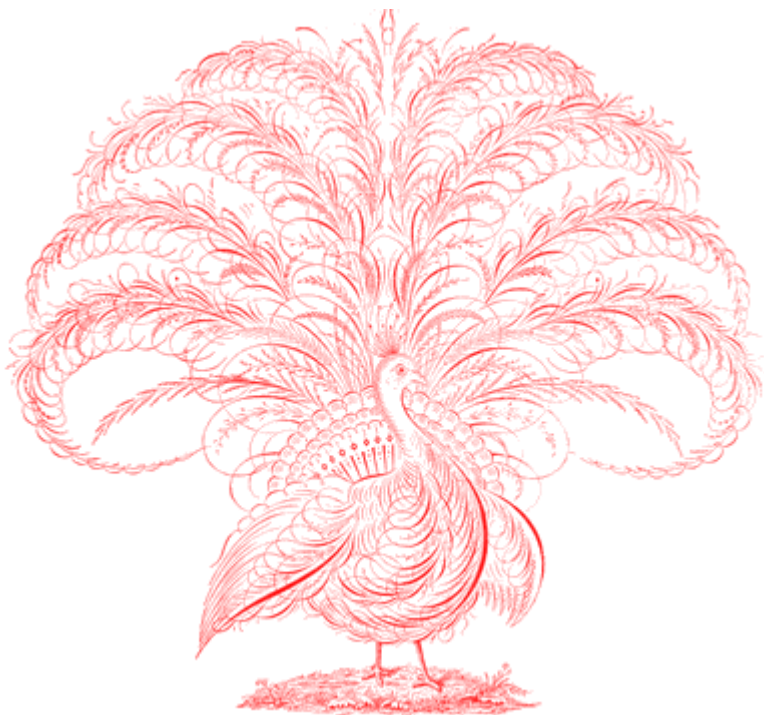
- ♦ (Adina) on the hook for Holiday Faire to get a table set up. Sell garb. At least 2 tables.
- ♦ (Adina) Crown Tourney next year. Still need to visit VFW site. Still on radar.

New Business

- ♦ n/a

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ♦ (Emily) "Ponte Alto Marshal's Appreciation Fund". Went well. Conducted the drawing while the meeting was in progress. Ed Parris is the winner. Heavy Fighter (MT knows). Will send email to him.
- ♦ Will do another of these drawings before Wild Hunt.
- ♦ To announce the winner. Emily will email everyone, so they know.
- ♦ (Adina) A&S tomorrow at 7:00!
- ♦ Next Populace meeting the 4/26.
- ♦ (Naran) Royal Archer Tourney has been cancelled. Per Dagny.





Ponte Alto Profiles

Continuing our series, *Ponte Alto Profiles*, where we put a spotlight on some of the people that make up the grand Barony of Ponte Alto, next in line is our very own Sofiya! We hope you enjoy reading!

Profile: Sofiya

Who are you? (SCA name, title, etc)

Lady Sofiya of Ponte Alto



How did you find the SCA?

One of my closest friend, Lady Phaedra de Vere now in the East Kingdom, introduced me to the SCA. She proudly claims that she is the best bad influence.

What hooked you?

I was hooked when I finally found my “calling.” I’m naturally and introvert but find when I’m participating in “service” activities, I have a reason to interact and it helps ease me into events.

What is the SCA to you?

SCA is my escape from my 9-5 job. Its a chance for me to indulge my love of history and to be a part of it.

Do you have a persona? Tell us about them.

I’m still working out my persona. I’m looking at Central Asian, Volga Tatar/Bulgar or Ancient Rus.

Any current projects?

I’m the hall steward for Yule and have been making dried orange garlands. Unfortunately, I don’t have much in the way artistic talent.

Image courtesy of Rónán mac Ímair

Taken at Celebration of Yule event 12/14/2019



Ponte Alto Profiles

What is your favorite SCA event (and why)?

Yule. I love Christmas and any opportunity to celebrate.

How do you stay busy at events?

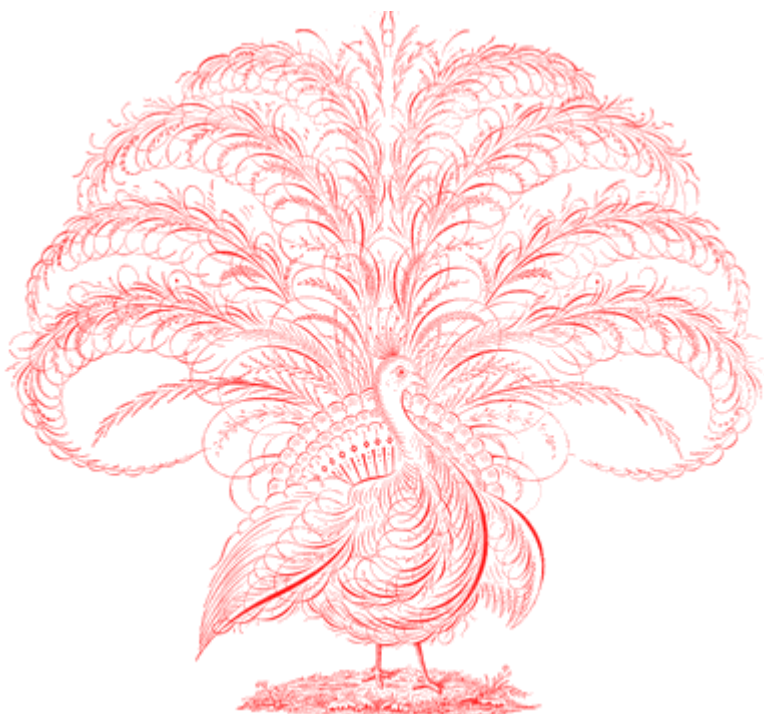
Most of my time is spent helping in the kitchen for feast. I was lucky enough to be “adopted” by the cooks guild even though I can’t cook. When I’m not helping, I’m on the archery field learning.

What activity do you not do, that you'd like/plan to try?

I just took my MOL class. I’m looking forward to trying my hand at that.

What advice would you offer someone just getting started?

You have to find your niche in the SCA, whether it’s fighting or archery or A&S. Try out many different things, even if you don’t think you will enjoy it, if only to say you’ve done it. Once you find your niche, you’ll find your “people.”





Weekly/Monthly Events

SUNDAY

Ponte Alto Baronial
Populace Gathering

Populace Gathering (and Business) Meeting, usually the 4th Sunday of the month at 5:00 p.m. at a location to be determined. Details will be advertised prior to the meeting. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Outdoor
Heavy Weapons

Weather permitting, 12:00 noon until dark, outdoors at Tysons-Pimmit Park, behind Tysons-Pimmit Park. Contact the Marshal for information.

All activities and practices that take place in person have been temporarily suspended due to COVID-19.

Scribal and

The **Monthly Populace Gatherings** will take place on their regular dates by means of virtual communication. Details for those events, and how to access the virtual meetings will be posted on the Baronial website's calendar at <https://pontealto.atlantia.sca.org/calendar.php> and other social media (including Facebook).

Stierbach/
Archery Practice

Heavy Weapons
Practice

Rapier Practice

Projects Night

Stierbach/
Winter Archery

SCA Newcomer
Meetings

members of the Barony. Contact the Baronial Chatelaine for information (chatelaine@pontealto.atlantia.sca.org), or check out the Events/Activities page on the website for the most recent information.

*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.*



Baronial Progress

Baronial Progress for April/May	
Date	Event
4/4	Spring Coronation (online)
	No other events scheduled at this time due to COVID-19

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 take into account 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 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 your, and other's, SCA experience that much better!





Ponte Alto Notables

Archery Champion: Lord Rónán mac Ímair
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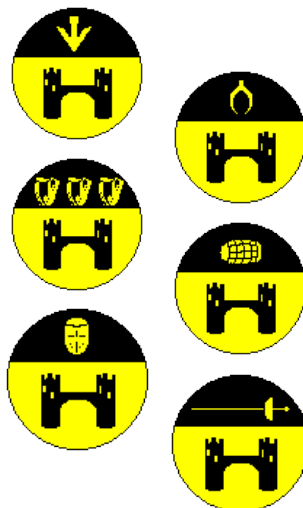
Youth Bardic Champion: M'lord Oliver of Ponte Alto

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Thrown Weapons Champion: Emilia di Nicastro
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Looking for a way to get involved?

Why not try retaining!

What is retaining?

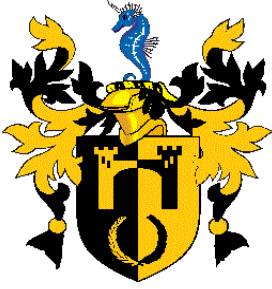
Their Excellencies need help with taking notes (e.g. for gifts or to-do stuff), staying hydrated, reminders to stay on schedule, fetching things, and otherwise keeping Their Excellencies comfortable and out of trouble (especially the Mongol one)!

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, Diego Díaz de Oviedo at headretainer@pontealto.atlantia.sca.org



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