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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 Gathering Minutes

April 26, 2020

Zoom virtual meeting

5:11 pm

Adjourned at 5:42 pm

17 attendees

OFFICER'S REPORTS

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

- ♦ Pennsic has been postponed until 2021. This postponement retains the official sequence. So next year will be Pennsic 49.
- ♦ Folks who have pre-registered may request a refund. Otherwise, the registration will automatically carry over to next year.

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

- ♦ We have been holding 1 virtual class a week, including topics like nålebinding, making a Wiki profile for your persona, etc. Have had a request to have one for heraldry.
- ♦ Part 2 of nålebinding is in the works. Trying to work around Mother's Day.
- ♦ We're looking for more suggestions and classes or virtual sessions we can host.
- ♦ Highest attendance for a virtual event so far has been 7 attendees.
- ♦ Marion has notes from the sessions if anyone would be interested in seeing them.

Exchequer - Katie Bischoff (Astrid)

- ♦ 8,481.90 current balance.
- ♦ First Quarter report is completed. Will print what needs to be signed and send to those that need to sign off.
- ♦ Maria still waiting for check for Dec. To email Astrid.
- ♦ The check for kingdom has cleared.

Herald - Sarah Stango (Johanna le Paumer)

- ♦ Continues
- ♦ A few names still out for commentary. Hopefully in the next month or so.
- ♦ One new person has reached out to register a name.

Chatelaine - Mary Dotson (Maria Chiara Datini)

- ♦ Considering a virtual Newcomers Meeting. Brainstorming ideas, perhaps around experiences and journeys.



Populace Gathering Minutes (cont.)

Knight/Rapier Marshal - Brittany Lasley (Colette Vitalis) via messenger

- ♦ Continued practice cancellations for the foreseeable future.
- ♦ Waivers went sent out in March.
- ♦ From Marie-Therese: Marcus doing things online for heavy fighting. Events posted on Virtual Atlantia.
- ♦ Marie-Therese will try to post some things from Duke University for different techniques. Things that people can do in the house.

Chronicler - Ron Hanagan (Rónán mac Ímair)

- ♦ Brainstorming with Margaret for content ideas.
- ♦ Additional content ideas welcome! Marion offered to write up some summaries of the virtual classes. She will get with the leaders/hosts of those classes to do a write-up.
- ♦ Marie-Therese also offered to provide some stuff.

Web Minister - Ron Hanagan (Rónán mac Ímair)

- ♦ Looking for pictures that can be added to the website.

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

- ♦ No events at this time, so not much to report.
- ♦ Naran is feeling better.
- ♦ Marie-Therese still doing fine, but feeling a bit stir-crazy.
- ♦ Naran made a visit to bring Cosimo groceries.
- ♦ Marie-Therese encouraged folks to reach out. See if folks need anything.

Events

Wild Hunt (Marion)

- ♦ We're still on the calendar for now. Probably won't know for sure until late August.
- ♦ Continuing with event planning activities that do not require spending money. Park does not require money yet.

Old Business

- ♦ n/a

New Business

- ♦ n/a



Populace Gathering Minutes (cont.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ♦ (Adina) Found another folding table for the barony.
- ♦ (Adina) After things open back up (June is current target for Virginia), if folks are not back to work, would appreciate help to unload trailer and perhaps do an inventory.



Post-Meeting Discussion

- ♦ Roberta expressed concern about the barony. Re: How to help keep the barony connected.
- ♦ Marie-Therese encouraged proactively checking in with people, to ask if they need anything. Not sure what Kingdom will be doing, but at the baronial level we'll continue to reach out to people to stay engaged.
- ♦ Discussion about the length of time it takes to develop a vaccine.
- ♦ Adina noted the efforts to put together virtual events and classes.
- ♦ Marie-Therese is participating in a Revenge of the Stitch, the Plague Version event. (She took a break for the populace meeting.)
- ♦ Roberta noted that Midrealm was doing a lot of stuff.
- ♦ Marion brought up Virtual Atlantia.
- ♦ Geoff noted that University will be happening online.
- ♦ Marion suggested a weekly newsletter of virtual events.
- ♦ Adina noted that the King and Queen will likely not be doing virtual courts to present awards. They'd like to avoid cheapening them. Can wait until we can all gather in safety again.
- ♦ Next Populace Gathering on 5/24.



Revenge of the Stitch: Plague Edition

A report from Baroness Marie-Therese who participated in an online Revenge of the Stitch event. We hope you enjoy reading!

Revenge of the Stitch: the Plague Edition

April 24-26

This year I participated in an online event called Revenge of the Stitch: the Plague Edition. It was based on the event that happens every year around this time with a couple of differences:

- ♦ It was online
- ♦ It was 48 hours (beginning on Friday April 24th at 5pm and ending at 5pm on April 26th)
- ♦ We did not have to submit documentation (although you could)
- ♦ And, everything was just for fun with prizes awarded for participation and most heart.

Knowing that, and with a project desperately in need of finalizing, I jumped in feet first with my Butterfly Gambeson.

I posted the following pictures for the beginning check in time at 5pm Friday. Then I closed my computer around 7pm and sewed my heart out until 11:14pm that evening.



Overall view of my Gambeson and what work I had already accomplished.
(the front left panel and left arm a third of the way down were done-ish)



Revenge of the Stitch (cont.)



Start of Gambeson with Front Left Panel Finished



Detail of the Front Left Panel



Arm hole *Point* positions and details



Arm Sleeve View



Revenge of the Stitch (cont.)



Pinning pattern and spacing



Bridge appliqué for gambeson

The next morning Saturday, April 25th around 10am I posted my progress on the sleeve and was able to post that I'd almost reached the end of it, a few more hours and I was done.



Sleeve detail



Revenge of the Stitch (cont.)



Left Gambeson Sleeve finalized with detail of the decorative aspect in progress



Sleeve detail at check-in Saturday

Sewing all day Sunday, I was able to move from the left shoulder, to the upper back of the gambeson.

By 5pm that evening when I checked in for the final time, I could only claim to have finished at a diagonal about a quarter to a half of the back panel. At that point I had to acknowledge that I was not going to finish the Gambeson. I was very proud of the work I had done but it was nowhere near what I could have done had I been focused only on the gambeson. However, I made progress, which was one of my goals in competing, and I got to see a lot of skilled individuals create amazing art in the 48 hours we had to work on our projects.

So not all was lost, and I had a really good time!



Heavy Practice @ Home

Some video links from Baroness Marie-Therese to help keep you busy and in shape while at home! Enjoy!

Hello All,

Here are good YouTube links for heavy combatants and pell training.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Yx7ANUm1OS0>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GkJ7lvYvfPg>

Hello all throughout our confinement. I thought it would be a good idea to send out links on articles I've found online to keep people interested in the Heavy fighting community. Our Knight Marshal and our Archery Noyon are already doing things within the Rapier and Archery communities to keep their participants interested and so I thought with me being a heavy fighter this would be the perfect opportunity for the Heavies to share knowledge about what we've found online, what we can do in our home space, and what we've been thinking about doing within the Heavy fighting community.

The two links above are really good Pell work training videos, but they are by no means the only ones. Duke Dietrich Von Stroheim of Atlantia has a slew of them, Duke University has a slew, SCA West Kingdom Fighter Training. Try them all but do what makes you happy and doesn't hurt your body. There is never too much information, only too much to take in at one time.

Here are a few more links that are good:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BDKHAVd1-cCs>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Kf8zb1mNo80>

Six Part Drill for Pell: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YxLP0R0_GIc
Spear Drills by Barry1492:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T8LQXwBQcjk> (intro to the 5 ideas of spear),

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KIQteRh74g8> (basic pell),

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IYuHHbczIMk> (spear practice on the line)



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.

Scribal and

Stierbach/
Archery Practice

Heavy Weapons
Practice

Rapier Practice

Projects Night

Stierbach/
Winter Archery

SCA Newcomer
Meetings

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

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://pontalto.atlantia.sca.org/calendar.php> and other social media (including Facebook).

Look for other virtual practices and A&S activities to be advertised and promoted via the Baronial website, calendar, and other social media.

Also be sure to check out <http://virtual.atlantia.sca.org> for classes and activities!

members of the Barony. Contact the Baronial Chatelaine for information (chatelaine@pontalto.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 May/June	
Date	Event
	No 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

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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?

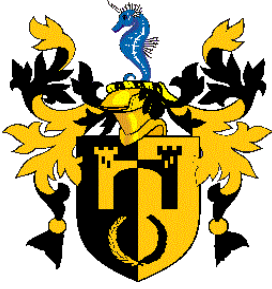
Their Excellencies need help with taking notes (e.g. for gifts or to-do stuff), staying hydrated, reminders to stay on schedule, fetching things, and otherwise keeping Their Excellencies comfortable and out of trouble (especially the Mongol one)!

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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Release form for model(s) (the subject of your artwork or photograph):

<http://chronicler.atlantia.sca.org/ReleaseModelFillable.pdf>