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THE SUMMER SOLSTICE IS — AS SHAKESPEARE TELLS US — THE TIME OF FAIRY ENCHANTMENT. IN FOLKLORE, IT IS SAID THAT ON MIDSUMMER'S NIGHT, THE FAIRY TRIBES GATHER TOGETHER, TO MAKE MUSIC, MAGIC AND MISCHIEF.

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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 following state and local guidelines) and we look forward to the day when regular activities can resume.



From Kingdom

A message from the kingdom seneschal.

June 29th

Greetings unto the Populace of Atlantia,

In the past week, Their Majesties and I have taken counsel from all of the Baronage and the Great Officers of Atlantia. We have reviewed the information coming from state officials regarding the Covid 19 pandemic and are concerned by the rise in outbreaks in parts of our Kingdom. As the situation continues to be deeply troubling, we studied the options for our Kingdom. As a result, I announce the cancellation of all in-person events and in-person activities (fighter practices, A&S, and meetings etc.) through August 1, 2020. Virtual activities continue to occur and variances for virtual events are available through the Kingdom Seneschal's office.

We are closely watching the situation, and if possible, we will reopen some activities sooner than August 1. We continue to monitor the pandemic state by state, and remain firm that no in-person Kingdom events will be held until all 5 states and the District of Columbia are open and allow gatherings of 500 or more.

The cancellation of all activities means that no official in-person activities; local practices (all marshal activities and archery), A&S, or meetings, will be allowed in any part of Atlantia. An official activity is one publicized via an SCA website, group elist, SCA social media or to the membership of that group, and conducted in keeping with the SCA purpose and rules. We continue working on information regarding reopening activities and events, and will share the plans soon.

The variance we requested from the Board of Directors for the postponement of Crown Tourney has been renewed for 90 days, until the end of September. If necessary, we will request another variance at that time.

University was a tremendous success and it is exciting to see the expansion of other planned activities online. Our Kingdom continues to provide a blueprint on how to develop communities with Virtual Atlantia.

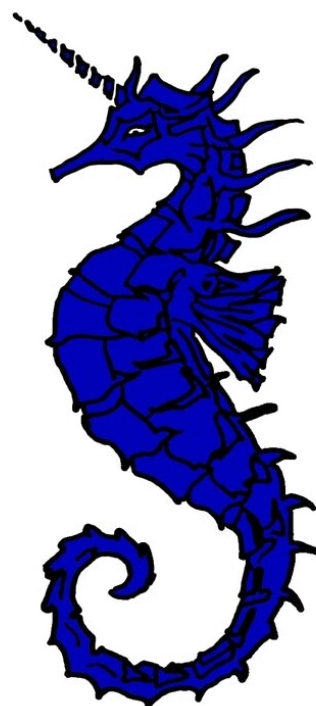


From Kingdom (cont.)

Our primary concern remains the health and well-being of all Atlantians. Their Majesties and I will continue to make announcements and to review the situation as we go forward.

Duchess Simone

Seneschal, Kingdom of Atlantia





Populace Gathering Minutes

June 28, 2020

Zoom virtual meeting

5:11 pm

Adjourned at 5:53 pm

17 attendees

OFFICER'S REPORTS

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

- ♦ Nothing to really talk about.
- ♦ Talk about the plan for the schools. Every other day at school. Limit people coming in. No discussion of outside activities. Will be sending out info. Every night sanitizing. We may be out of a practice facility (for our martial practices)
- ♦ Discussing Wild Hunt. Won't know until August meeting. WoW will be a bellwether too. (Emily) intend to make a decision in late Aug. (Adina) Inter-kingdom event. May be affected by a wider area. Will also have to go by what the park says as well.

Exchequer - Katie Bischoff (Astrid)

- ♦ 8,481.90 current balance (same as last month).
- ♦ Paid for storage

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

- ♦ Lady Ailleann will be departing the area (moving to Artemisia).
- ♦ (Emily) Our virtual A&S events continue.
- ♦ She (Emily) is looking for class ideas.
- ♦ Not planning any virtual martial classes at this time.
- ♦ Could do MOL classes. Recommendation that everyone should attend!
- ♦ There was a good turn out at Virtual University. With thanks to Alric for tech.
- ♦ Discussion about Emily stepping up as Minister for A&S. She is willing. Marie -Therese and Naran are in support. She needs her warrant.
- ♦ (Emrys) Inquired about a class on making plague masks? (Emily) No, but we can do one!

Herald - Sarah Stango (Johanna le Paumer)

- ♦ Continues. 1 in society/proofing. 1 in Kingdom, headed to society.
- ♦ Working with another person for arms and name.
- ♦ Known World Scribal Symposium canceled. They are trying to move the event to on-line. Interest in heraldry, there is a draft schedule. Do need to register for the symposium by July 3. Lots of formats for the classes. Times in Australia time, since the event was going to be in Lochac. July 11&12. (6:30PM Friday the 10th start for us.)



Populace Gathering Minutes (cont.)

Chatelaine - Mary Dotson (Maria Chiara Datini)

- ♦ Not present

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

- ♦ Not present

Chronicler - Ron Hanagan (Rónán mac Ímair)

- ♦ Request for content. Emily will try to provide something for Revenge of the Stitch (part 2).
- ♦ Adina will send info for Pennsic in Your Backyard.

Web Minister - Ron Hanagan (Rónán mac Ímair)

- ♦ Continues

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

- ♦ *From Naran:*
- ♦ Making whistling arrows to give out.
- ♦ Shooting a bit, but a bow-arm issue going on.
- ♦ Re: Ft. Belvoir. Can't invite anyone yet. Doors on all the targets. Open 9-2 Mon-Sat. Woods course not open.
- ♦ If he's going someplace, he will put out the word.
- ♦ *From MT:*
- ♦ Keeping busy, talking to people online.
- ♦ Revenge of the Stitch.
- ♦ Doing A&S
- ♦ Suggested that we do a virtual happy hour 1/week, 1/month for the Barony? (Tamara) Not everyone does A&S? (Adina) maybe every other week? (Belphoebe) thinks it's a good idea. Other baronies also doing it. No more than an hour, maybe 45 minutes. (Mary) Pick a topic ahead of time? Something that gets people talking. (Bel) Recommends keeping it to "How are you doing?" type conversations. Doing topics turns it back into A&S. Mary will work with Emily to set something up. (Seamus) What day of the week? (Mary) not Thursday. Maybe every other Friday? Sunday afternoon/early evening? (Emily) the Sunday A&S (at 1:00) have gotten the best participation. (Adina) perhaps a meal together? 5:00 on a Sunday? First one? July 12th?



Populace Gathering Minutes (cont.)

Events

Wild Hunt (Marion)

- ♦ Storvik / Battle on the Bay officially cancelled.
- ♦ Checking on Stierbach Baronial Birthday. Only other event before Wild Hunt.
- ♦ Will start planning as much as she can that does not involve spending money. Will send out planning email along with her Monday A&S emails.
- ♦ Started planning some A&S competitions.
- ♦ Final call at Aug meeting. Right around the time we'd have to spend money on the park and insurance.

Old Business

- ♦ n/a

New Business

- ♦ n/a

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ♦ (Adina) Herald, Triton trying to put together virtual heralds table? Suggest Sarah reach out.
- ♦ (Adina) Check your fighter card expirations! Can be updated online.
- ♦ (Adina) As of the last GOoS (Great Officers of State) meeting, Silver Chalice in Aug is still a go. Many events not cancelled yet.
- ♦ (Adina) Society did a diversity initiative. Asked to see if we might have volunteers/suggestions for that for Atlantia.
- ♦ (Adina) Pennsic in My Backyard. Like dinner get together. Bardic. If have ideas, suggest them to pass to kingdom. Do it over a couple of days. Not all one day. Dinner one night. Happy Hour one night. Etc.
- ♦ (Adina) Fall University is still a go as a virtual event.



A&S Update from Marion Compton

We're holding strong for A&S in June! This month, we had two classes and an open A&S hangout, including about 20 attendees. Atlantia's first Virtual University had an overwhelming turnout, with almost 700 people, including a lot of our wonderful Pontoons as students, teachers, and staff!

Virtual Revenge of the Stitch Round 2 took place during the first weekend of June. 38 people across multiple kingdoms took part, including our very own Baroness Marie-Therese! She was proudly sporting Ponte Alto black and gold for an underdress, overdress, and some awesome progress on a hood with lyrippe. Projects included some incredible weaving, embroidery, garb assembly, knitting, banner painting, quilting, and camaraderie while we all worked together to support each others' projects. Unlike the traditional 24 hours, Virtual Revenge of the Stitch takes place over 2 days, to give everyone plenty of time to participate, and still handle a weekend at home! Round 3 will take place Friday, July 17-Sunday July 19.

Pontoons have been working on some exciting projects that we've been hearing about in our A&S meetings including some baronial belt favors from Lady Sofiya! She's making a whole slew of them for Pontoons and newcomers and deserves a huge shout out for it.

We'd love to feature more works in progress — so feel free to email them to marion.comptonsca@gmail.com, including any pictures you'd like to share!

A&S classes/workshops proposed this month have included some great ideas and we're working on getting some of the following on the calendar:

- A roundtable discussion on how to handle heat and humidity at summer events.
- A cooking A&S class (the current proposal is for pickles or we can do a "how to make your own bread starter if you haven't already").
- A plague mask class.
- Another general A&S hangout with a discussion question to start us all off: If you could make or have any one item for your camp (Pennsic or not) what would it be and why?



A&S Activities (cont.)





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://pontealto.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@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 July/August	
Date	Event
8/7-9	Pennsic in Your Backyard
	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

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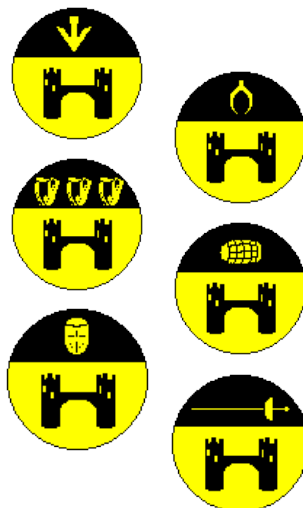
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Looking for a way to get involved?

Why not try retaining!

What is retaining?

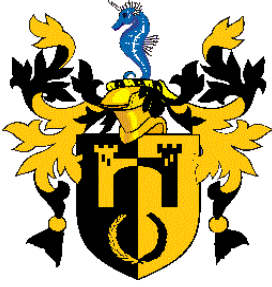
Their Excellencies need help with taking notes (e.g. for gifts or to-do stuff), staying hydrated, reminders to stay on schedule, fetching things, and otherwise keeping Their Excellencies comfortable and out of trouble (especially the Mongol one)!

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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