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



Populace Gathering Minutes

September 27, 2020

Zoom virtual meeting

5:10 pm

Adjourned at 5:37 pm

9 attendees

OFFICER'S REPORTS

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

- ♦ We're still not open

Exchequer - Katie Bischoff (Astrid)

- ♦ We still have \$8,481.90 in the bank account
- ♦ Astrid has been paying some expenses with the anticipation she will be paid back once we're able to meet/get signatures. It was recommended we document those so they aren't a surprise.
 - ♦ Storage is \$400/3 months. Owe Astrid \$900 so far for that.
 - ♦ Need Tristan's signature added at the bank.
 - ♦ Still owe Seamus for voting software as well.
 - ♦ Baronage are NOT allowed to be signatories.

Knight/Rapier Marshal - Brittany Lasley (Colette Vitalis)

- ♦ Not present
- ♦ Marie-Therese (MT) talked about grouping with Erik Sateren to do some virtual practices/discussions. Did one last Thursday, and will be doing one this coming Thursday.
- ♦ (MT) also working on what we can do once we can open practices again.

Archery Marshal - Ron Hanagan (Rónán mac Ímair)

- ♦ Since we have permission from kingdom to re-open target archery practice, the Noyon has been going out to Lake Needwood on Sundays and inviting small groups to come out. It's still tentative as everyone gets used to the new rules.

Arts and Sciences - Holly for Emily Shifflett (Lady Marion Compton)

- ♦ Great attendance at University. Lot of Pontoons.
- ♦ Send pics of A&S
- ♦ Grab workshop for Oct, finishing details
- ♦ Bardic competition for Wild Hunt
- ♦ Tempore due Dec 6th
 - Activity in Oct for that
- ♦ Scary Story bardic Oct 10
- ♦ Oct 20th A&S
- ♦ Oct 29th Tempore



Populace Gathering Minutes (cont.)

Chatelaine - Holly for Charlene Ratliff (Delphina the Mad)

- ♦ Virtual Newcomers night was held 3 Sep, with 5 attendees. 2 new folks.
- ♦ Next Newcomers to be scheduled.

Herald - Sarah Stango (Johanna le Paumer)

- ♦ Not present

Chronicler - Ron Hanagan (Rónán mac Ímair)

- ♦ Continues
- ♦ Content is always welcome

Web Minister - Ron Hanagan (Rónán mac Ímair)

- ♦ Continues

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

- ♦ *From MT:*
- ♦ Going thru awards in the awards box.
- ♦ Still working on service medallions. Does anyone have the time to do those? We've given them all out.
- ♦ We have some martial, and some for A&S, but no de Oro's anymore. Will need more. General discussion about options:
 - Iantos can make metal ones, \$150 for 6.
 - Painted wooden ones. Are inexpensive. 25 for \$15 tokens.
 - Tin-casting, 24 for \$100. Don't know if he (the maker) has the time to do them at the moment.
 - Marie-Therese will follow up and bring it back up at the next meeting.
- ♦ Pandemic and our champions:
 - Were supposed to change some at Bloodbath, and then Pennsic.
 - Maybe in Dec we could have the A&S and the Bardic? During a Yule Court? Need to get it on the schedule. And plan it.
 - Naran to promote the Yule Court
- ♦ *From Naran:*
- ♦ Yule Court
 - Just need someone to run camera?
 - Do it with Naran and MT together.
 - With a backdrop and stuff.
- ♦ Normal practice at events are gift baskets for investitures. We are planning to send things. Like mead.



Populace Gathering Minutes (cont.)

- Can only send 1 case at a time to Virginia. Naran ordered 2 cases. MT could order.
 - We've missed a couple, like Sacred Stone, and Hawkwood(?)
- ♦ Yule Court on a Sunday as an option? Better availability for some people? Naran will look at calendar.

Old Business

- ♦ n/a

New Business

- ♦ n/a

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ♦ n/a





A&S Update from Marion Compton

Happy fall Ponte Alto!

September brought us a phenomenal Fall University, an engaging discussion on mulling spices and the history of their use, and some great projects done by Pontoons in garb, cooking, woodworking, and more! Keep sending pictures so we can show them off for you!

October is going to be a crazy fun month for A&S.

On October 10th, in honor of the "Wild Hunt that Wasn't", we'll be hosting our Scary Stories Bardic circle. This will happen shortly after court is over at 4 pm. Come with your favorite spooky story, poem, song, interpretive dance, you name it! The next round of what was previously known as Revenge of the Stitch Virtual edition is also this upcoming weekend.

Next up is our Monthly A&S gathering. Since it's an even month, we're talking garb and this month's topic is finishing details and fine detail work that really makes your piece pop. We'll go over a few techniques that are applicable to a lot of periods and areas, and then open it up for just hanging out.

To close out the month, we're going to have a discussion for anyone considering entering something into Tempore Atlantia for 12th Night. We'll be discussing the various time periods, the items people are considering, the submission process (they're due December 6th!), as well as the rubric.



Martial Activities

Archery Update from Rónán mac Ímair

From Kingdom regarding Phase 0:

Phase 0 - Virtual activities are encouraged. Only the following outdoor in-person activities are permitted, provided social distancing can be maintained at all times during the activity: **Target Archery**, Thrown Weapons, Equestrian, and A&S. Attendance of 10 or less is limited to participants, marshals, and any required officers. Attendance is limited to adults only, no minors (17 and under). Participants are recommended to make reservations with the activity coordinator.

More info available at: <http://atlantia.sca.org/offices/seneschal/reopening-atlantia>

Per our Noyon, the DEM for Archery has also indicated that we may officially record Royal Rounds.

The Noyon has been making an effort to get out every weekend when the weather is good, and some of our Pontoons have joined him! Including William (and his 90 lb. warbow!), Sofiya, and Marion.



Pictures courtesy of Rónán



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 October/November	
Date	Event
	No in-person 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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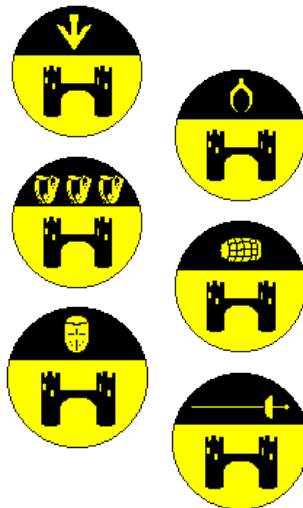
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Thrown Weapons Champion: Emilia di Nicastro
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Looking for a way to get involved?

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)!

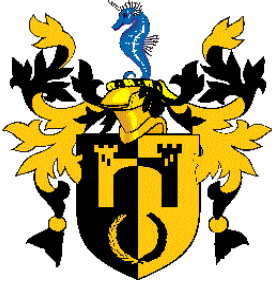
Who can retain?

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!

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