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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

Oyez! Oyez!

Atlantian Guidelines for reopening have been updated! <https://atlantia.sca.org/reopening-atlantia/>

Guidelines <https://atlantia.sca.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/Atlantia-Reopening-June-1-2021.pdf>

Supplemental Policies for Martial Activities <https://atlantia.sca.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/Atlantia-Covid-Marshall-Policies-v1-5.1.pdf>



Populace Gathering Minutes

May 23, 2021

5:05 pm

Adjourned at 5:26 pm

14 attendees

Zoom virtual meeting

OFFICER'S REPORTS

Seneschal – David Hultman (Lord Hákon brimill)

- ♦ Updates to policies have been pushed out. Especially with regard to Social Media Officer (SMO) and Communications. Everyone (i.e. the officers) should re-view the updates. There are expectations that are called out, especially with regard to social media.
- ♦ Hákon will try to put out an agenda/itinerary 1 week out from the populace meeting. He requests that you notify him a week before if there's something they'd like to add to the agenda.
- ♦ "Welcome to my first meeting. May the gods have mercy on your souls."

Exchequer - Katie Bischoff (Astrid)

- ♦ 7,988.30 balance
- ♦ Still working on the signature things. There is a person at Wells Fargo that she is working with who will help make sure it's done.
- ♦ Also need to add Hákon. And Tristan.

Knight Marshal - Hákon for Brittany Lasley (Colette Vitalis)

- ♦ First practice last Sunday. Great turn-out.
- ♦ Another today. Not as many today.
- ♦ No Rapier today.
- ♦ Ponte Alto is now at Phase 1, which allows more people to attend!
- ♦ Duncan stepped down as head Armored Marshal. Have chosen Ivan (Heinrich von Holstein) to step into that role. (There was a brief discussion of the requirements for appointing new officers/deputies. Need Marshal's Warrant is all that is required.) Will pass contact info for the new Armored Marshal to Webminister & Chronicler.

Arts and Sciences - Emily Shifflett (Lady Marion Compton)

- ♦ Two classes this month, including a really excellent embroidery class that was super well received.
- ♦ 30 attendants at events overall.
- ♦ Don't forget to be thinking about St. Paddy's in July A&S! That's due at the event!
- ♦ Next month is a busy one:
- ♦ We have two classes schedule: leather pouch making and Equestrian Before



Populace Gathering Minutes (cont.)

You Get on a Horse

- ◆ Colegio de Iberia is June 4-5
- ◆ Atlantia University is June 12
- ◆ Royal University of Midrealm is June 19
- ◆ A&S Team meeting happening Wednesday, June 23 at 7 pm
- ◆ Discussing a couple proposals for how to go forward scheduling ou 2nd half of the year classes.
- ◆ Focus will be on persona and persona development.

Chatelaine - Holly for Charlene Ratliff (Delphina the Mad)

- ◆ Quiet
- ◆ No newcomers reaching out in the last couple months.
- ◆ Next Newcomers meeting this upcoming Tuesday.
- ◆ (Hakon) Should we look for ways to drive more traffic? Brief discussion.

Chronicler - Ron Hanagan (Rónán mac Ímair)

- ◆ Content submissions welcome!

Web Minister - Ron Hanagan (Rónán mac Ímair)

- ◆ Notes from Marion our SMO:
 - ◆ Everyone should read the policy changes. <https://www.sca.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/Society-Social-Media-Policy-April-2021.pdf> Be cognizant of your role!
 - ◆ If you are creating Events on Facebook, they should be on the Page (which can then be shared to the Group). Not the Group. (Brief recap of the difference between the two.)
- ◆ Discussion of updates for website and Il Tempo for new officers (and vacancies). Need new Chamberlain.

Herald - Sarah Stango (Johanna le Paumer)

- ◆ Quiet
- ◆ 1 person reached out for reg for new device.
- ◆ New Clerk Signet

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

- ◆ *From Naran:*
- ◆ Did register for WoW. We (Ponte Alto) will be camping with the Great Dark Horde (and another group).
- ◆ Naran expects to attend Armistice.
- ◆ Ready to start attending events



Populace Gathering Minutes (cont.)

- ♦ From MT:
- ♦ (no report)

Events

Bloodbath in July

- ♦ (Hákon) Fairfax numbers are looking good. (Reference to COVID status)
- ♦ Awaiting word from BoD.
- ♦ If by middle of June, if no new guidance from BoD, will ask for variance to host event.
- ♦ Will sync with Adina. Question about who requests the variance?

(Virtual) Wild Hunt

- ♦ (Marion) Would like to formally move to virtual due to conflicts.
- ♦ Discussion of what weekend. Can't really move. At least not with Marion autocrating. Even Yule event would have a conflict.
- ♦ We just can't afford to do it live due to cost. (And expected low attendance due to the conflicts.)
- ♦ Park says we could roll over our registration. Marion said she will autocrat that event. "Is determined to do so."
- ♦ Motion to move event to virtual. Motion carried.

Old Business

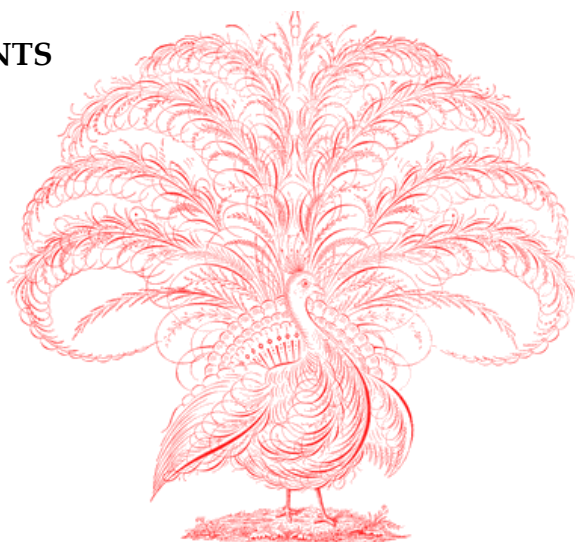
- ♦ n/a

New Business

- ♦ n/a

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ♦ n/a





A&S Update from Marion Compton

Greetings Ponte Alto!

Thank you all for another wonderful month of arts and sciences! In May, we had two classes, including a fan favorite class on the basics of hand embroidery. In total, we had 43 attendants at May events!

June promises to be an exciting month for A&S as well. Several Pontoons have played a role in the organizing and execution of the second Known World Colegio de Iberia, taking place early in the month, Storvik Novice is actually happening in person, and we have a mid-year planning meeting for the A&S team scheduled to explore our plan for more persona-development related classes later in the year.

July is fast approaching and with it, our Hiberno-Norse series of classes and challenges. As a reminder, the following A&S is available at St. Paddy's in July:

- Both displays and competitions will be available. When dropping off your A&S or submitting online, please indicate which team you are participating with (Irish or Norse), and whether you would like to be considered for prizes or just display for the day. Each display will still count as a point towards your team's success at the end of the day. Documentation is required but can be limited to an EZ Doc or documentation recipe card (both will be available the day of). Prizes will be given for best in each category, Irish or Norse, as well as best in show. The winner of best in show will earn an extra point for their team. For those that wish to make use of it, there will be an online submission form available ahead of time! [Submissions can be made via this Google form.](#)
- There will be a bardic circle! Come perform your best limerick or Norse poem and by popular vote we will declare a victor. Each participant will also earn a point for their team. Please note that this is a family friendly event and adjust your works accordingly!

For those of you participating in our Hiberno-Norse sew along, I highly recommend getting materials in advance! Check out the Facebook group for those planning to participate, [linked here](#).

We would like to feature more Ponte Alto A&S activities in Il Tempo regularly. If you have a website on which you post your A&S and would like it shared here, please let me know at moas@pontealto.atlantia.sca.org. Ideally, we would like to be able to feature a Pontoon and their art every month or so to really show off what you can do!

*Got an A&S project
you'd like to share with
your fellow Pontoons?*

We'd love to publish it!

Contact our [Minister of
A&S!](#)



Martial Activities

MARTIAL PRACTICE NOTICE

ATTENTION! Martial practices are resuming for armored/heavy and rapier at 12PM on Sundays!

Armored/Heavy practices are moving back to Tysons-Pimmit Park.

Rapier practices will be at Mason District Park.

See the [calendar](#) for more info about times and locations.

Archery Update from Rónán

Archery practice is still waiting for our regular summer archery range to officially re-open. In the meantime, the Noyon continues to arrange small visits to different ranges to keep in practice. Pictured here at Ft. Belvoir (the woods walk) and Grimmsfield.



Pictures courtesy of Lady Sof'ia



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 Marsh for information. Go to the Marshal for information.

Scribal and

While indoor in-person activities and practices are still temporarily suspended due to COVID-19, our outdoor activities have begun to re-open! For info on **Armored** and **Rapier** practices, see the Ponte Alto calendar for times and locations.

Stierbach/
Archery Practice

Heavy Weapons
Practice

Indoor activities including: **Monthly Populace Gatherings**, **Newcomers Night**, and **A&S activities**, will continue 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).

Rapier Practice

Projects Night

Stierbach/
Winter Archery

Be sure to check out the [Baronial website](#) for the latest re-opening information!

SCA Newcomer
Meetings

(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 June/July	
Date	Event
7/17	St. Paddy's Day Blood Bath in July (Naran & Marie-Therese)

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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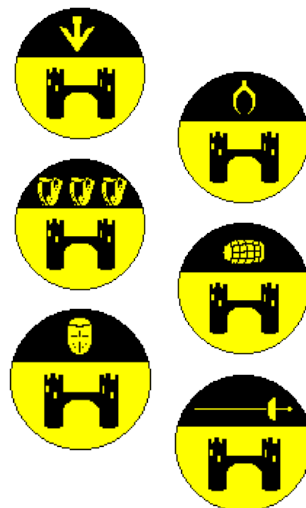
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Thrown Weapons Champion: Rónán mac Ímair
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Looking for a way to get involved?

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)!

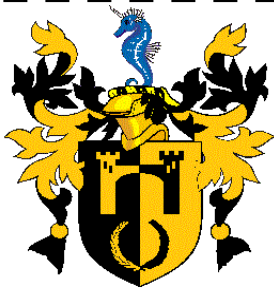
Who can retain?

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

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