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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 or 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 competed, 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 and is only limited by the speed at which our hands can write what our minds think.

Come, share with us adventures in the great Barony of Ponte Alto, in the grand Kingdom of Atlantia, in this - the Current Middle Ages!

News / Announcements

Annual Cookie Competition and Newcomer's Meeting

When: Friday, December 19th, 7:00 to 10:00 p.m.

Where: Lady Sophia's house
3531 Country Hill Dr
Fairfax, VA 22030.

Bring cookies to share (but they're not necessary)! The Barony's "cookie champion" will be selected. Recipes do not have to be period; no garb required.

If you have any questions, please contact Lady Flora de Bayeaux at 703-343-3367 or Lady Sophia at (703) 901-1866 .



The Folger Consort Performs

The Folger Consort, the early-music ensemble-in-residence at the Folger Shakespeare Library, will perform "A Renaissance Christmas: Music of Flanders and Italy circa 1500" on Saturday, December 16th through 23rd. The performance features vocalists, winds and strings and is inspired by Walter's "Madonna and Child with Angels", currently on view in the Italian Galleries.



News/Announcements

December Sewing Circle

Sewing Circle will meet on Thursday, December 18th at 7:00 p.m. at Rúna's (Jennie Murphy). If you plan to attend, please r.s.v.p. to Rúna so she can give you the address. Bring your latest project, or start one. All A&S projects are welcome. Garb not required.



No December Business Meeting or Scribal A&S

For the month of December, there will be no Baronial business meeting or Scribal/A&S night. However, there will be a newcomer's meeting and the Annual Cookie Competition. Mistress Celia of Rosedale is last year's champion and will decide the date and location. Look for details about the cookie bake-off on the Barony's e-mail list, website, and Facebook page.



The Baronial Business Meeting for December is cancelled. However, please note that we will have TWO Business Meetings in January. One will be on January 4th and the other will be on January 25th. We have the following events coming up in the new year:

February 21st - Brunch with Bards - stay tuned for more information

March 14th - Blood Bath

May 2nd - Crown Tourney (this may be changing to 1-3 as a camping event so stay tuned)

All of these events could use volunteers for various small jobs. Please contact the autocrats to volunteer.

~ Caitilin Irruis inghean ui Riada
(Christine Menton)
Seneschal



No Indoor Practices During School Break

There will be no indoor practices while Fairfax County Schools are closed between December 22 and January 5th.



Pictures from Chalice of the Sun God XI

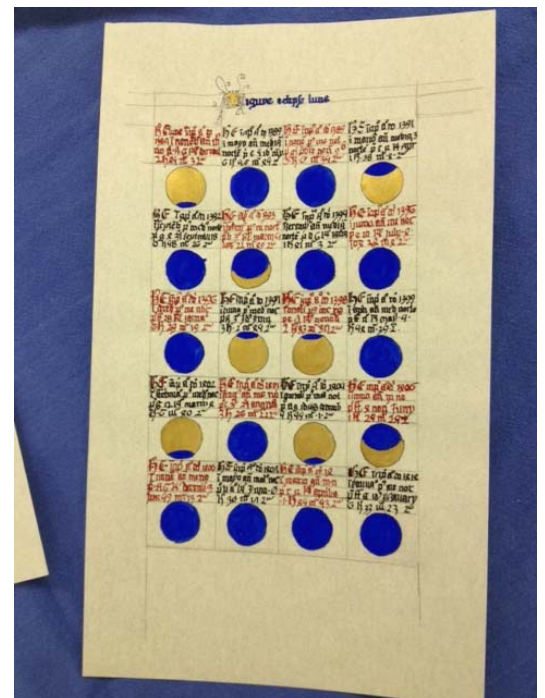


The Chalice Team Championship was decided by a fierce game of Rock, Paper, Scissors. The Barony of Stierbach's team prevailed over the Barony of Storvik's Emissaries of Woe team.

Photo by Tim Branigan (Tigernan Mear Mac Riatai).



Entries for the A&S Competition.



Photos by Theresa Crean (Lady Theresa O Cahir)



Regnum

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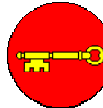


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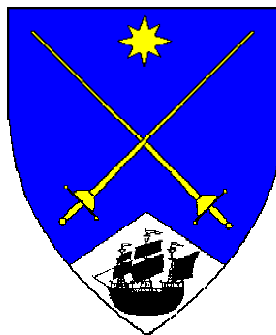
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Featured Device



Geoffrey ap Clywd

Azure, two rapiers in saltire and in a chief a mullet of eight points Or,
on a point pointed argent a ship in full sale sable.



Ponte Alto Notables

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Rapier final to determine the Chalice Rapier Hero (left) and Heavy final to determine the Chalice XI Armored Hero. Photos by Theresa Crean (Lady Theresa O Cahir)

Baronial Progress

Date	Event	Barone/Baronessa
Dec 6	Unevent	Drogo & Adina
Jan 24	Ice Castle	Drogo & Adina
Feb 7	University	Drogo & Adina
Feb 27	Ymir	Drogo & Adina



Business Meeting Minutes

November 23, 2014

Attendance: 18

Start: 6:05 p.m.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church
Falls Church, VA

Officer Reports

Seneschal—Christine Menton (Caitilin)

Not much to report. Quarterly report was on time. There was a snafu with the Chalice event report, but it's been straightened out. Unevent is coming up.

Exchequer—Tamara Brown (Celia of Rosedale)

Getting back into the swing of things with the job again. The balance is around \$7,500. Have to clarify a couple of things for Chalice; assuming we were on budget, we made a profit of about \$440. Need to order more checks (only have 3 left). Theresa made a motion to allow Tamara to spend up to \$85 for 300 duplicate checks; Marcellus seconded and motion passed. In January, everyone needs to bring their blue card so membership can be verified for financial votes.

Knight Marshal—Michael Schneider (Grimkirk)

Fighting continues. We've had the benefit of having members of the Chivalry from neighboring branches at practices. Off next Thursday for Thanksgiving; on for Sunday weather permitting. Watch the calendar for dates in December—practice is canceled when school is closed.

Rapier Marshal—Jeff Williams (Geoffrey)

Rapier continues. No practice during upcoming holidays; keep an eye out for update emails.

Archery Marshal—Nicholas Freer (Naran)

Archery was great yesterday; sponsored a period shoot. Helping marshal at Storvik with their practices at Adelphi. Discussed on-going practice location issues. Planning gear days during the winter—stay tuned.

Minister of Arts & Sciences—Bob Capozello (Marcellus)

A&S continues. Rúna reported that sewing circle at Giovanna Marin's went well and was well attended. There will be a sewing circle on the 18th at Rúna's house. Rúna is working on setting up a nalbinding class with Alæif Agautsson for a date TBD and a mead workshop due to interest. Discussed next big A&S at Twelfth Night—lots of competitions. Scribal/A&S is tomorrow at Stephen and Liza's.

Chatelaine—Jerri Lyn Mooney (Flora de Bayeaux), absent

No new inquiries were made this month. Newcomer's Gathering was held on November 7th at Lady Theresa's. There were 15 people in attendance. December's Newcomer's will be combined with the Baronial Cookie Exchange at Lady Sophia's.

Herald—Sue Schneider (Agnete de Köeslin)

Nothing to report.

Chronicler—Theresa Crean (Theresa)

Need to renew my warrant this month.

Web Minister—Rachel Storey (Giovanna), absent

No report.

Minister of the Lists—Kel Dalton (Cellach)

Nothing to report.

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Business Meeting Minutes (continued)

Minister of Minors—Eliisa Harman (Annika)

Nothing to report.

Baron and Baroness—Stephen (absent) and Liza Cicirelli (Drogo and Adina)

Reviewed recent and future progress. Drogo received a Golden Dolphin at Holiday Faire!

Events

Brunch with Bards (Feb. 2015)—Mary Dotson, Event Steward

Discussed tentative plans. Pending approval of classes, we can get University credits. Location has changed—looked at St. Paul's, but we could get bumped last minute due to any funeral. Eliisa put me in touch with her church, Unitarian Universalist Church of Reston; contract just needs to be signed. We'd like to offer a track of youth classes to make the vent family friendly. Thanks for help and guidance, particularly Tamara (Celia)! Reviewed budget. Mary moved to accept the budget; Marcellus seconded and motion passed.

St. Paddy's Day Blood Bath (Mar. 2015)—Martine Martineau, Event Steward

The event is spike'd on the Kingdom Calendar. Michael (Grimkirk) will MiC; Liz (Sophia) will cook lunch. A budget will be ready at the January meeting.

Spring Crown (Apr. 2015)—Michael Schneider, Event Steward

Amended budget was sent to Kingdom for review. The Application for Prince William Forest Park is in; we should hear shortly after January 1st. Met with His Royal Highness at the direction of the Kingdom Seneschal; will have another meeting with the Royal Liaison. With the new site, we'll increase feast from 60 to 100; budget increased to \$1,000.00. \$5.00 per night will be charged for cabin camping. Asked to rent Camp 1 for weekend and Camp 4 for Saturday daytime. Discussed tentative plans for the event.

Old Business

Discussed Holiday Faire; 4 bins are empty and we made \$293.00.

No update on the list fence purchase.

Stephen still needs to get his receipt for the pole driver (for Pennsic 2014) turned in!

Need to have Exchequer look at the financial reports and discuss whether we want to reallocate the \$1,000 that we're budgeting for coronet repair. This item is currently tabled.

Officers need to go to Unevent or send a representative.

For Crown, we need to purchase cord/rope for 2nd barrier around the list field. There is black and yellow cord at Home Depot; will estimate measurement and request funds at the next business meeting.

New Business

None.

Announcements

Nutcracker Ballet performance is next Saturday; Eliisa and Ken's sons are performing!

Adjourned at 7:32 p.m.



Calendar

December

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
1	2	3	4 6 p.m. Heavy Weapons Practice 6:30 p.m. Rapier Practice	5	6 Unevent (Highland Foorde)	7 12:30 p.m. Outdoor Heavy Weapons Practice* Archery*
8	9	10	11 6 p.m. Heavy Weapons Practice 6:30 p.m. Rapier Practice	12	13 Caer Mear Yule Celebration (Caer Mear)	14 12:30 p.m. Outdoor Heavy Weapons Practice* Archery*
15	16	17	18 6 p.m. Heavy Weapons Practice 6:30 p.m. Rapier Practice 7:00 p.m. Sewing Circle*	19	20	21 12:30 p.m. Outdoor Heavy Weapons Practice Archery*
22	23	24	25 Christmas	26	27	28 12:30 p.m. Outdoor Heavy Weapons Practice & Potluck+ Archery*
29	30	31 New Year's Eve			*=times and location may vary; please email or call the point of contact in "weekly Events."	+ =weather permitting.



Calendar—Looking Ahead

January 2015

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
*=times and location may vary; please email or call the point of contact in "weekly Events."	+ =weather permitting. **= if needed. Look for a message on the Baronial email list.		1 Happy New Year!!!	2	3	4 12:30 p.m. Outdoor Heavy Weapons Practice* Archery* Baronial Business Meeting**
5	6	7	8 6 p.m. Heavy Weapons Practice 6:30 p.m. Rapier Practice	9	10 Kingdom Twelfth Night (Sacred Stone)	11 12:30 p.m. Outdoor Heavy Weapons Practice* Archery*
12	13	14	15 6 p.m. Heavy Weapons Practice 6:30 p.m. Rapier Practice 7:00 p.m. Sewing Circle*	16	17	18 12:30 p.m. Outdoor Heavy Weapons Practice Archery*
19	20	21	22	23	24 Ice Castle (Black Diamond) Storvik Song & Dance	25 12:30 p.m. Outdoor Heavy Weapons Practice & Potluck+ Archery* Baronial Business Meeting**
26 Scribal/A&S Night	27	28	29	30	31 Feast of St. Brigid (Midwinter's Revel) (Lochmere)	



Weekly Events

Sunday Ponte Alto Baronial Business Meeting

Fourth Sunday of the month at 6:00 p.m. Please check the Barony's email list, Facebook page, or contact the Seneschal for the meeting location.

Outdoor Heavy Weapons and Rapier Practice

Weather permitting, 12:30 to 4:00 p.m., outdoors at Tysons-Pimmit Park, behind Tysons-Pimmit Library, Falls Church. Please contact the Baronial Knight Marshal for more information or check the Barony's Facebook page before you go to ensure that fighters will be gathering.

Outdoor Archery Practice

Check the Barony's Facebook page or contact Baronial Archery Marshal for dates and times. The group has been practicing at Lake Needwood most Sundays, and at Ft. Belvoir on alternate Sundays. Check the Barony's Facebook page. The Archery Marshal can give you information and directions to the range.

Monday Ponte Alto/ Stierbach Archery Practice

5:00 to 7:00 p.m. during Daylight Savings Time. The outdoor practice site is at Grimmsfield, 16132 Crusade Ct., Haymarket, VA 20169. Practices are held jointly with Stierbach. You may contact the Baronial Archery Marshal for carpool or other information.

Scribal/A&S Night

Held the Monday night after the Baronial Business Meeting—date vary. Currently held at the home of the Baron & Baroness (4214 Maylock Ln Fairfax) and begins at 6:30 p.m. Bring calligraphy, illumination, and any A&S projects—or come to chat!

Thursday Indoor Rapier Practice*

Every Thursday at Shreveview Elementary School from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. Please use the rear entrance to the cafeteria. Please contact the Baronial Rapier Marshal for more information. This is a school activity.*

Indoor Heavy Weapons Practice*

Lemon Road Elementary School from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Practice is geared to developing the beginning and intermediate fighters through intensive hands-on training with experienced instructors, as well as to provide ample opportunity for more advanced fighters to spar with knight-level combatants. All are welcome. Contact the Baronial Knight Marshal for more information. This is a school activity.*

Sewing Circle

Third Thursday of each month. Meets at Lady Rúna Hóvmansdóttir's (Jennie Murphy). Please call or e-mail for start time and directions (703) 304-3303 (M), RunaSCA@gmail.com; check the Barony's Facebook group for any last-minute rescheduling or cancellations.

Friday Newcomers Meetings

Once a month, Newcomers Meetings occur from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. at the home of various members of the Barony. Contact the Baronial Chatelaine or check the Facebook page for the date and host's address.

***= 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 cancelled. Notification of cancellation or alternate site location will be posted on the website as soon as possible. You can visit the Fairfax County Public Schools Emergency Announcement page for school closure status at <http://fcps.edu/news/emerg.htm>



Il Tempo Submissions

Everyone is encouraged to consider contributing to *Il Tempo*.

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Society Chronicler forms

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<http://www.sca.org/docs/pdf/ReleasePhotographerFillable.pdf>

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