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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

November Newcomer's Meeting

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

Where: Lady Theresa O Cahir's house

Parking: on the street.

Allergy Alert: Golden Retriever (very friendly!). Please medicate as necessary.

Accessibility: 2 steps up into the house; double front door. Call Theresa to ensure interior doors are wide enough to fit wheelchair dimensions.

If you have any questions, please contact Lady Flora de Bayeaux at 703-343-3367 or Theresa at 703-644-2930.



Magna Carta Exhibit at Library of Congress

Lincoln Cathedral in England is loaning one of the only four surviving copies of the Magna Carta, issued in 1215. The document is the centerpiece of the new exhibit, "Magna Carta: Muse and Mentor." The 10-week display opens November 6 and runs through January 19, 2015. The National Archives also holds a copy of Magna Carta from when it was reissued in 1297 under King Edward I. That document remains on long-term display.



News/Announcements

November Sewing Circle

Sewing Circle will meet on Thursday, November 22nd at 7:00 p.m. at Giovanna Marin's in Arlington. If you plan to attend, please r.s.v.p. to Rúna (Jennie Murphy) so she can give you the address and arrange for a parking pass. Bring your latest project, or start one. All A&S projects are welcome. Garb not required.



Holiday Faire Booth

Again this year, Ponte Alto will have a booth at Holiday Faire to sell donations that the Barony has received and doesn't have room to store. Rúna (Jennie Murphy) is coordinating the effort this year and is looking for volunteers to work 2-hour shifts during the day. If you're available, please contact her at RunaSCA@gmail.com or on Facebook (Jennie Murphy).



Interested in Making Beautiful Music!?!?

Music Makers, take heed! Informal poll: what nights work for you if you're interested in doing some singing with other musical Pontooners? We were looking at meeting in Reston (the Silver Line is here...we are about 2 miles from the station and could probably arrange some sort of carpooling) twice a month to start. Post here if you're interested, and spread the word. We're going to be pretty informal as we figure out which way is up, but hoping to make beautiful music in Ponte Alto again!

~Annika (Eliisa Harman)
(Her contact info is in the Regnum.)



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.



Pictures of A&S—Chalice of the Sun God XI



This block printing forgery, created by Stephan Grimm, was a finalist for the Chalice A&S Hero competition.



A medical almanac created by Mistress Blitha of Wolhou. Mistress Blitha was named Chalice A&S Hero.



A 13th-century plucked psalter created by Master Marcellus Capozziello da Napoli.



A coif in the style of St. Birgitta created by Maria Chiara Dantini.



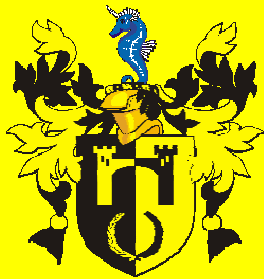
Illumination and calligraphy by Failenn Chu ingen ui Fhaelain.



Embroidery cuffs, English c. 1580 to 1600, created by Signy Biarnardottir.

More photos of Chalice A&S entries will be featured in the December issue of *Il Tempo*.

Photos by Theresa Crean (Lady Theresa O Cahir)



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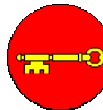


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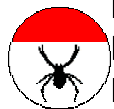
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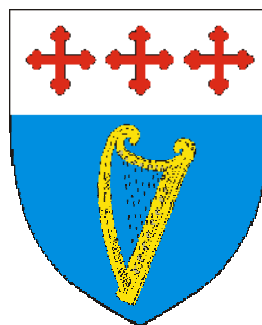
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Featured Device



Celia of Rosedale

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Ponte Alto Notables

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Archery range at Chalice (right); a really large, and cool, archery target (above).



Photos by Theresa Crean (Lady Theresa O Cahir)

Baronial Progress

Date	Event	Barone/Baronessa
Nov 1	Crown Tournament	Drogo & Adina
Nov 22	Holiday Faire	Drogo & Adina
Dec 6	Unevent	Drogo & Adina



Business Meeting Minutes

October 26, 2014

Attendance: 14

Start: 6:10 p.m.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church
Falls Church, VA

Officer Reports

Seneschal—Christine Menton (Caitilin)

We had an event yesterday! Theresa received the Order of the Garland, Jennie (Runa) was appointed Baronial Brewer, (Nick) Naran was appointed Baronial Archery Champion, and Sarah received the Ponte d'Oro. Talked with Duchess Simone, the Kingdom Seneschal, about rules/site restrictions for consideration—especially for camping. More to come about that.

Exchequer—Tamara Brown (Celia of Rosedale)

Celia is now warranted for Exchequer. For the next Business Meeting, please bring your blue membership cards; a roster needs to be created to ensure everyone is current for financial votes.

Knight Marshal—Michael Schneider (Grimkirk)

Fighting continues. Attendance on Thursdays and Sundays is up. Thanks to Mary and Duncan for keeping things going at practices. A concern has been raised about children playing in tandem with fighter practice, especially outdoors at the park. Kids are okay at practices, as long as their play is supervised and is separated and away from the fighting. A one- to two-paragraph piece will be published in the future in the newsletter, e-mail, and social media.

Rapier Marshal—Jeff Williams (Geoffrey)

Rapier continues. Am waiting for background check to finish and I'll have my Youth Marshal authorization!

Archery Marshal—Nicholas Freer (Naran), absent

Archery was great yesterday; Nicolo designed a great range. Nick is the new Baronial Champion.

Minister of Arts & Sciences—Bob Capozello (Marcellus)

Fabulous A&S at Chalice yesterday. Lots of entries and the Bardic/Performance Competition was terrific! Rúna reported that November's sewing circle will be on the 22nd at Giovanna Marin's home in Arlington. Rúna is working on setting up a nalbinding class with Alaeif Agautsson for a date TBD. Scribal/A&S is tomorrow at Stephen and Liza's.

Chatelaine—Jerri Lyn Mooney (Flora de Bayeaux)

October's Newcomer Meeting was held at Cadwaldr and Brenna's in Alexandria. There were eight people in attendance, five new (two brand-spanking new.) At Chalice, Gold Key lent out a TON of garb not just to Pontoons, but to members of Storvik, Stierbach and Sundentorre as well. All of the non-Pontoons turned in their garb when they left the event. By my inexact count, we had approximately 18 come by the newcomer's pavilion. I am beyond thrilled to report that the feedback I've had from the majority of new people regarding how friendly Ponte Alto has been. Some were concerned that we wouldn't be welcoming, and some have even said their leery spouse/significant other has come to more than one thing specifically because of our friendliness! I'd like to thank the Barony for exemplifying what it means by "Everyone is a Chatelaine." The next Newcomer's Meeting will be at Lady Theresa O Cahir's on Friday, November 7th.

Herald—Sue Schneider (Agnete de Köeslin)

Have one new name registered. Starting around January, would like to have a Herald's
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Business Meeting Minutes (continued)

night once a month (probably on a Wednesday) as a support for people who are registering names and arms. More to come.

Chronicler—Theresa Crean (Theresa)

No report.

Web Minister—Rachel Storey (Giovanna), absent

No report.

Minister of the Lists—Kel Dalton (Cellach), absent

At Chalice there were 6 heavy fighters and 20 rapier. Had two volunteers to help with MoL.

Minister of Minors—Eliisa Harman (Annika)

Had seven kids at Children's Activities for Chalice. We made armor and decorated catapults. The Titan Army fought adults for the Marshmallow Battle. The kids escorted the Baron and Baroness into Court on their paleo horses—they took it very seriously! Have been talking with other MoMs in Kingdom about what we can do to make families with kids more welcome at events and make kids welcome at feast and court. Waiting to hear from Society level on the YAPA program.

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

Reviewed recent and future progress. At Chalice, we decided to start calling the winners Chalice Heroes, not champions because it gets confusing when we're picking Baronial Champions. Unevent is near Frederick, MD, so it's close! Thanks to the populace for keeping things going and up-to-date.

Events

Chalice of the Sun God XI (Oct. 2014)—Theresa Crean, Event Steward

Had a great event yesterday. There were a few wrinkles in the 7 to 10 days leading up to the event, but they got ironed out and I'm grateful to those who stepped in to volunteer on short notice. Next year, Sue (Angete) is going to Autocrat and I've agreed to Deputy Autocrat. Sarah came up with a theme: the 12 Trials of Hercules!

Name To Be Determined (Feb. 2015)—Mary Dotson, Event Steward

Discussed options for the event because the playing field has changed. Discussed and date changes, site alternatives, and a theme. Sue made a motion to have the event on Feb. 21, 2015. Theresa seconded; motion passed. Sue made a motion to title the event "Brunch with Bards". Elizabeth seconded, motion passed. The event will be a brunch with bardic performances (we'll invite folks who performed at Chalice and open it up to anyone who wants to perform). The Baronial A&S champion will be selected. Mary will look at less expensive sites; Mike Bond is going to be Head Cook.

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

We're still looking for an Autocrat for Blood Bath!

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

Might change locations from Loudoun Fairgrounds to Prince William Forest Park. If we can have a camping event, Kingdom is open to considering a change of sites. Discussed and Mary (Marie-Therese) motioned to pay the \$25 application fee to look into PWFP; Marcellus seconded and the motion passed.

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Business Meeting Minutes (continued)

Old Business

Discussed Holiday Faire; Jennie (Rúna) is the coordinator and is looking for people to volunteer for a 2-hour shift. She talked with the Autocrat at Chalice and is getting things organized. Liza and Theresa packed bins from storage in the trailer after Chalice so they're at Liza's house. If anyone has any donations, they can get them to Jennie. As in past years, everything will be \$5 to \$10 to make things easy.

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.

New Business

None.

Announcements

Michael (Grimkirk) reported that the BoD will be looking for review and commentary soon for a fourth peerage for rapier combat.

The November business meeting is on Sunday, the 23rd. We usually cancel the December meeting due to holidays and the cookie competition. Discussed penciling in Sunday January 4th for a tentative meeting in case we need to discuss Brunch with Bard, Blood Bath and/or Crown Tourney.

Adjourned at 7:32 p.m.



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(Lady Theresa O Cahir)



Calendar

November

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.		6 p.m. Heavy Weapons Practice 6:30 p.m. Rapier Practice		1 Crown Tournament (Marinus)	2 12:30 p.m. Outdoor Heavy Weapons Practice Archery*
3	4	5	6 6 p.m. Heavy Weapons Practice 6:30 p.m. Rapier Practice	7 Newcomer's Meeting 7 p.m.	8 Fiber and Foliage (Yarnvid)	9 12:30 p.m. Outdoor Heavy Weapons Practice* Archery*
10	11	12	13 6 p.m. Heavy Weapons Practice 6:30 p.m. Rapier Practice	14	15	16 12:30 p.m. Outdoor Heavy Weapons Practice Archery*
17	18	19	20 6 p.m. Heavy Weapons Practice 6:30 p.m. Rapier Practice 7:00 p.m. Sewing Circle*	21	22 Holiday Faire (Stierbach)	23 12:30 p.m. Outdoor Heavy Weapons Practice & Potluck+ Archery* 6:00 p.m. Baronial Business Meeting
24 7:00 p.m. Scribal/A&S Night	25	26	27 Thanksgiving	28	29	30



Calendar—Looking Ahead

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.



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>



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

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