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Photo of stained glass in the Memorial Room, Indiana University Student Union, Bloomington, Indiana. Photo by Theresa Crean (Theresa O Cahir)



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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

BoD Request for Comments on new Peerage

Currently open for commentary is a proposal by the Additional Peerage Exploratory Committee ("APEC") for a new Rapier Peerage. The language for this proposal can be found by clicking on the link at <http://www.sca.org/BOD/announcements/>. Due to the long-reaching effects of this proposal, the Board of Directors would like to emphasize that commentary is being accepted until January 15, 2015, and would strongly recommend that all members forward their opinions for consideration.



The Folger Consort Performs

The Folger Consort, the early-music ensemble-in-residence at the Folger Shakespeare Library, will perform "The Road To Canterbury; Music of Medieval England" at the Washington National Cathedral on January 9th and 10th. English music of the 13th and 14th centuries from cathedral, town, and country has a characteristic sweetness and cheerful liveliness not often found in continental music of the period. In this program of medieval, Folger Consort performs a song mentioned in Chaucer's *Canterbury Tales*, engaging dances, and ethereal motets from the Lady Masses celebrated in the side chapels of cathedrals, as well as sweet songs in Middle English and Latin.



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Annika's loom; she was weaving trim.
Photo by Eliisa Harman (Lady Annika Siltanen)



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Featured Device



Sorcha de Glys

Vert, in pale a sun Or between two crosses crosslet, between flanches argent.



Ponte Alto Notables

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Portion of a stained glass window, Indiana University Well House, Bloomington, Indiana. Photo by Theresa Crean (Lady Theresa O Cahir)

Baronial Progress

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



Business Meeting Minutes

January 4, 2015
Attendance: 14
Start: 6:08 p.m.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church
Falls Church, VA

[Editor's Note: since there was not a December business meeting, this meeting was added to ensure the branch is on track for upcoming events. Officer reports and any other business will be brought up at the January 25th business meeting.]

Officer Reports

Seneschal—Christine Menton (Caitilin)

Reminder that Quarterly Reports/Doomsday Report is due this month. Please remember to send me a copy. We're holding all officer reports until the meeting on January 25th.

Exchequer—Tamara Brown (Celia of Rosedale)

The checks came in; cost was \$85.00. Ended up ordering through the bank since we have no personal address on the check and need an extra signature line.

Events

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

The event flyer has been sent to Kingdom; Rachel (Giovanna) will have the website with event information up tonight. Lady Deirdre and Lady Scholastica are coordinating programming for adults. Deirdre's tentative classes—depends on availability of teachers—include: basic of period poetics, Anglo-Saxon poetry, Polish poetry, and poetry as performance. Scholastica is working on her. They're both promoting the event within bardic circles. Have had requests from bards to perform! Review schedule. There will be tables for Baronial A&S champion and will ask anyone wanting to be considered for Baronial Bardic champion to let Stephen and Liza (Drogo and Adina) know that they wish to be considered. Hannus is the emcee for the day to keep things on track and make announcements. Reviewed Children's Activities which will take place after lunch since Eliisa (Annika) has to work until 11:00. Talked to Kingdom Youth Minister to ask about a class for children; will contact Lady Jancintha, Northern Regional Deputy, about a class on manners and comportment. Will put out a list of volunteer needs on the email lists and Facebook. Mike Bond, Head Cook, has a menu and will send it to me.

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

Reviewed budget. Bob (Marcellus) moved to accept the budget; Sue (Agnete) seconded and motion passed. Grimkirk will be MiC and Kel will be listed as MoL (she is looking for a back-up in case she has a conflict). Am at the point of being able to reserve the park; Liza (Adina) noted that we don't reserve the pavilion because it costs more and we don't use it. Will get Rachel's (Giovanna) information to get the Ponte Alto website updated.

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Business Meeting Minutes (continued)

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

Reviewed the site location—Prince William Forest Park fell through so we're back to Loudoun Fairgrounds. This means we're back to the original budget which was approved at a previous business meeting. Checks that are needed tonight include: \$400 for security deposits and \$490 for the first part of the rental fee. The remaining \$490 will be due no later than 2 weeks before the event. At the next meeting, will need checks for SCA insurance (\$50), ACCEPS and ABC license. Staffing is going well—Theresa is deputy Autocrat/royal liaison; Bob (Marcellus) will coordinate with Kingdom A&S for their needs; Aveline is Head Cook—she has the menu finished so we can run it by HRH Logan; Sue (Agnete) is Head Troll; Mary (Maria) is Hall Steward and will check with Aveline on coordinating servers (Jennie/Runa already volunteered to serve head table; 2-3 more people are needed); Liza (Adina), Sarah, and Kel will be working on the painting project (designs are set, painting needs to be done). Hope to meet with HRH Logan soon to review plans and get his input. Will work on website content as well.

Chalice of the Sun God XII (Oct. 2015)—Sue Schneider, Event Steward

Reviewed the site options (waiting to hear from Prince William Forest Park and will put Loudoun Fairgrounds on hold). Theme is Twelve Trials of Hercules (thank you for the idea Sarah!).

Baronial Investiture (Feb. 2016)—Stephen Cicirelli, Event Steward

We need to start planning in order to get it on the Kingdom Calendar. Reviewed the site options.

Announcements

At Unevent, it was stressed again that email lists are to be used for official notices. Facebook/social media is okay as a second source of getting information out, but cannot be the only way that information is sent. While on SCA-related Facebook sites, please remember to watch your "p's and q's".

Kingdom is actively soliciting for new zip codes that USPS has created in recent years. Get any new zip codes to Christine.

There will be Curia at Ymir on Sunday morning at 10:00. Please plan to attend or send an appropriate representative if you can't be there.

Adjourned at 6:53 p.m.



Calendar

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 6:00 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 6:00 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 Martin Luther King Holiday	20	21	22 6:00 p.m. Heavy Weapons Practice 6:30 p.m. Rapier Practice	23	24 Ice Castle (Black Diamond) Storvik Song & Dance	25 12:30 p.m. Outdoor Heavy Weapons Practice & Potluck+ Archery* 6:00 p.m. Baronial Business Meeting**
26 6:00 p.m. Scribal/A&S Night	27	28	29 6:00 p.m. Heavy Weapons Practice 6:30 p.m. Rapier Practice	30	31 Feast of St. Brigid (Midwinter's Revel) (Lochmere)	



Calendar—Looking Ahead

February

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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2	3	4	5 6:00 p.m. Heavy Weapons Practice 6:30 p.m. Rapier Practice	6	7 Kingdom University (Dun Carrig)	8 12:30 p.m. Outdoor Heavy Weapons Practice* Archery*
9	10	11	12 6:00 p.m. Heavy Weapons Practice 6:30 p.m. Rapier Practice	13	14 Bright Hills Baronial Birthday	15 12:30 p.m. Outdoor Heavy Weapons Practice Archery*
16 President's Day Holiday	17	18	19 6:00 p.m. Heavy Weapons Practice 6:30 p.m. Rapier Practice 7:00 p.m. Sewing Circle*	20	21 Brunch with the Bards (Ponte Alto)	22 12:30 p.m. Outdoor Heavy Weapons Practice & Potluck+ Archery* 6:00 p.m. Baronial Business Meeting**
23 6:30 p.m. Scribal/A&S Night	24	25	26	27 Ymir (Wind-master's Hill)	28 Ymir (Wind-master's Hill)	March 1 Ymir (Wind-master's Hill)



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 Shreveewood 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

[http://www.sca.org/docs/library.html#release forms](http://www.sca.org/docs/library.html#release%20forms)

Release form for **writing or artwork**:

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

Release form for **photographs**:

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

Release form for **models** (the subject of your artwork or photograph):

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