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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!

SCA MEMORIES

What's your favorite memory from the SCA in the past year?

I asked this question of a few folks in the barony and got a few answers (and I would still love to have more!). For me, one of the most magical moments was at Pennsic last Summer, late, late in the night at the Tilted Tavern, where a good gentle named Vadriel (whom I am pleased to call friend) and his friend from Ragnarok, had arranged a pub sing with some marvelous performers whose enchanting voices made me lose all track of the world. Truly, I was carried away to a moment that made me feel the Dream.

One person offered a more lengthy memory that I thought would make a good feature all by itself.

Ponte Alto's own Lady Margaret wrote up her journey in choosing a Peer, and given that the SCA is full of experiences that not everyone gets to do (or has yet realized they'd like to do) this seemed like a excellent opportunity to share that journey and the rich traditions surrounding it!

Hope you enjoy! From the editor



Populace Meeting Minutes

February 24, 2019
5:11 pm
Adjourned at 5:45 pm
15 attendees

Mosaic Community Space 2985 District Avenue, Suite 100 Fairfax, VA 27584

OFFICER'S REPORTS

Seneschal - Dwayne Eckman (Lord Seamus Ó Maoil Riain)

Nothing to report at this time

Exchequer - Katie Bischoff (Astrid)

- Current balance of \$11,513.24
- Made a profit at Investiture.
- Astrid's warrant is up this fall, and she's looking for a replacement. Need to take Exchequerer 101 and 201 @ University (required classes).

Arts and Sciences - Marlene Martineau (Vadoma)

- February was busy.
- At University, our master of dance, Randall, earned his Bachelors.
- We had five displays at Investiture.
- For her first SCA event, Diana performed for their excellencies.
- Several dance practices throughout the month.
- ♦ Scribal tomorrow (2/25)
- Drea is planning to set up a recurring garb event.
- KASF this upcoming weekend. Highly recommended for those that can make the trip. There will be bardic!
- Project Nite next Thursday.

Herald - Sarah Stango (Johanna le Paumer)

continues

Chronicler - Ron Hanagan (Rónán mac Ímair)

• continues (always looking for submissions!)

Web Minister - Ron Hanagan (Rónán mac Ímair)

 Working on SMO warrant info. (Awaiting info from Kingdom Social Media Officer)



Populace Meeting Minutes (cont.)

Knight/Rapier Marshal - Jeff Williams (Lord Geoffrey ap Clywd)

- Continues
- Bloodbath upcoming
- Rapier practice cancelled this week

Chatelaine - Mary Dotson (Maria Chiara Datini)

- Newcomers night was snowy. Had 9 new + kids (and host)
- Need volunteers to host for March, April, May!
- Maker Faire delayed to June 2nd. Looking for help to do a demo.
- Another possible demo at a company picnic on June 1st.

Minister of Minors - Eliisa Harman (Lady Annika Siltanen)

♦ n/a

Baron and Baroness - Mary Bowles (Marie-Therese Normand)

♦ n/a

Old Business

♦ n/a

New Business

♦ n/a

Events

Baronial Birthday / Investiture (Mary)

- Looking into a refund.
- Under budget on food and misc. Rooms were a little more.
- Est. \$2,176. To be confirmed.
- Good turnout overall.
- Some lost & found to be taken to KASF
- (Vadoma) discussion about moving to a different date next year. Discussion of the other events that might conflict. Like Ice Castles.
- (Adina) has heard comments about people missing non-fighting events
- (Drogo) discussion about bad weather and low turnout.
- Bobbie mentioned a successful non-fighting event. Drogo noted it was a brewing event.
- Something with dancing, games, and brewing?
- "All the places (local) have priced themselves out of our range."



Populace Meeting Minutes (cont.)

Bloodbath (Adina)

- Thanks are a go!
- Next to the basketball court.
- Need pop-ups. We can stake in one line near the court.
- Comment: Drogo's vehicle was totaled. Need help transporting stuff. E.g. list fence.
- Working on the food. (Not a lot left over from Investiture.) Will advertise next week.
- Only \$25 site fee.
- Have proposed a lower gate fee as a result.
- MoL has been lined up
- ◆ List fence? How much is needed? Drogo to figure it out. Like Crown, except 2 instead of 4.

Wild Hunt (Aillean)

• No report at this time.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

• (Adina) looking for someone (or two someones) to act as Hall Steward.







Scenes from Investiture (cont.)



There might have been





Scenes from Investiture (cont.)



Choosing a Peer

Choosing a Peer: A Companion for a Rose

by Lady Margaret Lad

I first learned of the Companion-Rose relationship within the first two or three years of playing in the SCA. To my knowledge, it is a tradition that is specific to our Kingdom of Atlantia and even then, only three Ladies of the Rose have taken Companions to date. Her Grace, Duchess Luned of Snowden began the tradition some years ago and since then both Her Majesty, Lynette Semere, and Her Highness, Adelhait Fuchs, have taken Companions.



The ceremony of taking a Companion is similar to those of the other student-teacher relationships: an oath may be given, a contract signed, a belt or favor given and received, and gifts exchanged. Friends, family, and household can be invited to attend and witness.

A month prior to taking my oath, I posted to the Book of Faces in order to announce the date and time of the ceremony in the event that

any interested persons may wish to be present. There were a lot of questions that ranged from: "What is a companion's purpose?" to "Why should a student give an oath to their Peer?" Answers will vary, of course, but I wanted to take a moment to explain what the Companion-Rose relationship means to me and why I chose this path over a more traditional student-teacher relationship.

Allow me to start first by saying, I did not seriously begin to consider a student-teacher relationship until around August of 2017 - after I had been actively playing in the Society for four years. Some of the best advice that I ever received upon joining the SCA was: "Don't commit to anything - a



Choosing a Peer (cont.)

household, a role as officer or staff, a Peer - until you've been playing for a year or more." This is sound advice. The Society is a complex organization. There are traditions, customs, history, and hierarchy that are all blending together in a truly unique way. It is important to have a grasp of how these elements interact before taking any kind of leap and landing in water that may be over your head. But most importantly - listen to your instincts - never make a commitment with which you are uncomfortable.

Now typically there are three types of student-teacher relationships within the Society: Squire to Knight, Protege to Pelican, and Apprentice to Laurel. Masters of Defense also take students, however the name for those students seems to vary by Kingdom.

When I finally felt ready to consider a student-teacher relationship it became a process of elimination. Why I chose not to pursue a relationship with a Knight or Master of Defense is fairly obvious - I am not a fighter. My primary areas of interest within the Society lay in service and the arts. Now, while I enjoy A&S and love that the arts provide me with a creative outlet, my creative side tends to lack focus. I have a bit of A&S ADD - I like to dabble and try many different arts, but have had a difficult time targeting one, primary art or craft. I also do not like feeling obligated to creation - when making things becomes a job or starts to feel like work, then the arts no longer serve me in the way that I desire. Knowing that becoming an Apprentice to a Laurel would create this sense of obligation to create, I eliminated this option.

That left the option of Protege to Pelican as the most obvious choice.

And yet, when I began to truly think about what I wanted, I realized that I wasn't looking for a student-teacher relationship. I didn't need a teacher. I didn't need someone to teach me service because I already knew how to serve. What I needed was a mentor and an advocate. I needed someone who could advise me on how to handle difficult situations, someone to be honest with their feedback regarding my work and my decisions, and someone strong and vocal enough to speak up for me or protect me if needed. I also needed someone that I was going to get along well with, as I



Choosing a Peer (cont.)



intended for us to spend large amounts of time together. In this way, personality became my number one criteria for choosing a Peer.

Of almost equal importance was the idea that when you commit to a relationship with a Peer, you are also committing to a relationship with their associates - their spouse, their household, their other students, their Peers, who will become your "Grand Peers", and so on. Knowing this, the criteria that my personality also fit well with a variety of personalities, apart from my Peer, became a priority. I did not want to feel forced to spend time with people that I did not like, or people who made me uncomfortable, for the sake of my Peer and our relationship.

Lastly, I wanted a Peer who was active on a Kingdom level - someone that I would travel and attend events with on a regular basis. I wanted a Peer who was going to be a present and active force in my life and in my work.



During my Companion Ceremony at 12th Night, Her Highness Adelhait recalled the moment when I first consulted her - asking her if she knew of any Peers who might fit the criteria for which I was searching. When she offered to take me as a student herself and I said yes, she said that she saw then that I already knew exactly what I wanted. And I did.

A Companion' Oath to her Rose

On this day, January the 12th, Anno Societatis 53, does Margaret Lad, in good faith and without equivocation, give her oath to Adelhait Fuchs, in order to learn the arts of loving grace and tempered truthfulness so that she may further the development of her own character in preparation that she might serve the Kingdom with the same fierce compassion as Adelhait



Choosing a Peer (cont.)

hath demonstrated heretofore, placing herself in service as Adelhait's true and loyal Companion, making her home with Adelhait and with House Honey Badger. Further imprimis does Margaret pledge to be loyal, to never take anything from Adelhait that she does not return in kind; to regard Adelhait's council in all matters; to be diligent in her work; to love and serve the truth and hate falsehood; to exercise discretion in all that she may come to know; to be fair and merciful in dealings with others ever mindful that Margaret acts in Adelhait's goodly name in all things, holding the value of Adelhait's honor above all others.

Margaret shall be duty bound to keep this oath, until such a time that the King and Kingdom hath need of her, Adelhait releases her, death takes her, or the world shall end having given, and signed, this oath here in the presence of these her fellows and almighty God.

A Rose's Oath to her Companion

I, Adelhait Fuchs, Rose of Atlanta, do on this day, January the 12th, Anno Societatis 53, accept the oath of Margaret Lad as my faithful companion with all the promises she swears as part of her service and fealty. In return I shall protect her from the harm of others and even herself. I shall ensure that she is warm, fed, and clothed as befits her station. I shall advise



her faithfully with love and compassion, even when painful. I shall deliver unto her the harshest of criticisms and be the strongest of defenses. In these things I shall remain steadfast until such time as the Crown hath need of her, I release her, or the world ends, having given my oath in the presence of my fellows and God.



Weekly/Monthly Events



SUNDAY

Populace Gathering (and Business) Meeting, <u>4th Sunday</u> of the month at 5:00 (or 6:00) p.m. at a location to be determined. Details will be advertised prior to the meeting. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Outdoor Heavy Weapons and Rapier Practice

Populace Gathering

Weather permitting, 12:00 noon until dark, outdoors at Tysons-Pimmit Park, behind Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library, 7584 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. Contact the Baronial Knight Marshal for information (see Regnum). (cancellations posted on the Ponte Alto e-list)

Directions: Take your best route to I-495. Get off at the exit for Route 7 East (Falls Church). Go about 1 mile; the library is on the left. Park in the library lot and walk down the hill to the park.

Ponte Alto Dance Practice 6pm-8pm, dance practice with Lord Randall <u>every Sunday save the 4th</u> which is the Populace Gathering. For more information, contact Randall Clark via dancing@pontealto.atlantia.sca.org Unitarian Universalist Church of Reston. 1625 Wiehle Ave, Reston, VA 20190.

MONDAY

It is the day after the populace meeting, most always the 4th Monday, 6-10pm Fairfax, 22033 (contact chronicler@pontealto.atlantia.sca.org for address; cancellations posted on the Ponte Alto elist). Not to worry, any Arts and Sciences projects are welcome. Allergy alert:: cats.

Stierbach/Ponte Alto Archery Practice Summer practice, held at Grimmsfield. 16132 Crusade Ct. Haymarket, VA 20169. 5:00pm until dusk. Loaner equipment available (please contact archery marshals)!

THURSDAY

Heavy Weapons
Practice

Summer, outdoors at Tysons-Pimmit Park, (see Outdoor Heavy Weapons and Rapier Practice above). Winter, Lemon Road Elementary School cafeteria (7230 Idylwood Road, Falls Church), weather and school events permitting (cancellations posted on the Ponte Alto e-list)

Rapier Practice

Summer, outdoors at Tysons-Pimmit Park, (see Outdoor Heavy Weapons and Rapier Practice above). Winter, Shrevewood Elementary school cafeteria (7525 Shreve Rd, Falls Church), 6:30pm-9pm (cancellations posted on the Ponte Alto e-list)

Projects Night

<u>1st Thursday</u>, private residences. Address will be posted on a private site (Facebook: Ponte Alto Arts & Sciences) to preserve the privacy of the hosting sewer. If you'd like to host or don't have a Facebook account and need the address, please contact Vadoma (mka Marlene Wells Martineau) *moas@pontealto.atlantia.sca.org*.

FRIDAY

Stierbach/Ponte Alto Winter Archery Practice Winter practice, held at Bull Run Archery Center. 7700 Bull Run Dr, Centreville, VA 20121. 5:00pm until 7:00pm. Loaner equipment available (please contact archery marshals)!

MONTHLY

SCA Newcomer Meetings Newcomer Meetings are held once a month from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the home of various 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



Baronial Progress

Baronial Progress for March	
Date	Event
3/2	Kingdom Arts & Sciences Festival (Marie-Therese)
3/9	St. Paddy's Day Bloodbath (Marie-Therese & Naran)
3/9-17	Gulf Wars (Marie-Therese)
3/23	Defending the Gate (Marie-Therese & Naran)
3/30	Tir-Y-Don Baronial Birthday (Naran)

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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Alto

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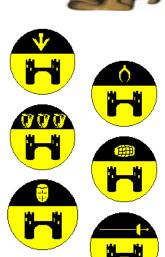
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Warlord: (vacant)

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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, Lady Magdalena Pia at headretainer@pontealto.atlantia.sca.org

Regnum



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http://chronicler.atlantia.sca.org/ReleasePhotographerFillable.pdf

Release form for **model(s)** (the subject of your artwork or photograph): http://chronicler.atlantia.sca.org/ReleaseModelFillable.pdf