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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!

ARTS & SCIENCES IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Ponte Alto Cooks Guild

FOOD WARS Episode VI: Return of the Cooks Guild!

The Ponte Alto Cooks Guild is back in action and currently meeting 1-2 times a month. One meeting will be in Fairfax at Ponte Alto Scribal and A&S night. The other meeting will be at hosted at rotating locations.

While the Ponte Alto Cooks Guild is getting its feet back under itself some of the meetings may be about strategies or research. Since we are trying to reinvigorate and reinvent, suggestions will be welcome, particularly concerning expectations of the Guild.

If you are interested in joining the Guild, please contact Meisterin Adia von der Heide at [adinavdh \[AT\] gmail.com](mailto:adinavdh@gmail.com)



Populace Meeting Minutes

April 28, 2019
5:15 pm
Adjourned at 6:08 pm
16 attendees

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

OFFICER'S REPORTS

Seneschal – Dwayne Eckman (Lord Seamus Ó Maoil Riain)

- ◆ We're within quarterly reports window and things are on track.

Exchequer - Seamus for Katie Bischoff (Astrid)

- ◆ Current balance of \$11,627.58
- ◆ Done with quarterly report

Arts and Sciences - Marlene Martineau (Vadoma) via email

- ◆ April A&S included:
 - ◆ Scribal Night
 - ◆ Project Night
 - ◆ Dance Practices
 - ◆ Cooking guild meeting
 - ◆ And a garb clinic
- ◆ May A&S will include:
 - ◆ Scribal Night tomorrow
 - ◆ Project Night on Thursday
 - ◆ Dance Practices on Sundays
 - ◆ Cooking Guild meeting when announced
 - ◆ Garb Clinic when announced
- ◆ Will be scheduling A&S classes/workshops at Sunday Picnics in the Park. If anyone has anything they would like to know, please contact her.
- ◆ Class submissions for both Pennsic and Summer University (June) are due soon. Submit something!
- ◆ Known World Costume and Fabric Arts Symposium is also coming up in June and has a fantastic line up of classes scheduled, including many of our fellow Atlantians. Check it out!
- ◆ The Barony is in need of a new MoAS to take over in September when Vadoma moves. Please consider volunteering for this position. It is a lot of fun, she promises.

Herald - Sarah Stango (Johanna le Paumer)

- ◆ 2 submissions open. 1 just accepted in latest LOAR.



Populace Meeting Minutes (cont.)

Chronicler - Ron Hanagan (Rónán mac Ímair)

- ♦ Looking for pictures of Pontoons doing SCA stuff!

Web Minister - Ron Hanagan (Rónán mac Ímair)

- ♦ Still awaiting SMO warrant info from Kingdom.

Chatelaine - Mary Dotson (Maria Chiara Datini)

- ♦ Lady Ailleán hosted the last Newcomers Night. 10-12 people (4 new, plus 1 transfer). Our Bardic Champion attended! And yes there was singing.
- ♦ Next Newcomers Night needs a host. 5/17 (*Updated to 5/10*)
- ♦ June Newcomers Night also needs a host! 6/21
- ♦ Makers Faire slated for 6/2 at GMU. Need volunteers!
- ♦ Ponte Alto helped out at AwesomeCon demo.

Minister of Minors - Eliisa Harman (Lady Annika Siltanen)

- ♦ n/a

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

- ♦ Naran attended: Tir-Y-Don Baronial Birthday, Coronation, and Revenge of the Stitch.
- ♦ He will be attending: Spring Crown Tournament, On Target, and Ruby Joust.
- ♦ Marie-Therese will be moving to Reston soon (and chaos will ensue).
- ♦ Wants to start planning for camping events (like Ruby Joust and Pennsic)
- ♦ Plans to have Baronial day shade at Ruby Joust. Discussion of Ruby Joust site at Courtland.
- ♦ Marie-Therese will be attending: Spring Crown Tournament, Ruby Joust, and Old School War Practice (and will have space to carpool).
- ♦ More discussion about Ruby Joust encampment. Will send out blurbs via social media.
- ♦ Discussion of food plan. Could share with Stierbach? Mary Dotson to reach out to Stierbach.
- ♦ Discussion of food plans led into Pennsic plans. Gracie (Mistress Graça Esperança de Sevilla) not available. Possible meal plan with Stierbach? Or our own. Different food plan styles to consider.
- ♦ Heinrich to be Camp Steward. Haakon to be Land Agent. Both being mentored by Alric.
- ♦ Naran to pursue WoW camping plans. Maybe an agreement with the Horde to share space. Will send out blurbs for that event.



Populace Meeting Minutes (cont.)

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

- ◆ Continues. Quarterly report is ready.
- ◆ Colette volunteered to step up as Knight Marshal. Discussion of process to get her into the role. Officers present agreed. Emails to be sent.

New Business

- ◆ (Colette) Would like to get funding for repairing loaner heavy gear. Gorgets, etc. Will come up with a budget.
- ◆ More discussion of budgeting for stuff. ~\$100/yr is memory?

Arts and Sciences (addendum)- Adina for (Vadoma)

- ◆ A&S tomorrow. Also Cooks Guild! Noodles tomorrow. Will be conducting a tasting.
- ◆ 5/23 next Cooks Guild meeting.
- ◆ Samples given to Marie-Therese and Naran. Intent is to have foods that can be easily stored and served for things like events and Newcomers Nights. Foods that are stable and can stay at room temperature all day.
- ◆ There's a Cooks Guild page on Facebook, accessible by invite only. Reach out to Adina for those interested.
- ◆ Discussion of budgeting for food. \$10/event from both Noyon and Baroness for the foodstuffs to be shared at events.
- ◆ Invited to help with Summer University fundraiser/charity event? Details to be gathered.
- ◆ Plan to provide "kits" for Noyon and Baroness, including cooler pack/soft ice chest/bag and tray with Ponte Alto device, to go along with the food.
- ◆ (Seamus) ok to do hospitality packs from Baronial funds? (Tamara) not sure. Astrid will do some checking. We do it at Pennsic. Possible do a fundraiser?
- ◆ Adina mentioned doing a fundraiser at Holiday Faire for pots and pans, etc.
- ◆ Discussion of impact to Baronial funds. Consider what events it might be useful to do this at.
- ◆ Motion to fund a table at Holiday Faire (for \$10). Motion passed.

Old Business

- ◆ n/a

Events

Bloodbath (Adina)

- ◆ \$144.18 profit!



Populace Meeting Minutes (cont.)

Wild Hunt (Ailleán)

- ♦ Reserving space in progress.
- ♦ Working on ideas.

Yule on the Bridge (Mary)

- ♦ Spiked for 12/14
- ♦ Est. \$75/hr. 9am-4pm (+1h for clean-up), est. \$600
- ♦ Will have budget next month. Same location as Investiture.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ♦ (Marie-Therese) will have access to Reston facilities for events. Community Centers, etc. Est. cost \$100/day to use. Will be doing more research.



Ponte Alto Profiles

Continuing our series, *Ponte Alto Profiles*, where we put a spotlight on some of the people that make up the grand Barony of Ponte Alto, next in line is our very own Noyon, Naran Numuchi! We hope you enjoy reading!

Profile: Naran Numuchi

Who are you?

Naran Numuchi, which means Sun/Sunny Archer, currently Noyon of Ponte Alto and Brother of the Great Dark Horde. My current position as Noyon is to serve and represent Our populace to the Kingdom and act as agent for the Crown, taking and giving help and advice as needed.

How did I find the SCA?

I have been a Medievalist all my life. I lived in The Eternal City as a child and visited the Castel Sant Angelo armory whenever my parents would take me. I even made my own crossbows as a teen. I'd been vaguely aware of SCA, but only attended my first event in 2009 (Crescent Guard Games in Bright Hills) because I happened to stumble over the web page. Archery for a weekend? Check. Garb? Check. Camping? Check. Within driving distance? Check. I showed up with a Chinese silk bathrobe trimmed with fake fur and pockets, modern Mongolian

boots, a land pimple, a Hungarian hat, and an out of Period bow. But the Garb Police did not catch me! I had a super time and met folks who have since become fast friends.

What hooked me?

I was doomed from the start, but archery, camaraderie, campfires, mead, trying to recreate a medieval sort of experience, getting away from mundane concerns for a day, or 14 days, got me hooked.

What is SCA to me?

Many things! Friends, archery, watching people enjoy their varied passions and crafts, watching people get commended for what they do well, shenanigans, pomp and circumstance, and working towards The Dream. Did I mention Archery?



by Tannis Baldwin



Ponte Alto Profiles

My Persona

Naran Numuchi, 1260s Mongol, not of the Altan Ordu, but competent enough to be promoted for archery, linguistic ability, diplomatic skills, and willing to travel. I threw my lot in with Kublai Khan in his conquest of China, being up for adventures and tired of the cold Mongolian winters. I'd been shooting Mongol style archery for 10 years before I joined SCA and already had some Mongol garb, so it made sense. Once I committed, I moved fast once, obtaining more garb, and buying my own ger by the time Pennsic 39 rolled around. I am continually improving my garb and my gear. My current garb is very accurate Chinggisid/Yuan



Mongol. While I'm mainly focused on my Mongol persona, I do have a very distant French relative by the name of Pierre le Chasseur, who makes a rare appearance when I am away on Court business.

Current Projects:

Archery! I'm always refining my Mongol archery arrows, bows, etc. I have an ongoing goal to improve my Flight Archery, in particular my distance records. I recently realized that improvement in this area would require a switch to Ottoman techniques, so I've been working on Ottoman flight arrows. These are single purpose, take a lot of time, and may not survive a landing... but if they land in front, especially FAR in front, then it's worth the effort. I broke 3 of these arrows at Pennsic, but they all landed a good 50 yards ahead of the competition. I'm also continuously working on kumihimo and teaching Asiatic archery styles.





Ponte Alto Profiles

Favorite SCA event and why?

Aside from Pennsic? Hmmm... any event with a really big field for... you guessed it! Archery!

How do you stay busy at events?

I used to have that question, but now that I've taken up the role of Noyon, it's pretty moot for the next 3 years! Typically, I stay busy with archery (if there is any) watching fighting, checking out A&S, sampling food and drink, catching up with friends, and going to Court. I generally bring arrows or kumihimo to work on.



Any new activities you'd like to try?

I recently got wood chisels for carving.

Advice for folks just getting started?

Look at all the things and try anything you can. Meet people, so you'll find pathways to your interests. Don't let Peer Fear be a thing. Don't join a Household for at least a year. Don't worry about camping in a mundane tent. Play at the level you can afford, timewise and financially.



Baronial Openings!

It seems like the barony is always in need of more deputies, however our barony has two offices that will need new officers before the year is out!

Our **Exchequer**'s warrant expires this fall! The Barony is in need of a new Exchequer! (*And our deputy can't step up into the role, because she's leaving the area!*)

Those who might be interested in supporting the barony in this role, will need to take the Exchequer 101 and 201 classes. They are available at University!

This is a vital role for the barony!

If you might be interested in taking on this challenge, or learning more, please contact our Seneschal!

Also! Rumor has it, the barony will also be needing a new **Minister of Arts and Sciences** come this fall!

A&S is an important part of the SCA, and the barony needs someone to fill those shoes!

If you might be interested in helping grow the A&S of the barony, please contact the Seneschal (or attend one of our Populace Gatherings) for more info.



Ponte Alto Baronial
Populace Gathering

Weekly/Monthly Events

SUNDAY

Populace Gathering (and Business) Meeting, usually the 4th Sunday 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

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 every Sunday save the 4th 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

Scribal and A&S

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 e-list). 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, Shreveview Elementary school cafeteria (7525 Shreve Rd, Falls Church), 6:30pm-9pm (cancellations posted on the Ponte Alto e-list)

Projects Night

1st Thursday, 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>

* 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 May/June	
Date	Event
5/3-5	Spring Crown Tournament (Marie-Therese & Naran)
5/11	On Target (Naran)
5/24-27	Ruby Joust VIII (Marie-Therese & Naran)
5/31-6/2	Highland River Melees (Marie-Therese & Naran)
6/7-9	Scarlet Guard (Naran)
6/14-16	Trial by Fire (Naran)
6/15-16	Summer University (Marie-Therese)
6/21-23	Old School War Practice (Marie-Therese)
6/29	Storvik Novice (Marie-Therese & 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

Archery Champion: Lord Rónán mac Ímair

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A&S Champion: Ciosa di Tommaso

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Youth Bardic Champion: M'lord Oliver of Ponte Alto

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Heavy Champion: Heinrich von Holstein

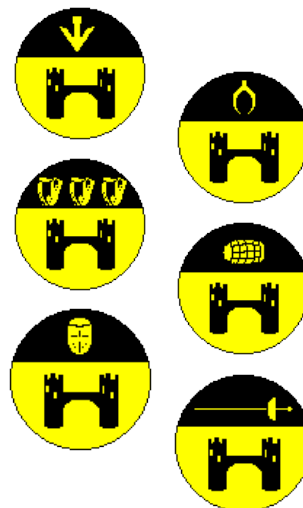
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Looking for a way to get involved?

Why not try retaining!

What is retaining?

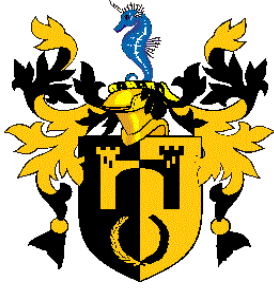
Their Excellencies need help with taking notes (e.g. for gifts or to-do stuff), staying hydrated, reminders to stay on schedule, fetching things, and otherwise keeping Their Excellencies comfortable and out of trouble (especially the Mongol one)!

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



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