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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!

NEW & ANNOUNCEMENTS

EVENT & PRACTICE CANCELLATION

ATTENTION! Due to COVID-19, all non-virtual events and practices are cancelled until further notice.

The Barony encourages everyone to practice social distancing (as well as following state and local guidelines) and we look forward to the day when regular activities can resume.



Populace Gathering Minutes

August 23, 2020

Zoom virtual meeting

5:13 pm

Adjourned at 5:45 pm

10 attendees

OFFICER'S REPORTS

Seneschal - Dwayne Eckman (Lord Seamus Ó Maoil Riain)

- ◆ The reopening plan is up on the Atlantia homepage
 - ◇ There are 7 total phases from Closed to Fully Open
 - ◇ Phases are fluid and can shift both up and down
 - ◇ We are currently at Phase 0 (can open in-person small A&S, Target Archery, and Thrown Weapons)
 - A&S see officer report
 - Grimm is not currently comfortable opening official practices back up so we won't be having archery practices for a while. People can still go by the reservation system
 - ◇ The key takeaway is you pick a group and stick with it
 - ◇ If you live in a different group than the one you play with, you still have to go by your local restrictions as well
 - Ex: If you live in Stierbach and Stierbach is closed, you can't go play with Ponte Alto even if you're only playing in Ponte Alto
- ◆ Kingdom seneschal sent out an email reiterating the bullying policy
 - ◇ As things get more mundanely political, keep in mind (especially officers), how your use of email lists and social media can reflect on the barony as a whole
 - ◇ Keep things inclusive, even for people you disagree with
 - ◇ SCA official forums should stick to SCA official business/topic

Exchequer - Katie Bischoff (Astrid)

- ◆ We have \$8,481.90 in the bank account
- ◆ No upcoming event expenses
- ◆ Storage is due in September, will need to get a check signed

Arts and Sciences - Emily Shifflett (Lady Marion Compton)

- ◆ We had a kingdom wide MoAS meeting to discuss the reopening documents when they came out and what those mean for us as regional MoAS's.
 - ◇ As it stands, given all the state lines, group exchange, and limited space options, the A&S team has decided not to do in-person A&S until later phases of reopening
 - ◇ People can still do private stuff if they'd like
- ◆ The September schedule is being worked on, we'll likely do 1-2 classes and 1 recurring monthly group (either Garb Workshop or Foodies group)
- ◆ University is on the 12th, registration closes on the 10th! You do have to pre-register for classes



Populace Gathering Minutes (cont.)

- ◇ If you would like to be a TA or are thinking about it, there are online resources and classes on how to TA an online class being hosted (see the Monday emails)
- ◆ Revenge of the Stitch is happening again next weekend
- ◆ The deadline to indicate that you are ok with virtual awards is August 26th!
 - ◇ Make sure you do that so we can give people awards
- ◆ Ponte Alto artisans list is being built and the form will likely go out next month
- ◆ Wild Hunt online bardic competition for scary stories and songs is being put together, will be released shortly, and due on October 10th (the day the Hunt was scheduled for)

Chatelaine - Charlene Ratliff (Delphina the Mad)

- ◆ Not much to report
- ◆ Sent out an introduction to the group, talked to a few other officers
- ◆ Hopes to do an online newcomers meeting soon

Knight/Rapier Marshal - Brittany Lasley (Colette Vitalis)

- ◆ Not present

Chronicler - Seamus for Ron Hanagan (Rónán mac Ímair)

- ◆ Continues
- ◆ Content is always welcome

Web Minister - Seamus for Ron Hanagan (Rónán mac Ímair)

- ◆ Continues

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

- ◆ *From Naran:*
- ◆ Looking into award recs
- ◆ Still in therapy for the shoulder
- ◆ Found a roll of gold foil paper for Johanna

Herald - Sarah Stango (Johanna le Paumer)

- ◆ Continues
- ◆ Had a couple of people reach out to register names. Working on a new name.
- ◆ LOAR just came out. We had one new name registered.

Old Business

- ◆ n/a



Populace Gathering Minutes (cont.)

New Business

- ◆ Seamus – recommends the barony stay virtual even though we're in Phase 0
 - ◇ No opposition, barony staying virtual for the time being
- ◆ Adina – go to the ESP to indicate whether you personally are ok with receiving an award virtually or not
 - ◇ Several courts are scheduled through January, specific time for the court will be indicated closer to the event
 - ◇ These weekends aren't reserved, so other events can happen
 - ◇ To give awards, we have to have a spiked virtual event and it has to be advertised
 - Recommends using a registration system like University instead of just publicizing the conferencing information
 - ◇ Could even be on a Sunday since it's virtual
 - ◇ Melchior has a team/resources available for doing virtual events
 - ◇ Unevent will be virtual
 - ◇ Marion – Winter University will most likely be virtual as well
 - Marion will send out the ESP link again on Monday
 - ◇ New Kingdom Earl Marshal – Sir Joscelin d'Outremer, Duke Vlad staying on as Emergency Deputy
 - ◇ New Steel Weapons rules are out!
- ◆ Seamus – someone should start thinking about taking over as seneschal

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ n/a





A&S Update from Marion Compton

A&S in August was a little quieter as we expected. We hosted a garb workshop and had several Pontoons participate in Revenge of the Stitch round 4!

Starting in September, we will be having a monthly open format get together on the 3rd Tuesday of every month. During odd months (like September) the theme of this get together will be food and during even months we'll have something more garb focused. Each get together will start with a short info session on something related to the monthly theme, and then open up to general A&S hangouts. Someday, when we can meet in person again, the food months will be a period potluck! September's theme will be mulling spices and mulled drinks in honor of fall.

Also for September, we have our Scary Stories Bardic challenge. We had planned to do our annual scary/fae/fairy stories competition at the Wild Hunt in October, but alas we cannot. So instead, we're doing it online! You have 1 month to prepare your best scary stories in poem, song, prose, or whichever form you like. Then, by October 1st, send them to me at moas@pontealto.atlantia.sca.org. On the 10th (planning around Court, of course), we'll have a bardic circle and hear everyone who so chooses to perform their piece!

Last but not least, reopening. While Ponte Alto can technically hold in-person A&S, it was discussed at August's meeting that for the time being, we will not be. We have decided to wait until later phases, likely phases 2 or 3 before we do so, due to concerns over appropriate venues and the large amount of traveling and crossing of state lines our area has. As soon as more information on Ponte Alto's plan for starting in-person A&S again is available, we'll make sure it's sent out. Until then, enjoy more virtual University on the 12th and classes!

As always, please send pictures of your work! We'd love to be able to show off Ponte Alto artisans.



Martial Activities

Archery Update from Rónán mac Ímair

Phase 0 in Atlantia has permitted some small activities to resume, including target archery and thrown weapons. Lord Grimm is not ready to re-open Grimmsfield at this time for regular practices (and we support his decision!), but that has not prevented a few of our Pontoons from getting out to enjoy some socially distanced archery practice.



Pictures courtesy of Rónán and Sofiya



Weekly/Monthly Events

SUNDAY	
Ponte Alto Baronial Populace Gathering	Populace Gathering (and Business) Meeting, usually the <u>4th Sunday</u> of the month at 5:00 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 Park. Contact the Marshal for information.
Scribal and	Go to the park.
Stierbach/ Archery Practice	33 Ponte Alto e-
Heavy Weapons Practice	until
Rapier Practice	Practice (Arch),
Projects Night	Practice 3:30pm-
Stierbach/ Winter Archery	Ponte Alto have a (Pineau)
SCA Newcomer Meetings	21. of various members of the Barony. Contact the Baronial Chatelaine for information (chatelaine@pontalto.atlantia.sca.org), or check out the Events/ Activities page on the website for the most recent information.

All activities and practices that take place in person have been temporarily suspended due to COVID-19.

The **Monthly Populace Gatherings** will take place on their regular dates by means of virtual communication. Details for those events, and how to access the virtual meetings will be posted on the Baronial website's calendar at <https://pontalto.atlantia.sca.org/calendar.php> and other social media (including Facebook).

Look for other virtual practices and A&S activities to be advertised and promoted via the Baronial website, calendar, and other social media.

Also be sure to check out <http://virtual.atlantia.sca.org> for classes and activities!

*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 September/October	
Date	Event
	No events scheduled at this time due to COVID-19

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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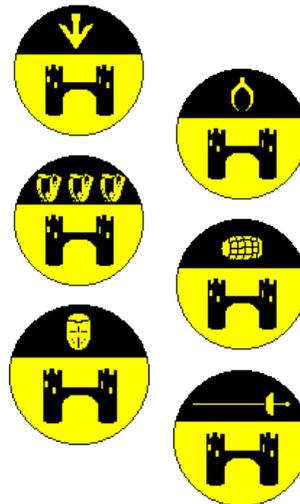
Youth Bardic Champion: M'lord Oliver of Ponte Alto

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Thrown Weapons Champion: Emilia di Nicastro
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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)!

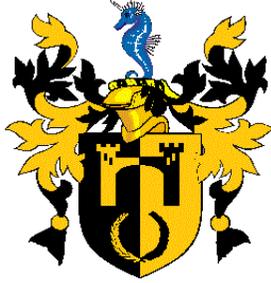
Who can retain?

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!

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