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OTTO IV, MARGRAVE OF BRANDENBURG-STENDAL

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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

From the Board meeting on 12/1/2020:

"Greetings:

At the end of July, the Board of Directors issued a proclamation suspending most in-person SCA activities in North America until January 31, 2021, due to the COVID-19 global pandemic. In November, we asked the Kingdom Seneschals and Crowns of the known world to give us their counsel on how to proceed in the first part of 2021. We received very thoughtful responses from nearly all Crowns and Kingdom Seneschals as well as many other concerned people. We wish to thank everyone who responded for taking the time to do so, and for putting such effort into your responses.

After reading and discussing the feedback received, the Board decided at their conference call meeting on 12/01/2020 to **continue the suspension of in-person activities in North America through May 31, 2021**. That action reads as follows:

Motion by Ross Roegner to extend the Resolution to Suspend In-Person SCA Activity until January 31, 2021, originally issued by the Board of Directors on July 28, 2020, for a period of four (4) months, until May 31, 2021. Second by Gigi Coulson. Opposed: none. Absent: Jennifer Krochmal. Motion carried."

Full document available at: https://www.sca.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/2020-12-04-Resolution-Continuation-Letter.pdf?fbclid=IwAR1Z2jdxFIBkX2mGGs6_acg91cyAWzYePF7j0xIMzNGABFKdIPiMXOb5Tzo



Populace Gathering Minutes

January 24, 2021

5:14 pm

Adjourned at 5:47 pm

11 attendees

Zoom virtual meeting

OFFICER'S REPORTS

Seneschal - Dwayne Eckman (Lord Seamus Ó Maoil Riain)

- ♦ We need a new seneschal.
- ♦ Quarterly reports are due, if they have not already been submitted.

Exchequer - Katie Bischoff (Astrid)

- ♦ \$7,988.30 balance
- ♦ Storage paid for the next few months.
- ♦ Quarterly report sent to Seamus for signature.

Chronicler - Ron Hanagan (Rónán mac Ímair)

- ♦ Continues.
- ♦ Pictures welcome for latest Il Tempo.

Web Minister - Ron Hanagan (Rónán mac Ímair)

- ♦ Continues

Arts and Sciences - Emily Shifflett (Lady Marion Compton)

- ♦ Earlier this month there was a meeting to talk about lots of stuff, e.g., from Un-event.
- ♦ Given our various goals for largess, etc. We are adding a 2nd night A&S per month. 1st and 3rd week. Classes have been scheduled up thru June. And have been added to the Baronial calendar.
- ♦ Classes like, Floor Exercises. E.g., for Equestrian. Exercises before getting on a horse.
- ♦ Did have a look at what reopening will look like.
- ♦ University is coming up.
- ♦ KASF is also coming up.

Chatelaine - Holly for Charlene Ratliff (Delphina the Mad)

- ♦ No Newcomer meeting for Dec.
- ♦ Next Newcomer meeting this upcoming Tuesday.
- ♦ There's a very nice Newcomer track in University. Lots of classes, including: persona development, how to survive in court, etc. Registration open until 10 Feb. University is on the 13th.



Populace Gathering Minutes (cont.)

Herald - Sarah Stango (Johanna le Paumer) via Email

- ♦ Jan has been quiet.
- ♦ Still working with folks from before Xmas.
- ♦ One submission apparently got lost. Paperwork got lost. It has hopefully corrected.

Knight/Rapier Marshal - Brittany Lasley (Colette Vitalis)

- ♦ Not present
- ♦ (Hakon) Very bored and very rusty.
- ♦ (MT) Do a 100 day challenge?
- ♦ (Hakon) Some chatter, but can only do so much. Working on different ideas. More folks that want to try, but have to wait until we can do live.
- ♦ (Holly) Archery still doing some unofficial stuff.

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

- ♦ *From Naran:*
- ♦ Went to court yesterday. Sat in on the Royal Court. No one from Ponte Alto was recognized at this court.
- ♦ Has put in some award recommendations.
- ♦ *From MT:*
- ♦ Nothing special to report.

Events

Wild Hunt

- ♦ (Marion) No update for Wild Hunt, because we're awaiting the update for War of the Wings.

Old Business

- ♦ n/a

New Business

- ♦ n/a



Populace Gathering Minutes (cont.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ♦ (Adina) Looking for a replacement Kingdom Chronicler
- ♦ (Adina) We also need a replacement for Chamberlain. Discussion of the duties of the Chamberlain. Inventory, keys, access to storage.
- ♦ Hakon said yes to step into the Chamberlain role.
- ♦ Shouldn't need to be any activity before Oct. Inventory not yet done. Usually in Feb or Oct. From May on would be fine. Since we're not going anywhere. Need about 4 people. Exchequer and 2-3 people to pull stuff out and put it back.
- ♦ Marion has agreed to be our Social Media Officer (SMO)
- ♦ Someone new to the barony expressed interest in Kingdom Chronicler? Does newsletters for a living. Maybe for baronial chronicler instead. Adina to look into.
- ♦ Pennsic is already open for registering. Last year's registrations will already carry over. They are tentatively planning on going forward. No seniority points this year.
- ♦ (Adina) For those you received the Narwhal, you do not need to register. Discussion about placement. In canton. Awarded without tincture. It's just the shape.
- ♦ (Adina) From Great Court. Atlantia still being held up as doing things right in terms of the virtual activities. Kudos to Ponte Alto specifically for weekly email.
- ♦ (MT) Has been sending folks to our calendar
- ♦ Discussion about what to put into Virtual Atlantia. Put in a FB link because FB is easier to update than Virtual Atlantia.
- ♦ (Adina) Some Zoom instances have been getting pwned. Better to post on FB? But if so, then also do so via email.





A&S Update from Marion Compton

Happy New Year!

The A&S team had a meeting in January to discuss how we want to move forward in 2021. We decided that in order to keep up with our goals of re-establishing the baronial largess stash and keeping up a wide variety of classes, we are adding an A&S night to the calendar. A&S nights going forward will now be on the first AND third Tuesdays of the month, each at 6 pm. The class schedule through June is up on the baronial Google calendar as well as the baronial Facebook page, and will be added to Virtual Atlantia each month with the most up to date information. Our classes in February are:

- February 2nd- Making Sachets for Armor Bags and Trunks
- February 16th- Making a Gluckhaus Gameboard (to be follow in March with how to play)

There will be another A&S team meeting in June to talk about the following 6 months and potential reopening. For all classes, supply lists will be provided in advance.

Kingdom A&S is coming up! Interbaronial A&S, Persona Pentathlon, Youth Triathlon, a "Tools of Your Trade" competition, "How do you get your hands dirty?," Embroidery for First Time Competitors, Best 16th Century German Women's Hat, Cheese Making, Youth Cheesemaking, and the Duke Gyrth Memorial Poetry Smackdown are all the competitions that have been announced so far. There will also be a performance of Antigone and plenty of display options! More on that to come when more is available but it's looking like the end of February is the deadline for a lot of these things.

There is also A&S happening for Virtual Ymir, focusing around the theme of "warmth" and anything that brings you warmth. Submissions for that are due February 20th, and can be submitted online:

http://ymir.windmastershill.org/?page_id=35

As always, pictures of your projects, anything you may want to teach, anything you'd like to be taught, and largess are always welcome! Don't forget to register for University!



Martial Activities

Archery Update from Rónán mac Ímair

January was a quiet month for archery. Between the quarantine and the cold weather, there just wasn't a lot of opportunity to get out!

Nevertheless, the Noyon and his merry band of archers did manage to visit Grimmsfield once.



The Noyon even let me try out one of his crossbows!

Staying indoors also left plenty of time for making new arrows and getting ready for the warmer weather to come.

Pictures courtesy of Sof'ia and Naran



Martial Activities (cont.)

A word from our new Heavy Champion Lord Hákon brimill

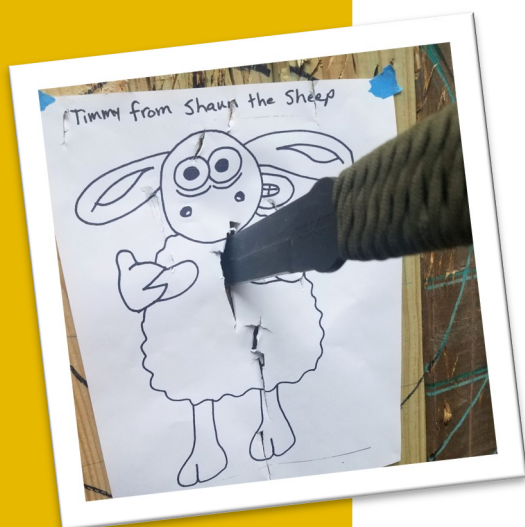
Well met Ponte Alto,

I am ecstatic to have been selected as our baronial Heavy Champion! I am known to many as simply Hákon and I am fine with this, formally I am Lord Hákon brimill. I have been in the SCA for about four years, with my first event being the Tournament of Love and Beauty. Love and Beauty was also the event that I was authorized in the sword and shield. Heavy fighting was my in-road to the SCA and to the wonderful populace of Ponte Alto.

Although current conditions are not very good for fighting and I don't mean the weather, rest assured fighting will return and I and we will get to grow the fighting communities. As we cannot formally stand together I will offer myself up to help those however I can with an interest in fighting. In return I ask that any who have ideas for how we can work together virtually share them and we see what we can all do together.

Yours in Service,

Lord Hákon brimill



A word from our new Thrown Weapons Champion Lord Rónán mac Ímair

After serving as the barony's Archery Champion for a several years, I was delighted to (finally) pass the role along to Lady Sof'ia, and I know that she will be a fantastic representative for the barony in promoting archery.

The Noyon though felt I wasn't done yet in serving the barony! And thus, I take up the role of Thrown Weapons Champion.

I haven't had a chance yet to throw at an actual event (except for a virtual one) for score, but the quarantine hasn't stopped me from practicing for that day when we can all come together again. I am looking forward to the challenges ahead with great eagerness, as well as the opportunity to encourage other Pontoons to join me on the throwing line!

Pictures courtesy of Rónán mac Ímair



Weekly/Monthly Events

SUNDAY

Ponte Alto Baronial
Populace Gathering

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

Stierbach/
Archery Practice

Heavy Weapons
Practice

Rapier Practice

Projects Night

Stierbach/
Winter Archery

SCA Newcomer
Meetings

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!

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.

*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 February/March	
Date	Event
	No in-person 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

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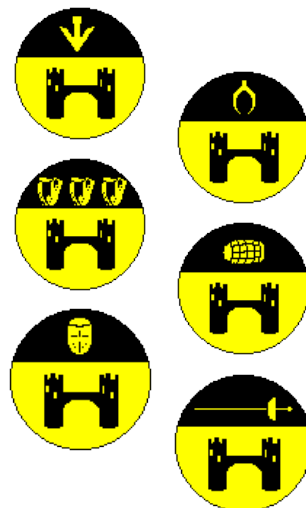
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Looking for a way to get involved?

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)!

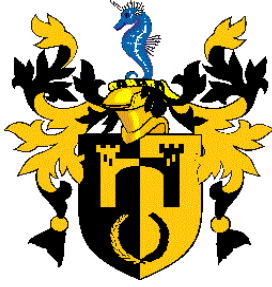
Who can retain?

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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