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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

Relayed by Duchess Simone, Kingdom Seneschal

Resolution to Lift Suspension of In-Person Activity in the SCA as of June 1st, 2021

APRIL 1, 2021 |

From the Board of Directors and the offices of the Society Seneschal, and President.

On March 23, 2021, the Board of Directors passed the following:

Resolution to Lift Suspension of In-Person Activity in the SCA as of June 1st, 2021

I. Whereas the challenge created by the COVID-19 Global Pandemic demanded heightened safety standards which led to a suspension of in-person activity in North America by the SCA Board of Directors;

II. Whereas the crisis of the Pandemic is being addressed through a combination of social policy, as well as scientific and medical advancements;

III. Whereas the SCA Board of Directors continues to prioritize the health and well-being of the membership and participants of the SCA; and

IV. Whereas the directed suspension of in-person events in North America expires after May 31st, 2021; now, therefore, be it

V. Resolved, that the SCA Board of Directors lifts the suspension of in-person activity in North America, effective June 1, 2021, provided adherence to the items in this resolution;

VI. Resolved, that all attendees in North America must follow all province, territory, state, and local health guidelines at SCA events.

Read the full notice at <https://www.sca.org/news/...>



Populace Gathering Minutes

March 28, 2021

Zoom virtual meeting

5:12 pm

Adjourned at 5:47 pm

14 attendees

OFFICER'S REPORTS

Seneschal – Maracellus for Dwayne Eckman (Lord Seamus Ó Maoil Riain)

- ◆ Announcement forthcoming. Hákon will step up as Seneschal. If he has the officers support. B&B? MT ok with it. Robert will stay as deputy. Naran good. Officers ok. Need to file paperwork/class. Have Seamus approval in writing.
 - ◆ Kingdom FB page. Simone announced will be holding Crown tourney on May 1st. Restricted attendance. Just the fighters and K&Q. Livestream the event. Elchenberg castle.
- (Hakon) Coronation in June. 30 days after Crown.
- ◆ Back on schedule in Oct.
 - ◆ (MT) hopefully open by June 1st. Provided no spike in Covid.

Exchequer - Katie Bischoff (Astrid)

- ◆ \$7,988.30 balance.
- ◆ There's nothing else coming up.

Knight/Rapier Marshal - Marcellus for Brittany Lasley (Colette Vitalis)

- ◆ Martial practices are still in the process of getting scheduled. Expect to see more activity especially in May after more folks have been able to get their vaccinations.
- ◆ Marie-Therese and Colette will be doing the marshaling.

Archery Marshal - Ron Hanagan (Rónán mac Ímair)

- ◆ Archery practices are still informal (contact Naran for more info) and but we'll be looking to set up a public practices again soon like the heavy and rapier groups.

Arts and Sciences - Emily Shifflett (Lady Marion Compton)

- ◆ March recap:
 - ◆ 5 classes/meetings (one more on Tuesday)
 - ◆ A 2 part wire weaving series as well as completing our 2 part gluckshaus series
 - ◆ 37 event attendees (excluding tonight and Tuesday night)



Populace Gathering Minutes (cont.)

- ◆ Upcoming A&S opportunities
 - ◆ Night on the Line's A&S closes on April 7
 - ◆ Alchemy of Spring submissions due in May (first deadline May 8, final deadline May 22, will have more details available in rundowns)
 - ◆ HRM A&S due by May 3rd
- ◆ University- June 12
 - ◆ Knowne World Sciences Symposium is happening
 - ◆ Class proposals for this are due April 9
 - ◆ All other class proposals are due April 16
- ◆ I have started to plan Q3 classes, if you have specific topic requests, please get them to me.

Chatelaine - Holly for Charlene Ratliff (Delphina the Mad)

- ◆ Newcomers meeting had a pretty good crowd.
- ◆ Friday visited with Adina to go thru Gold Key.
- ◆ Looking into stuff to keep newcomers engaged.
- ◆ Next mtg not yet scheduled. Will schedule shortly.

Herald - Sarah Stango (Johanna le Paumer)

- ◆ Not present

Chronicler - Ron Hanagan (Rónán mac Ímair)

- ◆ Content submissions welcome! With quarantine limiting events, A&S activities, etc. are all welcome.

Web Minister - Ron Hanagan (Rónán mac Ímair)

- ◆ We've updated the website with info about the heavy and rapier practices.

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

- ◆ *From Naran:*
 - ◆ Congrats to our two new Opals, Marion and Sofia.
 - ◆ Trying to get caught up on gift baskets.
- ◆ *From MT:*
 - ◆ Working on heavy practices.
 - ◆ Sitting on computer trying to keep people connected. Preparing for when we can open up.
 - ◆ During Event phase, will talk about Summer Court



Populace Gathering Minutes (cont.)

Events

June Virtual Court

- ◆ (MT) Last Virtual Court. Sunday, June 13th. Site will be Adina's backyard, or Mason District park with stage.
- ◆ Need to get A&S decided. Would like to have A&S for Summer Court.
- ◆ Will work with Herald for Scrolls.
- ◆ Hope to livestream. (Marion) Video resources are dedicated for University that same weekend. Might have to pre-record instead. Might not have resources for us. MT will think on that.
- ◆ Marion to work on A&S plans for Summer Court.

Bloodbath in July

- ◆ (Adina) An opportunity perhaps to do Bloodbath in July, after folks have had shots. Possibly the 3rd weekend, the 17th. Could do in Fairfax now that outside activities have opened up. Might work in July for folks not going to Pennsic (even if it happens).
- ◆ (MT) in replacement of Summer Court? (Adina) No. Still keep Summer Court.
- ◆ Adina will volunteer as as Autocrat. St. Paddy's in July.
- ◆ Marion will start working on A&S ideas for that. Something separate from Covid project for Summer Court. *"What have you been working on in the past year?"*

Wild Hunt

- ◆ (Marion) Will we do Wild Hunt? No, because of Gulf Wars and WoW. Unless we do virtual.
- ◆ Several kingdoms (2 of 3) are not on board with doing Gulf Wars then (they would rather wait for March 2022). So, we may not be competing with Gulf Wars. (Marion) If so, we could still do the outdoor event. It's already rebooked. End of Oct.
- ◆ Will revisit.

Old Business

- ◆ n/a

New Business

- ◆ (Adina) Try for Spring Crown next year? At VFW site? Where the Hunt was going to be at. General consensus that it's a great idea. Adina will pursue.
- ◆ (MT) Would like to use Camp Schneider. (Marcellus) It can be hard to book that site.

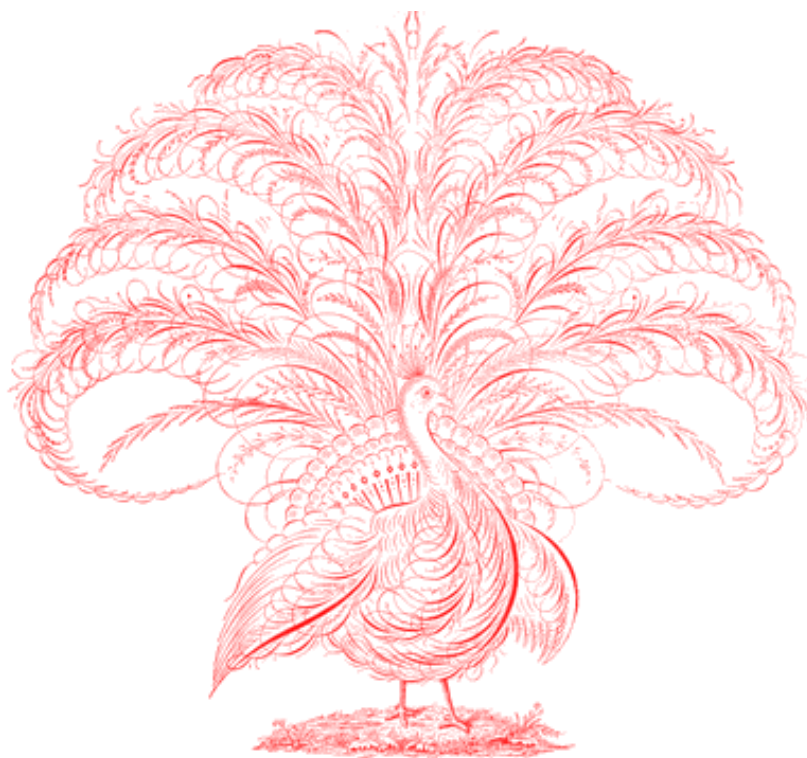


Populace Gathering Minutes (cont.)

- ◆ (Adina) Picked up material and stuff yesterday. Will be posting to see if folks want to buy. Otherwise will bring to Holiday Faire. 22 boxes from Mary yesterday. Lots of it is fabric. No place in our storage. Folks would have to take it home. More discussion of the tables at Holiday Faire. We have lots of stuff, Holiday Faire can make us a lot of money.
- ◆ (MT) Money commitment on the table at Holiday Faire. Make a motion. \$50 budget for two tables. Motion carries. \$50 approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ (Adina) There will be a new Kingdom Chronicler next month!





A&S Update from Marion Compton

Can you believe we're already hitting one year of COVID A&S? I sure can't, but it's March already!

Thank you all for a wonderful March!

We had 3 A&S classes this month, including the conclusion of our gluckshaus series and two classes on wire weaving. We had a total of 63 attendees at March events! Our April classes include a belt favors class on April 6 and a pinnula brooch class on April 20.

Upcoming A&S

We have some really exciting news! Ponte Alto has not one but TWO upcoming opportunities for both A&S competition and displays.

The first is at June Virtual Court. For this A&S challenge we are asking you all to bring us your best COVID project that was both started and completed between March 1 of 2020 and the due date of this challenge. Both displays and competition entries will be available.

Competition entries will be grouped into three divisions – novice, intermediate, and expert – and each division will have a winner as well as best in show (which will be selected by Their Excellencies). Submissions can be made via [Google form](#) or email, and should include as many pictures as possible of all physical arts and sciences, as well as documentation. Documentation can be as simple as an EZ Doc form or as extensive as a research paper submission, but must be included!

The due date for this challenge is **Sunday, June 6 at 8 pm EDT** and the winners will be announced on Sunday, June 13th to coincide with our release of court.

The second challenge will coincide with St. Paddy's Bloodbath in July. Both displays and competitions will be available. When dropping off your A&S or submitting online, please indicate which team you are participating with (Irish or Norse), and whether you would like to be considered for prizes or just display for the day. Each display will still count as a point towards your team's success at the end of the day. Documentation is required but can be limited to an EZ Doc or documentation recipe card (both will be available the day of). Prizes will be given for best in each category, Irish or Norse, as well as best in show. The winner of best in show will earn an extra point for their team. For those that wish to make use of it, there will be an [online submission form](#) available ahead of time!



A&S Activities (cont.)

Other upcoming A&S:

- Summer University and Known World Sciences Symposium is happening Saturday, June 12! Track proposals are due April 9th and individual class proposals are due April 16.
- Night on the Line will have both an A&S competition and displays (due April 7). All the [details for those can be found here](#).
- Alchemy of Spring submissions due in May. There are quite a few categories and deadlines, but [all of the info can be found here](#).
- Highland River Melees A&S due by May 3rd, and the details on the various challenges, both A&S and martial, [can be found here](#).

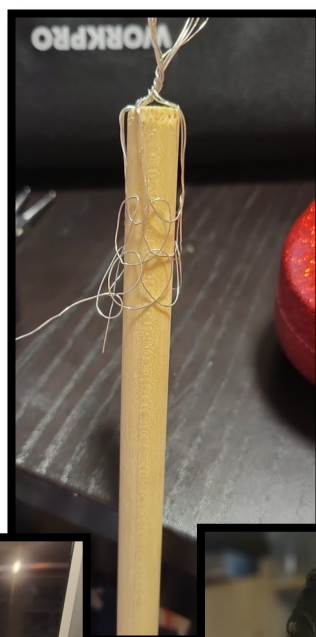
Pictures: First pic from Marion, the next seven pics courtesy of Hákon and DaRong, and the last four from Sof'ia.



Picture courtesy of Marion



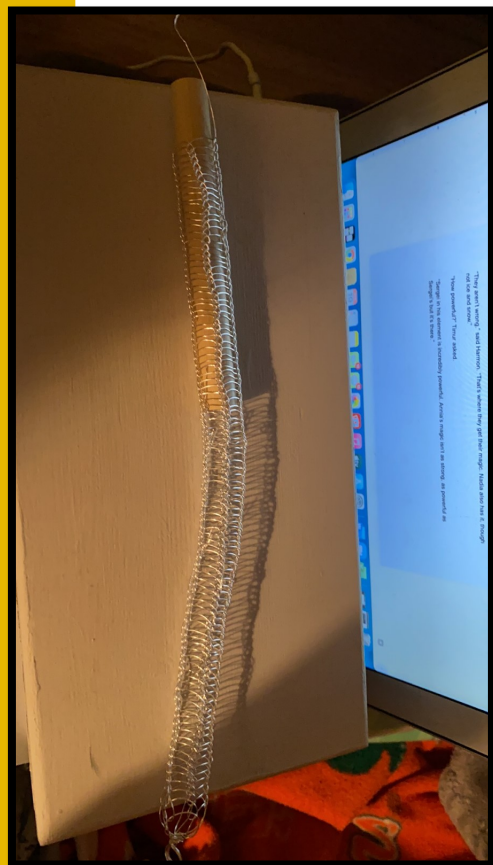
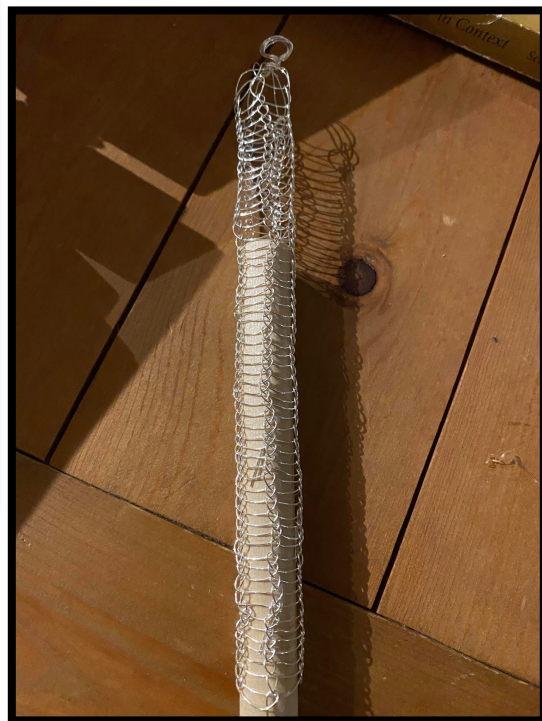
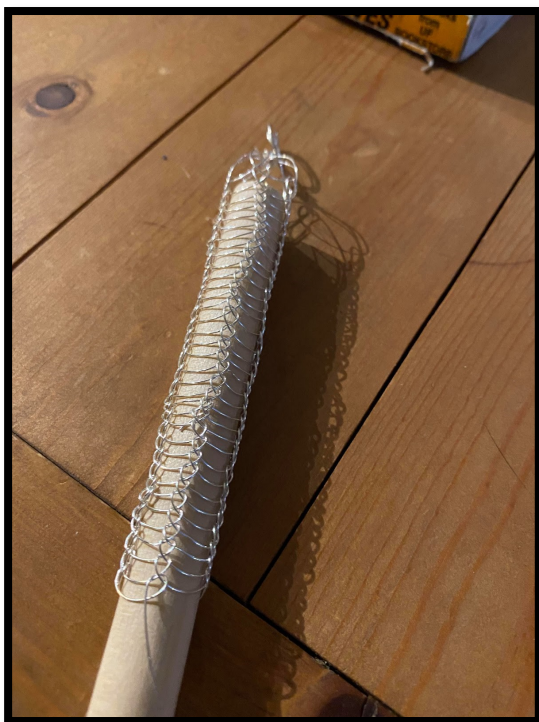
A&S Activities (cont.)



Pictures courtesy of Hákon and DaRong



A&S Activities (cont.)



Pictures courtesy of Sof'ia



Martial Activities

Archery Update from Rónán mac Ímair

March was a generally quiet month for archery, but I was able to meet up with Lady Sof'ia, our new Archery Champion, in order to pass the baronial regalia off to her!



Pictures courtesy of Ronan



Feature Article

26.5in Aluminum Round Build

By Hákon brimill

A story of shield crafting in pictures!

Editor's Note:

Got an A&S project
you'd like to share with
your fellow Pontooners?

We'd love to publish it!
Contact the Chronicler!



Pictures courtesy of Hákon



Pictures courtesy of Hákon



Pictures courtesy of Hákon

Feature Article (cont.)



Pictures courtesy of Hákon



The finished piece!

Pictures courtesy of Hákon



Does it fit a particular time period/culture?

This style of round shield would have been used throughout the iron age.

The shield is designed to look similar to a gokstad or trelleborg shield. These were round shields with a center grip and metal boss to protect the hand. Traditionally these would have been plank built, however this one is aluminum. The smallest shields were around 20 inches in diameter with 30-35 inches being the average. Modifications to the design have been made to make it usable for Heavy Combat. It has been faced on both sides with a 10 ounce canvas. In period, hide or other fabrics would have been used. This served to help give the wood strength, and here I'm using it to hide the aluminum. The device on the shield is my own.



I have edged it in rawhide (this helps protect the shield edge as well as our weapons). Leather could have also been used.

What challenges did you face in building this shield?

In construction, trying to keep everything centered and lined up on a circle was way harder than I expected. This was also my first attempt at building a handle from scratch. I started with a 2x2 piece of poplar. I think next time a 1x2 would simplify the process and allow me to better recess the handle into the boss. This would let me better balance the shield, as it stands currently it wants to pull forward a bit.

What was your cost to build?

The blank and boss were a gift, that would have been the bulk of the cost. Canvas and rawhide I keep for various projects for armoring but there is probably about 25 dollars in rawhide and canvas on the shield. If I was buying all of this I would guess it's about \$100-150 worth of materials.

When this was all finished though, the idea was to have a smaller center grip round shield to fight with, and in that I have succeeded. For my first attempt at a lot of what I was doing I think it turned out very well, it also gave me a great many chances to learn how to do it better next time. On the next go around, I'm thinking of using wood, not sure if ply or plank yet, and designing the handle a bit differently.

Pictures courtesy of Hákon

Editor's Note:

Hákon agreed to a little Q&A about his shield crafting project.

With many thanks to Hákon for sharing this project with us!



Martial Practice Update

OYEZ-OYEZ! REOPENING INFO!

Ponte Alto Martial Practices - Phase 0

When? **Sundays @ 12PM**

Where? **Mason District Park** in Annandale. **Armored and Rapier will be separated at different parts of the park until Phase 1. Specific locations on site TBD.**

How? By **reservation only**. See official Ponte Alto FB page (or Colette) for updates.

Who? **Adult martial participants. No spectators! No minors!**

Tips

Bring several masks as wet masks become unsafe and unusable. Prepare to **go slowly at first** as your body is unlikely to be properly conditioned for full speed fighting unless you've been drilling and practicing over the year-long break.

Restrictions

- Limited to 10 or fewer per gathering
- No minors are allowed
- No loaner armor can be given
- You can play with only one practice at this time - so choose and stick with it!
- Participants ONLY. No spectators can attend at this time.

Compliance

1. **Masks** are required at all times (even outdoors). You are responsible for bringing your own mask(s).
2. **Food & water** cannot be shared or given. You must bring your own and keep it with your things
3. **6' social distancing** with the exception of those who live together. Failure to adhere to this rule will result in immediate dismissal from the practice.
4. **Inspections** in compliance with the SCA guidelines will occur at each practice and is the exception to the 6' distancing rule if necessary.
5. **Reservations** will be taken for each practice in order to keep to the required 10 person limit. You must reserve to say you are coming ahead of time or you will be turned away.

Sign in sheet & health screening for contact tracing will be required at each practice in order to assist local officials in the event one of our fighters contracts COVID-19

Repost of: [Ponte Alto Practice Announcement](#)



Weekly/Monthly Events

	SUNDAY
Pontalton 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.
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Heavy Weapons Practice	until
Rapier Practice	Practice (Arch),
Projects Ni	Practice 3:30pm-
Stierbach/ Winter Archery	Pontalton have a (ineau)
SCA Newcomer Meetings	21. of various members of the Barony. Contact the Baronial Chatelaine for information (chatelaine@pontalton.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://pontalton.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 April/May	
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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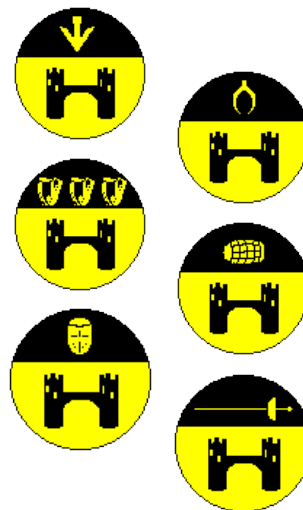
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Looking for a way to get involved?

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)!

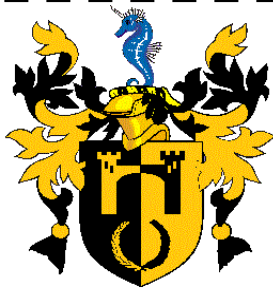
Who can retain?

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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