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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**

Effective 1 May, **Lord Séamus Ó Maoil Riain** (Dwayne Eckman), after a long and deeply appreciated tenure, is stepping down as Ponte Alto's seneschal. You have our thanks for your many years of dedicated service!

Stepping into the role is **Lord Hákon brimill** (David Hultman). Good luck keeping our Noyon in line!



# Populace Gathering Minutes

April 25, 2021 5:07 pm Adjourned at 6:11 pm 14 attendees Zoom virtual meeting

#### **OFFICER'S REPORTS**

# Seneschal - Dwayne Eckman (Lord Seamus Ó Maoil Riain )

- This will be his last populace meeting as Seneschal
- Hakon to take over officially on 1 May
- Marcellus to stay on as deputy
- Need to talk to Simone about staying on as 2nd deputy (so we can keep the storage facility under his name to keep 10% discount)

## Exchequer - Katie Bischoff (Astrid)

- 7,988.30
- Q1 report is done. Who to send to? Will get with Seamus.
- Need to get Hakon added to signature list for bank. #1 thing to get done. Remove Seamus, unless he stays on as deputy.
- Squared up with storage

# Arts and Sciences - Emily Shifflett (Lady Marion Compton )

- In Feb we had 3 different events. Belt favors. Social. Brooch class last week. 34 different attendants. 4 different kingdoms.
- Next month, 2 classes on the schedule. 4th and 18th.
- Not sure about May or June, but will be another A&S team meeting in the next couple of months to work on 2nd half of the year. Persona focused. 1st half was mostly largess focused.

# Chatelaine - Holly for Charlene Ratliff (Delphina the Mad)

- Delphina sent to Marie-therese and Naran.
- April Newcomer meeting on Tuesday at 7:30
- No date for next month (May) yet.
- Accumulating new people, but not large numbers.

### **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)

 Note about changing privacy of Facebook group. Will be discussed in New Business.

# **Knight Marshal** - Brittany Lasley (Colette Vitalis)

♦ n/a

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

- ♦ From Naran:
- Not much. Some stuff for New Business.
- Did an MIT class for Sof'ia and Marion
- ♦ In theory, we expect to be opening up in June. There will be events to shoot at hopefully.
- Storvik Novice coming up. Max 50 people can go.
  - (MT) Send our champion for Archery? No archery at event.
- ◆ From MT:
- Not sure how things are going to open up. She just got her first shot.
- Still doing stuff online.
- Have been taking part in fiber challenge from Scholastica.
- ◆ Try and do heavy practice this upcoming weekend in May. Will attend as one of the two marshals.
- Online courts or online activities. Depends on what we are doing from week to week.
- Have some silverware potentially give away to Newcomers if anyone would like to take custody of them for Newcomer baskets. If things open up.

(Naran) also has some silver goblets for that same kind of purpose.

#### **Events**

### **June Virtual Court**

- (MT) Not sure we should even have the June event. We have Bloodbath in July. If we have June court, then we will have nothing for July court. Only two awards to give out other than the A&S. Not that robust.
- (Adina) Simone was saying doesn't matter what the space/locality says...if we are still in Phase 0 or 1, we may not be able to hold Bloodbath.
- Will have to keep eyes on the splash page for Kingdom Events. Follow the COVID links. Phases keep changing.
  - Stierbach is closed as of the 22nd.
  - So is Suddentore. And Caer Maer.



- June Court will go forward then...
- Who pretape and cut the film?
- (Hakon) Push to July, and go with virtual if we can't do Bloodbath?
  - The conflict was university
  - Since Bloodbath is already spiked, we've got that date.
- So, don't do June Court. If we shut down, we'll just make Bloodbath a virtual event.
  - (Hakon) also give us more time to open up.
- Will plan the same sort of court for Bloodbath
- Would like to recognize some folks we don't see a lot of, that maybe we've seen. So please do pass recommendations to MT and Naran.

## Bloodbath in July

- (Adina) Set up the page. Check with Marion. Irish vs. Vikings.
- Already up on Facebook. Need to get Ponte Alto website updated.
- Event based on the first viking invasion.
- Food will be prepackaged salty snacks. Stuff that folks open themselves. Water and Gatorade provided. Need to bring your own cups. We can provide sealed water. (Like bottled water.)
  - Hakon was also talking to Simone. We can do a 5 gallon container, but have to provide hand sanitizer. So, bottled water is a good alternative.
- If the weather is nice, and we're on the field, we can set up two areas.

  Definitely outside. Breezy. Next to basketball courts. Pop-ups encouraged.

  Limited staking area.
- According to state (in regards to expected quarantine guidelines), we should be able to do it.
- By reservation only. Have to pre-reg. Ok to pay at the gate. Keep the numbers down. Encourage the locals to participate.
- Avoid traveling great distances.
- Will need help to move the list fence.
  - Also, we will need a new chamberlain, since Hakon cannot be that and Seneschal.
- Trailer? Is full of Pennsic stuff. In Adina's driveway.
- Need one pick-up truck. Maybe a mini-van. Nothing especially long.

#### Wild Hunt

 (Marion) Still recommend we go virtual this year. Still no movement on the other events yet.



#### **Old Business**

♦ n/a

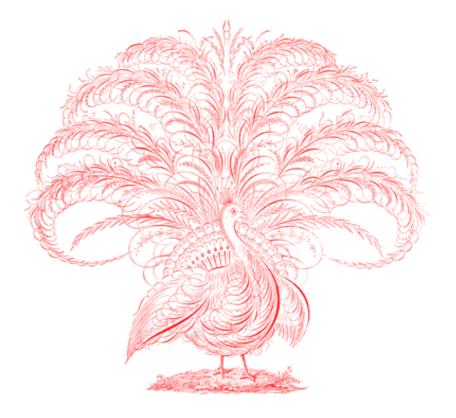
#### **New Business**

- (Marion) Based on recent Social Media recommendations. Proposing some changes to our Facebook group.
  - Change setting from Public to Private.
  - Page is still the official place to announce things.
  - Add better Security Questions for admission of new members. Right now questions are very vague and easy to get past. Ways to vet people who want to join as being a real person with real interest in the SCA. Examples: "What does the abbreviation "SCA" stand for?" "What local SCA group do you participate with?" "Do you have a persona/society name?" "What is your SCA name?" "Do you have any SCA-related/adjacent interests? If so what?" "How did you hear about the SCA?"
  - Two other recommendations: Include bullying and harassment rules and make those a requirement to agree to support them to join.
  - Function in FB that requires 30 day post moderation as a failsafe for new members.
  - Next problem, there are a lot of people on the admin list. 13 admins. 9 are not current officers. Seneschal, Web, SMO, Chatelain to keep. Will be weeding that down. (Seamus) We need enough to ensure they get responses. All the admins should be an active officer.
  - Will be putting together a list of all the links to the various groups. Rapier, Heavy (not specifically Ponte Alto), Cooking Guild. A&S. Pennsic Camp.
  - Discussion about adding the label "Unofficial". General agreement that changing group to private should alleviate this.
  - No objections, go ahead and do it.
- (Naran) Suggested doing some sort of camping thing around Pennsic time timeframe (since we can't do Pennsic).
- ♦ (MT) Pennsic Pity Party?
- Pennsic in the Backyard
- Discussion of Silver Lake. \$100 to pay for the porta-johns.
- (Adina) would be going way out of the area, which is against kingdom policy. Pick one group to play with, and stick with them.
- (Naran) something closer? Like Burke(?) Lake?
- (MT) not sure how we'd manage the numbers. That would be closer, and it is on our barony.



# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

• (Briana) There is a new deputy for the SCA Reservation System (SCARS) For GW. Bringing it into Atlantia as the new registration system. Should be available sometime in June. Then we can use Paypal \*or\* SCARS.





# Spin Me a Yarn

# A Fairytale for Our Current Times (part four)

or

# Spin me a yarn

By Lady Lisbet of the Spinning Winds

Once upon a time during the trying times of the forgotten reign, a tale was spun at baronial social hours of THE magic word said not once, not twice, but three times and heraldic charges who came to life, travelled with the spinning winds, and hugged the lonesome Baroness Marie Thérèse. The moral of that story was HOPE. Whenever you are lonesome, a famous hug from our no-longer-lonesome Baroness Marie Thérèse of Ponte Alto with the big heart is just an arm's length away. The hug will bring you hope. I'm sure there are tall tales from the archery range that made Naran Noyon smile and of each charge's quest to share hugs on their journey home to King Anton, Queen Luned and all their Excellencies and "Nexcellencies" throughout Atlantia and the Knowne World and to help the populace survive the trying times of the Forgotten Reign. Those yarns are for another gentle to spin. My friend, that gentle may be you.

## Editor's Note:

Got a yarn you'd like to submit? A fanciful story to share? A hug or wish to send out?

We'd love to publish it!

Contact the Chronicler!

(To be continued?)



Figure 1. Lady Lisbet and the cast taking a curtain call at the Kingdom Arts and Sciences Festival A.S. 55 bardic challenge HOPE.



# ASS Activities

# **A&S Update from Marion Compton**

**Greetings Ponte Alto!** 

Thank you so much for yet another wonderful month of classes and socials. We're winding down the first half of our year's push for largess and largess related classes and starting to look ahead towards the latter half. Starting in July with our exciting series of events surrounding St. Paddy's in July, we'll be starting a focus on persona and persona development resources. There will be another general A&S meeting in June to discuss these classes but I'd love to hear from anyone who has ideas for types of persona related classes and discussions we could have.

In April we had 4 events with a total of 47 attendees as well as several Pontoons participating in courts and classes across the kingdom. Congratulations to all who taught and gave service!

Registration for Summer University/Known World Sciences Symposium opens Monday, May 10th! There is an amazing catalog of classes available, so start planning ahead! University will be taking place on June 12th.



# Martial Activities



# Archery Update from Rónán mac Ímair

April was a mix of good weather, rain, and wild temperature fluctuations. But it didn't stop our archers from getting out a couple of times for some

socially distanced practice!



# Feature Article

# Creating Leather Demi Gauntlets By Hákon brimill

A(nother) crafting story in pictures!

Just finished cutting out the four major pieces.

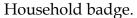


## Editor's Note:

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

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

Getting the leather wet (Veg Tan) allows it to be carved or pressed with images that will stay after it dries. Here I did something basic for a first outing on practical piece. The Star inset into the Diamond is the Restormel







Pictures courtesy of Hákon



After drying I applied an acrylic paint (for leather) to the leather to really help show off the badge.



I went with a lighter more natural colored wax thread, hoping it would contrast the darkened end product. Here are the pieces stitched together and assembled before the wax bath.







# Feature Article (cont.)

Prepping the wax bath, this is paraffin wax (low melt temp). Items not shown in this photo fire extinguisher as a precaution. The bit of leather here is my test piece that is also what i had been practicing traditional tooling on.



Just pulled from the leather bath and some very basic shaping and adjusting (hot). As they cool and the wax firms and hardens the color of the leather also darkens and the changes can be seen in the next few images.





# 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 <u>reservation only.</u> 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 <u>if necessary</u>.
- 5. **Reservations** will be taken for each practice in order to keep to the required 10 person limit. You <u>must</u> 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

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

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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

be posted on the Baronial website's calendar at https://

pontealto.atlantia.sca.org/calendar.php and other social

media (including Facebook).

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Meetings

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: <a href="http://fcps.edu/news/emerg.htm">http://fcps.edu/news/emerg.htm</a>



# Baronial Progress

Baronial Progress for May/June	
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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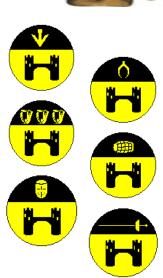
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Thrown Weapons Champion: Rónán mac Ímair

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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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