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THE SUN IS SHINING AND PRACTICES ARE BEGINNING AGAIN!

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Credits: David Hultman  
from Ponte Alto Armored Practice



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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

*Oyez! Oyez!*

*Ponte Alto has resumed armored and rapier practices, and will soon host its first in-person event!*

*St. Paddy's Day Blood Bath  
In July!*

*It's been a long, challenging year, but we hope to start seeing you all again soon!*



## Bloodbath Planning Minutes

June 20, 2021

Zoom virtual meeting

5:09 pm

Adjourned at 5:35 pm

8 attendees

### BLOODBATH PLANNING MINUTES

*This meeting took place as an adjunct to our social hour, as a means to facilitate some Bloodbath planning.*

- (Hakon) discussion of budget for Bloodbath, and modifications to the form for infrastructure cost, changes of policy, adding a line item for prizes.
- One line for site fee (if higher attendance, it will be a higher site cost) \$25 -> \$75 + % of gate
- (Adina) discussion of the costs.
- Food budget stays as stands
- Already have tokens, but Adina bought some additional ones.
- (Adina) recounted the budget briefly. Expected fee \$10 per person. No children allowed as already published.
- Suggestion for a food truck. Briefly discussed.
- From Simone, everything pre-pay. We have a variance (for Bloodbath) to accept exact amount. Check or money order.
- Kingdom policy is still pre-reg required. (Even if SCA policy has changed.)
- (Marion) Do we have marshal staff? (Hakon) Earmarked. Not all confirmed. (Colette) I will take care of that.
- Discussion about adding line items. Will prepare another budget. Then another round of approvals from the emergency budget team.
- No Nays put forward.
- (Hakon) Additional changes expected July 1. Including mask policy. Cannot ask. So, it's on your honor.



## Populace Gathering Minutes

June 27, 2021

5:05 pm

Adjourned at 6:09 pm

11 attendees

Zoom virtual meeting

### OFFICER'S REPORTS

#### Seneschal - David Hultman (Lord Hákon brimill)

- ◆ New Kingdom Covid on July 1. Much more open. Very few restrictions.
- ◆ Please read them. Masks not required. Recommend our officers still wear them. Can't enforce if not vaccinated.
- ◆ Quarterly reports due next week. Monday is a holiday.
- ◆ Can start our Baronial vote of confidence. Digitally at first. Hakon to draft up some words to send out. Kingdom suggested we try to do digitally. General discussion of vote.

#### Exchequer - Katie Bischoff (Astrid)

- ◆ 7,483.70 balance
- ◆ Qtrly report next month
- ◆ (Hakon) status of Signature card? Will run thru process offline.

#### Knight Marshal - Hákon for Brittany Lasley (Colette Vitalis)

- ◆ New rules as of July 1. No masks required. Loaner gear allowed.
- ◆ Have opened Thursday practices. Sunday practices going well.

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

- ◆ Fun stuff happened.
- ◆ Full A&S meeting last week. Set schedule for Q3 and Q4. All set thru end of year.
- ◆ More focus on persona. How would your persona do this?
- ◆ In-person A&S coming back. July 20. Details to be confirmed. Would like to have in the park. Will require pre-reg.
- ◆ One in-person, and one virtual, each month is the plan to keep folks engaged.
- ◆ When Picnics in the park resume, hope to do A&S there as well.
- ◆ Several for A&S at St. Paddy's Day. Or Wild Hunt.
- ◆ Looking for Judges for Wild Hunt. Will send details.

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

- ◆ At last newcomers, we had 4 new people. Marion confirmed. 6 of the regulars. Lot of interest in A&S and some in archery.
- ◆ Another newcomer reached out to Delphina.
- ◆ Nice uptick in potential.
- ◆ (Marion) 3 reached out for A&S



## Populace Gathering Minutes (cont.)

### **Herald** - Sarah Stango (Johanna le Paumer)

- ◆ *Report via email*
- ◆ For the herald's report this month...there really isn't much of one. Heraldry continues, but it's been pretty quiet. I've had one person reach out to me about registering a name, but have yet to hear back from them.
- ◆ We also have a new registered at-large herald in Ponte Alto. Maria Chiara Datini (Mary Dotson) recently got her warrant.
- ◆ Also for anyone who is interested, the Knowledge World Heraldic and Scribal Symposium is being held in two weeks, July 9th - 11th. It's being hosted by the Kingdom of the West and will be entirely virtual. More info on the class schedule should be on the website.

### **Chronicler** - Ron Hanagan (Rónán mac Ímair)

- ◆ Content submissions welcome!
- ◆ (Marion) SMO update. FB algorithm. One thing we are going to try and do is to include images, because FB likes image. They get more interaction. I have started to mess around with Canva. Would like more feedback about it.
- ◆ (Marion) A&S class reporting. Will start putting together a private library of recorded classes.

### **Web Minister** - Ron Hanagan (Rónán mac Ímair)

- ◆ Requested updated Baronial Progress for website. See B&B report.

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

- ◆ *From MT:*
- ◆ My plans: Bloodbath July 17, Stierbach Baronial Birthday, Univ, Battle on the Bay, Wild Hunt. Maybe Kingdom Crusade.
- ◆ Trying to attend the practices to get them going.
- ◆ Talking about melees early on Sundays. With a quick orientation class beforehand.
- ◆ Call out for Largess. Got lots from Lisbet of the Spinning Winds. \*Always\* in need of Largess. Not just for the birthdays and stuff.
- ◆ *From Naran:*
- ◆ To attend: BB, Armistice, SBB, Battle on the Bay, Trial by Fire, WoW, Revenge of the Stitch possibly, and Holiday Faire



## Populace Gathering Minutes (cont.)

- ◆ Has been talking to folks for WoW. IF you are going to camp with us, register sooner rather than later. We are a legacy camp there. Some rights, but if you are facing the road. We have Honey Badger on the side, and they keep getting bigger. Meridies Royals also coming. To make sure we have enough room, register!
- ◆ Coronation went well. Their majesties called the Noyon insouciant.
- ◆ Relayed investiture gifts. Talked to their majesties.

### Events

#### **Bloodbath in July**

- ◆ Sent out an updated spreadsheet. Additional line items added. Discussion of the form. Form was shared to the Zoom for discussion.
- ◆ Updates to some of the vocabulary. Plus \$5 for non-members. Estimated \$145 profit with 70 people at the gate. 83 currently registered.
- ◆ Any opposition? No. This is good, and we'll go forward.
- ◆ Any registrations at fighter practice? No. But did talk about fees.
- ◆ Initial emails sent out. Will send out more instructions for pre-paying. Exact change only at the gate. Encourage everyone to pre-pay.
- ◆ Bring drinking vessels and food for yourself.
- ◆ Wear masks if not vaccinated. Park does not require proof. Discussion.
- ◆ Make sure we get it published.
- ◆ Additional info for martial at Bloodbath? No, just beat-pit.
- ◆ Marion has been sending out stuff.
- ◆ Nothing in the ground. Can't use stakes at the site, except for one location. Allowed will be: Royal Tent, Day-shade for troll, one other tent, that's all. Reviewed map with park authorities to get locations for staked tents. Have to avoid sprinkler system pipes.
- ◆ Still need to see if Chatelain will be able to attend. Not sure about loaner garb. (Hakon) We are allowed to provide Gold Key now. Ensure everything is washed. Try to bag each individual item. Also good to see what we have. (Adina) we have lots. Stored in 3 locations. Will follow up with Chatelain on Monday.
- ◆ Need to engage 2 pickup trucks to transport list fence.
- ◆ Need court herald. We have someone who is interested.
- ◆ Will reach out to the Duchess for Crown requirements.
- ◆ Will go shopping with someone to get water and snacks. Salty snacks in a bin. Tongs. Hand them out with site tokens.
- ◆ Planning on making a sable layer mask, black and gold for the staff. Light weight.
- ◆ No sharing of food or water.
- ◆ Can have water coolers.
- ◆ Can have cups.



## Populace Gathering Minutes (cont.)

- ◆ There will be sanitizer next to the coolers.
- ◆ Will be giving out bottled water.
- ◆ No porta-potty.
- ◆ Bear-pit for martial. Will check on what Rapier wants to do. (Colette says there will not be a BlackSword. Not until late Aug/early Sep. Awaiting info from Rapier marshal for the day.)
- ◆ (Hakon) will check with folks on the heat index/ weather rules.
- ◆ Will have rosters to send out. Want to capture membership numbers.
- ◆ Need waivers for the non-members.
- ◆ Will work with Marion to put together current list. Will send out posters.
- ◆ Will get Ponte Alto stand up signs.
- ◆ Crown will use our chairs, unless they tell us otherwise.
- ◆ (MT) We'll use our own chairs.
- ◆ Kingdom banner? (MT) We used to have one. It got mistakenly claimed. Will work on something. Even if just colored banners. Discussion of how to display.
- ◆ (Adina) bring a back wall? Yes, will bring.
- ◆ (Hakon) let's set up a logistics meeting for that. We're down in the weeds. Need 2 trucks and help to move fences from storage shed. Have tents, tables, etc. accounted for.

### Old Business

- ◆ n/a

### New Business

- ◆ (Marion) recently moved. FFX public schools are opening up for renting space. Would like to (if barony amenable) reserve space/site for Kingdom A&S Festival.
- ◆ (MT) Do we have the people to pull this off? (Marion) We will.
- ◆ Confident if we got the bid, we can pull it off.
- ◆ c. March 5th, 2022.
- ◆ (MT) Give up Bloodbath to do this? (Marion) I don't know.
- ◆ (Adina) Spring Crown? There's already someone planning to do it.
- ◆ (MT) Would like to do L&B again.
- ◆ (Hakon) Do we want to do a bid (on KASF)?
- ◆ (MT) Baronial Birthday, Kingdom A&S, and Bloodbath, then we can't do anything else until fall. That's a lot in a short timeframe. Think about what we want to do, and towards the end of the year.
- ◆ (Hakon) at least pursue for a possible event.
- ◆ (MT) Go ahead and see if we can get Kingdom. But let's put on our running shoes, because this could be exhausting.

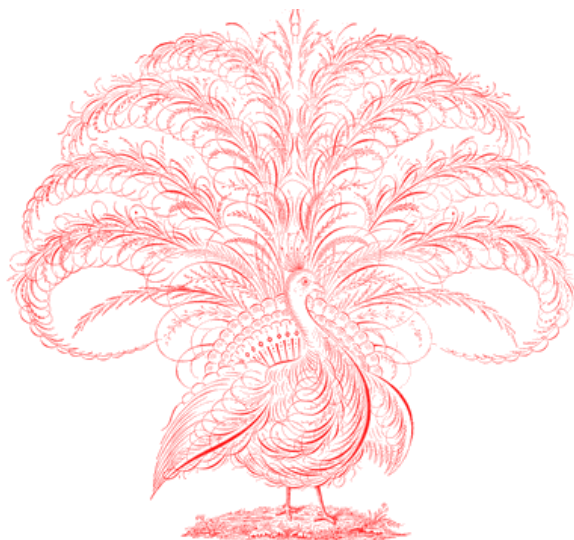


## Populace Gathering Minutes (cont.)

- ◆ (Hakon) Baronial Birthday/L&B
- ◆ A lot of competition in that timeframe.
- ◆ Radius reduced from 100 to 75 miles for conflicts.
- ◆ (Hakon) fairly sure we could come up with an autocrat for L&B in fairly short order.
  
- ◆ (Hakon) Propose brown-bag picnic in July. Picnic in the Park. Before the business meeting.
- ◆ (Marion) Alternate suggestion. Do it on the 3rd Sunday instead? When we do the Social? (Bloodbath is the 17th)
- ◆ (Hakon) anyone opposed?
- ◆ (MT) I would like to do that.
- ◆ (Hakon) will have to look at dates. Could bring a pop-up. Sounds good to the attendees.
  
- ◆ (Adina) Date for A&S Marion, outside self-painting? (Marion) Hoping to do at a Picnic in the Park

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ n/a







## A&S Update from Marion Compton

Thank you all for another wonderful month of arts and sciences!

June was an exciting month for us all -- we had several excellent classes, Summer University happened and had a wonderful turnout, Coronation took place, and the plans for bringing Ponte Alto A&S back in person were set!

There is still time to get A&S in for Bloodbath! Registration for Bloodbath closes on July 15 at midnight, but the Google Form for Bloodbath submissions is still open. That form can be found [here](#). Please feel free to come by the A&S tent the day of and see all the amazing works done by our artisans. Special thanks this month to Lord John West of Storvik, Lord Hakon, Lady Hrefna, and Lady Sof'ia for contributing prizes for our artisans and fighters at Bloodbath — check out the article on penannular brooches, it's really amazing!

The rest of the year's schedule for A&S is as follows -- dates may change depending on the availability of teachers but I'll keep the calendar up to date as much as possible. An asterisk indicates an event that we hope to have in person. In addition, we hope to bring A&S to Picnic in the Parks as soon as those start back up again.

July 6- Intro to Hiberno Norse Garb  
July 6-16- Hiberno-Norse Sew Along  
July 20- Hiberno-Norse Sew Along Wrap Party\*  
August 3- Lisbeth's Roman Bathhouse Shade Cloths\*  
August 15- Pennsic Pity Party Social Hour  
August 17- So, You Bought a Sari During COVID?\*September 14- Pocket Trash and How It Defines You  
September 21- Harvest Holidays Roundtable  
October 5- How Do You Break Bread?\*October 9- Virtual Wild Hunt  
October 19- Leather Tooling Class, TBC  
November 2- Persona Development Class  
November 16- Persona Development Roundtable  
December 7- Cookie Exchange/Open Format A&S\*

We are currently looking for someone to teach a class on Persona Development, so if you are interested or know someone who might be, please feel free to reach out to [moas@pontealto.atlantia.sca.org](mailto:moas@pontealto.atlantia.sca.org).

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Contact our [Minister of  
A&S!](#)



## Martial Activities

### MARTIAL PRACTICE NOTICE

ATTENTION!

Martial practices are resuming for armored/heavy and rapier!

See the Ponte Alto [calendar](#) for more info about times and locations.!

### Archery Update from Rónán

Archery practice is still waiting for our regular summer archery range to officially re-open. In the meantime, the Noyon continues to arrange small visits to different ranges to keep in practice.

Here are a few pics from both archery and fighting practices, where we hope to see everyone soon!



Pictures courtesy of Hákon and Sof'ia



## Helm Crafting

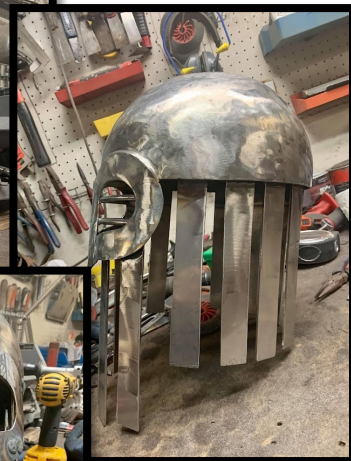
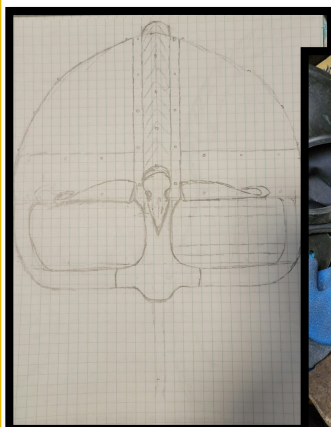
Article by Hákon brimill

Drawings and concepts to work from, based on Gjermundbu helm with ideas for making it SCA heavy fighting legal. Master Baschamp-Paul Montargent allowed me to help in the build process and teach me some of the basics of helmet assembly. The bulk of the work was done by his hand, with me either lending assist or being taught techniques along the way. These techniques included cold raising of the 12g stainless that makes up the structure of the helm, welding (although all stainless welds were performed by B.P.). Drilling, riveting etc were often a team effort but not all done together. The 3 dimensional work (crest and eyebrows) were carved by B.P. The flat brass work was designed and etched by me using modern methods and then all polished to the results shown here.

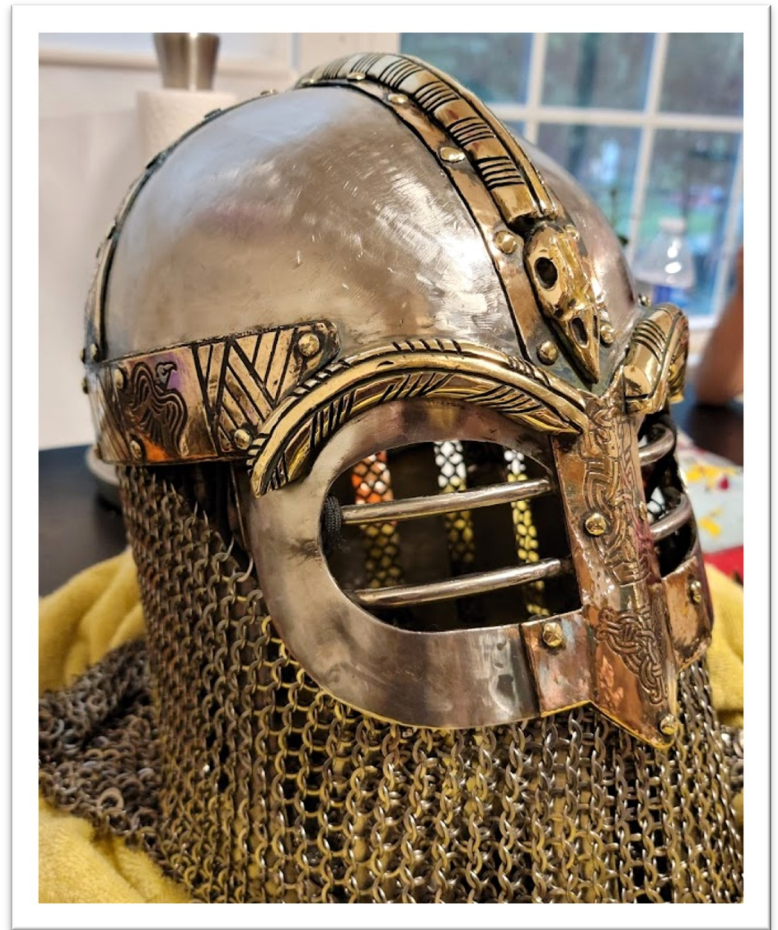
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Pictures courtesy of Hákon



See the full project and pictures [on the web!](#)

Pictures courtesy of Hákon



# 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 Marsh for information.

Scribal and

Stierbach/  
Archery Pr

Heavy Wea  
Practice

Rapier Prac

Projects Ni

Stierbach/  
Winter Arc

SCA Newcomer  
Meetings

While indoor in-person activities and practices are still temporarily suspended due to COVID-19, our outdoor activities have begun to re-open! For info on **Armored** and **Rapier** practices, see the Ponte Alto calendar for times and locations.

Indoor activities including: **Monthly Populace Gatherings**, **Newcomers Night**, and **A&S activities**, will continue 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).

Be sure to check out the [Baronial website](#) for the latest re-opening information!

([chatelaine@pontalto.atlantia.sca.org](mailto: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 July/August	
Date	Event
7/17	<b>St. Paddy's Day Blood Bath in July</b> (Naran & Marie-Therese)
8/7	<b>Stierbach Baronial Birthday</b>

## *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:** Sofia of Ponte Alto  
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**A&S Champion:** Briana Morgan of the Valley  
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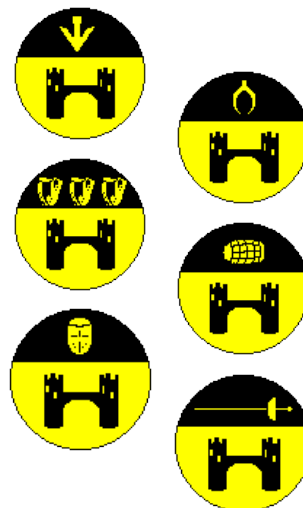
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**Thrown Weapons Champion:** Rónán mac Ímair  
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### *Looking for a way to get involved?*

#### *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)!*

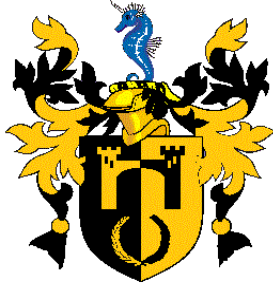
##### *Who can retain?*

*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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