

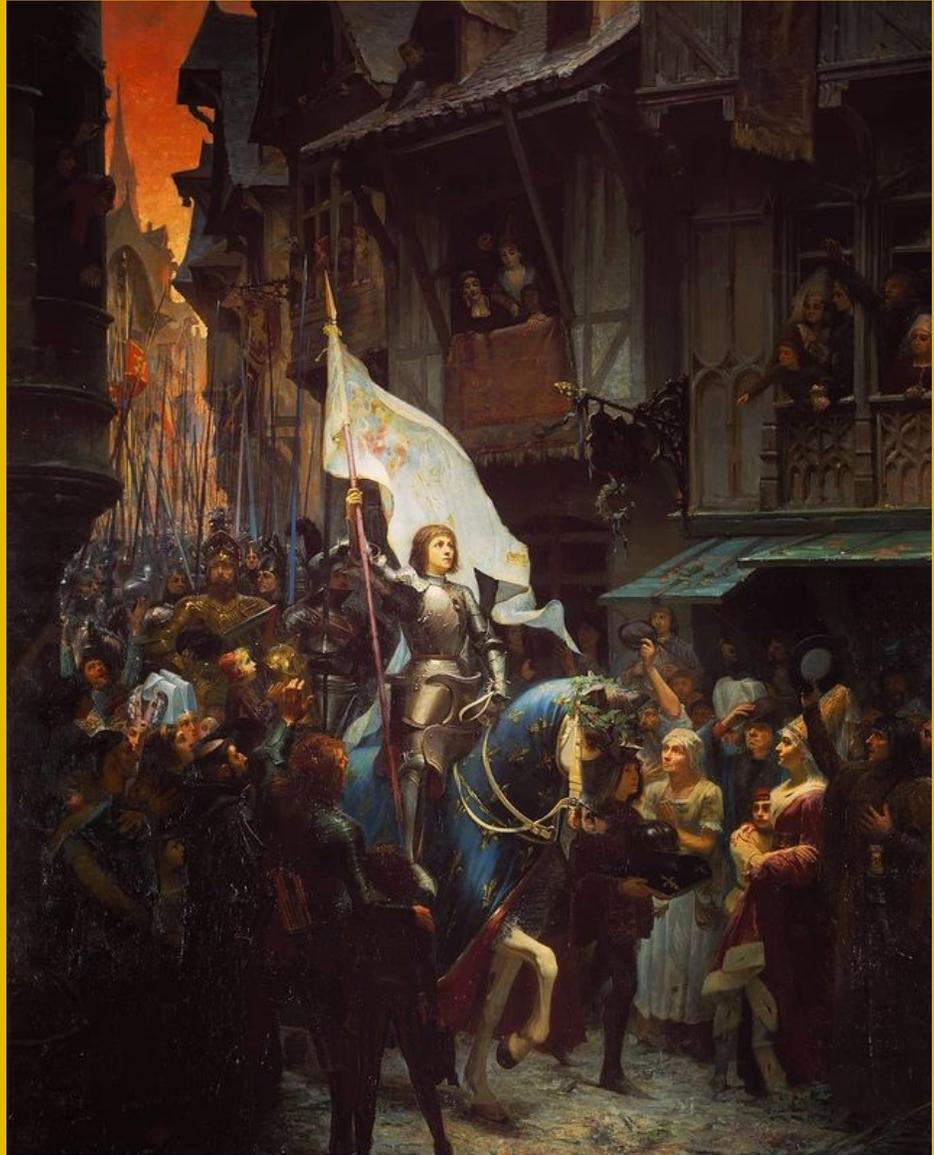


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Il Tempo

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!

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Greetings Ponte Alto,

This year at Holiday Faire, the Barony will be doing a Lockmart-style booth where we sell excess gold key garb and items donated by the barony. For those interested in participating we're making this easy, mark the item with your name and bring your items to the booth, and we sell them for \$5 or \$10 dollars. Any item not sold at the end of the day will return home with its owner. Any money earned will go into our general fund to help support the barony and any project, picnic, or event we may want to do in the future. I hope to see you all there, and remember to donate any unwanted clothes, SCA items, or feast gear, and let's make lots of money!

YIS,

Baroness of Ponte Alto Marie-Therese.



Populace Gathering Minutes

Aug 22, 2021

Zoom virtual meeting

5:03 pm

Adjourned at 5:36 pm

14 attendees

OFFICER'S REPORTS

Seneschal – David Hultman (Lord Hákon brimill)

- ◆ Be prepared for new guidance from seneshal chain
- ◆ Confidence polling soon.
 - ◆ Please make sure your address on file is correct.
 - ◆ It will be electronic, unless we are told otherwise.
- ◆ Otherwise quiet this past month.

Exchequer - Katie Bischoff (Astrid)

- ◆ \$9,238.70 balance
- ◆ We are in good shape

Knight Marshal - Brittany Lasley (Colette Vitalis)

- ◆ Practices are coming back.
 - ◆ Rapier on Thursdays
 - ◆ Armored on Sundays
- ◆ Waiting to see if more guidance comes down from Kingdom re: COVID
- ◆ (Hakon) Very successful practice today. 14 people attended.

Arts and Sciences - Emily Shifflett (Lady Marion Compton)

- ◆ We had our 1st A&S in-person sessions since Nov 2019.
- ◆ 1st class was sunshades in the park. 10 people attended.
- ◆ 2nd class at Mariana's, brainstorming with saris. 5 people attended. 7 RSVP, 2 unable to make it the day of.
- ◆ Next month, both A&S nights will be virtual
 - ◆ Sep 14th, pocket trash and defining persona
 - ◆ Sep 21st holiday celebration in persona
 - ◆ Both on Zoom
- ◆ Fall University moved to virtual.
 - ◆ (Sof'ia) Will be 2 days. Most classes will be on Saturday. 98 classes. 20 on Sunday.
 - ◆ 18/19 Sep
- ◆ Still looking for instructor to volunteer for persona class! Those interested should reach out to A&S minister.



Populace Gathering Minutes (cont.)

Chatelaine - Hakon for Charlene Ratliff (Delphina the Mad)

- ◆ Newcomers meeting to take place on the 31st.
- ◆ We have had some excellent out-reach during fighter practice.
- ◆ Slowly clawing our way forward. Nice to have fresh faces.
- ◆ (MT) Enough to field a team? (Hakon) Not with newcomers

Herald - Sarah Stango (Johanna le Paumer)

- ◆ Heraldry continues.
- ◆ Somewhat quiet this month.
- ◆ A couple passed submissions. Congrats to Sof'ia Dolgorukaia on her name registration!
- ◆ With Blood Bath court report. Everything has been uploaded. There was some data input issue with website. Everything should be fixed now.

Chronicler - Ron Hanagan (Rónán mac Ímair)

- ◆ Always looking for content
- ◆ Suggested an article to Hákon on the "Care and maintenance of armor and arms." Maybe for Sep.

Web Minister - Ron Hanagan (Rónán mac Ímair)

- ◆ Awards posted, need to add the plague one.
- ◆ *SMO update from Mariana*
- ◆ Everyone who is an admin (of our group on Facebook), remember to toggle post-approval for new members for the first 30 days!

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

- ◆ *From MT:*
- ◆ Will be attending: Battle on the Bay (unless cancelled or virtual). Turn-over in baronage.
 - ◆ There's still camping at BotB, but with COVID might yet change.
 - ◆ Reservation open until Sep 4.
- ◆ Not planning events too far in advance.
- ◆ 2-3 weeks before registration deadline, just because of uncertainty.
- ◆ On-line, my co-worker had baby and will out for 2 months. So MT will be in attendance only if needed. (Please let her know if needed!)
- ◆ *From Naran:*
- ◆ Registering for practically everything.
- ◆ Keeping an eye on WoW for status changes.
- ◆ Will attend as many events as he can.



Populace Gathering Minutes (cont.)

Events

Love & Beauty

- ◆ (Hakon) Looking for bids on site suggestions for L&B last weekend of Feb.

Wild Hunt

- ◆ Sof'ia made a Google website for archery and thrown weapons.
- ◆ Site to go live in next day or two!
- ◆ Possible virtual feast? w/ recipes. In the works.
- ◆ Would love some more A&S.
- ◆ Usual Bardic Circle.
- ◆ Hold court?
 - ◆ (Naran) possibly on the road to WoW.
 - ◆ (MT) if we are going to do court, it will be just me. Still have some awards to give out. Might wait until L&B. Table it for the moment, until Naran & MT can confer.
- ◆ (Adina) Location currently says Triangle, VA. (Mariana) already working on getting it updated to be listed as virtual.

Old Business

- ◆ n/a

New Business

- ◆ (Hakon) BotB also overlaps with date of next populace mtg. So presence may be down for the meeting if folks are camping.
 - ◆ (MT) move to 3rd weekend, 19th? MT ok with it.
 - ◆ Discussion about folks missing it if the weekend moves.
 - ◆ Vote to move to the 19th.
 - ◆ News will be posted.
- ◆ (Adina) Holiday Faire tables?
 - ◆ (MT) Lot of stuff we need to get rid of. Good money-making opportunity. (Adina) opportunity to clean out garages
 - ◆ (MT) We've already approved \$20 for 2 tables.
 - ◆ (MT) We have a minimum staff currently. Adina, Delphina, maybe MT. Magdalena too? Mary Dotson will volunteer too.
 - ◆ (Jenefer) Holiday Fair is still happening as long as Kingdom rules for in-person events do not change due to Covid.
 - ◆ (MT) Will write something up for it, and send to Hakon/A&S/Chronicler for posting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ n/a



A&S Update from Mariana Ruiz de Medina

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

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

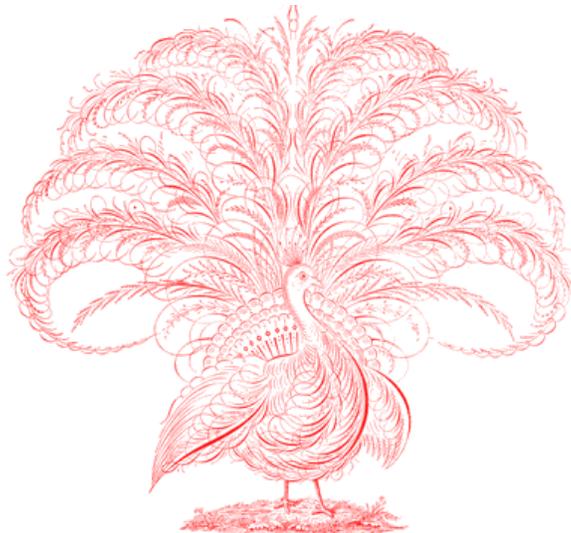
December 7- Cookie Exchange/Open Format A&S*

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@pontalto.atlantia.sca.org.

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

We'd love to publish it!

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





Martial Activities

MARTIAL PRACTICE NOTICE

Martial practices have resumed for armored, rapier, and archery!
See the Ponte Alto [calendar](#) for more info about times and locations.

Update from Rónán

After consultation with Naran and Master Grimm, we are resuming an official archery practice at Grimmsfield on Saturday morning's from 10:00-2:00. Contact Rónán or Naran for more info!

Here are a few pics from both archery and fighting practices (even Lord Randall came out to play!), where we hope to see everyone soon!



Pictures courtesy of Hákon and Sof'ia



Blind Dice (break the bank or house profits?)

Article by Lisbet of Spinning Winds

This webpage came up in a search for pre-17th century games <https://fleurdyherald.wordpress.com/2014/09/19/gaming-on-the-italian-peninsula/>. The game uses six dice cubes, each having a number from one to six on one side with the other five sides blank. The total of all six dice is twenty-one. The game is played by one player at a time taking on the house. The player puts up a stake, then rolls the dice, and the payoffs are as follows:

Number Rolled	Payoff
0	Player loses stake to the house
1 – 8	Player keeps the stake
9 – 10	House pays an amount equal to the stake
11 – 12	Pays twice the stake
13	Pays three times the stake
14	Pays four times the stake
15	Pays five times the stake
16	Pays ten times the stake
17	Pays fifteen times the stake
18	Pays twenty times the stake
19	Pays twenty-five times the stake
20	Pays fifty times the stake
21	Pays ninety times the stake

It would be easy to use what we know about typical six-sided dice probabilities and say there are 64 distinguishable die rolls and assume this payoff table would quickly bankrupt the house. There is only one possible roll (blank, blank, blank, blank, blank, blank) where the player loses the stake and 42 of 64 possible outcomes where the house pays out. However, these are NOT typical dice.

If these were fair coins numbered on one side and blank on the other, the house would go bankrupt. For a stake of 3, the player outcomes range from -3 to gain 270 and the house's expected outcome is losing 16. Tossing fair two-sided coins, the 90X payout for 21 would be unsustainable; even setting rolls 0 through 20 to "player loses the stake" gives an outcome biased against the house (expect to pay out 42% of the stake). Changing that to 63X for a coin toss of 21 gives an expected outcome for both house and player of 0.

Instead, we have *special* dice.

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

We'd love to publish it!

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



Feature Article

On each die, the probability of rolling a number is $1/6$ and the probability of rolling a blank is $5/6$ which give us this table of probabilities for the 64 outcomes. Each roll, there is about a 1 in 3 chance that the payer will lose the stake; the likelihood that neither side profits is 56%; and there is only a 0.002% chance of a 90X payout. Over repeated plays, the house should expect a profit of 11.6% of the stakes.

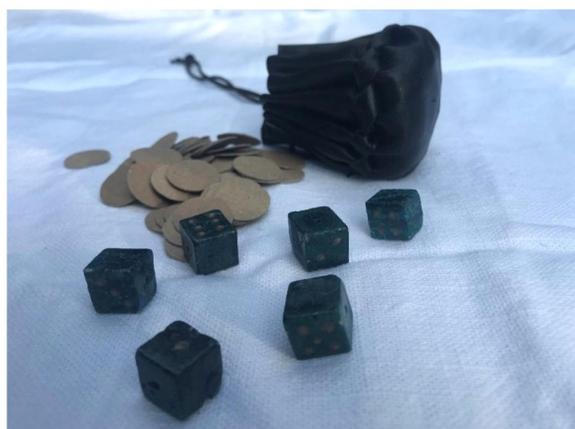


Figure 1. Dice with five blank sides, cardboard (It's not gambling if it isn't money.) tokens, & bag made by author.

Number Rolled	ways to roll number	Probability
0	1	33.490%
1	1	6.698%
2	1	6.698%
3	2	8.038%
4	2	8.038%
5	3	9.377%
6	4	9.645%
7	4	4.287%
8	4	3.215%
9	5	3.483%
10	5	2.197%
11	5	2.197%
12	5	0.911%
13	4	0.643%
14	4	0.429%
15	4	0.386%
16	3	0.118%
17	2	0.064%
18	2	0.064%
19	1	0.011%
20	1	0.011%
21	1	0.002%
total	64	100.00%

Picture courtesy of Lisbet of Spinning Winds



Weekly/Monthly Events

SUNDAY

Ponte Alto Baronial
Populace Gather

Populace Gathering (and Business) Meeting, usually the 4th Sunday of the month at 5:00 p.m. at a location to be determined. Everyone is welcome to

Outdoor
Heavy Wea

While our indoor in-person activities and practices are still (mostly) suspended due to COVID-19, our outdoor activities have reopened! For the latest info on **Armored, Rapier, and Archery** practices, see the Ponte Alto calendar for times and locations.

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Some in-person **A&S** activities are also resuming, especially where those activities can happen outside. More information also available on the Ponte Alto calendar!

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Practice

Indoor activities including: **Monthly Populace Gatherings, Newcomers Night,** and some **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://pontealto.atlantia.sca.org/calendar.php> and other social media (including Facebook).

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(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: <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
9/18	Kingdom University <i>virtual</i> (Marie-Therese & Naran)
9/24	Battle on the Bay (Naran & Marie-Therese)
10/2	Trial by Fire / Royal Archer (Marie-Therese & Naran)
10/9	Wild Hunt <i>virtual</i> (Marie-Therese)
10/10-17	War of the Wings (Naran)
10/24	Revenge of the Stitch (Naran)

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!





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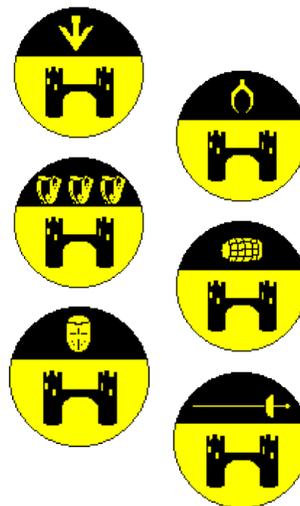
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Looking for a way to get involved?

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)!

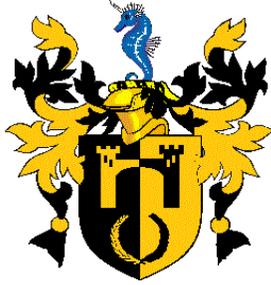
Who can retain?

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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