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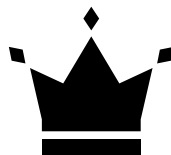
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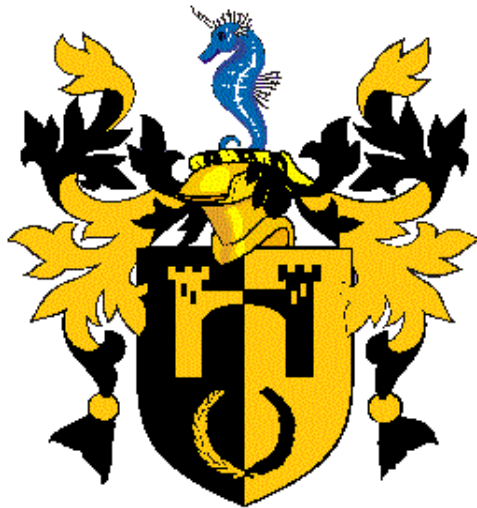
IL TEMPO masthead

Welcome to *Il Tempo* (The Times), the Newsletter of the Barony of Ponte Alto, one of the northern baronies in the Kingdom of Atlantia. Please submit corrections to Chronicler AT pontealto.atlantia.sca.org

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 or play a period game, your experience at an event, how or what to prepare for a day trip or a War, a recipe or 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. For longer narratives (on projects, for example) we can serialize as you go, including photos at different stages.)

This list of potential submissions can go on for ages –limited only 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!



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Announcements

There will be a ZOOM meeting about the Baronial Encampment at Pennsic. It takes place at 7:00 (during Fighter Practice-I will bring my iPad to share) at <https://tinyurl.com/PennsicPA>.

This will be the pre Pennsic meeting of what we know, what we don't know and what will need to be done for camp. Also, a chance to meet and see your other campers prior to war.

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Don't miss July's PICNIC in the Park (aka Newcomer's Picnic) on July 14 at Tysons Pimmit Park-Noon – 4:00pm. In August we will return to the Google Meet format here: <https://meet.google.com/guc-iyvd-iwt>.

There will be a potluck lunch. Come practice martial arts or other arts, bring a craft to work on (and show the newcomers!) hang out with old (or make new) friends, enjoy the afternoon. **Newcomers are especially welcome.** The library has plenty of free parking and there are accessible sidewalks to the park.

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There will be not one, but **TWO A&S** meetings this month.

The first will be an Introduction or a Review of Voice Heraldry.

This session will be held Tuesday, July 16th 7:00-8:00. The link for this virtual class is: <https://www.googlemeet.com/ygp-pett-mqr>. Join us to learn about what it takes to be a court herald, and helping others register names and devices.

The second will be an Outdoor Brewing Class held on Saturday, July 20, 2pm – 5pm at a Private Residence. If you wish to attend, please contact Aneuvéd at monika.townsend@gmail.com. {special parking instructions: *We ask that people park on the street unless you have mobility issues. We have a long driveway, and we would like to reserve parking space down close to the house for those who need it. Accessibility: There are two steps up to enter the house for use of the bathroom. Allergens/Pets: An indoor cat lives in the house.*}

Come join Aneuvéd as she attempts to brew over an open fire in the back yard! If you're new to brewing, she'll be happy to explain the steps as we go along, and if you're a pro she welcomes your suggestions and advice. Fair warning though: despite being recently named Ponte Alto's Baronial Champion Brewer, she's never done it this way before (without propane.) It will be a fun (but hopefully not too exciting) learning process. If the brewing isn't too time-consuming, she will make beer-leavened flatbreads over the fire. Come! Taste! Learn!

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Maryland Renaissance Garb and Craft Sale

The local Rennies are doing an annual sale at the Fairgrounds—a combination flea market, yard sale, and craft festival.

July 21-22, 2024, Saturday and Sunday, 1:00 to 5:00 pm

Maryland State Fairgrounds 2200 York Road, Timonium, MD 21094

<https://www.marylandgarbsale.com/>

12-1pm \$10 Earlybird Admission

1-5 pm \$5 General Admission

Children 10 and under FREE all day

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Scott Efenwealt Vaughan · ·

Did you shop **at Camelot Treasures** at Ruby Joust? Did you spend \$40 using a credit card at 11:20 am on Sunday? It turns out my card reader picked up the RFID on my own card (in a pocket on the back of my phone) instead of your card. If you think this might have been you, please drop me a line. It's not a huge amount, and it's my own stupid fault, but I'd still like to get my money if I can. *(ed. Note: He can be found on the Merry Rose on Facebook)*

Now I'm gonna get me an RFID insulated wallet to stick on my phone. 😊



Report: Ruby Joust XII

These items were taken from the Merry Rose, Atlantia's Unofficial Facebook page. If you would like to see the words of Pontoons here, please feel free to send me things.

Ruby Joust Court of King Christoph and Queen Adelhait Morning Court Report

The King and Queen sat in state in the Hall. Court was opened. King Christoph spoke of the King's Treasure, making all aware that the box of treasure was at the Royal Pavilion for those who wanted to participate. Baroness Margaret Ladd was called into court as the new Kingdom Chatelaine and swore fealty.

Their Majesties gave the Baron & Baroness of Caer Maer permission to open their Baronial Court. When the Barony's Court closed, Crown Court resumed.

All past, current and future youth fighters were called forward to the Crowns. Once gathered, Her Majesty tasked them to go find Baroness Helena de Berkeley. Once they brought her before their Majesties, the Order of the Pelican was summoned. Baroness Helena was whisked off to sit vigil to contemplate the responsibilities of the offer of Peerage.

With no further business, Crown Court was closed.

During the day there were other field courts, but the heralds for those courts will report on them.

Evening Court Report

The King and Queen processed into the hall for Evening Court. They invited the Baron and Baroness of Caer Mear and then Prince Randall de Gloucester to join them. Court was opened.

The first order of business was the announcement of the Winner of the Kings Treasure. A name was pulled from the jar and this winner had to promise to meet 5 new people.

Lady Helena Hrolfsdottir (Sudentorre) was called before Their Majesties and offered a Writ for Admittance to the Order of the Laurel to be awarded at Pennsic, should she accept.

Their Majesties again granted the Baron and Baroness of Caer Mear permission to open their court. As this happened, there was kitten interruptus! The most adorable black kitten was brought into court and His Majesty cuddled the kitten, then Prince Randall de

Gloucester cuddled the kitten all while the Baronial Court was transpiring. At the end of Baronial Court, the black furball was taken away.

Crown Court resumed, and Noble Elias de Birton (Roxbury Mill) was called into court and offered membership in the Order of the Pearl. Elias has an impeccable forester kit and is known for his teaching both at events and at the University. He is active in the current Persona Challenge. His extensively cited research can be found in several venues. Isobel of Carnewyth provided a medallion and a scroll by Ollam Fáilenn Chu ingen uí Fháeláin was issued.

Lady Giovana Fabris di Padua (Roxbury Mill), Master Ffernfael of Caerleon (Roxbury Mill), and **Master Jacques Gonse (Ponte Alto)** were all called into court together and His Majesty bestowed upon them all the King's Award of Excellence for their encouragement and help they gave His Majesty when he first showed interest in Rapier. There were scrolls for each.

Eva Verwey (Marinus) was called up next and given a Coral Branch. She produces beautiful calligraphy. She has created scrolls that were given out by Their Excellencies of Marinus and is constantly improving in her art and pushing her boundaries. A scroll with Illumination by Conde Abran de la Barra, Calligraphy by Lady Jina Kinjo, and Wordsmithing by Lord Daniel Longstride was presented to the new armiger.

Mistress Mariana Francisco (Tir-y-Don) was brought before their Majesties and presented with a Golden Dolphin. She has run many events, including her favorite, Kingdom Arts and Sciences. She is a fervent advocate for her Barony, pushing them to achieve any mission they have before them. Baroness Delecta Diana d'Averno supplied the medallion and the Scroll by Lady Eleanor Gildenher was given.

Lady Catalina D'Isenfir (Isenfir) was called before Their Majesties and added to the company of the King's Missiliers. She has grown up in the Archery community, currently serving as a marshal. She ran Missile Madness and did a spectacular job, receiving high words of praise. She was only 12 years old when she entered the archer community and continues to thrive. Although she was given both scroll and medallion the sources of both were unrecorded.

Lord William Mac Dhomhnaill (Roxbury Mill) was next to be called. Their Royal Majesties awarded him Opal for service. He serves as Knight Marshal for his shire, supporting ALL fighting forms, including archery and thrown weapons. He also serves as Deputy Seneschal and is a leader for his shire combining patience, thoughtfulness and grace. He was presented with a medallion and a scroll done by Lady Sofia Dulce di Meo Rinaldi with art by Mistress Eleanor of Gray.

Lady Zofia Anzelmanka (Caer Mear) joined the parade of subjects to come before Their Majesties and was presented with a Silver Nautilus for her fantastic scroll work-usually

done at the 11th hour. She was presented with a medallion and a beautiful scroll by Dame Daniela Schwartzhaupt. BUT Wait...there is more...

Lady Zofia Anzelmanka was also offered a Pearl for those same beautiful scrolls. She also uplifts other scribes, showcasing a new scribe every week. She received a medallion from Helga and a scroll will be forthcoming soon. *{nb: too bad she couldn't be assigned to do that one—ed.}*

Master Dante di Pietro (Caer Mear) was then awarded a Golden Dolphin for writing a book dedicated to fighting as historically accurately as one can within SCA rules. He has held multiple positions at Kingdom and Society level, including Minister of Arts and Science for Combat Studies and served as a Principal of the Order of the Sea Stag and Deputy Kingdom Rapier Marshal. A medallion was provided by Bryce. A scroll by Lady Zofia Anzelmanka was also presented.

Lady Emma of Caer Mear was presented with an Opal for ALWAYS helping. Helping on the thrown weapons range, helping create largesse, producing Royal Round targets for her local Barony, revamping signup sheets and competition forms for Thrown Weapons, and creating QR codes for Thrown Weapons marshal applications. Lady Emma is instrumental behind the scenes, helping in any way she can. She received a medallion and a scroll by Magnifica Thea de Nes.

Lord Andrei Barsukov (Tir-y-don) was presented with an Opal for his Chatelaine work in Tir-y-don. He has provided day boards and coordinated demos and he cooks at feasts among many other duties. He received a medallion.

Lady Arnora in Rauda (Caer Mear) was next in court where she was awarded a Pearl for her production of beautiful Norse wire woven bracelets. She has contributed significant amounts of Largesse and made a Knights chain for Sir Signy. Her Pearl medallion was provided by Fjorleif in Rauða and a scroll by Lady Osa the Archer. OOPS! Someone wasn't present in court, so Their Majesties tasked the Baron/Baroness of their barony to award.

I, the Herald, Mistress Jorunn nic Lochlain (Canton of Tear Sea's Shore), was surprised when Their Majesties called me into court. I was made a Court Baroness for the work I have done for Them over the course of their reigns. Hugs were had with much love! Then I was told to get back to work 😊.

Baroness Helena de Berkeley was then elevated to the Rightful Order of the Pelican for her dedication and hard work with the Youth Fighters of the Kingdom. Jonathas Reinisch provided the medallion, Lady Rose Eileen made a coat in lieu of a cloak, and a Cap of Maintenance was substituted by a veil presented by Lady Emma of Caer Mear. The new Mistress also received a scroll with illumination by Baroness Nezhka Orshinaia, words by Ollamh Jeane Kilmeny and the Old English translation by Mistress Rosalind Jehanne.

Her Majesty then presented her Glove of Inspiration to Baron Roibeard Mac Oscar (Barony of Hidden Mountain) for his work with the Youth fighting community and for being such a wonderful example for his own son. This being the final business of Their Majesties, Court was closed and cheers for their Majesties and the Kingdom were made.

Above notes taken from the court cards created by Court Secretary, Mistress Edan Lowery
Court Herald for Ruby Joust
By Mistress Jorunn nic Lochlainn
Second Herald
Lady Thorve Skald Rikardsdottir



(photo by Llwyd Aldrydd)

Receiving the King's personal Award of Excellence

REPORT: Victory on the Vine

Victory on the Vine Armored Fighting Recap

by

Tegan of Anglesey,

Regional Deputy Heavy Marshal

Photos by Thomas Beebe

On June 15, 2024, the Barony hosted a new event at Mountain Run Winery in Culpeper, Virginia - Victory on the Vine. This was one of many events in the Kingdom intended to prepare for the activities at Pennsic War.

As the Armored Marshal-in-Charge, I was excited to plan fighting scenarios for this new site since it has plenty of open space. But I was mostly thrilled to take advantage of the local live steel group's permanent fighting list enclosure already in place. Thank you for sharing your structure with us, Iron Lions!

42 armored combatants signed in with the Mistress of the List, including His Highness, Prince Randall. Three new fighters got their authorizations and three experienced fighters successfully authorized in second weapons forms.

We started out with a warlord tournament for the Titan Challenge. **Sir Hugo von Guthenbach** won this tournament, beating Sir Wilhelm Battleboar in a fight-off and becoming the Titan winner.

We then split the fighters into two teams and ran a series of five single-death, open-field battles. Blue team won this series 3-2 against the Red team.



Next was a 10-minute unlimited resurrection control-the-flag battle. Thanks to some clever engineering from Syr Frederick Clune and His Excellency, Sir Hákon, fighters were to control the

“candy cane” centered in the middle of the field which had red and blue pulley flags. With each side getting their own timekeeper the team with the most time controlling their color on the flag won. Red team won with 5:01 minutes to Blue team’s 4:10.

We then moved up the hill to utilize the list enclosure for two 5-minute unlimited resurrection battles that mimicked the town/cathedral battle that will occur at this upcoming Pennsic. In the center of the fortress was a baton with a red end and a blue end. Two timekeepers kept track of which side held the baton the longest. Blue team won the first bout with 3:50 minutes, while Red team won the second bout with 3:38 minutes.



After this time was spent training fighters for the 10 vs. 10 Unbelt Tournament at Pennsic, which will be hosted by Atlantia. The sides were Knights plus our own Lord Robin of Ponte Alto versus the rest of the Unbelts in 3 single-death, open-field battles. Knights won bouts 1 and 3 and Unbelts won bout 2.

Lastly the fighters were able to select their opponents in pick-up fights, followed by revelry at the Greenlee Tavern on site at the winery.

Based on post-fight survey responses, the fighters appreciated the shaded areas near the fighting fields and enjoyed using the steel fighting list enclosure. I’m already working on future scenarios!

YIS, Tegan

REVIEW: Victory on the Vine

Saturday, June 15, 2024

Greetings Atlantia,

I was recently at Victory on the Vine, a wonderful [event] hosted by the Barony of Ponte Alto. His Excellency Hákon did a great job pulling double duty as Baron and Event Steward.

The site was Mountain Run Winery. I look forward to returning. They had an air-conditioned Tavern Room, excellent field space, and a great functional shower. This site is a great resource, and it honestly reminds me of what the WoW site looked like 20 years ago. I hope we can continue to grow and foster a relationship with their ownership. The owner was also pulling double duty as bartender and seemed very happy to have us there.

Melee scenarios were artfully run by Tegan of Anglesey. The pacing of the fights and breaks kept the fighters at optimal strength in difficult heat. She crafted great scenarios, ran them efficiently, all the while incorporating combat archery and leaving room for pickup fights at the end. This is no small task.

I was fortunate to find some time to visit the ranged weapons area, and Master Kryss was incredibly welcoming. He helped me throw some Atlatl bolts and gave me an opportunity to fire a Bian Jian, which I had never done before. I was gifted an Atlatl thrower and three darts, all made by him. I look forward to using these implements again as they were great fun!

I saw many worthy citizens recognized in Baronial Court and gave out a few coins to newly authorized fighters. The day ended with great company at the tavern. The Winery happily served their own well-crafted Beers, Meads, and Wines. I strongly recommend trying a Mead Flight to anyone who returns.

All in all, I think this event really showcased what's best about this game we play. I thank all of the event staff for putting this together, and I will be keeping my eye out for future events at this location.

Randall, Princeps.

(Photo by Thomas Beebe)



PREVIEW: Pennsic 51

Reprinted with the permission of Honorable Noble [Hextilda Corbett](#) of Drachenwald We are BACK with my annual foot care at Pennsic post!

LET'S TALK ABOUT FEET.  MORE SPECIFICALLY, FOOT CARE AT PENNSIC.

For those who are perambulatory, you've already started walking longer distances every day in anticipation of all the walking you'll do at War, right? Good. (If not, today is a GREAT day to start! Even if it's too hot to go walking outside, you can do laps in your home or office; get up every hour to walk for 3-5 minutes.)

So, here's the thing. 1-2 weeks of walking everywhere *will* take a toll on your feet, especially if you are unused to it.

Consider getting a medical pedicure before Pennsic. Not a paint-your-nails type of pedicure, but one where they dig out ingrown nails, shave calluses, etc. Mine costs \$50 and is well worth it.

SHOES:

Good shoes are critical. You've been breaking in your new shoes already, right? Good. You don't want blisters on your second day at Pennsic. Trust me on this one; I got a blister *between my toes* eight years ago on day one and it sure made the rest of my week SUPER-fun.

SOCKS:

Socks are as critical as shoes and are often overlooked.

Personally, if you can afford it, I'd skip the cotton socks altogether (unless you're ready to change socks 2x/day) and go for wool socks, such as **SmartWool**, **Darn Tough**, **Bombas**, or **REI's "generic" version**. They make them in different thicknesses and sock lengths now, so you can get some nice **ultra-light** socks for summer! I'd rather come to Pennsic with three pairs of nice wool socks with appropriate arch support than two dozen basic cotton tube socks from a big box store. Three pair means one on, one drying, and one washing -- so you should always have dry socks to wear.

If your budget is tight, **bring the socks you have and can afford**. Simple as that. Consider budgeting for new socks for next year, if you can.

If you are prone to blisters between your toes, there are some companies like **Injiji** that make hiking toe socks, which should greatly reduce the number of blisters you develop. Some companies (like **Wrightsock**) also make lined socks, which are amazing at reducing blisters across your whole foot.

If you are wearing sandals, remember: the Romans often wore sandals with their socks! While it's a fashion faux pas today, it is certainly period. Try to save your feet: wear socks.

INSOLES:

Do yourself a favor: buy some "construction worker" (high impact) gel insoles for your shoes. I waited tables for years and these were the only way I was still standing at the end of my shift. They won't magically make your feet and legs not hurt, but I can tell you that you'll notice a

difference between days with the insoles and days without. The fatigue takes a lot longer to set in. Since the Coopers re-paved the roads last year, they're going to be a harder surface (and hotter!), so be mindful of the change in impact.

While insoles are designed for more modern shoes, I see no reason you couldn't wear them in traditional or turned shoes. Cut them to the correct shape and off you go!

FEET:

Okay, here's the fun part. **BRING A PUMICE STONE AND LOTION WITH YOU TO PENNSIC.** The lotion is great for dry skin anyway. But a pumice stone (generally looks like a porous rock, if you're not familiar with what they are) is basically a low-grit sandpaper rock for your feet.

Every time you take a shower, scrub your feet with the pumice stone -- especially around your heels. Look to see if you're developing any cracks or splits. After the shower, put lotion on your feet and immediately put socks on. If you shower at night, wear your lotioned-up socks to bed; this will help keep the moisture in your skin (this is also one of the few places where those cheap cotton tube socks would be a good choice). You don't want your heels cracking and bleeding at Pennsic; it'll make it difficult to walk.

I've also experienced this, although not at Pennsic. Still don't recommend.

I personally bring **O'Keeffe's Healthy Feet foot cream** with me as well, but that's because I've no interest in ever having cracked heels again.

I use **Trail Toes** to help prevent blisters (and I say that as a backpacker). You slather it on hot spots (esp. between toes and on your heels) and it does wonders.

The general rule is **if you wear socks all day, you don't want to wear socks at night. If you do not wear socks during the day, you definitely do want to wear socks at night.** Trench foot is real; please do not get trench foot.

Also, please use a damp washcloth or wet wipes to clean your feet at night before putting on socks/going to bed. It helps get sweat and dirt off your feet so they can breathe (important!) and, as a bonus, helps to keep your bedding from getting dirty.

Going Barefoot Can Be Dangerous

Please wear shoes (even just flip-flops/shower shoes!) when you are anywhere NEAR a porta-potty or heading to the showers. You could get anything from athlete's foot to a *staph infection*. You do NOT want to get a staph infection at Pennsic. It's bad times.

Please do not go barefoot near fire pits; embers can pop out and smolder for quite a while and stepping on one while barefoot is extremely painful.

Blisters:

If you develop blisters, moleskin padding (available at any pharmacy/health area of a grocery store) is a great barrier to help prevent more blisters. I personally also use hydrocolloid gel band-aids/sticking plasters on the blisters themselves to help them heal.

Moleskin pads can also be placed against hot spots (where the shoes rub) to help prevent blisters in the first place.

Other Care Options:

If you are susceptible to swollen feet/ankles, consider bringing a foot tub and Epsom salts with you for soaking. Epsom salts are fantastic for sore muscles. You'll want them in at least lukewarm water. I personally recommend using "SIRE" for foot recovery:

- Soak
- Ice
- Rest
- Elevation

Basically, if you can, stick your feet in a tub of warm/body temp water with Epsom salts for maybe ten minutes. Then put them in cool water for 5 minutes or apply a cold pack to your ankles (20 minutes max). I usually just drain water from my cooler into my tub. The cool water is best if you have swelling in your feet/ankles.

Getting off your feet and getting them at least at hip level will make a world of difference for circulation and improving the overall pain.

Compression socks: fantastic for reducing swelling before it starts. Edema isn't fun, y'all.

IF YOU HAVE CHRONIC FOOT/ANKLE PROBLEMS, PLEASE CONSULT A MEDICAL PROFESSIONAL AND FOLLOW THEIR GUIDANCE.

Mobility Aids:

Remember, your canes/crutches/walking stick/wheelchairs/etc. are an extension of your body and should be treated as such.

Cane users: inspect tips before you arrive -- are they looking worn? Much like tires or shoes, the rubber tip on your cane/stick is much more likely to slip, slide, or otherwise put you in danger if its tread has been worn off. Tips are inexpensive and available at pharmacies; I suggest replacing them before the start of War, if possible, to reduce your risk.

Consider, also, whether your hand might be susceptible to blistering in excessive sweat and heat. Consider which cane to bring -- a good, non-slip grip is key, IMO. I will have my wheelchair gloves with me, just in case, as they can act as another layer of protection.

MISC:

Stinky feet? Gold Bond medicated powder in your socks, your shoes, etc. will help immensely. Also great for under-boob sweat or any place skin touches skin.

Stinky teenager? Remind them that we're not re-creating the smell of the Middle Ages. Deodorant and Gold Bond.

Barefoot? Please reconsider, but I can't stop you. Do try to look after your feet, though! **(If you go barefoot every year at Pennsic without issue, then this post obviously isn't for you. No need to let me know in the comments.)**

I am not a doctor. If your doctor has given you medical advice about your feet (arch supports, shoes to wear, etc.), **FOLLOW YOUR DOCTOR'S ADVICE.** I'm simply an enthusiastic distance hiker who has already done most of these terrible things to my feet and learned my lessons. Learn from my mistakes!

POPULACE GATHERING MINUTES

Date: June 18, 2024

Began: 7:38 PM

Location: Virtual Meeting

Adjourned: 9:00 PM

Attendees: 16 people: Lord Robin, Noble Cuno von Altebrücke, Lord Mowgli, Lady Astrid, Emily Pretzlaff, Lady Sof'ia Dolgorukaia, Baron & Baroness, Juliana, Noble Salimbene, Lady Aneued, Lady Emilia, Lady Magdalena, Lord Rónán, Syr Frederick, Tegan of Anglesey

OFFICER'S REPORTS

Seneschal – Lord Rónán mac Ímair (Ron Hanagan)

- Moving the Populace Gathering/Officers meetings to the third Tuesday of the month, starting in August. In July, the meeting will be on the 4th Tuesday to allow for the scheduled A&S meeting.
- Congrats to Anauved de Mona on becoming our new Brewing Champion!
- The Baronial Chatelaine, Emilia di Nicastro (Maura Nicastle) is now warranted, and has found a Deputy, Lord Tristan le Roquelaure (Michael Jeffrey Looney)
- Katya has been warranted as Deputy Chronicler and will be taking over as Chronicler from Rónán mac Ímair soon.

Exchequer – Lord Mowgli of Anglesey (Aaron Parness)

- In the bank account, the current balance: \$6,177.21.
- Expenses for Victory on the Vine:

Site Fee	\$850
Initial Deposit against Receipts	(\$250)
Non-Member fees passthrough to kingdom	(\$230)
Remaining Site fee after Deposit	(\$600)
Two loos.	(\$299.42)
Seed money for Gate	(\$140)
Gate Income	\$2415
Net proceeds to Barony	895.58

- Checks for these expenses will be written after the long weekend.
- \$2415 will be deposited to the account after the long weekend.

Herald – Lady Johanna le Paumer (Sarah Stango)

- There are two people working on getting warranted as Deputy Heralds–Voice: Finn the Swede (Steve Carey) and Křišťan de Prague (Ken Ferris)
- Iacobo ibn Daoud (Caer Mear) has offered to teach a class on voice/court heraldry since several people are interested.

Knight Marshal – Syr Frederick Thurston (Fred Clune)

- June 6th was the beginning of **Outdoor** Fighter Practice for the Summer.
- A new Baronial Rapier Marshal Miriam Giantslayer (Amanda Petritsch) has been warranted.
- Finn the Swede is interested in getting warranted as a Marshal-at-Large.
- Syr Frederick reports he is filling up our list of warranted Marshals.
- At Victory on the Vine, there were 8 authorizations on both the rapier and heavy fields and 1 new combat archer.
- Fighter Practice was held in Tyson’s-Pimmit Park on Thursdays from 6-8:30 weekly (cancelled for holiday on 7/4) and on Sundays from 11:00-4:30 (cancelled the day after the large fighting event on 7/15)

Arts & Sciences – Noble Cuno von Altebrücke (Joseph Glancy)

- The June class on Retaining for Their Excellencies was held virtually and was a success with 9 attendees
 - This will give us available retainers for Their Excellencies for Pennsic
- At the Victory on the Vine event Harper held a highly successful musical A&S event. The pavilion was full of singing and playing and open to all.
- In July there will be two A&S events:
 - On **Tuesday, July 16** there will be a Virtual class on Heraldry. The class will be taught by Iosephus from Caer Mear, one of the premier Heralds in Atlantia. He will include both field heraldry and book heraldry in this Introductory Class.
 - On **Saturday, July 20** the Baronial Brewing Champion will present a live, outdoor experiment on brewing over fire. The event will begin at 2:00 pm
- Lady Sherice and Noble Salimbene and did a demo for a local 4th grade class on their Medieval Day. They presented a game - “Game of the Goose” and showed the kids belt weaving and lampworking beads. It was well received, and hopefully with enough advance notice next year, more of us can assist in this function that helps justify our non-profit status.
- Syr Frederick volunteered to teach an A&S class on favors, especially for Newcomers.
- Lady Magdalena Pia volunteered to make her large back yard available for any other A&S classes that need to be taught outside or with FIRE.

Chatelaine – Lord Rónán for Lady Emilia Nicastle

- The next Newcomers Meeting will be a live Picnic at Sunday Practice at the Park (Tysons-Pimmit in Falls Church) on July 14, starting at Noon.
- We reduced the Gold Key holdings from five boxes to four, including one that contains items for sale for Holiday Faire. A number of items were repaired for use, and the holdings were divided into Summer and Winter items.

Chronicler – Lord Rónán mac Ímair (Ron Hanagan)

- All Baronial Officers, including Deputies, please take a look at the Regnum Page (20) and let me know if anything if your name and email are spelled correctly.
- If you have articles and pictures, please send them in! It would be great if we could get several event reports about what you did at Pennsic.

Web Minister – Lord Rónán mac Ímair (Ron Hanagan)

- Please send any edits for the website to Lord Rónán and/or Lord Robin.
- Lord Robin is getting warranted, and building a Playbook as he learns the website.

Social Media Officer – Noble Salimbene of Ponte Alto (Beth Warren)

- They continue to widen the impact of the Barony announcements to get social media saturation. In June we added an Instagram account!
 - https://www.instagram.com/barony_of_ponte_alto
- They are appreciative of Nadia and Forin (sp?) for helping out.
- They request all Barony members being involved in events, whether local or not, to send a message to SMO@ PonteAlto.Atlantia.SCA.org. They will ensure that the information is widely spread and spotlighted. The goal is to have something happening every month, and all over social media.



Their Excellencies, Baroness Hrefna blinda and Baron Hákon brimill (David & DaRong Hultman)

- We are getting over the viruses and other illnesses that have kept us away from some events.
- We are preparing for Pennsic, where Baron Hákon brimill will be the Land Steward for the Barony.
- We are looking for those members of the Barony who are interested in learning more about the role of the Barons and Baronesses in Atlantia. There is no requirement to 'run' to be B or B after Their current Excellencies step down in 2.5 years, but if you have an interest, or have thought about pursuing it further in years to come, we would like to hear from you. Given that Her Excellency and I are still very much learning ourselves we would invite others to share in the journey.

EVENTS

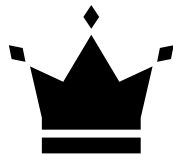
- Victory on the Vine
 - This event was a raging success! The Fighters loved it. The Fencers loved it! The Archers were thrilled with their set up. Wine, mead, and other libations were consumed. Everybody had fun. So, we have been asked to do it again!
 - We need to get the next iteration spiked already even if we don't have an event steward yet. If you are interested in running the next Victory on the Vine, talk to the Baron or the Seneschal.
 - One recommendation for next time is to ensure the PortaPotties are set on the back row of trees rather than in the middle of the field. Keeping them out of the sun will make everybody happier.

- **Pennsic War**
 - Plans are coming along. Land Grab is Friday 7/26. **ONLY** Land Stewards will be allowed on site until Saturday morning, and then, **ONLY** after the Land Steward has certified the Land allocation. If you plan to arrive before Saturday evening, please let Baron Hákon know so he can alert you when the site is opened to Pontoons. (Land must be registered and assigned before anyone is allowed in.)
- **Wild Hunt**
 - Nobles Cuno and Salimbene are making plans for the event. It has not been spiked yet, but can still be held, even if the Barony puts in a bid for Crown Tournament. (Please see next item)
 - This will be a whimsical event with maybe arts and crafts
 - Mowgli offered to help spike the event and with budget paperwork.
 - Sof'ia reminded all that there is a guide on how to run Blood Bath, which is a comparable event to Wild Hunt, so the guide may be useful.
 - It is their intent to hold the Wild Hunt at the winery, so they will be consulting calendars and talking to the owner to determine possible dates for this revived event.
- **Fall Crown – Combined Ponte Alto and Storvik event at Mountain Run Winery Nov 2, 2024**
 - His Royal Highness Randall has expressed a strong interest in having the barony/baronies host the Fall Crown Tournament at the Winery.
 - The Winery site is currently available on November 2nd.
 - Baron Hákon will discuss the possibility of a joint bid with Storvik.
 - If you would like to volunteer to help run this important event, please contact His Excellency Baron Hákon brimill.
- **Holiday Faire – Katya Wanderer- Stierbach - November**
 - The barony intends to raise money by having a large sale at the Faire this year.
 - Required to do this, is a series of days organizing and inventorying the Baronial Storage Unit. Since it has been quite a while, and apparently there was a flood, we need to see what is still usable, saleable, cleanable in Storage. We will do an inventory for the Exchequer so we can keep track of everything.
 - We'll be looking for assistance over the next few months to get as much done as possible.
 - Dates will be issued after Pennsic.
 - In May, the Chatelain, Emelia, Katya, Lord Robin and the lady Aspen worked for an entire day and revitalized the Barony's Gold Key loaner garb.
 - And inventory will be produced soon.

OLD & NEW BUSINESS

- Baron Hákon hoping to hear your ideas on how to increase recruitment.
- Noble Cuno would like to come up with ideas for, and then make **mascots** for the Barony.
 - Some suggestions were: Bumblebee(s)? A Bridge Troll?

- The A&S minister will host a making day to create physical mascots which will then rest on the Baronial Thrones when Their Excellencies are away.
- Should the Barony consider purchasing a small trailer?
 - A discussion was held regarding cost, storage, usefulness, and who would be able to provide transportation for the trailer to events.
 - The trailer would be useful for taking the list field pieces, fence pieces, pavilions, gold key, kitchen needs and thrones to events.
 - When the Barony determines that we can properly support a trailer without a lot of extra cost, such a purchase would need to be pre-approved by the officers.
 - The options are a short Flat bed, a long Flat bed, a Flat bed with walls, a Covered or even enclosed Trailer for security.
 - Right now, it costs between \$35-\$125 to rent a trailer locally for a weekend. If the Barony owned a trailer, it would cost between \$100-200 every month to have a place to park it.
 - The seneschal proposed running some numbers and tabling the discussion until later.



Atlantian Event Calendar – July/August

Date	Event	
07-13 - 07-13	Sea Dogs Prepare for War!	Waldorf, MD (Dun Carraig)
07-13 - 07-13	Warrior's Games 2024	Harleyville, SC (Tear-Sea's Shore)
07-26 - 08-11	Pennsic War	(Aethelmearc) (Q K Pr P)
08-17 - 08-17	Baronial Picnic & Scribal Workshop	Prosperity, SC (Nottinghamhill Coill)
08-30 - 09-02	Emerald Hastilude III	Lanexa, VA (Tir-y-Don)
08-30 - 09-01	Trial By Fire & Lochmere Arrow (Take 2)	Glen Arm, MD (Bright Hills)

*Note that these dates and links are subject to change. For a full and updated list, please visit the Atlantia Kingdom Calendar at <https://atlantia.sca.org/calendar/>.

Ponte Alto Recognized

This section of the newsletter is supposed to be a regular feature. We have not been able to keep up with it for a little while.

We will list all of the awards and other recognition received by the populace or granted by Their Excellencies Ponte Alto. If I have missed yours, or someone you know, please let me know so I can add it to the next issue. If you would like to double check your awards or just look at the OP, you can find it here: <https://op.atlantia.sca.org/search.php>

The following awards were granted TO Barony members or BY Their Many Excellencies of Ponte Alto, between August 2023 (Pennsic 50) and May 2024 (Ruby Joust XII)

Torin of Ponte Alto	Companion of the King's Missiliers	08/09/23	Afshin I & Yasamin I
John Angus West	Baron's Award of Excellence	08/10/23	Naran and Marie Therese
Kelson Mor	Baroness's Award of Excellence	08/10/23	Naran and Marie Therese
Marcus Ansgari	Baroness's Award of Excellence	08/10/23	Naran and Marie Therese
Cassie Kung	Baron's Award of Excellence	08/10/23	Naran and Marie Therese
Toria Thordenhertje	Baron's Award of Excellence	08/10/23	Naran and Marie Therese
Salimbene	Baroness' Award of Courtesy	08/10/23	Naran and Marie Therese
Graçia Esperança de Sevilla	Baron's Award of Excellence	08/10/23	Naran and Marie Therese
Emilia di Nicastro	Baroness' Award of Courtesy	08/10/23	Naran and Marie Therese
Sof'ia Dolgorukaia	Baroness' Award of Courtesy	08/10/23	Naran and Marie Therese
Hrefna blinda	Oar of Storvik	08/10/23	John and Graçia, Storvik
Marcus Ansgari	Baron's Award of Excellence	08/10/23	Naran and Marie Therese
Ramses	Company of the Silver Silkie	08/10/23	John and Graçia, Storvik
Sof'ia Dolgorukaia	Order of the Garland	03/30/24	Naran and Marie Therese
Tristan de Roquelaure	Order of the Garland	03/30/24	Naran and Marie Therese
Naran Numuchi	Court Baron	03/30/24	Ragnarr VI and Mary Isabel I
Frederick Thurstone	Baron's Award of Excellence	03/30/24	Naran and Marie Therese
Sir Arnoddr i Ongulseyju	Onore del Ponte d'Oro	03/30/24	Naran and Marie Therese
Sir Arnoddr i Ongulseyju	Companion of the Pearl	03/30/24	Ragnarr VI and Mary Isabel I
Jacques Gonse	King's Award of Excellence	05/25/24	Christoph III and Adelhait IV

Again, if I missed anyone, please let me know so I can add you next month.

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OPENINGS! Uncle Rónán wants YOU!



So many people have stepped up, and you will find their names on the previous pages. Give them a warm Thank You for helping us all to grow stronger as a Barony.

But don't worry – there are still a few more openings left:

All Baronial Offices would benefit by having at least one deputy. Why? Well, it is easy for any one of us to intend to do something if we don't consider 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 workload 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 to help make your, and others' SCA experience that much better! Plus you get to meet lots of people, making that easier if you're shy, and you get to learn cool things.

Current Vacant Positions

~~**Rapier Marshal** – Ponte Alto has a vibrant rapier community. But you don't have to be a wielder of metal to be the marshal! Without a marshal, rapier events and even practices cannot be held. Don't let the fencers be sad. ☺ Volunteer to be Rapier Marshal and get to know all the fencers!~~ **FILLED!! Thank you, Miriam Giantslayer!**

Deputy Knight Marshal – Come learn about the ins and outs of Marshaling. You get a special place *on* the list field during tournaments so you can see heavy fighters close-up.

We are looking for people who are good with kids. You might even still be a kid yourself. At least a kid at heart. The Barony is seeking both a **Chancellor of Youth Activities** and a **Youth Marshal**.

Deputy Seneschal – Vice President. Yes, that's right. The Seneschal is the President of each group in the SCA. We have an opening for Vice President <insert vice jokes here> So Ronan is the Big Kahuna and makes sure it all happens. Would you like to learn how to make sure it all happens? He needs a deputy. Someone to train in case of that rogue beer truck. (If you don't know about the Rogue Beer Truck, ask me sometime.)

Minister of the Lists – How would you like to get to know ALL the fighters in the Kingdom? The Minister of the Lists registers all fighters (heavy, rapier, and thrown

weapons) for tournaments on the day of an event. There's very little to do between events so this is a 'light' job, but it's front and center, and a lot of fun!

Deputy Minister of the Lists – How would you and your BFF like to learn the job together? You can watch all the fighting, you can giggle, and point out cuties, and you'll be doing something useful at the same time.

Deputy Rapier Marshal – If you feel you're not quite ready to be the Baronial Rapier Marshal, we've got something else, just for you: A Deputy Rapier marshal position! S/he will help run the weekly practices, learn field marshaling, get to know the marshalate community, and of course, get to read the handbook 📖 (!)

Deputy Heavy Marshal – (See Deputy Rapier Marshal above: plus rattan and armor.)

Deputy Minister of Arts & Sciences – Help build our A&S presence! Teach, coordinate, share with the Barony your expertise with all things A&S!

Deputy Chatelain / Gold Key / Demos – Bringing in new participants is the lifeblood of any Barony! Help foster a welcome environment with Newcomer Meetings and with event presence! The Gold Key Chest is how we get to meet all the new folks who are interested in the SCA. **Thank you to Tristan de Roquelaure for stepping up to become the Deputy Chatelaine. Now we need just one or two more...**

~~**Deputy Herald** – Ever wondered about all those different coats of arms or wild names? This is an opportunity to learn more about how they are developed, and to do real, honest to heaven research. In books! It's fun learning what it takes to build an SCA authentic persona, and to help others do the same! FILLED! Not once, but twice! Yay and thanks to Křišťan Věstonický z Moravě and Finn an Lachlannaigh!~~

We've got something for EVERYONE! We're having Fun! Come! Join us!

Contact the Seneschal or Their Excellencies for more info!

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Ponte Alto Regular Events*

Ponte Alto Regular Events*	Usual Days	Location/Address	Live or Virtual
Outdoor Heavy and Rapier Practice	SUNDAYS (12:00 noon until dark) & THURSDAYS (6:00p.m. until dark) Weather Permitting. See Barony Marshalate for information (Regnum)	Tysons-Pimmit Park, behind Tysons-Pimmit Library 7584 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church.	Weekly - Live
Outdoor Archery & Thrown Weapons Practice- Stierbach/Ponte Alto	MONDAYS (5:00 p.m. until dusk) If you need loaner gear or would like more information please contact the Archery Marshal, Lord Rónán mac Ímair.	Practice is at Grimmsfield: 16132 Crusade Ct. Haymarket, VA 20169.	Weekly - Live
Newcomers Events/Meetings	SUNDAYS (Noon start) OR WEDNESDAYS (7:00 start)	Online OR simultaneous with Sunday Fighter Practice	
The July Newcomers Meeting will be a live Picnic at Sunday Practice July 14, starting at Noon. Bring food to share, if you can, and drinks for your hydration. (In August the meeting will return to a Virtual format. We hope to have quarterly Live meetings)		At Tyson's-Pimmit Park	7/14 - Live
A&S Classes – 2 in July!	July 16th - Virtual July 20th in person		
Tuesday, July 16 Virtual class on Heraldry		code on Ponte Alto Calendar	7/16 - virtual
Saturday, July 20 live outdoor experiment on brewing over fire starting at 2:00 pm.	Please see Page 4 for directions		7/20 - Live
Populace/Business Meetings – July 23rd		Everyone is welcome to attend.	7/23 - virtual
The Populace Gathering/Officers meetings are being moved to the third Tuesday of the month, starting in August. In July the meeting will be on the 4th Tuesday to allow for the scheduled A&S meeting.		Please see the calendar for the meeting code The Barony will try to meet in person four times a year	

***All regular events can be found on the Official Calendar: <https://pontealto.atlantia.sca.org/calendar.php> along with Virtual Meeting codes, and other information.**