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[Hisarlaka fortress](#) is a Byzantine era Castle remains with Tower in Kyustendil, Bulgaria. Photo Credit Frederick Clune.

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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

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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!

Announcements

- Northern regional command is doing on an indoor melee practice in Stierbach on Feb 9.

Populace Gathering/Business Meeting Minutes

Date: Dec 17, 2024

Began: 7:35 PM

Location: Virtual Meeting

Adjourned: 8:35 PM

Notes: Katya

Attendees: 17 people

OFFICER'S REPORTS

Seneschal – TH Lord Rónán mac Ímair (Ron Hanagan) (by Baron Hákon brimill)

Kudos to all who worked on Wild Hunt. Went off very very well, everybody had fun. Heraldry submissions was busy.

K&Q are going to want to do a Curia this year. This will give them an opportunity to make some changes to Kingdom Law.

We have been invited to put in a bid for Fall University. There was some discussion about potential facilities, and the conflict of Ponte Alto putting in a bid for Fall Crown tournament also.

Exchequer – Lord Mowgli of Anglesey (Aaron Parness)

Our current bank account balance is **\$5627.66**.

- \$25 + \$80 outstanding
- \$40 and Storage check All WH and HF money deposited. And Heraldry money.

Knight Marshal – Syr Frederick Thurstone (Fred Clune)

Heavy Practice & Rapier Practice continue, and we have a coursing hound in the Barony. Practice was canceled on both 12/26 and 1/2/25 for school holidays. Also canceled on Jan 4 and 9th for freezing weather and the Funeral Holiday for President Carter. Check Facebook for the 12th and coming weeks as cold is expected to remain extreme.

Winter practice is down a bit. Robust set of new fighters and fencers. Exploring sites for next winter to combine both practices.

We need masks and practice swords for Rapier Loaner gear. Heavy in need of a full set of gear, but between what Barony has and what individuals are willing to loan, we do manage to outfit most interested souls so far. Same with Archery.

At Unevent, Mowgli learned Kingdom is looking out to see how many kids are interested in fighting. We could get a youth practice going. Possible Poll.

Fred will send me a note about Marshal 101.

Several people have expressed interest in Marshalate classes. Frederick can help schedule virtual 101 /201 classes. If you have an interest please contact him so he can schedule a cadre of Marshals-In-Training to help support the Barony and Kingdom.

Herald – Dame Johanna le Paumer (Sarah RJ Stango)

N/A

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

N/A

Chatelaine – Lady Emilia Nicastle

In contact with some newcomers, one had been to a newcomers meeting. Until Spring, there will be a monthly Newcomers meeting at Practice. Then, Finn has a great idea about a mini-demo at a practice in the park and do it all up fancy for newcomers and interested people.

She would like to get copioes of the signin sheets from Wild Hunt to scan for email addresses to contact newcomers. Finn says we did not collect that, but Mowgli suggests may be we should.

Chronicler – Viscountess Katya Wanderer

Katya would be pleased to train a deputy. She will be departing the Barony for Foreign Lands in less than a year. It would be good to have someone fully trained and ready to take over this office before that happens. If you are interested, please talk to the Seneschal and Chronicler.

Web Minister – Lord Robin & THLord Rónán

No real movement on website redesign. May need coverage to get Il Tempo posted. Rónán can help.

Contacted the dancers, and put one of their events on the PA Calendar.

Please send any edits for the Ponte Alto website to Lord Robin and Lord Rónán.

Social Media Officer – Noble Salimbene of Ponte Alto (Beth Warren) by Thorunn Manfitzbrekka (Nadia Garcia)

Cookie Exchange was held on Dec 19, and was a tremendous success.

Plans are coming together to put together a monthly list/schedule of What's On on Social Media.

- The Baronial Instagram account:
https://www.instagram.com/barony_of_ponte_alto



Their Excellencies, Baron Hákon and Baroness Hrefna

The Baronial Progress is being updated on the website as things change. If you have any questions, you can find it here: <https://pontealto.atlantia.sca.org/baronage.php>

Both Their Majesties and Their Excellencies like to know what events you're planning to attend. The Atlantian Enterprise Login (AEL) allows you to say what events you are attending. This way he knows how big a Pavilion to bring, can plan a Hospitality Pavilion and can coordinate greetings and sponsoring for Newcomers. If you can put into the AEL which events you hope to be attending, Their Excellencies can plan enough sun coverage, retainers, and welcoming crew for any Newcomers we might have.

Please **submit** award recommendations! <https://polling.atlantia.sca.org/index.php>

Their Excellencies 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.

Upcoming Events

Twelfth Night: Newport News, VA January 11

<https://www.12thnight.atlantia.sca.org/>

Twelfth Night is a Known-World-Wide tradition in the SCA that is one of the **premier events of the year**. It is an indoor event, held in the high winter (except in Lochac) and usually is a high point of the SCA year. Everyone wears their brand-new outfits, there is often dancing and court, and other entertainments. There is usually (but not always) a big, beautiful feast. The Atlantian Event Steward has this to say, to describe this event:

Today we celebrate Sigillaria, the final day of the festive season. The year has ended and Atlantia's Twelfth Night celebration rings in the new year. We have decorated our homes with wreaths and greenery, and we take time to celebrate. The day is known for giving gifts, especially small tokens such as clay or wax figures known as sigilla, where this day gets its name. To cap your festive celebrations, join us for a lavish feast, performances, gaming, and spending time with friends!

Feast:

Join us for a full Roman feast! Full menu coming soon. Feast will be limited to 100 reservations. Off-board seating will be available. (Seating in the dining room, but on separate tables from those feasting.)

University of Atlantia: (Atlantia) February 1-2, 2025 - This event is entirely online

The University of Atlantia is accepting individual class proposals through December 11, 2024. To submit a class proposal, log on to the University of Atlantia website (university.atlantia.sca.org) using your Atlantian Enterprise Login (AEL) account login/password. In the left-hand menu, select "Propose a Class". If you do not have an AEL login, you must register for a new account. You do not have to be a resident of Atlantia to offer a class.

Baronial Birthday and Bloodbath – Ponte Alto – March 22, 2025

- Budget expected by the 27th. Not sure who is volunteered for jobs.
- Forannán Glórach (Fabian Scholl) is the Event Steward for Bloodbath which will be at Nottaway Park. They have received copies of the Manual that Sofia did last year and have a copy of the Exechequer's Event Steward Guide.

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Victory on the Vine (next year) – Mountain Run Winery - TBD

Mowgli will be the Event Steward for next year's Victory on the Vine. It will be an overnight event at Mountain Run Winery, with camping!

Preliminary budget being worked now.

Nothing else is going on that weekend at the site, so we are welcome to use both days to the fullest. Camping will be behind the Tavern farther out beyond where the archery was at last year's event.

- Spiked and On Calendar

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OLD BUSINESS

1) Her Excellency Hrefna had an idea last summer to do a "printing" project to make fabric and garb with the Bridge printed onto it. We can stamp garb, capes, banners, and other things. We need to get some stamps made, and then set up a time and place. Please look for more information about this project.

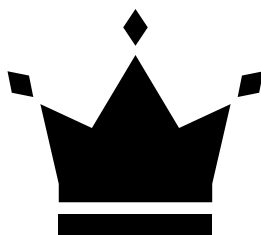
2) Deputy Herald Finn wants to turn a Spring Newcomer's Potluck into a mini event/demo. That way, we can expose newcomers (and passers-by) in a tangible way to not only the fun stuff we do, but also how we do the administrative aspect. He will be sending his proposal to the Baronial Officers.

3) There was a brief discussion about the physical requirements of the Baronial List field. It was decided to table the discussion until after the winter is over. His excellency would like to have a conversation at one of the Spring Business Meetings about a lighter, smaller, or easier to transport List Field design.

Atlantia Event Calendar – January - March

Date	Event	Location
	January - 2025	
01-11 - 01-11	Twelfth Night	Newport News VA (Atlantia) (Q K Pr P)
01-17 - 01-19	Nottingham Coill Baronial Birthday XLV	<i>Bennettsville SC (Nottingham Coill)</i>
01-17 - 01-19	Raven's Cove Baronial Birthday & Investiture - A Yuletide Celebration	<i>Richlands NC (Raven's Cove) (Q K Pr P)</i>
01-18 - 01-18	Highland Hearthglow	<i>Thurmont MD (Highland Foorde)</i>
01-25 - 01-25	Ice Castles/Barony of Black Diamond Investiture	<i>Lynchburg VA (Black Diamond) (Q K)</i>
01-25 - 01-25	Tourney of Manannan Mac XLIII Lir	<i>Harleyville SC (Tear-Sea's Shore)</i>
01-25 - 01-25	Midwinter's Revel: Lunar New Year	<i>Lothian MD (Lochmere)</i>
	February - 2025	
02-01 - 02-02	University of Atlantia	<i>Your City DC (Atlantia) (Pr)</i>
02-08 - 02-08	Bright Hills Baronial Birthday	<i>Manchester MD (Bright Hills)</i>
02-08 - 02-08	Sir Walter Raleigh Costume Ball III	<i>Saxapahaw NC (Buckston-on-Eno)</i>
02-15 - 02-15	Celebration - Babur	<i>Ashland VA (Caer Mear) (Pr)</i>
02-15 - 02-16	Ædult Swim 2025	<i>(Æthelmearc) (P)</i>
02-21 - 02-23	Ymir 50	<i>Ellerbe NC (Windmasters' Hill) (Q K Pr P)</i>
	March - 2025	
03-01 - 03-01	Kingdom Arts and Sciences Festival	<i>Raleigh N C (Elvegast) (Q K)</i>
03-08 - 03-16	Gulf Wars XXXIII (TBD)	<i>(Gleann Abhann) (Q K)</i>
03-22 - 03-22	Ponte Alto Baronial Birthday Bloodbath	<i>Vienna VA (Ponte Alto)</i>
03-28 - 03-30	Hidden Mountain Baronial Birthday	<i>Bennettsville SC (Hidden Mountain) (Q)</i>
03-29 - 03-29	Defending the Gate	<i>Spotsylvania VA (Sudentorre) (K)</i>

*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/>.



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<https://www.sca.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/Model-Release-Fillable.pdf>

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Ponte Alto Regular Events

Ponte Alto Regular Events	Usual Days	Location/Address	Google Meet /Zoom/ Webex Code
Outdoor Heavy and Rapier Practice	SUNDAYS (12:00 noon until 4:00)	Tysons-Pimmit Park, behind Tysons-Pimmit Library 7584 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church.	n/a
Weather Permitting. See Barony Marshalate for information. Cancellations will be posted on Facebook			
Indoor Heavy Practice (Until Spring) Please check Calendar (below) for last-minute cancellations.	THURSDAYS (6:00-9:00)	Lemon Road Elementary School 7230 Idylwood Rd, Falls Church, VA 22043	n/a
Indoor Rapier Practice (Until Spring) Please check Calendar (below) for last-minute cancellations.	THURSDAYS (7:00-9:00)	Shreveview Elementary School 7525 Shreve Rd, Falls Church, VA 22043	n/a
Outdoor Archery & Thrown Weapons Practice-Stierbach/Ponte Alto	The weekly Monday evening archery/thrown weapons practice at Grimmsfield is suspended until Spring (March 9th.) Sunday/Holiday practices through the winter will be announced through Facebook and other social media channels as they can be held.		
If you need loaner gear or would like more information, please contact Archery Marshal Lord Rónán mac Ímair.			
Baron's Open Chair	January	simultaneous with Thursday evening Fighter Practice	LINK
Bring your handwork or small projects to work on; ask questions of fellow baronial members; hang out and watch the fighting; work on your armor;			
Populace/Business Meetings	Third TUESDAY of the month	Online. Everyone is welcome to attend. The Barony will try to meet in person four times a year.	LINK
Officer Meetings	Quarterly	TBD – Seneschal will announce when and where	LINK
The Google Meet link is posted on the Ponte Alto calendar .			