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Post Pennsic!



Sunset over the lake at Pennsic

MASTHEAD

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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

Announcements

- Greetings Atlantia, if you previously served as an A&S Kingdom Notable, could you please send an email to me at moas@officer.atlantia.sca.org? I'm working on updating records, and I have lots of gaps. The A&S Notables I'm seeking data on are: **Brewer, Baker, Bard, Poeta**. For details if you're interested, see the updated webpage for A&S Kingdom Notables here: <https://moas.atlantia.sca.org/royal-notables/>

Thank you, Dame Sophia the Orange, Kingdom Minister of Arts and Sciences (Lara Coutinho)

Please [submit](https://polling.atlantia.sca.org/index.php) award recommendations! <https://polling.atlantia.sca.org/index.php>

August Populace Meeting

Date: August 19, 2025

Began: 7:34 PM

Location: Virtual Meeting

Adjourned: 8:33 PM

Notes: Rónán mac Ímair

Attendees: 12 people

OFFICER'S REPORTS

Seneschal – Lord Rónán mac Imair (Ron Hanagan)

Curia is scheduled for September 4th at 3:00 PM. A post will be made on the "Atlantia Announcements" Facebook group.

The barony's zip code is being changed to align with the official Ponte Alto territory.

Knight Marshal – Miriam Giantslayer (Amanda Petritsch)

The last practice had a great turnout with 52 newcomers!

The group is looking for larger indoor spaces for the fall and winter seasons to accommodate both heavy and rapier fighting, as well as Arts & Sciences (A&S).

A local high school has expressed interest in a demonstration, and the necessary documentation will be sent to them.

The group is considering a shield-making or armoring day to help new fighters with their equipment.

Fabian, the Herald, noted that the barony does not have loaner helmets, which are needed for new fighters. The barony is considering a motion to purchase them.

There is also a discussion about a better storage solution for loaner gear from various members. The idea of combining with kingdom-level storage was proposed by Aaron.

Chatelaine – Lady Emilia di Nicastro (Maura Nicastle)

Maura is looking to create a dedicated Gold Key station with its own canopy, tarp changing room, and table.

A proposal for a budget of under \$200 for a full kit will be put together.

A target completion date for the kit is the end of the October event.

Exchequer – Lord Mowgli of Anglesey (Aaron Parness)

The bank balance is \$2,675.22, and the total balance is \$6,635.22. The discrepancy is due to an outstanding check for the College of Heraldry.

The financial policy to be updated.

A new deputy will be brought on in the fall.

Herald – Forannán Glórach (Fabian Scholl)

A heraldry book meeting will be held on August 20th at the Charles E. Beatley Jr. Central Library at 7:00 PM. The address is 5005 Duke St, Alexandria, VA 22304.

The calendar is being updated by Joseph.

A deputy herald is still needed.

Recent awards and name registrations were announced.

A new Google Doc has been created for baronial award name suggestions.

Bardic – Forannán Glórach (Fabian Scholl)

The group is looking for a permanent location for bardic sessions.

Permission is being sought to reprint the Ponte Alto songbook.

There is a proposal to create a YouTube channel to share recordings of local members' songs and SCA classics.

Permission for the YouTube channel will be researched by Ronan and Robin.

Buskers are needed for the Hallowed Market event to perform in the tavern or around campfires.

Arts & Sciences – Meliora for Noble Cuno von Schleßwig (Joseph Glancy)

A&S classes will be hosted in a larger space alongside fighting practices.

Ideas for classes to teach or see are welcome.

A new channel has been created on Discord for bardic.

Chronicler – VACANT

We are in need of a new Chronicler!

Primary responsibilities include recording and publishing minutes from the populace meetings in our Baronial newsletter. Articles covering Arts & Sciences, fighting, and other topics are optional, but publishing meeting notes and the regnum is required to maintain Baronial status.

Web Minister – Lord Robin of Ponte Alto (Brian MacMonigle)

The last three issues of Il Tempo have been uploaded to the website.

Updates on awards and names from Pennsic are being added to the website.

Robin and Forannán will meet to discuss the YouTube channel and video recording/uploading process.

Social Media Officer – Thorunn Manfitzbrekka (Nadia Garcia)

Not present

Looking for a deputy!

Their Excellencies, Baron Hákon and Baroness Hrefna

Not present

The Excellencies were not present and had no updates as they had just finished moving. This move may impact their attendance at practices and events.

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EVENTS

HALLOWED MARKET

Update from Finn

The vendor list has been submitted.

The idea of a food truck was rejected to preserve the event's atmosphere.

The budget is almost ready for submission.

A planning meeting will be held on Thursday evening to discuss a demo team. The demo will take place in the tavern area, with thrown weapons located further out.

CROWN TOURNY BID

The barony will not be making a Crown bid at this time due to conflicting events. The bid will be re-submitted for spring or fall of next year.

BARONIAL BIRTHDAY & BLOODBATH

A steward is needed for this small, entry-level event.

Aaron has volunteered to be a "ghost steward" and help get the event spiked on the calendar.

OTHER BUSINESS

No after-Pennsic financial policy matters will be dealt with until the heat breaks, likely in September. Volunteers will be sought via social media for the storage unit clean-up.

Mark Gatanas asked if a personal Substack would be helpful for the group. Ronan was unsure, but Robin would know if it's a good fit.

Teegan is organizing a melee practice in the fall.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

n/a

PENNSIC 52

Pennsic 52 Armored Battle Recap

By Tegan of Anglesey

Northern Regional Commander, Armored

Atlantia had the opportunity to participate in this year's Pennsic War as a co-principal kingdom with Æthelmearc. This happened because the East Kingdom and Middle Kingdom, the main principal kingdoms at Pennsic, decided to ally together, making this the first "purple" Pennsic since 2017. The reason it is called a "purple" Pennsic is because the East is historically the "blue" side and the Midrealm is historically the "red" side, so when these 2 kingdoms ally together, red and blue combined make purple.

While Atlantia, Æthelmearc and the rest of the "green" team did not win the overall war points, Atlantia shined on the armored fighting field in a number of ways:

- Atlantia sustained its reputation in the Allied Champions-Capture the Flag Battle, which I recently learned is nicknamed "Atlantian Football" in other kingdoms. Our side won the battle 9-2, with HRM himself Abran de la Barra capturing one of the flags:



His majesty capturing the flag in the Allied Champions Battle. Photo courtesy of Master Ursus/Tim Tyson

- The Atlantian Unbelted 10-Warrior Team went undefeated, which secured not only its 4th win in a row, but helped win the war point for the green side. This was the first time that the 10-Warrior tournament, which Atlantia hosts annually, was designated as a war point. We'll see if this continues in future Pennsics:



The victorious unbelted team. Photo courtesy of Master Ursus/Tim Tyson

- Atlantia did its job and more in the Bridge Battle. Although our side didn't win the bridges, we maintained our bridge and lent our prowess to other bridges.
- The City Attack Battle was an experimental scenario that Atlantia had a hand in creating. Although our side didn't win the City Attack Battle, many people said it was their favorite armored battle of war with tough fighting and an opportunity to implement unique strategies.
- Atlantia performed excellently in the Field Battle, holding its position at the north part of the field near the castle wall for all 5 bouts.

While the Woods Battle was frustrating, it was extremely hard fought. Atlantia suffered losses in both the Unbelted and Belted Champions Battles, but participation in these battles was a great opportunity that Atlantia normally does not get as these are typically limited to East and Mid fighters only. Atlantians also had higher-than-usual participation in the Heroics Champions battles by virtue of being a co-principal Kingdom. Several Ponties received awards for fighting at Pennsic. Forannán and Tegan both received shark's teeth. Jacques Gonse and Tegan received the King's Award of Excellence for command. Many Ponties received awards in other disciplines, such as rapier, service, and arts and sciences. Our own Anauved was elevated to Laurel and Naran was elevated to the Mark. Forgiveness for missing other notable awards!



All smiles as Anauved is elevated. Photo courtesy of Master Ursus/Tim Tyson

While participating as a co-principal Kingdom at Pennsic had some very rewarding moments, it was also quite exhausting! Being a part of all of the behind-the-scenes coordination that happens at Pennsic gives me a new appreciation for the effort that goes into the event by scores of volunteers. Thank you to the hay bale movers, marshal staff, MOL team and all of the others who bring this event together.

Finally, I cannot forget to mention that Ponte Alto's own Bailey of Anglesey fought in all of the youth battles! Someone find me my shades, because the future is bright!



Photo courtesy of Master Ursus/Tim Tyson

Ponte Alto in the Spotlight

Ponte Alto Recognition at Pennsic!

At Atlantia Court, and with much fanfare, **Mistress Anauved de Mona** (aka Anubh) was inducted into the **Order of the Laurel!**



Anubh gets carried into Atlantia Court. Photo courtesy of Cassair Warwick.

Anubh also won the non-laurel category of the Food & Beverage A&S competition and overall points A&S. She also received the **Award of the Silver Nautilus!**

Bagshi Naran Numuchi, khan of the Great Dark Horde, and the previous Baron of Ponte Alto, was inducted into the **Order of the Mark!**

Baroness Tegan of Anglesey was awarded a **Shark's Tooth** & the **King's Award of Excellence**

Lord Forannán Glórach was awarded a **Shark's Tooth** (for bardic competition at Atlantia Royal)

If we missed anyone being recognized at an event, please be sure to let us know!

Atlantia Event Calendar – September

Date	Event	Location
	September – AS LX (2025)	
09/05 – 09/07	Sacred Stone Baronial Birthday 2025: A Celebration of Mehregan	Apex NC (Sacred Stone) (K Pr P)
09/05 – 09/07	Battle on the Bay- Ride of the 4 Horsemen	Upper Marlboro MD (Storvik) (Q)
09/13	Stierbach Baronial Birthday	Culpeper VA (Stierbach) (Q K)
09/13	Phoenix Rising: A Newcomers Nest	Charlotte NC (Charlesbury Crossing)
09/14	Curia	(Atlantia) (Q K Pr P)
09/20 – 09/21	University of Atlantia	Lynchburg VA (Seven Hills) (Q)
09/26 – 09/28	Trial By Fire & Lochmere Arrow: Alba gu bràth!	Glen Arm MD (Bright Hills) (K)
09/27	Silver Chalice Novice Tournament	Harleyville SC (Hidden Mountain) (P)

*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/>.

Upcoming Events & Activities

- Ponte Alto hosts The Hallowed Market, 25-26 October, at Mountain Run Winery!

Ponte Alto Recurring Practices & Meetings

Ponte Alto Regular Events	Usual Days	Location/Address
Outdoor Heavy and Rapier Practice	SUNDAYS (12:00 noon until 4:00pm)	Tysons-Pimmit Park, behind Tysons-Pimmit Library 7584 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church.
Weather Permitting. See Barony Marshalate for information. Cancellations will be posted on Facebook		
Monthly Dance Practice	Usually 2 nd THURSDAY, (7:00pm – 9:00pm)	Kings Park Library 9000 Burke Lake Rd, Burke, VA 22015
Monthly on the second Thursday; Check Ponte Alto Website for location and dates monthly. It occasionally		
Indoor Heavy Practice (Until Spring-probably May) Please check the Calendar for last-minute cancellations.	THURSDAYS (6:00pm-9:00pm)	Lemon Road Elementary School 7230 Idylwood Rd, Falls Church, VA 22043
Indoor Rapier Practice (Until Spring-probably May) Please check the Calendar for last-minute cancellations.	THURSDAYS (7:00pm-9:00pm)	Shrevewood Elementary School 7525 Shreve Rd, Falls Church, VA 22043
Outdoor Archery & Thrown Weapons Practice-Stierbach/Ponte Alto	MONDAYS (5:00pm until Dusk) <i>from Daylight Savings to Daylight Savings changes (Spring, Summer, Fall)</i>	Practice is at Grimmsfield: 16132 Crusade Ct. Haymarket, VA 20169.
If you need loaner gear or would like more information, please contact Archery Marshal Lord Rónán mac Ímair.		
Baron's Open Chair (if you need to speak to the Baron about official business)		Thursday evening Fighter Practice
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; teach or attend a class. Everyone is welcome!		
Populace/Business Meetings	Third TUESDAY of the month 7:30pm	Online. Everyone is invited to attend.
The Google Meet link is posted on the Ponte Alto calendar .		

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