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The Oath



*Rónán giving his oath
photo courtesy of Eva Bogaerts*

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)

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Notes from the Chronicler

(Acting) Chronicler's Note

It's tough to write an article that focuses on one's self, but his Excellency, Baron Hákon, made me promise, or he said he'd do it. As I hope this to be the last *Il Tempo* I author/edit before handing off the responsibility to a new Chronicler, I hope the readers will forgive me for this indulgence.

yours in service
Rónán

September Populace Meeting

Date: Septmber 16, 2025

Began: 7:30 PM

Location: Virtual Meeting

Adjourned: 8:13 PM

Notes: Rónán mac Ímair & Julianna Webb

Attendees: 15 people

OFFICER'S REPORTS

Seneschal – Finn Lachlannach Ui'Domnaill for Lord Rónán mac Imair (Ron Hanagan)

The latest Curia was held on Sunday, 9/14. The most relevant update had to do with baronial polling. Baronial polling will go by the barony the SCA member calls home (vice being strictly based on zip codes)

University is coming up!

- (Miriam) – There will be hybrid classes (that are online in addition to being in-person)
- (Hakon) – Including a Field Marshal 201 class!

Knight Marshal – Miriam Giantslayer (Amanda Petritsch)

Practice has moved indoors on Thursday. Shreveview Elementary

Experimenting with a larger space at Marshall high school this upcoming Thursday. We'd love to have you there!

The last few Sundays have hit 30+ people and we've been retaining newcomers!

Archery & Thrown Weapons - Master Rónán mac Ímair (RJ Hanagan)

Monday evening Archery & TW continues at Grimmsfield. Attendance is still 20+

Having a weekend practice on Sunday the 28th for anyone to join!

Chatelaine – Lady Emilia di Nicastro (Maura Nicastle)

Newcomers picnic on Saturday, last of the year.

Will be moving meetings to once a month at Thursday practice indoors.

Planning to have a newcomers table at Hallowed Market.

Exchequer – Lord Mowgli of Anglesey (Aaron Parness)

Current balance is \$6,252.01 (minus a pending \$40 check to kingdom for Heraldry)

Herald – Forannán Glórach (Fabian Scholl)

Absorbing the massive influx of Pennsic submissions!

No new approvals for Ponte Alto to report.

2 people are in talks to be a deputy (including Ginevra), but nothing final yet.

Excited for new heralds!

Bardic – Forannán Glórach (Fabian Scholl)

Bardic practice is still happening once a month

Still looking for a permanent place

No response on what songs to include in the song book, so Forannán has made DECISIONS.

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

We have a space @ Marshall high school

We want to try and combine A&S presentations with fighting practices.

Fielding volunteers to teach at fighter practice. If interested, please reach out to Cuno.

Reminder, no flames and nothing sharp!

(Finn) Plug the medieval dance group we have. It's a fairly large group with live music.

Next dance practice is the 9th of October at Reston Library. 2nd Thursday of the Month as a target for dance practices.

Chronicler – VACANT

We have a person that's expressed interest in taking up the mantle of Chronicler. In progress.

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

Have got Hallowed Market up on the website

Confirmed that there is a Ponte Alto YouTube site - it exists. Currently testing.

<https://www.youtube.com/@PonteAltoSCA>

TODO is for me to read the SMO rules and make sure we are following them for our presence.

Only warranted officers can have dedicated access to the account.

We have a Ponte Alto Discord! There is interest in having it linked on the Ponte Alto website.

Discussion about needing admin approval to join the Discord. Robin is looking into it. Will talk to the Discord admin about it.

(Rónán & Hákon) Discussion about adding the Baronial Progress to the calendar (which will make it easier for their Excellencies to keep their plans up to date).

(Rónán) Let's add the A&S that happens at the same time as fighter practice as its own event so people can search for A&S Events.

Social Media Officer – Thorunn Manfíttbrekka (Nadia Garcia)

Not present

Looking for a deputy!

Their Excellencies, Baron Hákon and Baroness Hrefna

We have officially moved! It's done, we're here!

Hákon is updating the baronial calendar with events their Excellencies will be attending. Including: Coronation, Crown, Festival of Bones, and Hallowed Market

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EVENTS

HALLOWED MARKET

Update from Finn

Scores application - we're working on it.

Sent it to society at least once, working on comments

We are still looking for volunteers for the event.

Budget is complete, but Finn is looking for a template.

(Rónán) There is a template. I will send it to you.

We've had many vendors reach out to attend event.

(Maura) - Salimbene is going to do glass beads. Will send Finn additional information.

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.

VICTORY ON THE VINE

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

OTHER BUSINESS

(Hákon) – TREES! He has horizontal trees that can be turned into thrown weapon targets

If you have a chainsaw, please come cut the tree and take it away.

Rónán, can you get me in contact with the good gentle we spoke with at Sacred Stone Baronial Birthday so I can get the plans to make the thrown targets?

(Rónán) - yes, I can get you Chris' contact information.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Forannán bardic videos! Plan to make.

Brief discussion about Newcomer info to add to website!

(Forannán) Oh I know what I was wanting for newcomer info!

We should get a photo of our practice venue with literal red arrows drawn on it. I have met a few newbies in the parking lot of Tysons Pimmit and had to direct them which path to go down.

Taking the Oath

Rónán's Elevation to the Order of the Mark

6 September 2025

By Master Rónán

To say I was caught off guard was an understatement. I ventured south to attend the Sacred Stone Baronial Birthday event with the intention of celebrating the elevation of Lorelei Greenleafe to the **Order of the Mark**. After **Mistress Lorelei Greenleafe** was called into court by **King Abran**, and gave her oath to the kingdom, I was called into court to be asked if it was my desire to join this same Order.



*Rónán being invited by King Abran to stand vigil
for the Order of the Mark*

Since I hadn't planned on going before the king, I wasn't exactly dressed for the occasion. The temperatures that morning were already headed towards the 90s and I was intent on staying cool!

Nor was I expecting to be invited to join this Order so soon. I thought there were many worthy individuals who would get inducted before I would be considered.

After court, I was whisked away by Master Stephan Grimm and Lord Torin of Mildenhalle, who escorted me back to our camp, and kept me under guard, where I awaited his majesty to visit.

When his majesty arrived, several folks were invited to speak on my behalf.

Including:

Sir Hákon brimill speaking for the Chivalry
Duchess Lynette Semre for the Rose
Mistress Lorelei Greenleafe for the Laurel
Master Stephan Grimm for the Pelican
Master Celestria Alexandre d'Amiens for the MOD
and finally Master Miles de Locwode for the Mark

I can't remember all of their words, but I can remember the feeling in my heart as they each spoke, and that was humbled.

A couple of the speakers were kind enough to send me a copy of their words, and I wanted to share them here because of how deeply they touched me.

“The Silence of Ronan”
Sir Hákon brimill

Ronan can be quiet, but his silence carries further than many men's boasts. He carries a calm certainty, as a shadow amongst the trees, his gaze as sharp as tip of an arrow. When his bow bends, shafts fly as though guided by his will alone;

When axe leaves his grasp, the mark has little hope of escape. His art is not thunderous, but sure and steady, as a great tree that weathers every calamity.

Although his prowess does mark him, it is the manner in which he shares it. He guides and teaches with measured words and a bottomless well of patience. Those whom he has worked with often gain more than just skill, they often get to carry a part of his quiet strength and focus.

He is strong of duty, steadfast of character, but asks for no praise. Yet his worthiness is seen in the flight of every shaft, the cast of each axe, students and friends who walk taller for his counsel. He truly does leave a mark on all those that surround him.

Words by Master Celestria Alexandre d'Amiens

There is a saying that rings true on all fields: Steel sharpens steel. That is to say, those with exceptional skill will bring up those around them. Yet oftentimes, when Chris, Torin, or I would arrive at a competition, Ronan would comment that one of us would win the day and say nothing of himself.

Despite what he may or may not say, Ronan does have prowess underneath his cloak of humility; I have seen it when he made the quarterfinals of Royal Archer -- advancing further than I did that day. I have seen it in his long-distance shooting and axe-throwing victories, and in the times I've had to redraw our thrown weapons target because he destroyed the center.

And it is not just through prowess that Ronan uplifts others; If I tried to keep track of all the times he encouraged people to come to practice, or pointed out a change in my form, or invited others to the Pennsic range -- for setup, to marshal, to shoot war points --then I would lose count, much like the countless arrows I've ever loosed.

If Ronan considers me to be fierce competition, it is largely because he helped me reach that level by being fierce competition himself, and from the way he fosters spaces in which we can challenge each other, learn, and grow.

For all of this and more, he is my peer.



Ceremonial hand-washing



Rónán's new banner



Largesse from the elevation



Rónán taking the oath

Photos courtesy of Machteld Cleine, Rónán, and Lorelei Greenleaf

After spending the afternoon greeting visitors, and hearing their words of wisdom before I began my new journey as a member of the Order, I had time to contemplate what it meant to join this august group, and what new responsibilities lay before me.

As evening court began, it threatened to begin storming, and things got a bit rushed. The king called me back into court early in order to ensure it was done before the rain hit. I confess, the king's buffet left me momentarily dazed, and trying to remember the words to my oath was a challenge!

Rónán's Oath

"Today I swear my fealty and service
to the crown of Atlantia.
I promise to support and protect my kingdom
beside my brothers and sisters in arms
in word and deed
by bow and by axe
and by all other means
until my last arrow is sent
and my last breath is made.
This I swear."

I am humbled beyond words at the recognition of my peers, and by anyone that has ever spoken on my behalf. I promise to do my best to be worthy of this honor, and to support all others who follow their passion in this thing we call "The Dream".

Yours in service
Master Rónán mac Ímair

Ponte Alto in the Spotlight

Ponte Alto Recognition at Battle on the Bay

Baroness Tegan of Anglesey was made a [Companion of the Golden Dolphin!](#)

Lord Forannán Glórach was made a [Companion of the Opal!](#)

Bagshi Naran Numuchi was made a [Companion of the Lozulet!](#)

Lord Robin of Ponte Alto was made a [Companion of the Opal!](#)

Ponte Alto Recognition at Sacred Stone Baronial Birthday

Master Rónán mac Ímair was elevated into the [Order of the Mark!](#)

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



Atlantia Event Calendar

Date	Event	Location
	October – AS LX (2025)	
10/04	Fall Coronation	<i>Bahama NC (Kapellenberg) (Q K Pr P)</i>
10/11 – 10/13	Emerald Hastilude IV	<i>Lanexa VA (Tir-y-Don)</i>
10/11 – 10/19	War of the Wings, 2025	<i>Harmony NC (Atlantia) (Q K)</i>
10/25 – 10/26	Hallowed Market	<i>Culpeper VA (Ponte Alto)</i>
10/31 – 11/2	Memento Mori: The Nightmare Before Yule	<i>Old Fort NC (Haukesgate)</i>
10/31 – 11/2	A Festival of Bones	<i>Nanjemoy MD (Dun Carraig) (Q)</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/>.

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)	Shreveview 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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