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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

- If you have any warrants in the Society for Creative Anachronism, please contact the deputy seneschal at seneschal@pontealto.atlantia.sca.org. We are working on updating our database of information so even if you think we have current information on your warrants, please reach out to make sure.
- 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, Master James of Middle Aston, Kingdom Interim Minister of Arts and Sciences (Lara Coutinho)

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

JANUARY POPULACE MEETING

Date: January 20, 2026

Began: 7:40 PM

Location: Virtual Meeting

Adjourned: 8:13 PM

Notes: Bentz Klein

Attendees: 13 people

OFFICER'S REPORTS

Seneschal – Rónán mac Imair (Ron Hanagan)

If running an event, please be clear and careful about “dry” sites versus “wet” sites. “Dry” sites do not allow alcohol. If someone is caught with alcohol, not only can the event steward be banned from the site, but the SCA could be banned from the site as well.

Exchequer – Lord Mowgli of Anglesey (Aaron Parness)

\$4970.50 current balance.

There is a check out for storage space.

(Finn) We are not ready for a budget for the Baronial Birthday and Bloodbath

Chatelaine – Lady Emilia di Nicastro (Maura Nicastle)

There was a newcomers meeting on Thursday January 22nd at fighter practice.

There are upcoming newcomers meetings on Thursday February 26th and Thursday March 19th. Both are at fighter practice.

Emilia's warrant expires in June. She is looking to step down from the Chatelaine roll. She asked for someone who is willing to take this roll on.

There are a couple demo ideas in the works.

(Finn) These would be demos for the Meed Festival on Memorial day weekend and the Harvest Festival event on October. Both at Mountain Run Winery.

We will be reaching out to the school we did a demo with last year, Oak Crest, to see if they want to do it again this year.

Knight Marshal – Miriam Giantslayer (Amanda Petritsch)

Thursday practices are indoors except when it is canceled. We can get notices that the space will not be available to us and thus we cannot practice as late as 4:00 PM the day of the practice.

Sunday outdoor practices have been having poor weather.

There were about 16 people at the last practice.

Forannán is onboarding as a deputy marshal. Is looking to help out with Heavy, Rapier, and Youth fighting.

We are looking into an indoor winter site for Sunday practices.

(Ginevra) We have been using the library conference rooms for youth and adults. These fill up quickly. The next youth armored practice is on Sunday February 8th. We are hoping to be outside in mid March if the weather is mild.

(Mowgli) There is a big practice on Sunday February 1st that Tegan is hosting at the Fredericksburg fairgrounds.

Arts & Sciences – Herr Cuno von Schleßwig (Joseph Glancy)

There are two upcoming events. One is on Thursday January 29th for making washi paper. The next is February 26th which is T-tunics for beginners.

We are looking at programming for March.

(Miriam) Make sure to check on the banned items list for Fairfax County Public Schools.

Herald – Forannán Glórach (Fabian Scholl)

Got 2 approvals back for October.

The Kingdom of Atlantia approved a lot of submissions from Holiday Faire from this barony and others.

Since Bloodbath is clashing with court, we need a herald to help with Bloodbath.

Bardic – Forannán Glórach (Fabian Scholl)

We are rotating locations for Bardic practice.

We are dropping the preference for metro accessible locations.

Anyone who wants to host a Bardic practice should feel free to reach out to Forannán.

We are using the songbooks.

We are looking into setting up a youtube channel.

Chronicler – Bentz Klein (Benjamin Schwab)

We are delaying the start of features looking in depth into SCA activities.

We are adding an “Opportunities for Service” section to Il Tempo to advertise for ways people can help serve the Barony. Examples are looking for deputy officers and event stewards looking for staff. Contact Bentz if you want to advertise for a position.

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

Lord Robin not present.

Their Excellency, Baron Hákon (David Hultman)

Baron Hákon not present.

EVENTS

Baronial Birthday & Bloodbath

(Finn) Bloodbath is being moved to a new location. Parking is being worked out.

(Finn) We are pricing out porta potties.

(Finn) Gate is taken care of.

(Finn) Not sure about the status of volunteers for marshaling and for arts and sciences.

Battle Atlantian War Training (BAWT)

(Mogli) Budget has been approved.

(Mogli) The event is on Scores. The Chatelaine is advertising for the event. Some people have already pre-registered.

(Mogli) Mountain Run Winery may have haybales.

Victory on the Vine

(Mogli) Budget has been approved

(Mogli) The event is on Scores.

(Mogli) We are looking for someone to handle gate for this event.

Harvest Festival

(Rónán) Another event has been scheduled for the same date. Battle on the Bay is scheduled for the same weekend. Hákon is looking into this. The weekend scheduled is critical for us. Battle of the Bay also has a market.

OLD AND NEW BUSINESS:

Loaner Gear

(Forannán) We have a large amount of Loaner gear for Heavy Fighting. Storage and transportation space is becoming an issue. We are looking for people to help with loaner gear. If interested, contact Forannán.

Forestry Guild Meeting

(Finn) There is a forestry guild meeting at Finn's house. If you are interested reach out to Finn.

Website

(Rónán) Events on the website is taken care of by the Webminister. Officers should be able to update their own events on the website calendar.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

No Announcements this Meeting.

PLANNING FOR PONTE ALTO LOCAL EVENTS

Baronial Birthday and Bloodbath

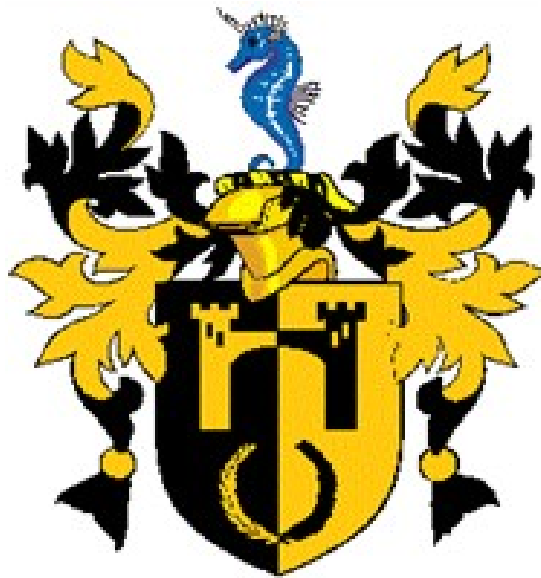
Planning is underway for the Baronial Birthday and Bloodbath. A venue has been chosen. The budget should be drafted presently. Looking for volunteers to help run the event.

Battle Atlantian War Training (BAWT)

Planning has started for BAWT. Looking for people to help with gate and marshaling. The budget for this event has been approved. The event has been posted on Scores.

Victory on the Vine

Planning has started on the next iteration for Victory on the Vine. We are looking to emphasize melee combat at this edition. The budget for this event has been approved. Looking for people to help with gate and marshaling.



ATLANTIA EVENT CALENDAR – FEBRUARY

Date	Event	Location
	February – AS LX (2026)	
2-06 - 2-08	Winter University 2026	Atlantia
2-07 - 2-07	Sir Walter Raleigh Costume Ball IV	Durham NC (Windmasters' Hill)
2-07 - 2-07	Bright Hills Baronial Birthday	Manchester MD (Bright Hills) (Q K Pr P)
2-14 - 2-14	Tourney of Manannan mac Lir XLIV	Harleyville SC (Tear-Sea's Shore) (K P)
2-14 - 2-14	Celebration Theodora	Richmond VA (Caer Mear) (PR)
2-20 - 2-22	Ymir 51: Tyr's Redemption	Ellerbe NC (Windmasters' Hill) (Q K Pr P)
2-27 - 3-01	Children of Loki, Raven's Cove Baronial Birthday	Richlands NC (Raven's Cove)

*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 PONTE ALTO EVENTS

- ◆ Populace gathering, February 17th 2026: virtual event. Everyone is invited to attend.
- ◆ Ponte Alto Baronial Birthday and Bloodbath is scheduled for March 21st 2026.
- ◆ Battle Atlantian War Training is scheduled for May 15th-17th 2026.
- ◆ Victory on the Vine is scheduled for June 19th-21st 2026.

PONTE ALTO RECURRING EVENTS

Ponte Alto Regular Events	Usual Days	Location/Address
Outdoor Heavy and Rapier Practice	SUNDAYS (12:00 noon until 4:00pm)	Tyson-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	Second Thursday of the month, (7:00pm – 9:00pm)	Local Library
Monthly on the second Thursday; Check Ponte Alto Website for location and dates monthly. Hosted by Rachel/Alice		
Monthly Bardic Practice	First Tuesday of the month, (7:00pm – 10:00pm)	Various Venues
For more information and locations text Forannán Glórach at 703-307-5353		
Indoor Heavy and Rapier Practice (Until Spring-probably May) Please check the Calendar for last-minute cancellations.	THURSDAYS (6:00pm-9:00pm)	Shrevewood Elementary School 7525 Shreve Rd Falls Church, VA 22043
Once a month, it is held at Marshal High School (7731 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22043). Check website calendar for details.		
Outdoor Archery & Thrown Weapons Practice-Stierbach/Ponte Alto	MONDAYS (5:00pm until Dusk) during daylight savings time (Spring, Summer, Fall)	Practice is at Grimmsfield: 16132Crusade Ct. Haymarket, VA 20169.
Closed for the winter due to lack of light. If you need loaner gear or would like more information, please contact Archery Marshal Master 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 .		

PONTE ALTO FORESTRY CALENDAR

- ◆ Ponte Alto Winter Forester Moot on January 25th 2026 1:00-5:00 PM in Annandale VA. This is an excellent opportunity for newcomers to learn about forestry in the SCA. A campfire and potluck dinner will follow the meeting. Contact Finn on Discord or e-mail at scarey161@gmail.com for details.
- ◆ Agroforestry Workshop at Fenwald March (Strasburg, VA) on February 28th 2026 1:00-5:00 PM. Aethelmearc Foresters Hrothric and Felipa of Fenwald March will teach foresters how to prepare plants for use in construction of wattle and daub, living hedges, walls, and other structures. An optional cookout and camp-out at Fenwald March will follow the workshop. Contact Finn on Discord or e-mail at scarey161@gmail.com for details.
- ◆ Spring Forester Moot and Camp-Out on April 11-12 2026 at Lake Fairfax Park in Reston VA. Site is limited to 20 campers so first come first served. Contact Finn on Discord or e-mail at scarey161@gmail.com for details or to RSVP.
- ◆ Ponte Alto Summer Forester Moot on June 27th 2026 1:00-5:00 PM in Annandale VA. We will be practicing and documenting hands-on skills. There will be a group cookout over campfire to demonstrate ability. Contact Finn on Discord or e-mail at scarey161@gmail.com for details.
- ◆ Autumn Forester Collegium and Camp-Out at Fenwald March (Strasburg, VA) on September 25-27 2026. We will gather to teach and learn from one-another. Classes will be available for University of Atlantia credits. Contact Finn on Discord or e-mail at scarey161@gmail.com for details.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

- ◆ Deputy Chronicler: Main responsibilities would be a backup note taker and someone to proofread the Il Tempo.

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