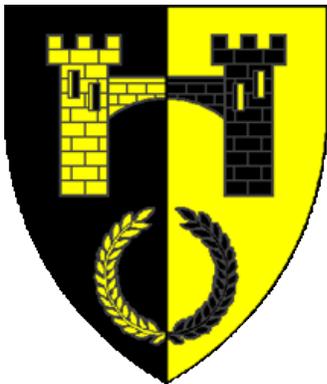


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Il Tempo strives to be an informative read that you look forward to. To this end, we are always appreciative of any contributions to it, perhaps an article of a project you are working on or are interested in, how to make or play a period game, your 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>

FEBRUARY POPULACE MEETING

Date: February 17, 2026

Began: 7:33 PM

Location: Virtual Meeting

Adjourned: 8:40 PM

Notes: Bentz Klein

Attendees: 20 people

OFFICER'S REPORTS

Their Excellency, Baron Hákon (David Hultman)

If you want to donate to Ponte Alto's largess basket to be given to their majesties upon their coronation on April 4th, please speak with Hákon. If you wish to gift to their majesties directly, Hákon can walk you through the process.

Ponte Alto has been asked to have a display at coronation that presents the past, present, and future of the barony. If you have any ideas regarding this, speak with Hákon.

Hákon is looking for someone to become the new land agent for Ponte Alto at Pennsic. If you are interested, Hákon is willing to train you.

(Forannán) Forannán requested to speak with his excellency about creating more baronial awards.

Seneschal - Rónán mac Imair (Ron Hanagan)

There are no updates from Kingdom.

Rónán has been looking through warrant information. Please reach out to Finn to update warrant and SCA membership information. If you let your membership in the SCA lapse, you cannot be an officer so be careful about that.

If you are interested in stepping into a new opportunity, please reach out to Rónán, Finn, or Hákon.

(Finn) Finn requested to have a conversation at the barony level about getting more event officers for events.

(Mowgli) Mowgli mentioned that this is an issue throughout the kingdom.

Rónán mentioned that this is urgent for Bloodbath. This led to a conversation about possible officers for Bloodbath.

(Forannán) Forannán requested that we communicate with kingdom about the requirements to be an MOL at an event. This led to a discussion about the requirements to be an MOL.

Exchequer - Lord Mowgli of Anglesey (Aaron Parness)

\$4970.50 current balance.

We are writing a check for storage space.

The 4th quarter report was finished. We finished the year with \$4970.50

The budget for the Baronial Birthday and Bloodbath has been approved.

Knight Marshal - Miriam Giantslayer (Amanda Petritsch)

Thursday practices are indoors.

Sunday outdoor practices are dependent on weather. The park in which we practice hasn't had appropriate footing because of the weather.

Miriam is looking for deputy marshals of all kinds.

Arts & Sciences - Herr Cuno von Schließwig (Joseph Glancy)

Due to audio difficulties, Cuno delivered his report through Discord.

The A&S competition at Bloodbath will not be typical. The competition consists of a fashion show. The theme is what people would wear to the diplomatic conference between Henry VIII and Francis I. This would be Northwestern Europe 16th century garb. You are welcome to participate even if you don't have the specified garb.

There will be tables to showcase other A&S projects.

There will be a "garb gab" discussion about this theme coming soon.

Chatelaine - Lady Emilia di Nicastro (Maura Nicastle)

The next newcomers meetings will be on February 26th and March 19th.

There were no newcomers at the last two newcomers meetings.

Emilia will be at Bloodbath with the gold key (loaner garb).

Herald - Forannán Glórach (Fabian Scholl)

Forannán is still working on getting submissions handled.

There have been no updates from Kingdom for Ponte Alto this month.

Next time that Forannán will handle a heraldry consult table will be at Kingdom Arts and Sciences on March 7th.

Chronicler - Bentz Klein (Benjamin Schwab)

If you want to have a position listed in Il Tempo for volunteers to fill, you can contact Bentz through the chronicler e-mail or through Discord.

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

Il Tempo is continuing to be updated on the website. Robin implemented a process to make this easier.

There is an image for Bloodbath up on the website.

Social Media Officer - Þórunn of Ponte Alto (Nadia Garcia)

Þórunn not present.

(Rónán) We are looking for help for the social media officer.

EVENTS

Baronial Birthday & Bloodbath

(Meliora) Still waiting for information regarding the use of the park's porta potties.

(Meliora) Some posters are done for the event.

(Meliora) We are still missing an MOL, and marshals for both Armored and Rapier.

(Meliora) We will have dance class, youth fighting, and bardic.

(Meliora) The U-haul is booked and ready.

(Meliora) Meliora has started working on site tokens.

(Meliora) We are working on getting prizes for the events.

(Ginevra) We are waiting to get in touch with the Marshal in Charge before advertising.

(Hákon) Hákon asked if we can put stakes into the ground. (Meliora) This is not yet known.

(Hákon) Hákon asked about where the event is in relationship to the parking. (Finn) The event is in the grassy field to the south of the parking.

(Rónán) Let Meliora or Rónán know if you want a tent for MOL, chatelaine, gate, etc.

(Ginevra) There will not be a heraldry consult table.

(Mowgli) Mowgli asked if the 16th century northwestern Europe theme will be just for arts and sciences or the whole event. The answer is for the whole event but the event also has Viking themes.

Oakcrest Demo

(Rónán) Oakcrest school reached out to us about having a demo at their school.

(Rónán) Students are still talking about the demo from last year.

(Rónán) We are looking at a date in May. We are looking for a demo coordinator (post meeting update: a coordinator has been found). We need to set up a meeting for the demo.

Forester Camp Out

(Finn) The spring forester moot on April 11th will be in Lake Fairfax Park so it is more local to the barony.

(Finn) Reach out to Finn if you're interested in attending as there can be a maximum of 20 people.

Mead Festival

(Finn) The mead festival demo for Memorial Day weekend has been canceled.

(Finn) We are still in communication with Mountain Run Winery about other events.

Battle Atlantian War Training (BAWT)

(Mowgli) We are still looking for someone to run gate.

Victory on the Vine (VOTV)

(Mowgli) We will be looking for volunteers closer to the event.

(Mowgli) Vendors are welcome to Victory on the Vine. No fee is necessary for VOTV.

Harvest Market

(Finn) We have sent out invites to 17 vendors. Of these 4 said yes and 2 said no. We are planning on advertising heavily.

(Emillia) The only advertising materials printed out so far have been sourced from the SCA website. We are looking for someone to help make other materials.

(Mowgli) We have access to a professional full color printer.

OLD AND NEW BUSINESS:

Ponte Alto Youtube Channel

(Forannán) We have two recordings of songs on Forannán's YouTube channel.

(Forannán) We are looking to set up a YouTube playlist to match the songbook. We are also looking for a baronial YouTube channel.

(Robin) We have a baronial YouTube channel. There is nothing on it yet.

(Forannán) Forannán asked if we need to get each singer to sign a consent form for the recording to be posted to YouTube.

(Rónán) This should be discussed in more detail at a different time.

Bardic Updates

(Forannán) We are looking for a site to host in April.

(Forannán) Bardic practice is on the first Tuesday of each month.

(Forannán) The next Bardic practice is on March 3rd.

Possible Additional School Demo

(Mowgli) Another school has reached out to us about having a demo at their school. It would be at a public school.

(Ginevra) If needed, we can demo fighting without having the guests participate in actual fighting.

Youth Fighting Updates

(Ginevra) The next youth combat practice is tentatively scheduled to be outside on March 8th.

(Ginevra) The last youth combat practice was two weeks ago. There were 3 newcomers. Thank you to those who helped run the youth combat practice.

(Ginevra) There will be a youth combat tournament at Bloodbath.

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 has been approved. Looking for volunteers to help with MOL and marshaling. Logistical details are being worked out.

Oakcrest School Demo

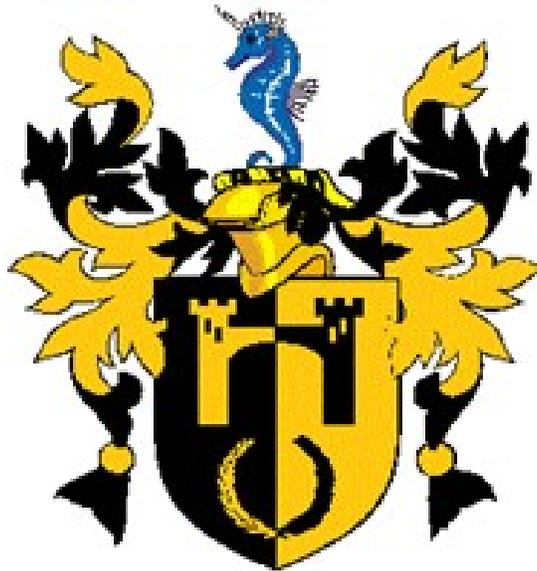
A coordinator has been found. We are looking for a date sometime in May. We are looking for people to help staff different demonstrations in martial and arts and sciences disciplines.

Battle Atlantian War Training (BAWT)

Planning has started for BAWT. Looking for people to help with gate. 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 – MARCH

Date	Event	Location
	March – AS LX (2026)	
3-07 - 3-07	<u>Kingdom Arts & Sciences</u>	Newport News VA (Tir-y-Don) (Q K Pr P)
3-14 - 3-22	<u>Gulf Wars 2026</u>	(Gleann Abhann) (Q K Pr P)
3-21 - 3-21	<u>Ponte Alto Baronial Birthday Bloodbath</u>	Annandale VA (Ponte Alto)
3-21 - 3-21	<u>Fight for Your Feast</u>	Carrollton VA (Marinus)
3-27 - 3-29	<u>Hidden Mountain Baronial Birthday & Investiture</u>	Spotsylvania Courthouse VA (Sudentorre) (Pr P)
3-28 - 3-28	<u>Defending The Gate</u>	Ellerbe NC (Windmasters' Hill) (Q K Pr P)
3-29 - 3-29	<u>Storvik's Performer's Revel</u>	Cheverly (Hyattsville) MD (Storvik)

*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, March 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)	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	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)	Shrevevood 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

- ◆ 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 (Stasburg, 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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