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## Celebrating Ponte Alto's Birthday.



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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](mailto: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](mailto: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>

# MARCH POPULACE MEETING

**Date:** March 17, 2026

**Began:** 7:36 PM

**Location:** Virtual Meeting

**Adjourned:** 8:06 PM

**Notes:** Bentz Klein

**Attendees:** 12 people

## **OFFICER'S REPORTS**

### **Their Excellency, Baron Hákon (David Hultman)**

Their Excellency welcomed everyone to the event this weekend at the new site.

Their Excellency put out a call for people to submit nominations for awards.

Their Excellency has been talking with a couple of people interested in succeeding him as the baronage and is hoping to speak with more interested people.

### **Seneschal - Rónán mac Imair (Ron Hanagan)**

There is a reminder for officers to submit required reports to the Kingdom on a regular basis.

If you need help with your reports reach out to the Seneschal or Deputy Seneschal.

Please inform the Deputy Seneschal about updates to warrants or membership.

If you are looking for a replacement for your position, be proactive in working with the Seneschal in finding a replacement.

### **Chatelaine - Lady Emilia di Nicastro (Maura Nicastle)**

There is a newcomers meeting this week. There is also one on April 16<sup>th</sup> and we are looking at May 28<sup>th</sup> for a newcomers meeting as well.

Starting in June, the newcomers meeting will move outside for a picnic in the park.

Several weeks back there was a request to have an entry for an arts and crafts meeting on the calendar separate from the fighter's practice entry. These meetings happen at the same time and place and having a separate entry for A&S would be helpful in letting people know this is going on.

### **Knight Marshal - Miriam Giantslayer (Amanda Petritsch)**

Miriam absent, report sent in over e-mail.

Practice continues on Thursdays from 6-9pm at Shreveviewwood elementary school cafeteria and Sundays 12-3pm at Tyson Pimmit Park.

With the return of the sun bug spray and sunscreen are recommended with a reminder that we have some allergies in the Barony so please apply aerosols down wind of the populace.

Archery is also benefiting from the return of the sun as well so enjoy your extra hours for shooting at Grimsfield on Mondays.

Our incredible Youth Marshals are doing an outstanding job. We look forward to their next practice date and cheering for the youth combatants at their tournament at this year's Baronial Blood Bath Birthday celebration.

For the upcoming Baronial Blood Bath Fighters are reminded to bring your blue card and your fighter card for the MOL. Please also be aware of the updated set of rules posted online last December.

(Ginevra) Had a youth practice 2 weeks ago. There were 3 division 3 fighters and 2 division 1 fighters.

(Ginevra) Bloodbath will have a youth marshal and we're looking forward to authorizing some youth fighters.

(Ginevra) We will be running a youth tournament at Storvik Novice.

(Ginevra) There will be a youth practice on Sunday April 12<sup>th</sup>.

### **Bardic – Forannán Glórach (Fabian Scholl)**

Forannán not present.

### **Herald – Forannán Glórach (Fabian Scholl)**

Forannán not present.

(Ginevra) There were 8 submissions from the heraldry consult table at Kingdom Arts and Sciences.

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

### **Arts & Sciences – Herr Cuno von Schließwig (Joseph Glancy)**

If you host anything related to Arts & Sciences, please report it to Cuno. Include a headcount of participants at activities. Cuno needs to report this information to Kingdom.

(Meliora) We have materials ready for Arts and Sciences classes in April and May.

(Emilia) Feel free to have Arts and Sciences classes at newcomers meetings.

### **Exchequer – Lord Mowgli of Anglesey (Aaron Parness)**

Mowgli not present. Report delivered offline.

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### **Chronicler – Bentz Klein (Benjamin Schwab)**

Bentz is hoping to take pictures of Bloodbath.

Bentz requests for others to take pictures or submit stories if you are willing to fill out a release.

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

(Rónán) We are working on maps of Bloodbath to post to 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) We have started developing a map of the site.

(Meliora) The schedule will be up on the Barony's website.

(Rónán) We made a site visit on Sunday.

(Rónán) If you have a request for a tent, please reach out ASAP.

(Meliora) We may need additional parking space.

(Meliora) Set up will start at 7 AM or 8 AM as the gate opens at 9 AM.

(Rónán) There will be no feast so snacks and other food is welcome.

(Ginevra) We are doing something different for youth tournament. We are dividing them up into division 1 and division 3. Weapons are being made. Onlookers are encouraged.

(Finn) We are loading the truck at the storage unit on noon on Friday.

## **Oakcrest Demo**

(Finn) We reached out to the school and are working on scheduling a date.

(Finn) We are looking to be in good shape for the demo.

(Emilia) We are waiting on a date to reach out for people to run the demos in earnest. We've already reached out to some people, mainly in Ponte Alto.

## **Battle Atlantian War Training (BAWT)**

Mowgli was not present.

## **Victory on the Vine (VOTV)**

Mowgli was not present.

## **OLD AND NEW BUSINESS:**

### **Arts and Sciences Meeting**

Adalia is hosting an Arts and Sciences meetup in Alexandria on Tuesday March 24<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 to 9:00 PM. Reach out to Adalia for details.

(Update out of meeting) The Arts and Sciences meetup is moved to Tuesday March 31<sup>st</sup>.

### **Facebook Pictures**

(Meliora) A question about printing pictures off of Facebook.

(Rónán) The answer is complicated. It's best to reach out to the person posting the picture.

## **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. Volunteers have been found. The site has been scoped out. Looking for people to help out loading and unloading the truck the day before and after the event and for people to help set up and take down at the event.

## **Oakcrest School Demo**

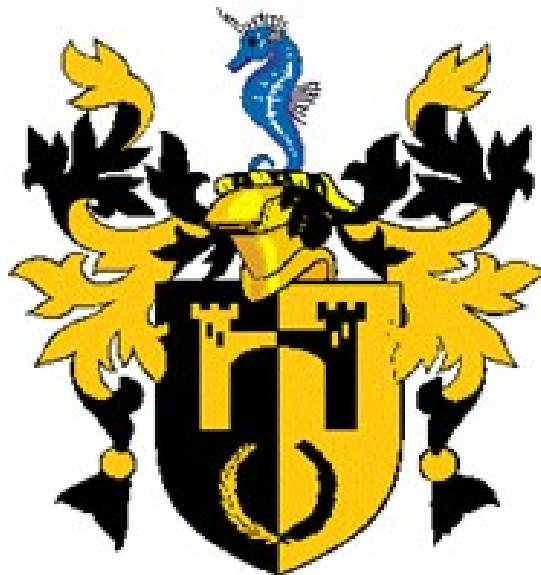
A coordinator has been found. The demonstration is set up for Tuesday May 19<sup>th</sup>. We are looking for people to help staff different demonstrations in martial and arts and sciences disciplines. Reach out to Finn, Emilia, or Rónán if you are interested in helping out. The schedule is being set

## **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.



# PONTE ALTO BARONIAL BIRTHDAY AND BLOODBATH



Photograph by Bentz Klein

**Ponte Alto Baronial Birthday and Bloodbath 3/21/2026 Ponto Alto  
(Annandale, VA)**

## **Report of the Event Steward**

Statement by Event Steward Meliora Sedgwick and Baronial Chronicler Bentz Klein.

On March 21st, 2026, on a muddy field at a public park, the Barony of Ponte Alto celebrated it's birthday with it's annual Bloodbath event. Despite how muddy the site was, we still had a solid event! More than 60 people showed up to celebrate with fighting, singing, dancing, and comradery. Some people passing by also took part in the festivities.

The slings were a huge draw; they're easy, safe, and fun! Most sites with restrictions on archery or throwing knives will allow them. This was the first of its kind event in Atlantia and its success here should inspire future events throughout the kingdom. We had 33 people try out slings including 7 youth. Torin of Mildenhalle won the mini slings tournament.

The tournaments went really well! In addition to the slings tournament we ran a Titan tournament for the rapier and the armored fighters to add more excitement! The youth tournament was a standout with Rapier Marshal in Charge, Caitilín inghean Uí Ruaidhrí, saying its the largest amount of youth fighters at an event that she had seen outside Pennsic!

Our Youth Fighting lead Ginevra made some weapons out of foam for the kids the night before, and they were very popular. More people were watching the youth fight then the adult fighters. The next generation of rapier and heavy fighters are going to be something to see.

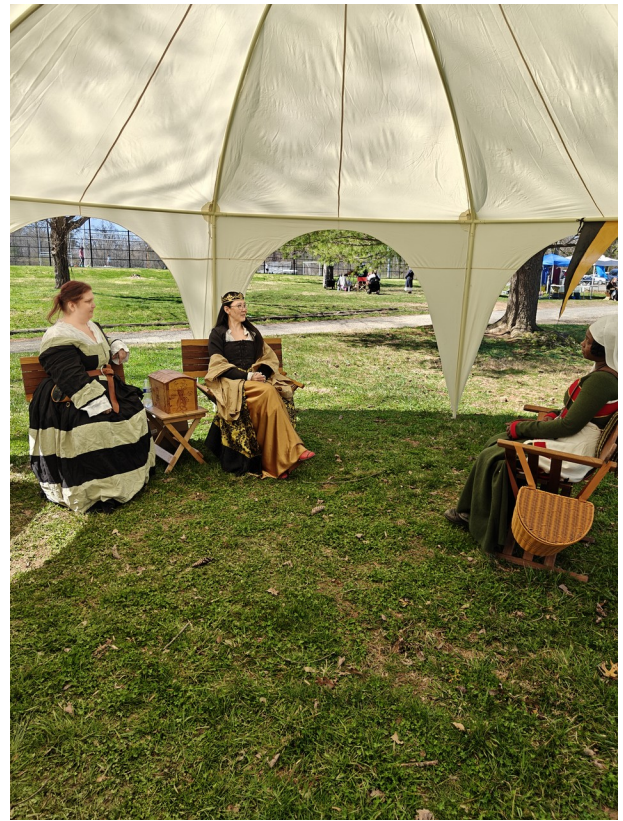
On the rapier field, we held the traditional Bloodbath bearpit, a capture the flag style melee and a Valhalla style melee. M'Lord Diego de Aragon won the bearpit tournament in an exciting tiebreaker with Sir Joscelin d'Outremer.

The arts and sciences exhibit featured a tablet weaving display that was incredibly detailed and based on the trim of a pope's robes! We also had a very full bardic circle. Anubh de Mona did a great job. We had songs, stories, and jokes. Dancing, lead by Randal Newton, had half a dozen dancers joining in doing over a dozen different dances including French Bransles and English Country dances!

The event also attracted passers by. We had a group of six kids and a dad show up who really wanted to try out the slings and were having a lot of fun watching all the fighting and action going on. While we were setting up a biker stopped and asked what was happening as well, and later came by with his family to check it out.

This is a site that can be used in the future. People were very positive about it. Despite having a trail through it and a soccer game happening at the same time, things never got disrupted, and we had non-SCA members curious and willing to join in

Lastly and most importantly, we would like to thank everyone who helped make the event a success and everyone who attended.



Photographs by Bentz Klein

# PONTE ALTO BARONIAL BIRTHDAY AND BLOODBATH AWARDS AND RECOGNITION



Photograph by Rónán mac Ímair

Awards bestowed during this event in the order bestowed.

#	Recipient	Award	Date	Bestowed By
1	Helmut Kruger	Onore del Ponte d'Argento (Atlantia) (Ponte Alto)	3/21/2026	Hákon and Hrefna
2	Bailey of Ponte Alto	Onore del Bambino of Ponte Alto (Atlantia) (Ponte Alto)	3/21/2026	Hákon and Hrefna
3	Matthew of Ponte Alto	Onore del Bambino of Ponte Alto (Atlantia) (Ponte Alto)	3/21/2026	Hákon and Hrefna
4	Naran Numuchi, Bagshi	Onore del Ponte d'Oro (Atlantia) (Ponte Alto)	3/21/2026	Hákon and Hrefna

# Vivat to all of the awardees!



Photograph by Rónán mac Ímair

## ATLANTIA EVENT CALENDAR – APRIL

Date	Event	Location
	<b>April – AS LX (2026)</b>	
4-04 - 4-04	<a href="#"><u>The Coronation of Wilhelm and Genevieve</u></a>	Fredericksburg VA (Stierbach) (Q K Pr P)
4-10 - 4-12	<a href="#"><u>Collegium on the Border</u></a>	Trenton SC (Border Vale Keep)
4-11 - 4-11	<a href="#"><u>Festival of Elvegast: Greenwood Gathering</u></a>	Hillsborough NC (Elvegast)
4-11 - 4-11	<a href="#"><u>Night at the Port</u></a>	Severn MD (Lochmere) (Q K)
4-17 - 4-19	<a href="#"><u>Revenge of the Stitch XI</u></a>	Denton MD (Spiaggia Levantina) (Q)
4-17 - 4-19	<a href="#"><u>Spring Camp II</u></a>	Apex NC (Windmasters' Hill) (K)
4-18 - 4-18	<a href="#"><u>Dragon Fire V: Skyweaver Training Grounds</u></a>	Easley SC (Nottinghamhill Coill)
4-24 - 4-26	<a href="#"><u>Storvik Novice Tournament</u></a>	Upper Marlboro MD (Storvik) (Q K)
4-25 - 4-25	<a href="#"><u>Below The Salt: Meet at the White Phoenix Tavern</u></a>	Winston Salem NC (Sacred Stone)

\*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/>.

# 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 Tyson-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)	Shreveewood Elementary School 7525 Shreve Rd Falls Church, VA 22043
Check website calendar for details.		
Arts and Sciences Meeting (Until Spring-probably May) Please check the Calendar for last-minute cancellations.	THURSDAYS (6:00pm-9:00pm)	Shreveewood Elementary School 7525 Shreve Rd Falls Church, VA 22043
Same time and location as fighter practice.		
Outdoor Archery & Thrown Weapons Practice-Stierbach/Ponte Alto	MONDAYS (5:00pm until Dusk) during daylight savings time (Spring, Summer, Fall)	Practice is at Grimmsfield: 16132 Crusade Ct. Haymarket, VA 20169.
If you need loaner gear or would like more information, please contact Archery Marshal Master Rónán mac Ímair.		

Ponte Alto Regular Events	Usual Days	Location/Address
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 <a href="#">calendar</a> .		

## UPCOMING PONTE ALTO EVENTS

- ◆ Populace gathering, April 21<sup>st</sup> 2026: virtual event. Everyone is invited to attend.
- ◆ Battle Atlantian War Training is scheduled for May 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> 2026.
- ◆ Oakcrest School Demo is scheduled for May 19<sup>th</sup> 2026.
- ◆ Victory on the Vine is scheduled for June 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> 2026.

## PONTE ALTO FORESTRY CALENDAR

- ◆ 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](mailto:scarey161@gmail.com) for details or to RSVP.
- ◆ Ponte Alto Summer Forester Moot on June 27<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto: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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