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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>

APRIL POPULACE MEETING

Date: April 21, 2026

Began: 7:34 PM

Location: Virtual Meeting

Adjourned: 8:32 PM

Notes: Bentz Klein

Attendees: 13 people

OFFICER'S REPORTS

Their Excellency, Baron Hákon (David Hultman)

Their Excellency thanks everybody for a successful Baronial Birthday and Bloodbath. The day went really well.

We are working very hard to prepare for Battle Atlantian War Training.

There is space available at the Baronial Encampment at Pensic. You can sign up for the encampment at registration and then tell their Excellency. You can also check the Facebook page for more information.

Seneschal - Rónán mac Imair (Ron Hanagan)

Rónán absent, report given by Finn Lachlannach Ui'Domnaill (Steve Carey).

We encourage officers to update the warrant tracker and to update the seneschal or deputy seneschal of warrant status.

There are lots of opportunities for participation at events and demonstrations. Anybody who is interested is encouraged to participate.

Exchequer - Lord Mowgli of Anglesey (Aaron Parness)

Mowgli not present. Report delivered over email.

\$5904.11 current balance.

This balance is up from last month reflecting deposits from BloodBath gate and SCORES of \$713.61

Also a \$20 check for a preregistration of Battle Atlantian War Training was deposited.

There are 2 outstanding checks: 1) A check to Kingdom of \$60 for non-member registration and 2) a \$200 check for the Bloodbath gate cash box seed.

We will also cut a check for reimbursement of storage fees.

We are still working through the receipts from Bloodbath but expect to report a net gain.

Knight Marshal – Miriam Giantslayer (Amanda Petritsch)

Miriam absent, report given by Sir Hákon brimill (David Hultman) .

Archery and thrown weapons practice is ongoing at Grimmsfield now that it is light out and the weather is warming up.

Thursdays combined fighter practice is ongoing at Shrevewood Elementary School.

There have been some Sunday combined fighter practices at Tysons-Pimmit Park.

There have been new people and new fighters coming out to Thursday practices for the past 5-6 weeks which is great to see.

Thank you to Forannán for taking care and bringing the loaner gear for armored fighting. We are trying to get him some help in storing and transporting loaner gear.

(Ginevra) Had 2 youth fighters at the last practice.

(Ginevra) There was lots of interest in the youth fighting at Bloodbath.

(Ginevra) There will be youth combat at Storvik Novice.

(Ginevra) At the last practice, adult fighters had a wonderful time with the youth weapons.

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

Meliora is leading a class on an introduction to hand sewing at practice on Thursday April 30th.

Storvik Novice is running a showcase where they encourage individuals to bring their first attempt at a project and their latest attempt at a project in the same category so as to compare the two.

Chatelaine – Lady Emilia di Nicastro (Maura Nicastle)

There was one newcomer at the newcomers meeting this previous week.

The next newcomer's meeting will be on Thursday May 28th at Shrevewood Elementary School.

Starting in June, the newcomers meeting will move outside for a picnic in the park. Dates are June 14th, July 12th, and August 16th.

We are in the process of onboarding the next Chatelaine.

Herald – Forannán Glórach (Fabian Scholl)

We have submitted proposals for three new Baronial awards. The proposals are being reviewed at the Kingdom level and are not yet being reviewed at the Society level. The awards will be in the form of coins.

Some submissions for devices have been moved from the Kingdom level to the Society level for approval.

(Finn) Anybody can submit an award recommendation. Their Excellencies find these submissions very useful.

(Hákon) If you don't want to use the portal you can send recommendations directly to Their Excellencies through e-mail, facebook, or in person.

Bardic - Forannán Glórach (Fabian Scholl)

Bardic practice once a month is going really well.

We are looking for more people willing to host practices. If you have a desire to host a practice or are curious about hosting a practice, reach out to Forannán.

We are leery of having a songbook on the Baronial webpage for copyright reasons.

There is a YouTube playlist that features most songs in the unofficial Ponte Alto song book.

There is a new wiki set up as a clearinghouse for relevant songs.

(Rónán) We should consider adding links to the wiki and the playlist to the Baronial website.

(Rónán) We are pinning links on the Ponte Alto Discord and Facebook page.

Chronicler - Bentz Klein (Benjamin Schwab)

We are inviting people to submit pictures and stories from Battle Atlantian War Training for inclusion in Il Tempo.

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

No updates this month.

(Forannán) We are discussing the potential for a Ponte Alto YouTube channel.

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

Þórunn not present.

(Rónán) We are looking for a volunteer to fill this position.

EVENTS

Symphony Orchestra of Northern Virginia Tabling

(Emilia) The Symphony Orchestra of Northern Virginia is having a fantasy-adventure themed concert on Saturday April 25th at 7pm in Alexandria.

(Emillia) We have been invited along with other local businesses and organizations to be at the reception prior to the concert between 6 and 7pm

(Emillia) There will be brochures and business cards.

(Emillia) Anyone who wants to help staff the Barony's table would be welcome.

(Emillia) We have a handful of fliers, business cards, and a QR code for the Barony's website.

Oakcrest Demo

(Finn) We have a date a scheduled and volunteers to run demonstrations.

(Finn) We have a meeting with the school Thursday April 23rd to finalize things.

(Finn) If you are able to help run a demonstration or be available to help otherwise (eg. helping direct middle school students), please reach out to Finn.

Oak View Demo

(Cuno) We are planning a demonstration at Oak View Elementary School for Friday May 29th.

(Cuno) We talked with the point of contact at the school and got an idea of what they are looking for. They are primarily interested in demonstrations that can be an interactive learning experience for 5th graders.

(Cuno) There is considerable interest in having a demonstration of armored fighters. A demonstration of rapier fighters might be possible.

(Ginevra) We should look into the possibility of having youth weapons so youth can hit an adult armored fighter.

(Cuno) There is considerable interest in having a demonstration of slings similar to what was available at Bloodbath.

Battle Atlantian War Training (BAWT)

Mowgli was not present.

(Hákon) We are looking at someone who is able to pick up food from offsite during the event and bringing it to the site. If you are able and interested, please reach out to their Excellency.

(Hákon) The costs of the event are borne by the Barony and the revenue from the event goes to the Barony.

(Hákon) We will not need a gold key for this event.

Victory on the Vine (VOTV)

Mowgli was not present.

(Rónán) We have a target archery marshal lined up.

(Rónán) We are still looking for someone to run thrown weapons.

Harvest Market (vice Hallowed Market)

(Finn) We have 5 confirmed vendors

(Finn) We are starting outreach and are planning on advertising heavily for this event.

(Finn) DragonSong will be playing in the tavern on Saturday night.

OLD AND NEW BUSINESS:

Shipgarten

(Magdalena) Shipgarten in Tyson's Corner is having an event that SCA members could attend to help inform people about the SCA and our activities.

(Finn) Individuals can go. We are open to a more organized effort but there would need to be someone to take the lead.

Armoring Day

(Forannán) We had an armoring day Saturday April 18th. There were several newcomers who were eager to learn how to fix armor and worked on fixing several pieces of the loaner armor.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

No Announcements this Meeting.

PLANNING FOR PONTE ALTO LOCAL EVENTS

Oakcrest School Demo

A coordinator has been found. The demonstration is set up for Tuesday May 19th. Several volunteers for demonstrations have been found and a schedule has been set up. If you still want to help out with a demonstration or otherwise, please reach out to Finn.

Oak View School Demo

We are in communication with Oak View Elementary School. The demonstration is set up for Friday May 29th. We are looking primarily for demonstrations that can be interactive with 5th graders and provide them with an educational opportunity. We are also looking for people to demonstrate armored fighting, rapier fighting, sling, and someone to be a willing target for youth weapons. If you are able to help with these or have a demonstration idea, please reach out to Cuno.

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.

Hallowed Market

Planning is ongoing. Vendors are still being contacted. Advertising will be starting soon. DragonSong has been booked for a performance



ATLANTIA EVENT CALENDAR – MAY

Date	Event	Location
	May – AS LXI (2026)	
5-01 - 5-03	<u>Spring Crown Tournament</u>	Rock Hill SC (Charlesbury Crossing) (Q K)
5-09 - 5-09	<u>Tir-y-Don Baronial Birthday</u>	Newport News VA (Tir-y-Don)
5-09 - 5-09	<u>Not Quite Quarterly Bragging Rights VI</u>	Aiken SC (Ritterwald)
5-15 - 5-17	<u>BAWT V</u>	Culpeper VA (Ponte Alto) (K)
5-15 - 5-17	<u>Hawkwood Baronial Birthday XXII - The Lily and the Crescent</u>	Balsam Grove NC (Hawkwood) (Q)
5-22 - 5-25	<u>Gem Joust</u>	Hanover VA (Caer Mear) (Q K Pr P)
5-29 - 5-31	<u>Curly Cross II</u>	Apex NC (Nimenefeld)
5-30 - 5-30	<u>Skewered! 6</u>	Gaithersburg MD (Roxbury Mill)

*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. Concurrent with Arts and Sciences Meeting		
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
Concurrent with Indoor 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 calendar .		

UPCOMING PONTE ALTO EVENTS

- ◆ Populace gathering, May 19th 2026: virtual event. Everyone is invited to attend.
- ◆ Battle Atlantian War Training is scheduled for May 15th-17th 2026.
- ◆ Oakcrest School Demo is scheduled for May 19th 2026.
- ◆ Oak View School Demo is scheduled for May 29th 2026.
- ◆ Victory on the Vine is scheduled for June 19th-21st 2026.
- ◆ Harvest Market is scheduled for October 24th-25th 2026.

PONTE ALTO FORESTRY CALENDAR

- ◆ 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

- ◆ Social Media Officer: Manage and represent the Barony on Facebook, Instagram, Discord, and other social media.
- ◆ Deputy Knight Marshal, Deputy Armored Marshal, Deputy Rapier Marshal: Help assist the Marshals in organizing and overseeing Martial activities.
- ◆ Deputy Chronicler: Main responsibilities would be a backup note taker and someone to proofread the Il Tempo.
- ◆ If you are interested in any of these positions, please contact the Seneschal at seneschal@pontalto.atlantia.sca.org .

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<https://www.sca.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/Model-Release-Fillable.pdf>

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