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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>

JUNE POPULACE MEETING

Date: July 21, 2026

Began: 7:36 PM

Location: Virtual Meeting

Adjourned: 8:23 PM

Notes: Bentz Klein

Attendees: 15 people

OFFICER'S REPORTS

Their Excellency, Baron Hákon (David Hultman)

We are working on getting a date for investiture worked out.

Their Excellencies will be appearing briefly at Pennsic.

Remember to hydrate at Pennsic and don't make bad decisions.

Seneschal – Rónán mac Imair (Ron Hanagan)

People are getting ready for Pennsic.

People not going to Pennsic are getting ready for activities closer to home.

We need to run a polling of candidates for Baronage.

We need to update the Baronial Charter with current procedures. There is no longer a need to announce a candidacy for Baronage at a populous or other meeting.

(Hákon) Candidates for Baronage need to talk with the Seneschal and deliver a letter of intent.

(Hákon) We are trying to get a date pinned down for investiture which determines the schedule for letters of intent and running the polling.

(Hákon) A best guess for when letters of intent are due would be sometime in September but this is subject to change.

(Hákon) The polling is run by the regional Seneschal.

(Hákon) Polling has become primarily digital. It is still possible to cast your vote by mail but it requires a variance.

Who is selected for Baronage is ultimately decided by the Crown. The results of the polling is informative to the Crown and the Crown is not bound by it.

(Hákon) For a given candidacy, it is better if at-least one of the candidates live in the Barony but it's not required.

Exchequer – Lord Mowgli of Anglesey (Aaron Parness)

\$9780.89 current balance.

(Rónán) There have been e-mails from Kingdom to the exchequer about event reports.

We are expecting a check from equestrian for horse feed.

We had a good event at Victory on the Vine.

We are looking for a new exchequer.

Chatelaine – Lady Emilia di Nicastro (Maura Nicastle)

Not a lot happened this month.

We had a newcomers meeting and picnic on Sunday July 19th but not a lot of newcomers were present.

We are having a newcomers meeting on August 16th.

When school starts we are moving the newcomers meetings back to Thursdays.

We are looking for a new Chatelaine.

Herald – Forannán Glórach (Fabian Scholl)

Nothing this month on the LOAR.

We currently have 3 warranted heralds.

There is a backlog of work that will get done after Pennsic.

Bardic – Forannán Glórach (Fabian Scholl)

There will be no bardic in August do to a timing conflict with Pennsic.

We are looking for someone to host September Bardic practice.

We may redo the songbook at the beginning of next year.

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

No events planned until after Pennsic.

If you host an A&S event, please report it to Cuno so they can include it in their quarterly A&S report. Also, please send attendance info (names) if possible. Or at least a headcount.

(Ginevra) There are people with an interest in weaving and we are looking for looms people are willing to loan out.

The A&S at fighter practices count as an A&S event.

Knight Marshal – Vacant

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

Weather has been causing some alterations in outdoor fighter practices.

Armored fighters are showing up.

We are light on fencers.

There were 16 fighters on Sunday the 19th including youth fighters.

(Rónán) There was a huge crowd last week at Grimmsfield with about 37 people participating.

Social Media Officer – Ricardo Pesci (Keller Scholl)

(Rónán) The weekly updates are fantastic.

We are continuing to send out weekly updates.

If you think another mode of receiving the weekly updates would be good, reach out to the SMO.

(Rónán) If we send out updates by e-mail, we should use the already established Google group.

(Rónán) If Discord goes forward with it's proposed ID requirements for some servers, this should not effect our Discord server.

Chronicler – Lord Bentz Klein (Benjamin Schwab)

We are inviting people to submit pictures and stories from Pennsic.

If you have something you want to see featured in the Il Tempo, the chronicler is willing to help you with the write up if desired.

(Rónán) If you submit pictures at a public event that's not a portrait (one or two people posing for the photograph) for the Il Tempo or to the SMO, you only need a release from the photographer and not the people in the photograph.

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

Lord Robin absent.

EVENTS

Pennsic

(Forannán) If you want to be on the baronial meal plan at Pennsic, we need to know as soon as possible.

(Mowgli) If you are fighting at Pennsic, remember to sign up on the roster.

Harvest Market (vice Hallowed Market)

(Finn) Scores for Harvest Market is up an running and open for pre-registrations.

(Finn) We have started advertising and outreach on Atlantia and Aethelmearc Facebook and Discord channels. We are specifically targeting southern and central regional communities like Caer Mear, Sylvan Glen, Stierbach, Black Diamond, and Tir-y-Don.

(Finn) We are making a guidebook for how this hybrid event works that will include site rules, maps, and schedules

(Finn) There are 6 merchants signed up and we are working on getting more.

(Finn) Demos for forge blacksmithing and dancing are confirmed.

(Finn) Meliora has agreed to run the costume contest. Prize categories are best overall, best team theme, best Halloween theme, and people's choice.

(Finn) Emilia has agreed to coordinate the demo volunteers.

(Finn) Sacha had agreed to be the on-site vendor coordinator.

(Finn) Connor of Sentinel's Keep will return as the chef. We hope to use the new pavilion for an eating area. He will be cooking on the fire next to the tavern.

(Finn) We need a youth combat marshal to run a demo.

(Finn) We need volunteers for the following jobs: Gate (need 3 or 4 people); land manager (help get demonstration volunteers to the right place and stop people from putting camping tents in the vicinity of archery range and the Greenlee Tavern).

(Finn) If you are interested in shadowing as an assistant event steward, reach out to Finn by the end of August.

(Finn) We also have a killer RPG-style event map! We can use this artist again for Victory on the Vine if we want!

(Mowgli) Mowgli can youth marshal at Harvest Market

(Rónán) There is a conflict with another event at a nearby Barony. This is unfortunate.

Baronial Birthday and Bloodbath

(Hákon) We are working on setting up a date. We might also need to wait until we know the next baronage until we start planning in earnest.

OLD AND NEW BUSINESS:

Monthly Arts and Sciences Night

(Forannán) A&S nights have produced extra belt flags with the Ponte Alto logo on it. We have a limited number to hand out.

Monthly Social Gathering

(Kosmou) We are considering an additional social gathering to be held monthly.

Card Reader

(Mowgli) We are getting a card reader for events so people can pay by card into our PayPal account. We also have QR codes for our PayPal account that can be provided if someone has a need to collect payments for the barony, eg. Heraldry.

Youth Marshaling

(Ginevra) Mowgli will be handling marshaling at youth practices while Ginevra is out of town.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCA Event Map

(Forannán) We have developed a self updating APP that shows all known events in the SCA anywhere in the world: <https://pre1600.events/>.

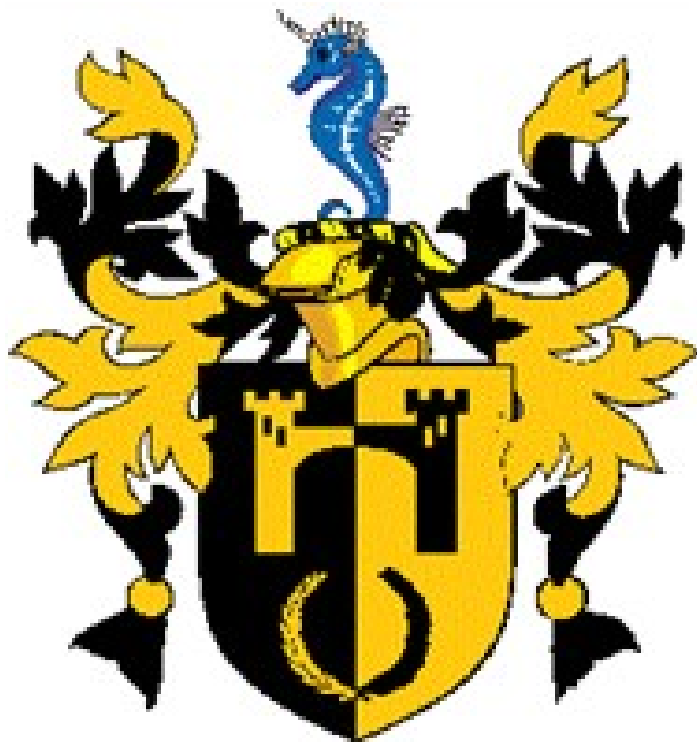
PLANNING FOR PONTE ALTO LOCAL EVENTS

Harvest Market

Event is on Scores for pre-registrations. We have a few merchants and are looking to get more. We have started advertising for the event. We have started booking demos and are looking for more. The costume contest is being planned. We will have a feast. We are looking for people to help with gate and land management. A spot for an assistant event steward is open. DragonSong has been booked for a performance

Baronial Birthday and Bloodbath

A date for the event is being worked on.



ATLANTIA EVENT CALENDAR – AUGUST

Date	Event	Location
	AUGUST – AS LXI (2026)	
7-24 - 8-09	PENNSIC LIII	Slippery Rock, PA (Q K Pr P)
8-22 - 8-22	Nottingham Coill Baronial Picnic	Prosperity SC (Nottingham Coill)
8-22 - 8-22	Hidden Mountain Baronial picnic	Myrtle Beach SC (Moorhaven)
8-28 - 8-30	Borders Without Walls	(Meridies)

*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 Please check the Calendar for last-minute cancellations.	SUNDAYS (12:00 noon until 4:00pm) THURSDAYS (6:00pm-9:00pm)	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 (On Hold Until Fall) Please check the Calendar for last-minute cancellations.	THURSDAYS (6:00pm-9:00pm)	Location to be Announced.
Check website calendar for details. Concurrent with Arts and Sciences Meeting		
Arts and Sciences Meeting Please check the Calendar for last-minute cancellations.	THURSDAYS (6:00pm-9:00pm)	Tysons-Pimmit Park, behind Tysons-Pimmit Library 7584 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church.
Concurrent with Outdoor 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: 16132Crusade 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, August 18th 2026: virtual event. Everyone is invited to attend.
- ◆ Harvest Market is scheduled for October 24th-25th 2026.

PONTE ALTO FORESTRY CALENDAR

- ◆ 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

- ◆ Exchequer: Handle the finances and financial regulatory compliance for the barony.
- ◆ Knight Marshal: Oversee and organize martial activities for the barony.
- ◆ Rapier Marshal: Oversee rapier fighters.
- ◆ Deputy Armored Marshal: Help assist the Armored Marshal in overseeing Armored fighters.
- ◆ Deputy Chatelaine: Help direct newcomers to the SCA/Kingdom of Atlanta/Barony of Ponte Alto. Help set up and run newcomers meetings.
- ◆ Deputy Chronicler: Main responsibilities would be a backup note taker and someone to proofread the Il Tempo.
- ◆ Deputy Web Minister: Help maintain the Ponte Alto website and calender.
- ◆ If you are interested in any of these positions, please contact the Seneschal at seneschal@pontealto.atlantia.sca.org.

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Deputy Rapier Marshal
VACANT

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[Photographer/Videographer Release Form](#)

Release form for model(s) (the subject of your artwork or photograph):

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

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