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At Harvest Market



View of 2026 Harvest Market
Photograph by Bentz Klein

MASTHEAD

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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.

- Please submit award recommendations! https://polling.atlantia.sca.org/index.php

- If you are interested in running for Baronage, your letter of intent is due the beginning of January.

OCTOBER POPULACE MEETING

Date: **October 20, 2026**

Location: Virtual Meeting

Notes: Bentz Klein

Began: **7:35 PM**

Adjourned: **8:16 PM**

Attendees: 14 people

OFFICER'S REPORTS

Their Excellency, Baron Hákon (David Hultman)

The Baronage will be at Harvest Market for some part of the day. There is another nearby event on the same day. Please accept people who attend the other event without issue. The crown is looking at policies regarding potential conflicts.

The court at Harvest Market will be the Baronage's penultimate court. There will be many pieces of business.

The Baronage will be at the Crown Tournament in November. They will miss 12th night in January.

Let Baronage know now if you need anything. They will be busy from January through March.

(Rónán) We are talking about Letters of Intent with the regional Seneschal.

Letters of Intent are due no later than 14 weeks before the Investiture. Investiture is at the end of March so that leaves to the beginning of January to turn in your Letter of Intent.

Any questions about Letters of Intent should be directed towards the regional Seneschal.

Seneschal – Rónán mac Imair (Ron Hanagan)

Letters of Intent are due if you are planning on running for Baronage.

Harvest Market is this weekend.

The King and Queen are doing voice polls this reign.

Forannán is leaving the Barony. He will be missed and he was of a great benefit to many things in the Barony.

Exchequer – Lord Mowgli of Anglesey (Aaron Parness)

Mowgli absent, report delivered over e-mail.

$9780.89 current balance.

Herald – Forannán Glórach (Fabian Scholl)

The latest LOAR was not received in time for the meeting.

Forannán is leaving and Kosmou is stepping up as the Herald.

Warrant information for Kosmou is needed. There was a discussion of warrants.

Bardic – Forannán Glórach (Fabian Scholl)

Anubh will be organizing bardic going forward.

The PDF of the songbook is on Discord.

The populous is encouraged to maintain, expand, and change the songbook.

Knight Marshal – Vacant

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

We have moved inside the school. We will be there through at-least December.

Practices have been pretty thin lately.

(Rónán) We have invited folks to a Halloween day Archery shootout.

(Rónán) Monday practices are suspending for the duration of standard time.

(Rónán) There is an Archery practice on Sunday November 1st from noon until dark at Grimmsfield.

(Rónán) There will be Arts and Sciences at Grimmsfield starting in November.

We have an experienced fighter in the Barony temporarily that is looking at serving as Knight Marhsal as long as they are here.

Chatelaine – Lady Emilia di Nicastro (Maura Nicastle)

The newcomers meeting this month had 8 newcomers.

The next newcomers meeting will be Thursday November 5th.

There was a discussion on the December newcomers meeting. We are looking at December 17th to coincide with the cookie exchange.

We are meeting with Alistair about the deputy Chatelaine position.

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

There will be a cookie exchange in December.

We are looking at having a cooking class in December.

(Emilia) Emilia is offering space but someone would have to plan it.

We are looking for an instructor for the cooking class.

We are searching for a new Minister of Arts and Sciences.

(Rónán) A Knight Marshal or Minister of Arts and Sciences are required to remain a Barony. We are looking for volunteers.

Social Media Officer – Kosmou Aurelia toû Theophanous (K. Thomas)

We are posting weekly updates.

We are looking for materials to post.

We are working on getting access to our accounts.

We have a plan on what to get online.

Chronicler – Lord Bentz Klein (Benjamin Schwab)

We are accepting submissions of pictures and stories from Harvest Market.

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

Lord Robin absent.

(Rónán) We are working on transitioning from Robin to Adalia. We are looking at updating the website.

EVENTS

Harvest Market (vice Hallowed Market)

(Finn) Weather is looking fantastic for this weekend.

(Finn) 38 people are preregistered including 19 campers and 17 feasters.

(Finn) Preregistered income exceeds the break even income.

(Finn) Budget savings are being achieved so our expenses should be under budget.

(Finn) We have 13 vendors.

(Finn) We have one food truck. It will be barbecue and should have a quicker turn around compared with last year.

(Finn) Adalia is hopefully good for the costume contest. She is looking for assistance.

(Finn) We are still looking for volunteers for the gate.

(Finn) We may need help for feast.

(Finn) We are already looking forward to next year's event. We are looking for an event steward. We have next year's event spiked.

(Adalia) A question about the need for another pop-up.

Investiture

(Hákon) Steirbach is the hosting baronial investiture.

(Hákon) Hákon is the event steward.

(Hákon) We are still hashing out details. There is plenty of time. We are talking budgets and timelines. Also about how to split the gate.

(Hákon) We do not want to do Bloodbath in addition to Investiture. These events would be too close to each other.

(Hákon) We are at the winery and the new feast site will be available by then.

(Hákon) Their Majesties are talking with the event organizers.

Battle Atlantian War Training

(Hákon) We are considering doing this again.

Victory on the Vine

No updatres

OLD AND NEW BUSINESS:

Forestry

(Magdalena) Finn is the warden of the north. We are looking at forestry events. We will try to have forestry cooking at the cooking class.

Heraldry

(Kosmou) We are looking at having a heraldry open house once a month.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

No Announcements

PLANNING FOR PONTE ALTO LOCAL EVENTS

Harvest Market

Event is on Scores for pre-registrations. We have 13 merchants. We have started advertising for the event. We have demos booked. The costume contest is on the schedule. We will have a feast. We are looking for people to help with gate and feast. DragonSong and Lord Johnathan have been booked for musical performances

Baronial Investiture

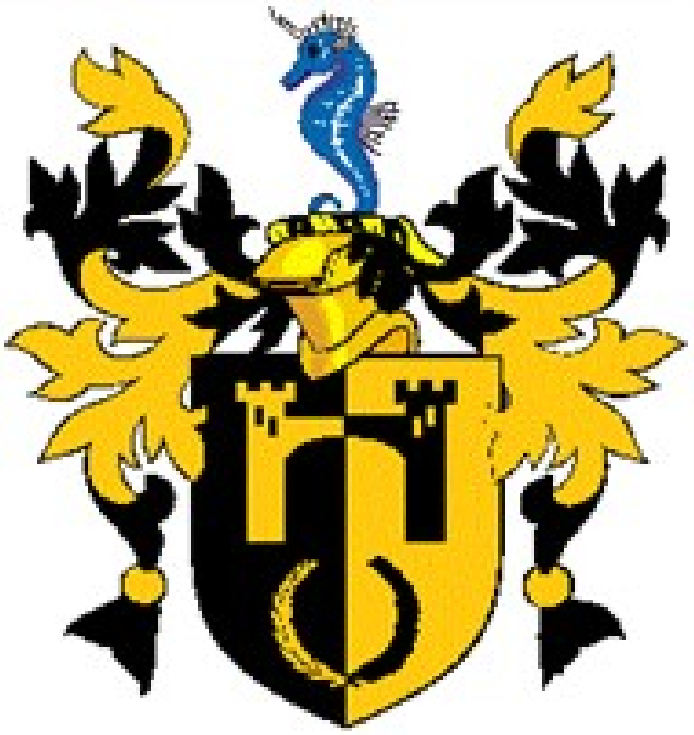
We have a date and location for the event. We are in planning with the Barony of Stierbach for a joint event. We are planning a full melee event. Will be combined with Defending the Gate.

Victory on the Vine

This event has been spiked. It will follow a similar format to the last Victory on the Vine.

Battle Atlantian War Training

We are looking into hosting this again.



REPORT ON HARVEST MARKET



Dancing at 206 Harvest Market

Picture by Bentz Klein

On a wonderful autumn day, members of the public and members of the SCA met on a field near Culpeper, Virginia to enjoy the modern middle ages with each other. More thatn 340 people visited during the day and evening events including more than 90 that stayed for the evening festivities. 19 hounds also graced the field that day.

During the day, the public enjoyed demonstrations from thrown weapons to dancing, to blacksmithing, to distilling and more. 13 merchants plied their wears to an eager populous. The visiting children enjoyed using our Baron, Sir Hákon brimill, to test their fighting skills.

The Baronange's penultimate court was held in the evening. This was followed by a scrumptious feast, costume contest, and a performance by Dragonsong. A great time was had by many.

Report by Bentz Klein





(Left) Members of the public try their hands at thrown weapons.

Picture by Bentz Klein

(Right) Scene from the drum circle at 2026 Harvest Market

Picture by Rónán mac Ímair

HARVEST MARKET AWARDS AND RECOGNITION



Baroness and Baron Hrefna blinda and Hákon brimill at 2026 Victory on the Vine

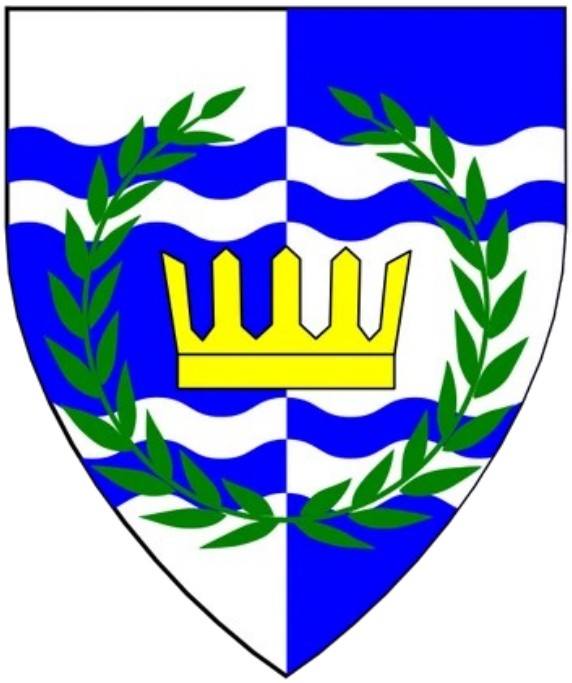
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Awards bestowed during this event in the order bestowed.

#	Recipient	Award	Date	Bestowed By
1	Iacobo ibn Daoud	Onore del Ponte d'Oro (Atlantia) (Ponte Alto)	10/25/2026	Hákon and Hrefna
2	Kosmou Aurelia toû Theophanous	Onore del Ponte d'Oro (Atlantia) (Ponte Alto)	10/25/2026	Hákon and Hrefna
3	Forannán Glórach	Onore del Ponte Nero (Atlantia) (Ponte Alto)	10/25/2026	Hákon and Hrefna
4	Conner of Sentinel's Keep	Baron's Award of Excellence (Atlantia) (Ponte Alto)	10/25/2026	Hákon and Hrefna

#	Recipient	Award	Date	Bestowed By
5	Grard Fraser	Onore del Ponte Nero (Atlantia) (Ponte Alto)	10/25/2026	Hákon and Hrefna
6	Cuno von Schleßwig	Onore del Ponte d'Oro (Atlantia) (Ponte Alto)	10/25/2026	Hákon and Hrefna
7	Giovana Fabris di Padua	Onore del Ponte Nero (Atlantia) (Ponte Alto)	10/25/2026	Hákon and Hrefna

Vivat to all of the awardees!



ATLANTIA EVENT CALENDAR – NOVEMBER

Date	Event	Location
	NOVEMBER – AS LXI (2026)	
11-06 - 11-08	Fall Crown Tournament	Hayes VA (Tir-y-Don) (Q K Pr P)
11-13 - 11-15	Highland Havoc	Ijamsville MD (Highland Foorde)
11-20 - 11-22	Fall Fighting Frenzy & Feast	Bennettsville SC (Hidden Mountain)
11-21 - 11-21	Holiday Faire 2026: Blodmonath	Fredericksburg VA (Stierbach) (Q K)
11-21 - 11-21	Martinmas	Statesville NC (Salesberie Glen)

*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)	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, email Anubh monika.townsend@gmail.com		
Indoor Heavy and Rapier Practice Please check the Calendar for last-minute cancellations.	THURSDAYS (6:00pm-9:00pm)	Shrevewood Elementary School 7525 Shreve Rd Falls Church, VA 22043
Check website calender 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)	Shrevewood 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: 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.		

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, November 17th 2026: virtual event. Everyone is invited to attend.
- **Baronial Investiture** is scheduled for March 27th 2027.
- Victory on the Vine is scheduled for June 25th to 27th 2027.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

- 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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VACANT

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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