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New Years is a great time to think back on what your fellow populace has accomplished and suggest awards.

Never submitted an award? [Click here to learn how!](#)



Bonjorn Highland Foorde!

So long 2020 and hello 2021! But did you know that January 1st did not always mark the beginning of the year? Check out “A Warmer New Year” to see when others celebrate New Years!

However you celebrate, I hope that this year brings forward all the positive changes and affirmations you need. It’s clear we all deserve it!

Yours in service,

Aurri La Borgne
Chronicler of Highland Foorde

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For more information on opening, click here!

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Highland Foarde Champions

Arts and Sciences - Baroness Glynis Gwynedd

Archery - Oger Funk

Bardic - Harper An Cu

Brewing - Ethel Lea Mouse

Heavy Fighting - VACANT

Rapier - Urraka al-Tha'labiyya

Thrown Weapons - Galen Telerisson



Steel fighting is coming to tournaments in the SCA! “Armored Combat with Rebated (Steel) Blades” has been added to the Marshall’s Handbook and will use only single and two handed swords, with no thrusting, and will also

open the doors to explore different kinds of tournament formats.

To read more, check out this link here for the SCA’s official announcement and the Marshall’s Handbook!



Atlantian Activities



Northern Atlantia A&S night: January 20th, 6-9pm via Google Meet
Monthly Business Meeting: January 17th 1pm via Discord

Atlantian Twelvth Night! - Friday, January 8th - Saturday January 9th -
A festive day of music, dancing, arts, and craftsmanship as well as games and other diverse amusements and fantastic shopping opportunities. The highlight of the day will be The Royal Court of Their Majesties, King Anton and Queen Luned.

2nd Around the Known World Bardic - Friday, January 29th - Saturday January 30th - Welcome to the 2nd Around the Known World Bardic! 24 hours of non-stop bardic circle from around the Known World. Bring your songs, stories, and instrumental music. Hear something new and meet new friends! Audience / non-participants welcome!

For a full list, be sure to check out the
[Virtual Atlantia Activity Calendar](#)

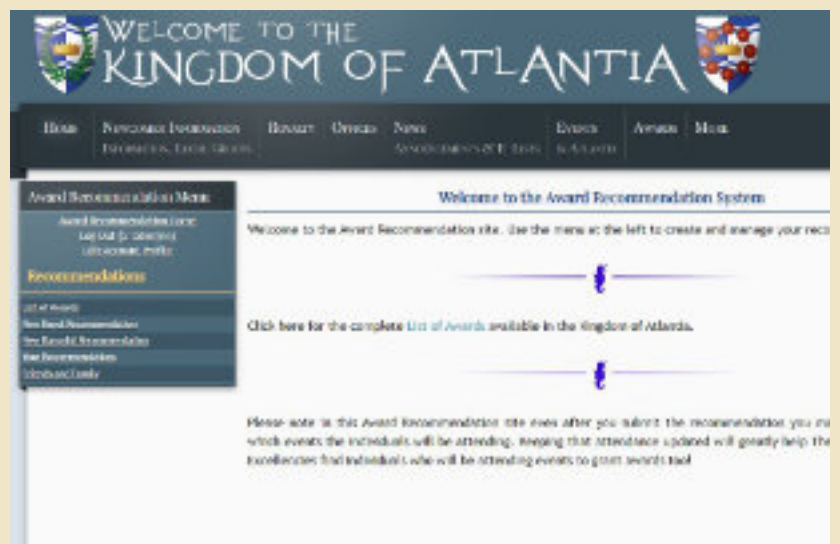
Award Submission Guide

As 2021 begins, when is there a better time to submit awards for your friends and family? Not only was 2020 a difficult year, but some people thrived in this virtual space and they deserve to be recognized!

This guide is to help everyone, new and old alike, navigate the Award Recommendation System (ARS) and get those awards submitted for your Baronage and Their Royal Majesties to see.

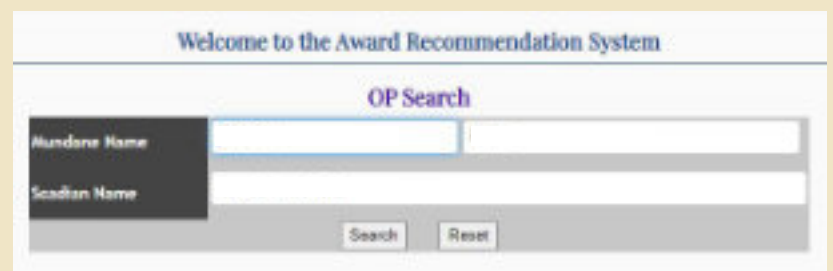
Step 1: Log in

In order to access the ARS, you must have a log in. ARS uses Atlantian Enterprise Login (AEL) so if you've ever signed in for the University of Atlantia, Orders of the Laurel, Pelican, Pearl, or Golden Dolphin – you're ready to go! There is a chance you'll still need to connect your account with your SCA membership but that's super easy, you just type in your account number. For this process, I have logged in as myself. Here is what your screen should look like:



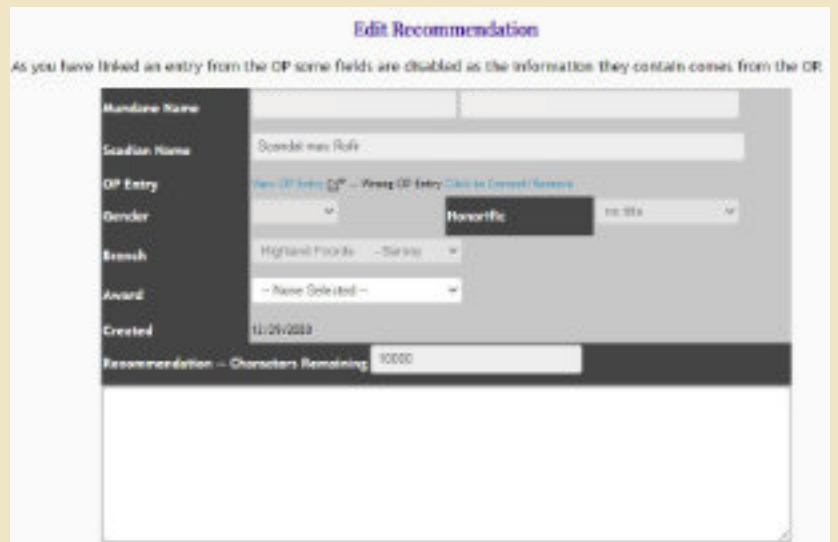
Step 2: Enter their name

This is to help find their entry in the Order of Precedence (OP). Why is this important? Some people have very similar names, some may have changed their name. All in all, it's to help make sure you are selecting the right person to get the right award. That could be awkward.



Step 3: What did they do?

So you've found your person, great! This is when you get to tell Their Excellencies or Their Royal Majesties what awesome thing they did to deserve their award. When you select the award, it will give a brief description of the qualifications one would reach to earn it. As you can see, you have a ton of space to tell of their deeds, so splurge away!



Step 4: Where are they?

If you've ever attended court, you know that all levels of royalty love to surprise those who are receiving awards. But get ready for awkward moment #2: they aren't around. How awful would that be? In this section of the recommendation, if you know of events the recipient is going to attend, you can mark them here! But only mark it if you're sure they will be there. Of course things happen and plans change, but you can't help that. However, if you know ahead of time that they can't go to an event anymore, you can always change it after the fact. Once you're done, just hit submit!



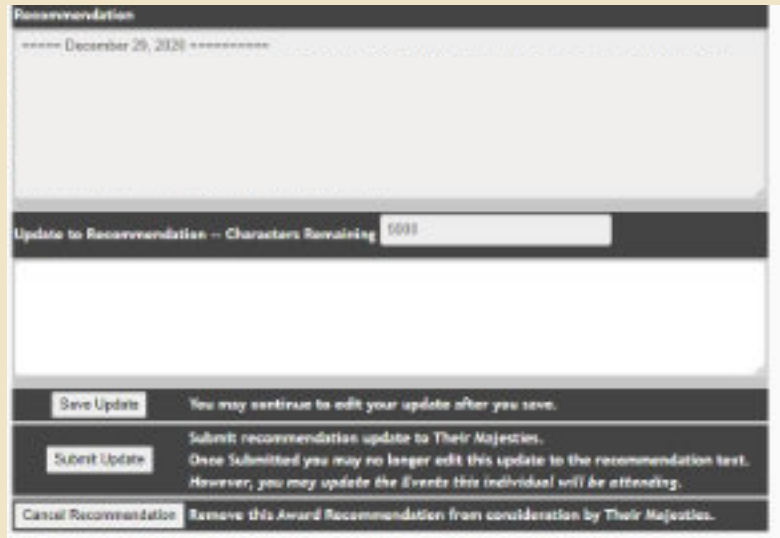
Here is what this page will look like if you've filled in events.



Step 5: So you've made a mistake...

No worries! Luckily, you can go back and update your recommendation. For this lucky recipient, I've blocked out the good deeds they've done. But you can see that it will date your recommendation so you know when you wrote it!

Don't forget that whenever you're done, you need to save.



The screenshot shows a web form titled "Recommendation" with a date field set to "December 29, 2028". Below the form is a "Update to Recommendation" section with a "Characters Remaining" counter at 5001. At the bottom, there are three buttons: "Save Update" (with the note "You may continue to edit your update after you save."), "Submit Update" (with the note "Once Submitted you may no longer edit this update to the recommendation text. However, you may update the Events this individual will be attending."), and "Cancel Recommendation" (with the note "Remove this Award Recommendation from consideration by Their Majesties.").

Step 6: The waiting game

Congratulations! If you've made it this far, you have successfully submitted your very first award! Now you have spread one's good deeds to Their Excellencies and Their Royal Majesties to review. But when will they get said award? Who knows! Awards aren't guaranteed and there is no timeline for when they get announced. Plus there is scribal work and illumination.. It takes some time. Never seen an award? Here are some examples:





**WANT A PLACE TO CHAT WITH
THE REST OF THE POPULACE?**



JOIN US ON DISCORD!

The unofficial place to hang out, without the added stress of zoom rooms!

Come join us in the voice channels, maybe stream some crafts you're working on, or take part in many of the various text channels, grouped to suit your needs.

**[Click here to take part in the discussions,
streams, movie nights, and more!](#)**

A Warmer New Year

Time is weird. It's a saying that many of us have used to describe much of 2020. Has a day passed? A week? This past year has been a blur for many of us. But did you know that the New Year was not always celebrated on January 1st? In fact, the month of January didn't even exist until the reign of King Numa (715-673 BC), the second King of Rome. So when was the "New Year"?

Evidence of celebrating a New Year put us around 2000 BC Mesopotamia. Mid-March, an astrological event occurs called the vernal equinox, which is the one day that day and night are equal. This equinox commonly marks the first day of Spring and is a bountiful day for farmers. The days will begin to grow longer and with that, food will become prosperous. At this point, there were only 10 months in a calendar year.

After the months Ianuarius and Februarius were introduced by the Romans (and with that a 12 months calendar), January 1st became the mark of the New Year. It's been recorded that new consuls in Rome were inaugurated on this day, so January 1st now held political importance. But this wouldn't last for long.

Enter Christianity. In 567 AD, January 1st was abolished as the New Year in favor of December 25th to honor the birth of Jesus. But it wasn't consistent. With Christianity sweeping across Europe, there were many days seen as marking the



New Year for different reasons:

- December 25th - birth of Jesus
- March 1st - to match the original Roman New Year
- March 25th - to celebrate Lady Day and the Feast of Annunciation
- Easter Day (different every year)

But beyond religion, many groups favored December 25th and March 25th because of their astrological importance, specifically the winter and spring equinoxes.

Fast forward to 1582. Thanks to the Gregorian calendar reform, January 1st was now widely accepted across Europe as New Years Day. However, many countries today don't observe New Years on January 1st. Throughout the Middle East, Asia, and parts of Africa, New Years is recognized at many different times of year. Here are some examples:

- Nayrouz and Enkuatash - celebrated by Egyptians and Ethiopians. This day falls on September 11th following the Gregorian calendar. This date historically marks the the onset of the Nile flood. In Ethiopia, it marks the end of the summer rainy season.
- Chinese New Year - celebrated between January 20th and February 20th, this marks the beginning of the lunar calendar. Some people still celebrate New Years on January 1st as well, but it does not involve as much celebration and gift giving like Chinese New Year does.
- In Southeast Asia, New Years is often celebrated on April 13th or 14th. This day often marks the end of the harvesting season.

Whenever you choose to celebrate, I hope that 2021 will bring more good fortune and enjoyment than 2020 did!

Let's Celebrate!
**HAPPY
NEW YEAR**



Saturday, February 13th

ONLINE UNIVERSITY OF ATLANTIA

ALL students must pre-register
to attend classes for this session.

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**Check out all of the great
courses being offered by
some of Highland Foorde's
Populace on the next page!**

Courses Hosted by Highland Foarde

Hosted by Epy Pengelly, Armiger

Virtual Visits: The Israel Museum, Jerusalem - Join Epy Pengelly, Armiger for a virtual visit of the Israel Museum, Jerusalem. Epy is a museum professional that specializes in museum lighting and exhibition design, so expect some behind-the-scenes practical considerations for the displays, as well as some in-depth information on highlighted objects! Founded in 1965, the museum is located in the heart of the city on a 20 acre campus. It is the largest cultural institution in the State of Israel, and houses encyclopedic collections, including works dating from prehistory to the present day, in its Archaeology, Fine Arts, and Jewish Art and Life Wings. It features the most extensive holdings of biblical and Holy Land archaeology in the world, so be prepared to see the Dead Sea Scrolls, the Model of Jerusalem in the Second Temple Period, and much more! (Class will not be recorded)

Typecasting in Canterbury Tales - Appearance is everything in medieval literature. Chaucer wanted you to have first impressions of his characters— first impressions that were right. Come find out why it mattered that the Wife of Bath had "hosen...of fyn scarlet reed" and she was "gat-tothed", or why we should care that Chaucer mentioned the Squire's clothes were "Short was his goune, with sleeves longe and wyde." Together we'll pick apart some of the pilgrims' first appearances in the Prologue and their introductions to learn about the characters before they even get into their tales and we learn more than we ever wanted. (Class will not be recorded)

Hosted by Lady Caran de Burg

Propping it up 1 - How to make backgrounds and props from materials like foam to enhance your court and more. Includes carving, painting, set-up/ breakdown, storage, patterns, and completed examples.

Propping it up 2 - An expansion on "Propping it up - 1", this class will show how to incorporate fabrics to dress-up and further disguise your props. Also includes block printing and examples of ideas

Propping it up 3 - The final course of a 3 part series, this will demonstrate how to dress your ideas with details using furnishings, additional small props, scrolls, and other finishing touches.



Hosted by Aurri le Borgne

Virtual Experiences 101: Social Media and You - With the SCA proving to thrive in a digital age, it's time to take our retention and recruitment to the next level! Join me as I talk about ways to efficiently post on various social media platforms, my favorite apps for designing posts, and how that pesky thing called a #hashtag could be your best secret weapon. We will also talk about the various apps available within the platforms and how to use them to your advantage.

Virtual Experiences 102: Quality Streaming - Virtual Events and Virtual Courts are words we never thought would come together in the SCA. But now that they have, it's time we give our participants the best quality streams we can! But how do you stream? What website do you use? Do I need the best and fanciest equipment? In this class, we will go over all of those questions and more. Time will be set aside at the end for Q+A so please come curious! This class is a follow up to Virtual Experiences 101: Social Media and You, however it is not required for this course.

Populace Meeting Minutes

Meeting began at 2:10pm on Sunday, December 20th with 14 attendees: Aurri, Baron Ludwig, Baroness Sinn, Beatriz, Caran, Eadric, Epy, Harper, Lughaidh, Melchior, Roisin, Scandal, Thorve, Vilhjaelmr

Officer's Gave the Following Reports



Chatelaine: Lady Caran DeBurg Present

- Patrick Kelly reached out about space being available in the future for Baronial activities/events. Wants to get more information about it. Fergus/Jacintha had talked to him previously about trading use of the facility for helping to set it up in general
 - Caran and Guy had gone last year to check it out and it seems nice. Some graded off areas for fighting and arenas.
 - Have one person reach out to him again to get solid intentions on his expectations of the space and his end goal
 - Epy: has had non-direct experiences with this individual and is worried about his commitment to curating the space and who's needs he is prioritizing
 - Has reached out to groups outside of the SCA and multiple groups at the same time
 - Thorve: he was just saying we could use the space and wasn't asking any questions. Why do previous questions matter?
- Baron Ludwig: we should have a separate meeting with the individual to get a fresh baseline and see what's going on. Come prepared with questions for him.
- Jenna was going to come to the meeting today to talk about youth activities, but she is not feeling well.
- Sinn really wants to reach out to Hood College about using their space, but we need to commit to communicating with them about it
 - Possible POC/Event coordinators: 301-696-3750/3711
Email: corsonmorgan@hood.edu
Email: haines@hood.edu
- Baker Park was a potential site, but the general population doesn't really regard what's going on. We would need to have field barriers/bales for safety precautions.
- In the Streets as a potential demo site.
 - Contact email: jmartin@cityoffrederickmd.gov
- Green Festival: Jenna may have connections for that
 - <http://www.greenmanfestival.org/>
- Harper: When things begin to open up, distilleries and breweries could be a great place to have demos/tables in garb
 - Scandal: Dragon Distillery specifically would be great but it gets extremely loud at that location specifically because of its size and the axe throwing
- Epy: (from the meeting chat notes) we

could sponsor a trivia night at a bar/
brewery

- We could do a bar crawl type thing where 5 or 6 of us get together in garb and just frolic around Frederick



**Exchequer: Lady Thorve of Highland Foorde
Present**

- The current balance is \$12,648.43 with no outstanding checks or deposits The quarterly report was turned in on time. Next on agenda is 4th quarter and doomsday report

**Quartermaster:
Magestra Beatriz Aluares de la Oya
Present**

- Has a line on potential storage units. Will be easier to move forward once we open up



**Knight's Marshal:
Sir Gaius Tascius Severus Fabianus
Not Present**

- Nothing to report



**Herald: Lady Roisin Caomhanach
Present**

- There has been an issue with the List, can't send out emails that are related.
- Scandal should have admin access, but the pass off was not successful. Melchior has been made aware of the issue but with the overload, the issue will be brought up to the next Kingdom Webminister
- Lughaidh will assist in adding Lady Roisin to the herald email list in the meantime



**Minister of Arts and Sciences:
Lady Harper An Cu
Present**

- Virtual Unofficial Northern Atlantian A&S combined with Roxbury Mill on December 9th, there were 6 people in an open A&S Night.
- Working to coordinate baronial holiday party championship competitions. The holiday event is anticipated to happen on January 16th (Discord)
- Response has been iffy, but a virtual bardic is the idea so far
- Sinn: Champions can stay on until an official event can be completed if that is easier to manage
- Aurri: if it helps make things easier, Repast can be re-coordinated to the champions

- Don't forget to post up your projects, accomplishments, and experiments to the Virtual Atlantia gallery! The gallery is for all manner of SCA-related content, found here: <https://virtual.atlantia.sca.org/gallery.php>



**Chronicler: Aurri Le Borgne
Present**

- Repast has been moved tentatively to Jan 30th to help get people through the holiday stress/burn out



**Web Minister: Scandal Mac Rofir
Present**

- Website has been updated with the current newsletter
- Viljamaiear: Melchior noticed that the email he used from the Atlantia page had bounced, he was sent an updated email list
- Caran: please add links to the virtual atlantia/kingdom Atlantia calendar so people can easily navigate to it



Youth Officer: Vacant



**MOL: Epy Pengelli, Armiger
Present**

- No fighting or anything going on, so no authorizations are being renewed.
- A section was added by the Marshals to the MOL handbook on how to handle fighting and registering with Covid guidelines, but at this point it's moot.



**Seneschal: Lord Viljamaiear Larenson
Present**

- Another Seneschal meeting happening this month, date TBD
- Lughaidh: please contact Kingdom Chronicler about updating the current Seneschal
- Aurri: need to get paperwork started for Deputy Seneschal so Social Media Officer can be finalized



**Baron and Baroness:
Baron Ludwig & Baroness Sinn
Present**

- TRM continues to bring up the 10 person rule for those areas that aren't closed.
- TRM is also trying to figure out the next reign and how to do it safely

- Has had discussions with Aurri about pre-recording the HRM court so it can be real fancy and closed captioned so it's accessible for everyone

- extra transparency will be vocalized so people don't fear what's going on

Old Business:

- Highland River Melees
 - Has officially been designated as "Virtual" and spiked
 - Epy: Connor has interest about doing rapier activities so when discussions begin, please contact him to bring in additional marshal activities
- Highland Havoc
 - Potential to Spike Highland Havoc?
 - Epy: It was mentioned last month about this being the "Intro to Autocrating" event. Did we want to figure out who will do it first or spike it first?
 - Sinn: spike it and then find the autocrat just so we can secure the weekend. With events being all virtual, weekends are getting harder and harder to secure
 - Motion by Lughaidh for Epy to be autocrat, second by Baroness Sinn. Unanimous vote.
 - Sinn: to Epy, please come up with a budget
- Repast, Live!
 - A lot of people are burnt out, so they were thinking of moving it to Jan 30th to give people a chance to get through the holidays. There was a banquet of some kind on the Atlantian calendar, but it was canceled.

New Business:

- Potential Canton
 - Scandal: Do we have people in the Western part of the Barony who want to participate? Or at this point should we look into redrawing borders?
 - Sinn: redrawing borders would definitely be more fair to those players. Aethelmarc might have rules about receiving awards and those players may not be possible.
 - Lughaidh: suggestion of a award for those who participate with Highland Foorde but live geographically elsewhere
 - Sinn: it has been discussed, but we didn't really have the members
- Exchequer Vote
 - Nomination by Scandal for Eadric the Potter to become next Exchequer, second by Lughaidh. Unanimous vote.
 - Thorve: offered to either hand over the reporting or she can finish it out
 - Eadric: would rather Throve finish the books so it's been started and finished by the same person.
 - Sinn: what is the status of the signatory?
 - Thorve: the correct people were added to the account, but Tobin is still onJeff is still off the list. When the changeover happens, her and Tobin will be taken off, Jeff and Eadric will be added on.
- Melchior - saw we had the meeting going on, popped in to discuss updating the emails and the issues with seahorse. Willing to set up a meeting with the webminister, herald, and seneschal. Follow up email to be expected to schedule the meeting.
- Motion to adjourn by Ludwig, second by Scandal at 4:30pm

New to the Barony or SCA?

First off, welcome! We are so happy that you are interested in joining our family of revelry and creativity. You can click the links below to find more information on what the SCA is, how it started, and how **YOU** can get started.

New to the SCA

SCA Newcomer's Portal

How to Get Started

What is the SCA?

Become a Member

If we are your local Barony, reach out to our Chatelaine Lady Caran De Burg to get a jumpstart on your participation within the community! In addition to providing resources and information, the Chatelaine can also provide loaner gear such as feast ware, garb, and accessories to new members to use at events.

You can contact Lady Caran by e-mailing her at info@highlandfoorde.atlantia.sca.org

How to Recommend an Award

Do you believe someone in the barony or society deserves an award or recommendation? Awards are given based on feedback from members. All members, no matter their current status, are encouraged to provide recommendations to their Crowns.

For award recommendations we have multiple options:

- Email the Baron or Baroness with your recommendation.
- The NEW Baronial Award recommendation system!
- Also Kingdom level recommendations!

Baron Ludwig & Baroness Sinn want to help with awards. Please notify them by email so they may offer input, especially regarding kingdom recommendations.

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