



Dearest reader,

Did you miss me? I am so overjoyed to return as your Chronicler and reporter for all things Highlamd Foorde. There are so many exciting events and activities going on throughout the Barony, have you attended any?

We will begin ramping things up once again for user submitted content, so keep your eyes peeled on future issues to learn more.

Yours in service,

Lord Aurri La Borgne Chronicler of Highland Foorde

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Highland Foorde Champions

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Bardic - Ollamh Lanea inghean Ui Chiaragain
Brewing - Ollamh Ruaidhri an Cu
Heavy Fighting - Lord Benedict Bainbridge
Rapier - Lord James the Archer
Thrown Weapons - Master Fergus of Hanna
Equestrian- Epy Pengelly, Armiger





Atlantian Activities



Monthly Business Meeting: Sunday May 18th at 7pm via Google Meet

As always, be sure to check out the **Kingdom of Atlantia Calendar of Events**

May - 2025

05-09 - 05-11 : Return to Sherwood ~ A Barony of Tir-y-don 50th

<u>Celebration</u>: Hayes VA (Tir-y-Don) (Q K)

05-09 - 05-11 : Hawkwood's XXI Baronial Birthday: One Night In

Marrakesh : Old Fort NC (Hawkwood)

05-16 - 05-18 : Victory on the Vine II : Culpeper VA (Ponte Alto) (Q)

05-17 - 05-17 : Skewered! V: Tenoch's Table : Gaithersburg MD

(Roxbury Mill)

05-17 - 05-17 : Not Quite Quarterly Braggin Rights Tournament V

:AIKEN SC (Ritterwald)

05-23 - 05-26 : Gem Joust / Investiture : Ashland VA (Caer Mear) (Q

KPrP)

05-31 - 05-31 : On Target! : Annapolis MD (Lochmere) (K)



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



JOIN US ON DISCORD!

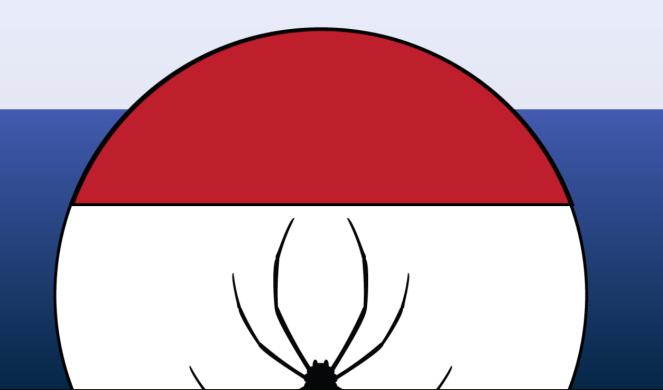
The unofficial place to hand out, without the added stress of zoom mores

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!

Join our new email list!

Our email is getting an upgrade! To be kept in the loop on all things Highland Foorde, click here to sign up!



Populace Meeting Minutes

Meeting began at 7:00 pm on Sunday, April 25th with 9 attendees:

Baron Eadric, Baroness Beatriz, Lady Adele, Noble Scandal, Mu'allimah Tala, Lord Aurri, Epy, Armiger, Lord Viljamaiear, Lady Roisin

Sir Kjartan Kolgrimsson

Nothing to report

Herald: Dame Glynis Gwynedd

Nothing to report

Officer's Gave the Following Reports



Chatelaine: Lord James the Archer

Nothing to report

Exchequer: Lady Adele

- Current balance is \$8,929.23
- Q1 Report in progress

Quartermaster:

Noble Scandal mac Rofir

- No project updates from last month. All further projects are gated by approving and executing the storage solution for the Baronial Storage Unit. (Vote will be tonight after being revised in February an tabled in March.)
- Epy on behalf of LEAFS took possession



of the Baronial Dayshade from the Storage Unit.

• HRM. Please help her nail it down!

Knight's Marshal:

Minister of Arts and Sciences: Mu'allimah Tala al-Zahra

- MoAS Report for Q1 Review:
- 1st quarter MoAS report was submitted for April 15th. A few key takeaways:
 - Total distinct activities listed: 17
 - Total attendance across the 7 activities where attendance was tracked: 79 people
 - Average attendance per attended activity: ~11.3 people
- Continuing Baronial Scriptoria:



 Baronial scriptoria have gone well in the first quarter, and we have scheduled continued instances through July, still occurring on the first Wednesday of every month at



His Excellency's house. Spring & summer Scriptorium announcement for reference

 (https://drive.google.com/file/d/ 15uuU3y8VknrrwheRyZWQYIfexoS7 Shsy/view?usp=drivesdk).



- New In-Person Baronial A&S Activities:
 - As per the results of the A&S interest survey last year (conducted by Svana), respondents would like more in-person classes outside of official events, within the Barony. Respondents indicated specific topics that most interested them, and several volunteered (or asked for more opportunities) to teach for the Barony. You can find details in the A&S Interest Survey report that I compiled earlier this year
 - https://drive.google.com/file/d/ 1i_l8UbFe4KAHx5hmK5toMYroyRmePFC/ view?usp=drivesdk
 - I have started reaching out to Barony members and scheduling monthly classes to satisfy survey respondents' requests for specific A&S classes — and I hope to finish this process in the upcoming week, finish the flyer, and start advertising the series. The goal is to have one inperson class per month.
 - Here is what is tentatively scheduled so far:
 - May 25th: "We all have knives!
 It's 1183 and we're barbarians!
 But where to keep it? (Making a leather knife sheath)," led by
 Alex Ayer
 - June 8th (timing?): Garb Clinic & Workshop, led by Her Excellency of Highland Foorde
 - July 13th, Sunday from 3pm-8pm: Garb Clinic & Workshop + Garb &

- Supply Swap, led by Peyton
- August 24th: Woodworking w/ Mikhail (Misha) Novgorodets
- September 14th, Sunday from 11am-3pm: Mushroom Foraging, led by Tala al-Zahra & Benedict Bainbridge
- October: tentatively the 5th or 19th, Food-craft/cooking with Scandal
 - I still need to find locations to host most of these, and I will be reaching out to His Excellency and others to ask for assistance with that initiative. I also plan to reach out to folks in Hood College in an effort to attract new potential members. Lord Alex suggested I talk to Dr. Mitchell-Buck in the Medieval literature & English department with the flyer that I will be creating for this A&S series.
- Highland Havoc 2025 A&S Coordination:
 - Lady Roisin, the Event Steward, has asked me to coordinate and A&S for this event. I will be recruiting people to teach classes related to the event's theme, but all teachers will be welcome. The event steward and I agree that an A&S tent should be set up closer to the archery field rather than being combined with the feasting area. We will need to find a tent large enough to hold A&S display, plus classes with room for tables.
 - I will be hosting an Open Display based on Lady Roisin's chosen theme of Enbarr, the mythical Celtic horse of the Celtic sea god,



Manannán mac Lir: "Horses of Legend," and "Land & Sea." The first category encourages participants to display any project related to legendary horses from any culture, and the second category encourages participants to submit A&S projects that incorporate elements from both venues, just as Enbarr is said to have been able to travel over both.

 Lord Benedict Bainbridge has volunteered to create postcardsized "thank you for displaying" scrolls for all entrants, as well as those who teach classes. He has also agreed to create 1st and 2nd prize



scrolls for the Archery competition at Havoc.

- Highland Hearthglow 2026 A&S Coordination:
 - Noble Scandal mac Rofir has asked me to lead A&S for this event, though I am already helping with preliminary research. Lord Alex & Sayyida Khaula will be the A&S support staff. No additional progress on this event yet, other than brainstorming potential A&S elements to include.
 - Special thanks to Lady Roisin & Noble Scandal for helping me find a volunteer role (server) for



Lord Percyvallus de Daltone (husband of my A&S staff, Sayyida Khaula).

- Miscellaneous:
 - I have communicated with Epy, Armiger about A&S tracking for LEAFS.
 - The independent, virtual study group led (by me, Tala al-Zahra) from January through March (Study



of Sages) went very well. I look forward to leading it again next year.

 As we have folks in the Barony who are not near Frederick or are not



able to make in-person events — I am also looking into starting a virtual series, probably a book club. Lorin of the Dual Masque is a bedbound Barony-member in Hagerstown, and I may ask her to lead this series over winter. She already has ideas for medieval-themed books that would work well for a virtual book club, and she has already offered to help with any virtual initiative.

Chronicler: Lord Aurri Le Borgne

 Finally getting Affinity on my temp laptop (it's Linux) so a newsletter will drop soon. I've been harvesting social media posts and things to put in it.

Web Minister: Noble Scandal Mac Rofir

- LEAFS website is complete, barring last minute updates.
- Hearthglow AS LIX website has been archived with the Kingdom and next year's website is under construction.
- Havoc website was previously archived, and will be under construction in the immediate future
- Main website updates awaiting completion of Quartermast projects.

Social Media Officer: Epy Pengelli, Armiger

- Social media: as LEAFS comes to fruition, I would appreciate it if I can coordinate with the upcoming event stewards (and anyone else who needs a social media post) a similar calendar for posts because what I did for LEAFS worked well for me when coordinating event-specific posts against other baronial social media needs
- Thank you to those who shared the posts for LEAFS (i know, there were many)

Youth Officer: VACANT

MOL: Epy Pengelli, Armiger Present

Nothing to report

Seneschal: Lord Viljamaiear Larenson

Present

- Ruth Enlow Library at Garrett County would like to do a class with kids with a historical theme! She has reached out, and wanted to start that process
- Q1 report submitted

Baron and Baroness: Baron Ludwig & Baroness Sinn Present

 Attended coronation, Her excellency attended defending the gate



 Will be attending LEAFs and Crown. Baronial Court will take place at LEAFs, we look forward to seeing you there!

Recurring Business:

- Highland Havoc
 - Budget has been submitted, remains very similar (see notes). Budget will be voted on next meeting!
- Highland River Melees
 - On hiatus\

HF Picnic-(Tentatively this Summer)

- Alex Ayer and Roisin have been discussing dates. Likely after Pennsic, perhaps September? Exact date TBD. August may be available, as might June! There is a potential for combining a garb workshop with this event, TBB!
- We would likely be selecting new champions at this event. Champions, please start thinking about your

replacements!

Highland Hearthglow

- Budget was out last month!
- https://docs.google.com/ spreadsheets/d/
 1Tm4uQ84jfSPGniPgi8usW7HVE4ok-Ebe/ edit?usp=sharing&ouid=10708199803 9300134088&rtpof=true&sd=true
- Budget approved!
 - 6 Yays
 - 1 Abstain

HF Banner Project

- 1 Silk banner will be delivered for LEAFs! It will need a stand, and tabs will be added for completeness!
- Baronial@home
 - On hold, but Scriptorium is already occurring!
- LEAFS
 - LEAFS: it's next weekend! Pre reg closes today (final numbers incoming). Still coordinating the last of the volunteers (gate Friday, class point Friday/ Saturday, makers green and A&S Saturday). Please reach out with any questions since this is our first time doing the event and feel free to join us for the afterevent meeting on Wednesday, May 7 at 8 pm on Google meet to discuss what went well, lessons learned, and other such topics

Quartermaster Projects!

- Bin vote! ~300 dollars
 - Vote for 305.58 for bin organizes for the storage unit
 - Passes!
- Baronial Winter Potluck
 - On hiatus pending summer potluck.
- Stream Team

- Our chronicler would like to see more people involved and trained! Please volunteer! Contact our chronicler to learn more! We can advertise, and word of mouth to spread it!
- You will have to have a laptop.
- Fiscal Policy Discussion
 - Volunteer comps
 - Loaning equipment
 - Monday the 12th 7th PM meeting for reviewing the financial policy. This will be discussed on the following business meeting on 18 May

Motion to adjourn by Noble Scandal, seconded by Baron Eadric at 8:23 pm

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.

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.

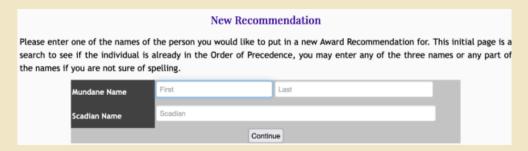
Step 1: Log in

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:



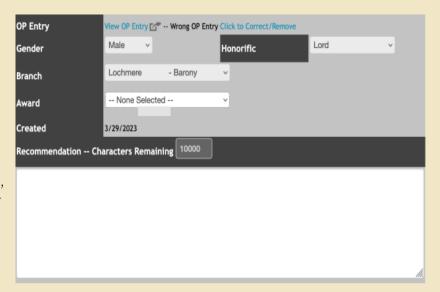
Step 2: Enter their name

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.

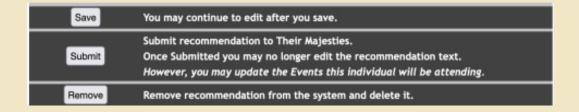




Step 5: So you've made a mistake...

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.



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.

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