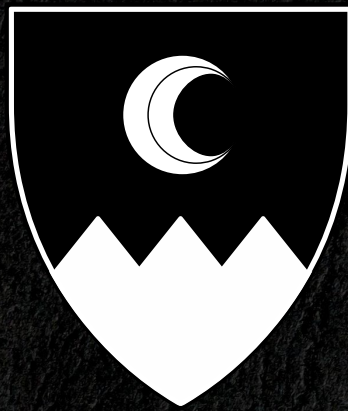


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## Meeting Minutes

**Meeting Date:** 12/10/2025

**Started At:** 7:14 pm

**Attended:** Seneschal, Herald, Knights Marshal, Exchequer, Web Minister, MoL, Chatelain, TAM, MoAS, Deputy Chatelain, members of the populace.

## Officer Reports

**Chatelain:** There has been some google group discussion about the old laminated hand outs. We may want to update those and have them in use. If we do this, we'll need a clean design. Also, any info that is put on a handout should be timeless. Potentially use QR codes?

Regarding the Chatelain office—Becky's warrant expires in June/July, and she does not plan to renew. Kingdom and the BOD has a link to everything you might need in the Chatelain office. Note that there are plans for demos and contacts existing to support the next Chatelain.

**Chronicler:** Last month's Yeoman went out, and I attended Unevent.

I will be stepping down from my position no later than Birthday 2026. If you are interested in the Chronicler position, please let me know! It has been an honor to serve the barony.

**Exchequer:** Life is about to get more complicated because of the BOD. That is all!

**Herald:** Greetings!

We have three members of the barony who have submissions at the Kingdom and beyond levels of commentary. We also have a name and device submission on hold pending a decision by the submitter.

## Meeting Minutes, cont.

**Herald (con't):** It was brought to my attention that the barony is out of compliance with regards to registered names for a few of the baronial awards.

We are out of compliance regarding the Award of the Tessa, the Order of Saint Barbara, the Baronial Award for Excellence, and the Baronial Award for Courtesy. The first two were originally held up because of difficulties regarding documentation of the name (Tessa), and difficulty regarding presumption (Order of Saint Barbara). However, these difficulties have been possibly overcome and we are going to move forward.

We are requesting from the Exchequer \$30 (\$10 each) for the name submissions for the Tessa, the BAoE and the BAoC. When it is time to resubmit the name for the Order of Saint Barbara, that will be at no charge as a resubmission.

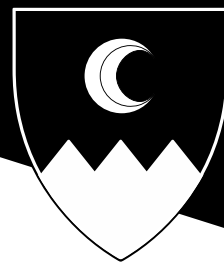
Update: we need to double check on the Tessa because we think a check has gone in. The exchequer and herald will coordinate to resolve.

The members of the Order will be consulted on possible naming conventions, but we are leaning strongly towards the Order of Saint Barbara of Bright Hills, with a list of possible alternates.

In other news, the current Triton Herald is stepping down at Twelfth Night; I believe the search for a successor is still ongoing.

We had a discussion at Unevent that mostly revolved around warranting and submitting reports.

A Virtual KWHSS will be held on January 23-25, 2026, hosted by the Kingdom of the Outlands over Zoom and Discord.



## Meeting Minutes, cont.

**Herald (con't):** Thank you to Dame Alexandria and Pendefiges Nest for the invaluable assistance in regards to correcting the award name submission situation.

**Knights Marshal:** We have not held a fighter practice since our last meeting.

I did attend the Armored Marshals meeting at Unevent last weekend, they reminded us of the new rules starting I believe next week. they can be found at the link below:

<https://www.sca.org/news/announcing-the-new-armored-combat-rattan-handbook/>

I have nothing more to report at this time. If I do not see you before the Holidays have a great Holiday season.

All fighters, renew your fighter cards! Fighters will need to physically reauthorize at least one weapon form.

**TAM:** We had another successful practice on 11/22 with 16 in attendance run by Eadgyth. Some of us even arrived early to work on our royal round scores. We will not have a practice in December- February due to weather but will start back with practices in March. This weekend will be working on cleaning out the archery shed at the Bowmen and performing maintenance if needed (12pm). After reorganizing, we will designate a place to store the newly purchased walls as previously discussed. Please let me know if you have any questions.

**MoAS:** Unfortunately did not make it to Unevent, but coordinated to understand what was discussed.

Quarterly Kingdom report sent.

Cooks Guild met 11-30-25 (should have more info, by the meeting tonight.

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**MoAS (con't):** At Unevent Discussions from MoAS:

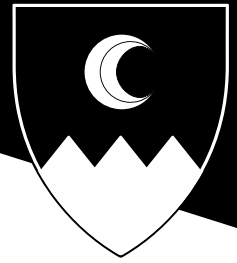
There was talk of removing Laurels from the Pearl list and having a Laurels Path at KASF where only Laurels display.

Here are the steps to submitting to The Oak from Dama Mariana Ruis de Medina OL, Editor of the Oak.

- 1) Go to The Oak's website, linked here. This can also be found by going to the Kingdom website, then to the Offices drop down and the Minister of Arts and Sciences page, and then scrolling down under MOAS Contacts, Administration, Training, and Publications and Education to find the link.
- 2) At the top navigation, there is a link that says "Submission Guidelines." Click on that link, review the requirements of submission, and then scroll down to "Requirements for All Submissions." In this section, the first bullet point is a Google Form that can be used to submit articles. That Google form is also linked here.
- 3) As part of the submission, all authors must complete an SCA Creative Work Copyright Assignment/Grant of Use form. This form can be found here.

Alternatively, authors may reach out to The Oak directly via email. or reach out to us on Facebook and we can coach authors through submissions directly as well ([the\\_oak@moas.atlantia.sca.org](mailto:the_oak@moas.atlantia.sca.org)).

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### MoAS (con't):

I also mentioned Persona Pentathlon is coming up in the meeting and I am told I was incorrect about the colloquial knowledge that Laurels cannot enter, so that's great! Info on the competition can be found at this website.

YIS, Dama Mariana Ruiz de Medina, OL

Editor of The Oak.

**MoL:** Not a required position unless the Barony wants it to be (we do!). They are also doing away with the test in favor of a more mentorship program.

**Web Minister:** Did not attend the meeting at Unevent due to a conflict. The website has been updated for Birthday and in general. Removed old files (greater than 10 years old).

The calendar has been updated with Baltimore Bowmen events to avoid scheduling conflicts.

**Seneschal:** Last month has been heavily involved in Baronial polling issues. There are still several people who received written letters for the polling. Some were received Thursday or Friday. The last one was received yesterday. Their Majesties have been contacted to be informed that the ESP has still been having issues for some people. Recommend reaching out to the kingdom seneschal to have it resolved. The deadline for written polling letters has been extended. Polling otherwise is now technically closed. We were one of the guinea pigs for totally online polling. There is not a deadline for Their Majesties to make their decision.

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**B&B (Baroness):** Attended Unevent. There will be upcoming changes to the ESP. Their Majesties clarified that they are not doing away with polling orders.

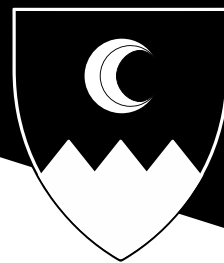
### Baronial Gatherings & Activities

**Baronial Twelfth Night.** We have reached out to and paid a deposit (\$150) to the venue we used last year. It is scheduled for 1/9/26. We will do a garbed potluck. This will be our January gathering. The tentative time is 7-10pm, with a 6pm opening for setup. Wynne is going to post a save the date with basic information.

### Events

**Birthday:** The contract has been signed and sent to the site. Wynne has confirmed that we can use the supplies in the kitchen and the kitchen itself. The new ovens are gorgeous! We will be allowed into the site for set up at 7pm on the preceding Friday evening. Day of, the site will open at 7 am. We will be having heavy fighting. There will be no target archery. There will be no youth fighting due to temperatures. Let's try to have some rapier! Gordon will be MIC for the event. On the website, we need to update the spelling of the exchequer's name and update the preregistration costs and information.

House Wulfshaven has offered to provide a heater and a 20x30 pavilion with 3 walls.



## Meeting Minutes, cont.

### Old Business

**Royal Archery.** Chris joined to share information. He is not 100% sure what he'll need from Bright Hills in terms of help. Wanda has offered to help with troll. If the Barony is willing to supply a day shade pavilion that would be appreciated. The date for the event is the weekend of June 27<sup>th</sup>. Chris is currently planning to be the event steward. Don't plan on having any lunch or feast, but we're open for volunteers to be doing a fundraiser lunch. Chris would like Bright Hills to sponsor the event (cover the site fee). Archery costs will be covered by Grimmsfield. Chris will likely need someone to volunteer from the Barony to assist with submitting the budget, etc. Not currently planning on the event being a royal progress, but TBD.

**Pavillion Walls.** Gordon has the walls in the truck. If we have time to look at them this weekend we will. Otherwise, we'll revisit on Saturday.

### New Business

**Next Meeting:** 1/21/26 7pm (virtual)

**Adjourn:** 8:14 pm



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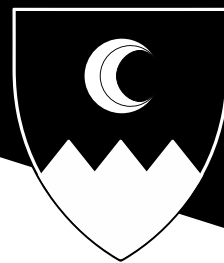
### Electronic Connection

The Baronial website is available at:  
<http://brighthills.atlantia.sca.org/>

The new baronial Facebook page is located at:  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/brighthills/>

The Yeoman On-Line  
<http://brighthills.atlantia.sca.org/yeoman/yeoman.html>

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## Baronial Activities and Events

Bright Hills Twelfth Night | *January 9, 2026, 7-10pm (6pm setup)*  
Potluck | Father O'Neill Hall, 616 W. Seminary Ave, Timonium, MD

Bright Hills Business Meeting | *January 21, 2026, 7pm*  
Virtual | Link will be sent closer to the meeting date via Bright Hills email list

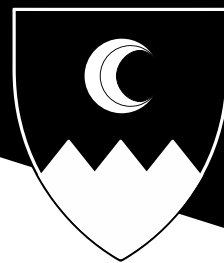
Bright Hills Baronial Birthday | *February 7, 2026*  
see baronial website for details

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Full Baronial Calendar of Events

[https://brighthills.atlantia.sca.org/?page\\_id=242](https://brighthills.atlantia.sca.org/?page_id=242)

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