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Please email any and all submissions to chronicler@brighthills.atlantia.sca.org by the 3rd Wednesday of the month.

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: 10/14/2026

Started At: 7:01 pm

Attended: Seneschal, Exchequer, Knights Marshal, MoL, Proxy MoAS, Baroness and Baron, Chronicler, Interim Webminister, members of the populace.

Officer Reports

Chatelain: No Report Received

Chronicler: I am very happy to announce that we have populace items to publish in the Yeoman! I am still looking for a deputy, and more pieces to publish. The deadline is the third Wednesday of the month.

Exchequer: I am working on banking issues. Deirdre or myself need the herald documents from William. Lewin submitted his documents for Trial By Fire. Pre-Reg for TbF was not taken, so the extra money will be listed as a donation. I finally have all the information for Royal Archery so we can wrap that up now. From now on, I will be requesting a secondary contact for all events.

Herald: I heralded both morning and afternoon baronial courts at Trial by Fire. I have filed my official report regarding the many deserving individuals who received awards. I have nothing else to report.

Knights Marshal: Nothing to report. Upcoming practice on the 18th. Will work with TA for November practice

Target Archery Marshal (TAM): We did not have a practice in September but we did have 18 people participate in archery at the trial by fire event. Our next practice will be this Sunday with a Halloween theme. A November practice will need to be scheduled soon, my best

guess is November 8th based on my schedule but I do not know if that works for the heavy fighters.

MoAS: I am still currently looking for teachers willing to teach a class either virtually, or in person.

Upcoming A&S:

I believe the Barony's next event will be Bright hills Birthday, which will have a Norse theme. This event will be hosting the Baronial A&S Championship, as well as an on-theme A&S championship. Mistress Favronia will be hosting a bardic circle, too.

The event staff is also planning to offer the ability to join the InterKingdom University virtual classes from the event itself.

Lady Brigit Donn will be hosting a once-monthly A&S night at her home in Reisterstown, though the next date has not been set yet.

Baron Heinrich Kreiner is also opening his shop for a once monthly Armorer's meeting in Westminster.

Recent Events:

A&S night hosted by Lady Brigit Donn on 10/13. There were 8 participants.

Individual A&S projects:

-Lady Brigit Donn is making a favor, and working on knitting, embroidery, and sewing

-Dame Alexandra Wright is working on a scroll for Battle on the bay

-Dame Daniela Schwartzhaupt is working on scrolls, needle lace, and woven fox garters

-Baron Heinrich Kreiner is continuing his work on gauntlets, a slavic helm, mantle/bib and early period legs. He has also graciously agreed to help me build a 10th century spectacle helm for an A&S project.

-Baroness Celest Drinkwater is making a pair of 14th century gloves

-Baron William Ringlancer is building a helm crest for Twelfth Night, and entered a Roll of Arms into the tournament at Trial by Fire and Coronation. He also submitted a sonnet and a scroll text for Poetia Atlantia.

-I have been working on putting together period accurate norse kits for myself and my partner, as we have been lucky enough to get in on the lottery for Highland Hearthglow. I have been working on an early period lyre, as well as circling back around to shoes (which I hate making.) We have also adopted a second greyhound, and I am making him a 14th century red velvet collar with brass mounts to match our other dog's, and sewing two heraldic dog coats for Battle on the Bay.

MoL: Nothing to Report

Web Minister: Website is updated. If anyone is having issues with their emails,

please let me know and I will try to help. I am currently looking for art, stories, poems, etc. that people want published on the website.

Baronage: We went to coronation, wonderful and wet time. The courts were amazing. Thanks to Deirdre for being available. Attended a wonderful A&S gathering at Brigits house. We are requesting Largess for the 3 upcoming investitures. We will be at BotB and will have a populace tent.

Seneshal: I got an email from Baron of Lochmere asking for permission to use the Bowman for Royal Archer. They want no other assistance. Just permission to run Royal Archer at the Bowman on Memorial Day weekend.

Baronial Events, Gatherings, and Activities

Trial By Fire: Event Steward was not at the meeting this month.

Baronial Birthday: The contract for the site is signed. I have my staff. I would like volunteers to help set up that morning. I am happy to announce that we will have a section of the site set aside so people can join in on University classes.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Next Meeting: November 18th at 7:00 pm

Meeting adjourned: 7:24 pm

Announcements!

BARONIAL OFFICER POSITIONS NEEDED

Deputy Webminister

Deputy Chronicler

Youth Minister

Deputy Exchequer

Deputy Seneschal

If interested, please reach out to the Chronicler, and she will put you in touch.

DEIB EMERGENCY DEPUTY POSITION

Greetings Atlantia!

The Position of Great Officer for Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging needs an Emergency Deputy.

Should a Great Officer of State resign or become unable to perform their duties, their Emergency Deputy shall take over their duties until a successor can be chosen or until the original officer is able to resume the duties of the office. The Emergency Deputy shall maintain all requirements of their office.

The Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging (DEIB) office is responsible for overseeing the development, implementation and maintenance of the Kingdom's DEIB initiatives and

education. This officer also is the immediate superior to all subgroup DEIB officers. This office is committed to promoting the values of inclusion throughout the SCA. The focus is equity, which is just and fair inclusion into an organization in which all can participate, prosper, benefit, and reach their full potential.

The DEIB office develops activities and training to cultivate a climate in which all members are treated fairly and able to thrive in a welcoming atmosphere. This work is compliant with nondiscrimination laws, ADA laws, The SCA mission statement, and our governing documents, especially our policies on harassment, bullying, and hate speech.

Please send a Letter of Intent and SCA resume to deib@officer.atlantia.sca.org as well as trm@atlantia.sca.org. Applications will be accepted until November 13th, 2026.

SHIELD TREE CARETAKER

Atlantia is in need of someone to step up and take charge of the shields that are displayed on the Shield Tree at all Crown Tourneys.

The duties of this position are:

Keep and maintain the existing shields for the tree

Replace any shields that are damaged or unusable

Check the list of combatants in Crown Tourney and verify that we have painted shields with the arms of the combatant (or their consort, or whichever device they will be fighting under)

Paint up any shields that we do not already have for combatants participating in Crown Tourney

Ensure that the shields get to Crown Tourney in time, either personally transporting them or getting someone to take them for you.

You do NOT have to attend the Crown Tourney.

If you are interested in this position, please send me a Letter of Interest at seneschal {at} officer.atlantia.sca.org by November 25, 2026

Local Event Calendar

Cotehardies, Coffyns & Hoods, Oh My! Baronial Investiture | Oct 30th-Nov 1st | Nanjemoy, MD

A&S Night | Nov 11th | 6:30-9:00pm | Randallstown, MD

Baronial Gathering | Oct 18th 11:30-3:00 | Glen Arm, MD | Royal Rounds

Fall Crown Tourney | Nov. 11th- Nov. 08th | Hayes, VA

Highland Havoc | Nov. 14th | Ijamsville, MD

Holiday Faire | Nov. 21st | Fredericksburg, VA

Upcoming Baronial Activities & Events

A&S Night | Nov 11th | 6:30-9:00 | Randallstown, MD

Officers Meeting | Nov 18th | 7:00-8:00 | Virtual

Gathering | Nov 8th | 12:30-4:00 | Baltimore Bowman | *Fighter practice, Archery, Populace, and Royal Rounds*

Baronage Event Calendar

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Fall Crown Tournament | Nov 06th-08th | Hayes, VA

Holiday Faire 2026 | Nov 21st | Fredericksburg, VA

If you would like to retain for any of these events, please reach out to Head Retainer, Wanda the Wanderer, via email, 4wandathewanderer@gmail.com

Letter to the Barony

Greetings, Bright Hills!

The days are growing colder and shorter as we pen this missive to you, our beloved populace. We hope your hearth and home are warm and bright against the cold and the dark. We recently have journeyed to witness the Coronation of Their Majesties in Dun Carraig, and to our neighbor, Storvik, to witness the investiture of our new cousins and partake of an excellent day at Battle on the Bay. By the time that you receive this, we will probably have journeyed back to Dun Carraig on All Hallow's Eve to, once again, welcome new cousins into service.

We wish to thank everyone for pitching in to help set up and take down the large pavilion at Battle on the Bay...we had quite the impressive space and it was wonderful to see it filled with so many members of our populace! The music, the dogs, the camaraderie, and just the good company of friends and chosen family made it a very special day. And thanks to all who contributed to the day board...we received many compliments from our guests that Bright Hills "always provides the best hospitality"! Once again, you do us proud.

Looking ahead, we intend to be traveling to the following events in November:
NOVEMBER
11/06 – 11/08 : Fall Crown Tournament (Tir-y-Don)
11/21 – 11/21 : Holiday Faire 2026: Blodmonath (Stierbach Baronial Investiture)
We ask you, our wonderful populace, to consider adding to our largesse gift basket for the upcoming investiture of our new cousins in Stierbach. If you can

contribute, please ensure that items are labeled with your name so the recipients know who the artist is.

Their Majesties have asked people to update what events you will be attending on the Atlantia Electronic System for Polling (ESP) https://polling.atlantia.sca.org/ This will let the Kingdom Court Secretary know which events you will be attending, in case the Crown wants to recognize you...we believe at this time that Fall Crown and Holiday Faire will be the last Royal Progress events that could be considered "close" to our Barony for the rest of this reign.

Thank you, Bright Hills; we are proud of you for constantly proving the motto of our barony: Only the Best From Bright Hills! We look forward to seeing you soon!

William and Celest
Baron and Baroness of Bright Hills

November Challenge

On November 3rd, 1534, King Henry became the head of the Church of England. If you could form a church, what would it be? I challenge you to make something that represents your church, maybe write a hymn, or just write down some basic ideas if you could start a church.

Submit them to the chronicler by November 25th so they can be published in next month's Yeoman, and keep an eye out for the next challenge!

Trial by Fire Archery

Fiordelisia de Torrente

Despite the rain and wind, many came out to Trial by Fire, and 19 people signed up for the archery competition, run by Lady Darby I Skogahverfi. Overall, it got high ratings from the participants, with an average rating from those interviewed of 8.5 out of ten. The competition, themed around gathering ingredients for the cooks, offered a wide variety of targets, and a diversity of challenges, such as timed challenges, only-hit-these challenges, and one station which, to get the best score, required archers to hit the back side of one of the lollipop targets, which was made further difficult by the method the target was mounted by. The targets themselves were also diverse, a mixture of flat and 3-D, such as the aforementioned lollipop targets, a bunch of balloon-like grapes, various herbs and root vegetables, some eggs, and various animal targets. The competition offered a sort of choose-your-own-adventure aspect, which, especially paired with the side quest challenge, allowed for a scalable difficulty. Although it did not go into the woods like many past Trial-by-Fire archery competitions, it did offer greater accessibility.

Warriors of the Northern Border

Ragnar Ulfgarson (The late Ron Snow)

Am G Am G Am

It's rugged and harsh on the King's northern march so far from the glitter of court.

Am G Am G Am

The weather is cold and the life it is hard and oftentimes is short.

Dm C Dm C Am

The outposts up here on Atlantia's frontier are the first to taste the steel.

Am G Am G Am G Am

But north border warriors will bear the brunt and die before they yield.

G Am

So, our laughter is longer and louder than most

G Am

And the mead we drink faster than ever it's poured.

G Am

For the folk of the border have found that the dancing

G (Am G) Am

Is sweetest when danced on the edge of the sword.

Am G Am G Am

Our leather we dye with the blood of our foes, our weapons need never fear rust.

Am G Am G Am

Defending the gates 'gainst the East Tyger's hordes we ever hold the trust.

Dm C Dm C Dm

The warriors carousing long into the night who never seem to sleep.

Am G Am G Am G Am

'Tis sure they've done a long turn on the wall in a northern border keep.

Am G Am G Am

A warrior takes pleasure as ever he can, by this be ye never dismayed.

G Am G Am

The fire that sheds forth the brightest of light must sooner fail and fade.

Dm C Dm C Dm

So sleep ye safe 'neath your satins and silks, and sip your southern wines.

Am C F E Am G Am G Am

We'll keep the wolf beyond the wall. We'll keep the borderline.

Meet Finn the Swede, your new Warden of the North

To the good people of northern Atlantia, greetings! My name is Lord Finn Lachlannach Ui'Domnaill, more commonly known as Finn the Swede, and I want to introduce myself as the Kingdom of Atlantia Royal Forestry Guild's new Warden of the North. I am here to help the people of northern Atlantia learn more about the forestry guild and how to get involved. I am also here to help all Foresters of the North share information, improve skills, gain rank, participate in forestry activities, and establish local branches of the guild in your Barony, Canton, or Shire. Please reach out to me at any time if you have questions or need help with membership or rank requirements.

What is the Kingdom of Atlantia Royal Forestry Guild? If you have been to the forestry guild website, you already know that the guild is, "...devoted to research, recreation and education of forestry and outdoors skills regarding no trace camping, protecting the green spaces, self-reliance, wood craft, camp craft, bush craft, overland travel, inland water travel, outdoor cooking, survival, and other outdoor and primitive skills all in period fashion."

What does all that mean? It means that if there is any aspect of the outdoors that you enjoy, you can explore it in the guild. It might not even require spending time outdoors if you don't want to or are unable to. You can learn and teach outdoor-related arts and science projects and skills, or take pleasant and leisurely trail saunters in garb, or practice survival skills in the wilderness on challenging treks, and absolutely everything in-between. The guild will help you access the green spaces on terms that work for you and your persona.

How do I get involved? You can submit a membership application through the guild's website. You can also join the guild's Discord and Facebook communities. We will have quarterly (seasonal) Northern Moots where we can conduct guild business, welcome new members, share knowledge, and demonstrate skills. For those interested in primitive backpacking, we will conduct four treks in 2027 that will progress from novice-level in the Spring to expert-level in the Fall.

Northern Atlantia Forestry Activities 2026-2027**

13-15 November 2026 Northern Autumnmoot at Highland Havoc (Ijamsville, MD): See Kingdom Calendar for event details. Teach classes, take classes, demonstrate your forestry skills to gain rank.
16 January 2027 Northern Wintermoot, Backpacking Basics (Annandale VA):

Learn the basic requirements of modern and primitive backpacking. Demonstrate your forestry skills to gain rank.
20-21 March 2027 Beginner Backpacking Trip (Charlottesville, VA): Three Ridges Wilderness @3 miles, easy trail 350' gain. Introduction to primitive backpacking-dip your toes to see if you might like it. Modern gear welcome. Period garb encouraged.
10-11 April 2027 Northern Springmoot (Reston, VA):
Drive-in camping at Lake Fairfax Park campground. Classes and communal cooking/feast/music. Come to share knowledge, skills, food, and song. Demonstrate your forestry skills to gain rank. [$10 site fee]
21-22 May 2027 Intermediate Backpacking Trip (Culpeper, VA): Shenandoah Wilderness @7 miles, moderate trail 1750' gain—all of it in the first two miles. Hone your primitive backpacking skills and cardiovascular fitness. Test new period kit. Modern gear welcome. Period garb encouraged.
17-20 June 2027 Northern Summermoot at LEAFS (Croom, MD): See Kingdom Calendar for event details. Teach classes, take classes, demonstrate your forestry skills to gain rank.
10-11 July 2027 Advanced Backpacking Trip (Staunton, VA): Ramsey'sDraft Wilderness @15 miles, moderate trail 1750' gain. Test your primitive backpacking skills and kit. Period gear encouraged. Period garb required (modern footwear OK). [Optional camping near trailhead Friday 9 July].
4-6 September 2027 Expert Backpacking Trip 2 NIGHTS (Wardensville, WV): Tuscarora Trail @8.5 miles, difficult trail 1600' gain. Put it all together. Test the limits of your skills, kit, and endurance. Period gear encouraged. Period garb required (modern footwear OK). [Optional camping near trailhead Friday 3 September].
9-10 October 2027 Northern Autumnmoot (Staunton, VA): Drive-in camping in North River primitive camping area. Come to share knowledge, skills, food, and song. Demonstrate your forestry skills to gain rank.

**If you would like to host a quarterly Northern Moot or other guild activity, please contact me at scarey161@gmail.com.

Electronic Connection

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

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

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