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Upcoming Events in Atlantia

July - 2025

07-12 - 07-12 : [Procrastinators Paradise- Last Chance Authorization and Sewing Day](#) :Waldorf MD (Dun Carraig)

07-19 - 07-19 : [Warrior's Games](#) :Harleyville SC (Tear-Sea's Shore) (Pr P)

07-25 - 08-10 : [Pennsic War](#) : (Atlantia) (Q K Pr P)

August - 2025

08-23 - 08-23 : [Nottinghamhill Coill Baronial Picnic](#) :Prosperity SC (Nottinghamhill Coill)

08-23 - 08-23 : [Neppie Wars](#) :Carrollton VA (Tir-y-Don)

Upcoming Sacred Stone Barony meetings

Meetings are planned in rotation between the Cantons and baronial lands

All meetings are at 2:00 pm unless stated otherwise

July	Middlegate/ Baronial Lands	No meeting
August 17th	Salesberie Glenn	Monteray Mexican Restaurant - 119 N Link Avenue, Salisbury, NC 28144
September	Aire Faucon	TBD
October - no meeting	CANCELLED	Not having meeting in October due to busy event schedule
November	Charlesbury Crossing	TBD

Seeking Officers!

The Populace of Sacred Stone- our noble Excellencies and our great Seneschal need your aid! The barony is currently in need of:

Seneschal - LETTERS OF INTENT ARE DUE BY JULY

The seneschal is the chief administrative officer of an SCA recognized branch, whose primary responsibility is the smooth operation of the branch. The seneschal typically runs the local meetings, and administers the operation of the branch, reporting on branch activities as required to the other officers of the kingdom. More simply, they become the branch's representative to the outside world, both modern and SCA. In many modern groups this would be the president.

LETTERS OF INTENT FOR SENESCHAL ARE DUE BY THE END OF JULY.

OUR CURRENT SENESCHAL IS STEPPING DOWN IN SEPTEMBER AND WE NEED TO HAVE TIME FOR THE NEW PERSON TO GET ESTABLISHED BEFORE FILLING THE ROLE.

PLEASE SEND YOUR LETTERS OF INTENT TO THE CURRENT SENESCHAL AND THE BARON/BARONESS.

Minister of the Lists

Minister of the List is a position within the Marshal structure to organize and document tournaments, record fighter authorizations and report the results in an unbiased fashion.

A Minister of the List (MoL) helps organize, complete and maintain the paperwork needed to track fighters' authorizations and run combat scenarios at events. They are the people sitting at the table on the side of the list field signing in combatants, checking authorization cards, recording authorizations, and filling out all those lovely forms necessary to keep fighting in Atlantia running smoothly.

Chatelaine

The Chatelaine is in charge of Newcomers' Relations. Each SCA kingdom has an officer in this position, known as the Chatelain(e) or Hospitaller

This office is responsible for making sure that newcomers to the local group are made to feel welcome and receive the assistance that they need to become active members of the SCA. They are also responsible for ensuring that demos for recruitment and education are held.

These positions are open for letters of intent. Please send LOI's to:

baroness@sacredstone.atlantia.sca.org baron@sacredstone.atlantia.sca.org
and seneschal@sacredstone.atlantia.sca.org

Thank you for your interest!

Letter from Their Excellencies

Phelicitations, phriendly, phashionable Phoenix phamily!

Your baronage is engaging in the time-honored tradition of Pennsic Packing. We look forward to seeing many of you there, feel free to visit us in Atlantian Royal encampment. We will be staying in our 18' square pavilion that we use for a populace tent at Sacred Stone events. Your baroness will be found at Ottoman music practice many mornings, the fencing lists and the occasional troll shift many afternoons, and the dance tent or performance tent in the evenings. Most notably, she will be assisting at the Children's Fete on Wednesday of War Week. Your baron will be found, hopefully, please return him to Atlantian Royal. Unless he's in armor, then he can find his own way. Hopefully.

Where will you be found? Share your favorite Pennsic Activities in Discord so we may celebrate YOU!

For those unable to make the annual pilgrimage, we encourage you to get together locally! For example, Salesberie Glen will be hosting, A&S in the A/C, from noon to four PM July 26, at 205 Saint Paul's Church Rd, Salisbury, NC 28146. Pennsic Pity Parties have been a thing, feel free to make a new one. Whatever you do, write about what happened, and publish it here, in your newsletter, we look forward to reading about it!

Thanks to Lady Slaine and Master Patris, we enjoyed a comfortable venue for the June business meeting. Your baroness is proud that ten fencers learned and fought that special day. With both bags of loaner rapier armor and weapons in full use, five seasoned fencers coached five new fencers!

It was a joy to watch this engaging spectacle. Sacred Stone could always use more martial arts- minded folks: if you wish to learn fencing, armored combat, archery, or thrown weapons, please reach out to us or folks in those disciplines. Inexperienced beginners are absolutely welcome!

Congratulations to our new honorees on their achievements!

Honorees Celebrated	Honors Awarded
CJ of Sacred Stone	Feather & Talon of the Phoenix for kitchen service
Slaine inghean ui Sheachnasaigh	Talon of the Phoenix for Royal Archery prowess
Róis MacAden	Flame of the Phoenix for crafting blank scrolls
Patris de Terra Lepori	Order of the Golden Dolphin for casting service
Eirik Grálökk	Companion of the Yew Bow for archery
Ailis inghean Uí Riagain	Order of the Golden Dolphin for webminster service
Noble Estienne Le Mons d'Anjou	Baronial Award of Excellence for officer service
Lady Siobhán inghean mhic Eochadha	Baronial Award of Excellence for officer service
Lord Allen MacFarland	Order of the Phoenix Eye for arts and sciences
Paul the Woodcutter	Order of the Phoenix Heart for service
Tatiana Berezetskaia	Order of the Phoenix Heart for service
Magdalena Campbell "Magda"	Flame of the Phoenix for event stewarding
Lord Takezo Yoshida	Flame of the Phoenix for event service
Lord Allen MacFarland	Order of the Pearl for arts and sciences
Baron Achbar ibn Ali	new Armored Combat Warlord

Look who is teaching at Pennsic!

Lord Eirik Gralokkr: Finding and Processing Materials for Period Arrows

Lady Pagane: Niello, Parts 1 and 2

Baronial Progress

Date	Event	Place
July 25-Aug 10	Pennsic War	Cooper's Lake, Slippery Rock, PA
Sept 5-7	Sacred Stone Baronial Birthday	Optimist Farm, Apex, NC
Sept 13	Phoenix Rising: Newcomers' Nest	Charlotte, NC
Oct 4	Fall Coronation	Atlantia
Oct 11-19	War of the Wings	Van Hoy Camp, Harmony, NC

love and peace,

Alain & Azza, Baronage of the Sacred Stone

Crafting Armor

from [Takezo Yoshida](#) and [Elli van Zutphen](#)



Let's get these knees pretty again!



Mapping out the issues



Putting some gentle persuasion on the dents



Going to planish out and smooth over the rough work



Now they get a nice sleepy vinegar bath while they hear the soothing sounds of Tool.



First soak - inside and out



Second soak. Took the rust off, but the pitting will remain.



Primed the inside. I know... I don't care what it says on the can you have. Primer and top coat mixed together isn't a real thing. Always prep, prime, and paint.



They're blue!



Little once over with 320 grit paper



Rough Polish



Final Polish



Gonna slap some clear shoe polish on, to protect it and that's it.

Arts and Science Entry - at Royal Archery Tournament - [Lord](#)
[Alan MacFarland](#)



Benkei - Short Story Entry for “The Hunt” competition -

Lord Yoshida Takezo and Elli van Zutphen

"Competition: "The Hunt" This is for a 2-dimensional depiction of Archers / a hunt. This can be a drawing/ painting/ written story. You can be original, or re-tell old favorites. We encourage creativity - have a drawing / scroll you made that shows archers? Want to put a spin on a legend like "Robin Hood" or "William Tell"? Had a blast at a past archery event? Want to tell that story? This is your space to do so! The Baroness of Sacred Stone will pick her favorite for this one – other visiting Royalty/Baronage assist as well."

Benkei

It had been a long day and Benkei had just finished putting the bell up in his temple that he “acquired” the day before. Hanging the heavy, cumbersome bell had truly tested his patience. He decided a little stroll to clear and refresh his mind would be a

proper reward. The bridge down the road had always been one of his favorite places. It had nice views, and the odds were that he'd have it to himself since it was quite late in the evening and most pilgrims would have already found lodging by this time, so as not to be caught alone on the road at night.

He leaned against the rail and watched the sunset. The dragon flies were skimming the cool water, and the birds were singing their slow melodies as they wound down for the evening. An odd, jarring sound came from over his shoulder and broke the peace of the scene.

"Hi there!" sounded off a man, dressed in armor. He stood in the middle of the bridge with a posture that denoted a certain amount of pride.

Benkei slowly turned with a groan and responded, "Evening. What can I help you with?"

"My name is Kujiro!" cheered the stranger. "I'm a warrior that roams the countryside to test my skills. So far, I haven't found anyone impressive, and you do appear to be a strong individual." The stranger stood as straight as he could, with a grin that seemed permanent. His clothes were flashy, and it appeared as though he spent quite a bit of coin to give himself an air of grandiosity. His sword was decorated with a bit of gold flake and the scabbard was highly polished. The bow on his back appeared new or hardly used, with the feathers of his arrows sparkling in the sparse light as they

swayed behind his back in the breeze.

Benkei had seen this guy's type many times; an overzealous samurai who

boasted too loudly of prowess and skill, only to turn up short in the faintest of trouble.

Benkei had made a habit of collecting the swords of such individuals. His thought was

that they didn't deserve them and would probably be less of a nuisance if they simply

didn't own one. Unfortunately, people will take coin for steel and battlefields were rarely

policed for robbers, so this was a common occurrence.

"Look bud... I'm not in the mood for this right now. I think it would be best for you

to find someone else." Benkei replied as he slowly turned back to the rail of the bridge.

Try as he might, the stranger was persistent.

"You seem like a strong warrior. Perhaps you'd look fiercer if you'd keep your

eyes on those who are speaking to you. You'd probably look more like a warrior if you

stood up straighter than you do. You also need to think about wearing something a little

better than those rags." The stranger stated as he reached out to tug on Benkei's

kosode.

Without hesitation and with the speed of a cat, Benkei reached back and grabbed

the back of the stranger's neck. With a hard pull, the stranger's head slammed into the

rail where Bekei had been trying to relax. A sound like raindrops filled the air as teeth

fell into the stream below. Birds and bugs alike scattered against the purple sky from the sound of wood splintering under the blow. Benkei pulled the man's face from the bridge rail to find that not quite all the teeth had fallen into the water. He released the man's neck and watched the stranger sink to his knees, clutching his face in disbelief as he began to sob.

Benkei leaned down to the man and began to whisper, "I've met many people like you in my travels. It's not often that the prey actually comes to me, but it makes for an easier day when they do." Benkei began to pull the sword from the stranger's belt as he said "I don't think you'll be keeping this." Benkei then pulled the bow from the man's back and held it up for a better look. He leaded back down to the stranger and stated, "I've never really been a fan of these." He tossed the bow and the quiver with the sparkling arrows over the bridge rail with a faint look of disgust, watching for a moment as they floated downstream. Perhaps they would be found by someone who deserved them, he mused.

The walk home was quiet. Benkei had a long day and had gotten no relief from his walk this evening. Arriving at his temple, Benkei made his way to a special storage room at the back of the property. He opened the door to see swords adorning the walls on every side of the room. "98" he spoke as he leaned his new trophy in the corner. He had a moment of reflection on the happenings of the day and couldn't help but chuckle.

"I wonder how that smile of his is going to look on his next challenge." he thought, and he grinned as he made his way to bed to finish the day.

A tale retold by Takezo and Elle

The Barony of Sacred Stone - meeting minutes

6/22/25

Rural Hall - home of Patris and Slaine

Baronial Court!

1. Lady Magda - has been awarded the Flame of the Phoenix (officially announcement at Royal Archery Tournament)
2. Lady Ailis has been awarded a Golden Dolphin (officially announced at Royal Archery Tournament)

Their Excellencies Report:

Very happy to have fencers here today to practice indoors!

We are thrilled to have some newcomers here today!

Salisbury has a Sew In and Yard Sale upcoming next weekend - it was a lot of fun last year and should be again soon. No garb needed for this event. Sell stuff, bring things to give away. It is air conditioned and there are plentiful electrical outlets and work space. There will be a potluck. 10am-4pm. St. Paul's Lutheran Church Lutheran Church in Salisbury.

We would like to see more people doing archery. We have a beautiful scroll to award for the baronial order of the Yeoman and I want to be able to award it to someone! This includes target archery, combat archery, and thrown weapons

Pennsic - we are going to be there at Peace week and at least part of War week, camping in Atlantian Royal. This camp is open to anyone - even people outside of the Kingdom. Paul

Woodcutter is doing a meal plan, if you would like to be part of meal plan please reach out to Paul or to us. There will be coffee available all day.

We will be stepping down as Baronage in about a year and a half, so people that have questions about the job, please let us know!

Officer Reports

Seneschal (Master Patris de Terra Lepori) :

- I would love to keep having meetings like this where we have things like fencing and arts!
- Attendance today is about 33+ people
- Still planning to step down at SSBB in the fall. The Barony will be in need of a replacement Seneschal
 - If you are interested in becoming the next seneschal - please make a letter of intent to myself and Their Excellencies
 - We need letters of intent for people who are interested in the job should have information on who you are, relevant experience, why you want the job, etc. Letters are being collected for this month with plan to vote at the next meeting
 - Seneschal works together with the Baron/ess to help lead the Barony
 - We have received one letter of intent from Baron Cormac Macleod. He is a transplant from out of state, was taking some time off due to health reasons but wants to get more active in the SCA
- Elchenburg - per the SCA Board of Directors we are not currently allowed to use the Elchenburg Site at this time. Per the Board of Directors Elchenburg site needs to make certain changes before the site can be used again. In order to make things as safe as possible and prevent legal issues - we cannot use the site until the changes are made.
 - Regardless of our feelings on the topic - we need to deal with the current reality that we cannot use the site right now and move onwards for our scheduled events
 - Sacred Stone Baronial Birthday needs relocated, we need to find a new site
 - War of the Wings needs to be relocated, site already selected at Van Hoy Campground in Harmony, NC (near Statesville)

- Owners of Elchenburg are actively working to make changes

Exchequer (Meisterin Jdeke von Kolberg) :

Exchequer Report, Baronial Meeting 22 June 2025

Balance \$33,263.39

The last Baronial Meeting was May 18th .

Five checks were written since last report, and they will be signed today:

- To Rebecca Short, for supplies for RAT 2025, \$83.33 per event budget
- To Scott Webb, for supplies for RAT 2025, \$85.56 per event budget
- To Adrian Alma, for gate seed money for RAT 2025, \$200
- To Elchenburg Castle Inc, for RAT 2025. Check totals \$2198 and included the site fee and the portajon fee.
- To Adrian Alma, for supplies for RAT \$45.51

Four deposits were made since last report:

- From various persons for pre-registration for RAT 2025: \$135
- From Kari Newby, returning "change" from feast advance from RAT 2025: \$16.65
- From various persons, gate take from RAT 2025: \$2024
- Gate seed money from RAT 2025 returned: \$200

Note that I have not yet received the check for RAT 2025 from SCORES. Amount I am expecting: \$2216.38

Herald (Domnall Locard) :

No report

Chatelaine (vacant) :

Seeking letters of intent for Chatelaine - please get in touch with Seneschal or the Baron/Baroness

This office is responsible to coordinating and connecting to newcomers

Marshal (Syr Garan):

Watch your heat index when fighting outside!

I will unfortunately not be able to make it to Pennsic this year, but have fun!

Minister of the Lists (MoL) (vacant) :

Seeking letters of intent for MoL - if you are interested please talk to the Seneshal or Their Excellencies

Chronicler: (Slaine inghean ui Sheachnsaigh):

If you have anything to include in the newsletter, please send it to me, I would like to include it!

Newsletter gets published to the website, to the baronial email list (link to sign up on the website if you want to get added to the list), and to facebook, and soon to Discord

Webminster (Lady Ailís inghean uí Riagáin):

Baronial Discord is live! Links are available on our website and Facebook

You must agree to all the rules on the discord before you are able to see the rest of the discord channel

I put everything I have been given regarding events to the website and also to the discord events channel. If you are doing things like meetings, practices etc please let me know so I can get it added to the calendar

Minister of Arts and Science (Just Pagane) :

We had several people from Sacred Stone that taught classes at University

If you are doing arts/sciences please let me know!

There is arts and sciences at the weekly practices at Claremont. I will be there for several weeks. If you would like to teach a class there let me know!

Canton Reports**Aire Faucon:**

Present at meeting, but nothing new to report

Charlesbury Crossing:

- We are in the process of making out discord channel
- Meeting on Monday nights at Mugs. Sometimes social and sometimes arts/sciences.
- Fighter practice quarterly at the park in Charlotte- we had 15 people at the most recent practice. We would love to have rapier folks along too
- September event upcoming focusing on newcomers - Phoenix Rising: A Newcomers Nest
 - 9/13/25.
 - Park Road Park - 6220 Park Road, Charlotte, NC, 28210
https://atlantia.sca.org/event/?event_id=682888f7
 - Event site will be online soon and will have SCORES signup for pre-registration
 - Lunch is included
 - There will be space for heavy/rapier fighting
 - Would love to have classes or places to try out experiment with new crafts - like a try out scribal or spinning as examples

Salisbury Glen:

- Fighter practice/ general meetup (all are welcome!) Tuesdays at 6pm – at Bell Tower Green. Sometimes location may change based on weather. Please refer to facebook page for the most up to date information.
- June 28 - 10a-4pm - Sew In event - at St. Paul's Lutheran Church 205 St Pauls Church Road, Salisbury 28146
 - Time to bring any arts/sciences to work on
 - There is plenty of tables and electrical outlets available

- Yardsale / stuff swap
- Potluck! Signup sheet for potluck going up soon - on facebook. There will be savory toasted cheese!
- July 12th - there will be a casual meetup at a good gentles' home- in Mocksville - there will be archery! Starting 1pm. Bring snacks! Please reach out to the officers for address information!
- Autumn Jubilee will be the first weekend of October. This is a large Craft Fair that we did a demo prior years which worked really well in prior years. This is at Dan Nichols park. Last time we had pewter make and take and fighting which went really well. This is the same weekend as Coronation - we would love to have people come here if people are not going to be attending Coronation.

Old Business

- Royal Archery Tournament
 - Checks have been given today to folks that are here, will mail to those who are not
 - Looks like we made a profit on this
 - Attendance was great and overall went very well!
 - We tried something new, with pavilions facing the shooting field, with marshal inspection station
 - Because of this there was a great crown to gasp and oooo and ahh for the finals just like a tournament
- Below the Salt
 - Bid published this month in the newsletter
 - No questions on the bid
 - Voting today - 29 members in attendance

- Yes - 28
 - No - 0
 - Abstain - 0
- Quests will be published to start VERY SOON. So there are things to do BEFORE this event
 - Examples: entering arts/sci competitions at any other events
 - These questions are loosely based on a framework of a role play game (like Dungeons and Dragons) style quest
 - We want to encourage people to participate in new things at other events
 - You can make teams, or play solo
- Pennsic Children's Fete
 - Robert and Annora are organizing the food/drinks supplies of this
 - We are seeking volunteers - Wednesday of War week - 10am-12pm for the kids with some set up and break down
 - So if you want to provide kids with sugar and help out - please come help out
 - As the people handing out snacks, people are really nice to us!
 - Please let us know if advance if you are planning to help out
- Sacred Stone Baronial Birthday - Lord Edward Perry is site steward
 - September 5-7 - ideally we would like to keep this scheduled date
 - <http://ssbb.atlantia.sca.org/>
 - We do not currently have a site for this event due to issues (as discussed above) with the previously selected Elchenburg site
 - We need to find a new site, please let us know if you have any site locations that could potentially host 300 people.
 - Ideally we would like to keep the same dates, activities, kitchen facilities if we can find a site that has these
 -

New Business

- The Geekery Market - we would like to do a Demo here again
 - **Date:** **Saturday, November 15, 2025**
 - **Venue:** [Cabarrus Arena & Events Center](#)
4751 NC Highway 49 North, Concord, NC
 - **Hours:** 10 AM – 4 PM ***Rain or Shine*** – indoor event



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Would you like to add something to the newsletter?

Email at chronicler@sacredstone.atlantia.sca.org with your entry!