

THE TALON

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Upcoming Events

Barony of Hawkwood Business Meeting and Curia

Tuesday, December 9, 2025, 7PM to 8PM
Online via Google Meet

Yule Toy Tourney (Nottingham Coill)

Friday, December 12, 2025, 5PM to Sunday, December 14, 2025, 12PM
Table Rock Camp and Retreat Center, 125 Bethany Cove Rd, Pickens, SC, 29671

Ice Castles 2026/Legend of Yuki-Onna (Black Diamond)

Saturday, January 14, 2026, 8AM to 8PM
Boonsboro Ruritan Club, 1499 Coffee Road, Lynchburg, VA, 24503

Dinner Night Out

Saturday, January 24, 2026, 6PM
Yao, 153 Smokey Park Hwy. Asheville, NC 28806

Epics of the Stone (Sacred Stone)

Saturday, January 24, 2026, 9AM to 9PM
Star of Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 1355 Jonestown Rd, Winston-Salem, NC, 27103

Hawkwood Business Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 11, 2025

Seneschal: Welcome! First things first. We have new Heirs. Vivats to Prince Wilhelm von Bellatrix and Princess Genevieve of Hellsgate!

For anyone who may not have heard, Our Baroness, Her Excellency Lucrezia, has decided that she would like another term as our Baroness. In order for this to happen, we will be holding a Polling of Confidence. You will need to be a paid member and have or set up an account with the Atlantian Enterprise Log-in (AEL) on the Kingdom Website. The Polling will be open from November 15th through the 29th. During that period, you can log in and make commentary on how you feel Her Excellency has done and if you think she should continue for the next two years.

I want to remind those who hold offices that Unevent is December 6th. It is a virtual meeting. There will be other meetings as well if you are interested in checking it out.

The next weekend, Dec 12-14th, is Yule Toy Tourney hosted in Nottingham Coill. It's a lovely event and the site fee is just to bring a new unwrapped toy for donation.

Our next meeting will have a Curia. For those who are unfamiliar, a Curia is a court where rule changes can be made. We are looking to make adjustments to our Financial Policy. The plan is to expand the [Emergency] Financial Committee back to five members so that we have more viewpoints when making financial decisions as a group. The Seneschal and Exchequer have to be two of those but that would give us three other voices instead of one. We also need to expand the number of people who can sign checks but those do not technically need to be people on the Financial Committee. If you have any commentary on this plan, please reach out to Her Excellency. Any rules that we make in addition to Society and Kingdom rules would have to go through her. She has all the power in that regard.

That's enough from me, so let's move on.

Exchequer: Two checks outgoing for Memento Mori soon. That event money is deposited. \$7761.46 is the present balance, not yet accounting for those outgoing checks. The event report is being revised and has not yet gone out to the Kingdom due to an incorrect NMR fee. Going forward, we want to get that out earlier. The Quarterly Report went out the Sunday of War of the Wings; the Kingdom Exchequer was pleased, and there are no ongoing concerns there. Reconstruction of past missing financial reports is ongoing. A reimbursement request for new checks and stamps will be coming later this month.

Beer (from the Exchequer): I have delivered all beer that I have promised, 4 batches for WoW and 2 for Memento Mori. I plan to keep making beer, but no more kegs, because kegs are hard to move.

Chronicler: There will be a special edition of The Talon regarding the Polling of Confidence and the Curia.

Herald: We hope to have a Herald soon. We could use more Heralds.

Webminister: We need a Social Media Officer (separate from the Webminister; social media is under the Senenschal) and a new Deputy Webminister.

Baronage: Thank you to Goldy for the beer and especially the cider. Thanks to everyone who made WoW and Memento Mori; Talor was instrumental to getting camp set up at Memento Mori.

Stormwall report:

Stormwall held a fighter practice and A&S Gathering on Sunday October 26, 2025 at Riverfront Park in Bryson City. We had a good turnout for armored practice with 4 fighters and 3 rapier fighters including a newcomer. Lady Francaska taught a drop spinning class.

Our next fighter practice and A&S Gathering will be Sunday November 23, 2025 3pm-5:30. We will be indoors at the Swain Arts Center in Bryson City. Mistress Adair will be teaching Applique and Beading of a Small Pouch.

Come and join us for the Sylva Christmas Parade on Sunday December 7, 2025. We will decorate a truck and small trailer as well as walk in the parade. This parade is always a lot of fun. This is the first time we will have an option to ride for those who cannot walk the entire parade route. We will then adjourn to a local restaurant (TBD) for our Christmas Celebration. Stay tuned to the Stormwall Facebook page for more info including gathering times and opportunities to help decorate our truck and trailer.

Haukesgate: The incipient Senenschal of Haukesgate, Dante, is scheduling the necessary upcoming classes. Haukesgate will have a meeting after UnEvent. Haukesgate is planning fighter practices in the southern part of the barony soon.

Old Business:

Memento Mori: We had an event. No one died at the event, and we celebrated those who died beforehand. We had a wonderful turnout, 54 live skeletons. A&S was a great success. Fighting was excellent; people loved the scenario Sir Roland developed. The dayboard

was to die for. Stay tuned for Memento Mori 3 in a couple years when Ari and Heather have dug themselves out of their graves.

(No) Holiday Party: With no one to host such a thing, the usual online meeting 12/9 (including the Curia) is on.

Hawkwood Baronial Birthday: Next meeting, we will be voting on a bid for BBXXII. The potential autocrat is Rene; the potential feast steward is Louis. If the bid passes, the location will be the home of Daniel and Mary in Balsam Grove, with plenty of flat land, a clear night sky, and some restrictions. (Drumming would have to end by 10PM, and ground fires are not allowed.) We will need to mow the area about a week ahead of time; there are 3 tractors on site and it's a 12 man-hour job. We have spiked the date, but it's not yet on the Kingdom calendar. Though it's not strictly necessary to have Their Majesties present to renew a Baronage after the Polling of Confidence, the Kingdom Seneschal has recommended that they attend.

New business:

Mary Beth is offering to sell us 2 10x10 pavilions and some tables for \$100.

This is related to an ongoing discussion about a more permanent storage solution for baronial stuff. A storage unit 10x10 starts at about \$900 a year, and a 10x15 starts at about \$1200 a year. Both of these rates might roughly double after a year; we'd have to talk to a salesperson once a year to maintain rates like that.

A baronial trailer would need somewhere safe to park, and has maintenance costs, but would be much cheaper than a storage unit. The main concerns here are that a hypothetical trailer theft might not be covered under our usual insurance, and that we don't have anywhere to put a trailer.

Dinner Night Out: January 24, 2025: Yao's in Asheville 6PM.

Submissions for The Talon

Please submit any articles, letters, artwork, photographs, notes, suggestions, complaints, or musings to chronicler@hawkwood.atlantia.sca.org. Anything received on or prior to the 25th of the month will be considered for the upcoming issue.

This release form is required for all submissions:

<https://www.sca.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/Creative-Work-Release-Fillable.pdf>




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