

THE SIREN



The Barony of Stromgard Newsletter

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LETTER FROM THE BARON AND BARONESS

Greetings Stromgard!

Greetings unto the Vibrant
and Awe Inspiring Populace of Stromgard,

As is tradition in Stromgard, we gathered in celebration of our Founding two weekends ago and had a wonderful day of laughter and friendship. The event was a big success, with small Rapier and thrown weapons competition, a silent auction, some classes, and of course the Storm Maker contest. With its completely new format this year we were a bit concerned as to how many competitors we would get, but we had five who competed and completed each of the five main challenges.

There was such amazing teamwork and encouragement amongst the group of them, my hear was made happy. In the end it was very very close and finally it was revealed that Allegro Corbinello de Ravenna (aka Raven) was victorious in their endeavors! Huzzah to Raven and welcome!

During court we were well pleased to be able to present awards to some of our very deserving populace, Bunchberries went to Ronan and Helvi, a Bell and Chain was granted to Siobhan, and a Silver Sea Urchin for Gregory

Coming up this month we have May Crown where the baronial pavilion will be on the erics to act as the Barony's living room, please consider helping with the set up and take down as well as utilizing it as a space to gather with friends before, during and after the Crown Tournament,

We will also have a group camp at Egils with Ronan as camp master, so be sure to check in with him for details.

Be sure to check the Baronial website and Facebook pages for information about social gathering and practice sites as well as upcoming events and classes available through the Kingdom and beyond.

Be kind to each other, and have fun!

In Service to The Crown and to all of you,



Officers Reports

Seneschal: Alina present, written report.

My report is that the quarterly report was sent in. And review of things from Founding Revel.z

Yours in Service
Viscountess Alina of Folkstone, OP

Exchequer: Constance present, written report.

Greetings Their Excellencies and the Barony of Stromgard!

The April Bank Reconciliation is uploaded to the Members' section of Stromgard's website. The 1st quarter reports were submitted on time.

YIS, Constance Le Clerc Stromgard
Baronial Exchequer

Chamberlain: Alexander absent, written report. NTR

Arts and Science Minister: Pora absent, written report.

To Their Excellencies and the Populace of Stromgard,

Greetings – we had an Arts & Sciences meetup on May 3, 2023 with 8 people in attendance! At the meetups we are painting charters for our barony and attendees just completed several for the Summits that will be delivered at May Crown. We also have many largesse projects for the barony if scribal doesn't strike your fancy!

Our next A&S Meetup will be Wednesday, June 7, 2023 at my residence – please look for the event descriptions on the Stromgard Book of Faces. If you need help finding them, please contact me and I'll make sure you get on the recurring invite.

Yours in Service,
Póra Jórsalafari, OL
Stromgard Arts & Sciences Minister

Chatelaine: Siobhan present, written report.

Greetings to Their Excellencies and the Populace of Stromgard!

I am looking forward to the upcoming eventing season, including Tri Baronial Family day and An Tir Arts Academy!

In April, we began holding weekly fighter practice at a local park – Fisher Basin Park. I have committed to attending them with my children as often as possible in order to engage the public and welcome newcomers. Please bring your chairs and join us for some social time and to support our fighters – both heavy and rapier.

My hope is that we can also begin to offer a small class of some sort once or twice a month for non fighters to attend. Maybe this is our opportunity to hold newcomers classes?

Thank you for facilitating this transition Sir Rayner, Sir Sūn and all who lent their assistance! During our first practice at this location on 4/27 Excellent Dagmar fielded questions before I arrived and had some good conversations with the public about who we are and what we do.

I have printed out some promotional materials with our QR code on them, along with the other members of the Tri Baronial Area and the Kingdom website to have on hand and distribute as needed. I have also printed out some scribal and promotional coloring pages to bring along with some colored pencils if children want to color while their parents watch the fighting or engage with the populous who have begun to attend for social time.

On 4/29 we enjoyed Stromgard Founding Revel, which was attended by a new expat from Calontir, Saige de Monmouth – MKA Pamela as their first Stromgard event, and she also attended Baronial A&S night the following week. It was nice to speak to her and get to know her better. She has joined our online Facebook groups, so I hope we will all make her feel welcome.

Looking forward to May and beyond, we will begin having monthly Scribal Nights at New Season's Market on 164th the 4th Wednesday of each month from 6-9pm. I hope this location enables us to engage with the public in an informal but friendly setting, leading to some newcomers to our fair Barony!

As always, if you have an upcoming event, or meeting and would like newcomer or DEIB support, please reach out to me either via Facebook or email!

Yours In Service to the Dream,
I have nothing further to report.

Yours In Service, Lady Siobhán an Sionnaigh Ruaidh

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Scribe: Tatiiana absent, written report.

Greetings,

We handed out a few well deserved awards at Founding Revel, with more to come. I have a handful of charters that can be handed out and will make more copies for those who would like them.

There is still a need for art, so please turn in your submissions.

A huge thank you to Siobhan for setting up a monthly scribal night on the fourth Wednesday of the month starting this month.

YIS,
Tatiiana

Chronicler: Helvi present, oral report.

Siren was uploaded. June will be my last time compiling The Siren. Please consider taking it on.

Chronicler Job Description: It's a fairly easy job that keeps you up to date with goings on of the Barony, and amounts to about two evenings of work per month. You go to Baronial Council, take notes on things that were not sent to you, like New Busi-

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ness for example. Most reports are sent to you ahead of time so you can just copy and paste into the template. The Seneschal is your best friend if you are missing officer reports.

Best practice is to get the Siren up within ten days of the Council Meeting. Keep the officer names, and upcoming events updated in the Siren too. You can add your own flair and pictures for more interest. For sure we need to list the names of people who get awards, something I plan to set in motion before I leave office. Software: Microsoft Publisher and Outlook (provided for you.) I can teach you if you need assistance.

Yours in Service,
Helvi the Half-Deaf

Social Media: Penelope absent, written report.

I assisted in setting up Facebook event for An Tir Arts Academy. Also reminder to event stewards. Please contact me to set up events on Facebook.

YIS
Penelope

Web Minister: Eil absent, written report. NTR

Knight Marshal: Sir Rayner present, oral report.
Steady attendance. Now at Fisher Basin Park. 10-15 fighters. No injuries

Rapier Marshal: Ikenaga Asahi, present. written report.
I attended the KEM's class for branch marshals and during the class we discovered that per the existing rules a junior rapier marshal may hold a branch office, but is not allowed to hold practices or be MIC at events. The KEM has said she will work to update the language to allow a junior branch rapier marshal to hold practices, but not to be MIC at events. There is no set timeline for the update. I will coordinate with the local senior marshals for events and practices as much as possible.

I am planning to show up for practices even if no senior marshals do, but was directed that those would have to be unofficial (and unreported) practices for now. I am also working to obtain my senior marshal authorization.

No practices occurred over the last month. We are planning to try to join the heavies every other week in the park.

We had a small tournament at the Founding Revel. I was ill and unable to attend, but Gregorio was the MIC and there were three participants.

Thank you,
Ikenaga Asahi

Archery Marshal: Feradach present, oral report.
NTR. NOTE: Archery practices started May 16th!

Sergeantry Fenris present, oral report. NTR

Thinking of ways to bring forward new ideas and get more folks involve.

VACANT OFFICES

- Equestrian Marshal
- Youth Marshal
- Lists
- Cut & Thrust
- Thrown Weapons Marshal

Ronan Mac an Leagha was signed up officially as Red Trident Pursuivant.

Event Reports

APRIL 29: Founding Revel: - Aelfwyn Fiske

Still working on receipts, etc. 62 attended, 8 non members, 1 child. Closing next week is the goal.

SEPT 22-24: Game of Thrones and Stormgods - Dagmar

StormGods/StormBlades Venue reserved- Wakaiakum fairgrounds entire site for three days at \$600. Champions and other staff will tour site with me in the upcoming weeks.

Based on this, I'll be submitting new budget for approval at next meeting.

JULY 22: Rivers Region Family Day -Dagmar

Rivers Region Family Day Info submitted to crier, nothing more to report.

AUG 10-13An Tir Arts Academy - Angela

FB page went up last month and has already seen hundreds of visits, with over 150 showing interest

ATAA staff walked the Trojan site on April 23rd and took measurements, developed preliminary lay outs and did general planning

We now have about twenty teachers lined up for classes

We expect the pre-registration site to go live next month

We have flyers which were handed out at Founding Revel, and will go with us to May Crown to blanket the biffies, have a pile of flyers at gate, and so on.

A domain name(AnTirArts Academy.Org) has been secured for two years

Robin Wright has been gracious enough to create a preliminary website which we expect to go live within the next couple of weeks. Pre-registration will go live shortly thereafter.

I have purchased a freezer to start filling with the items to be served for the meal plan. In addition, I plan to underwrite the first \$1000 of food costs for meal plan participants.

If the Barony so chooses, we can dedicate the proceeds from the meal plan to the Coronet refurbishment. The meal plan charge to participants will be \$35 per person, and a punch card will be issued to each participant.

DEC 16: Stromgard Yule - Helvi

The church changed their mind. So we are back to looking for a venue.

The grange from last time maybe or 3m Scribal Night location, or Camas Community Center suggested.

On a positive note, planning has begun. The theme is Ships and Sheep (Gotland). I'd like to have an Iron Trident competition, childrens corner for family activities, bardic tales, Viking games, potluck dinner, bread bakers contest, and a couple of classes so far. And a "burial" photo opp.

I am building a cardboard ship, and shields, for decoration, so cardboard and paint donations, as well as willing hands, would sure be helpful done the road.

I really would like to not have chicken (I don't like chicken and at least once in a decade a Yule with lamb might be okay? Faux Kraken for those who don't like lamb).

I have lots of ideas, and a big mouth, because I am so enthused about this. However, I am seeking input, support and suggestions. It's not my way or the highway—teamwork make the Dream work.

I am keeping the budget to food and site rental, with a minimum for sundries.

OLD Business:

CORONET COMMITTEE:
RFPs are out. Waiting on returns

BARONIAL INVENTORY:
Inventory was conducted at Grendal's. Found the Original Sword of Stromgard, a pavilion, event type big candle holders, kitchen utensils, food warmers, and a crock pot.

EGILS CAMPING
There will be land reservations for the Barony of Stromgard. If you already registered for Egils, just let Ronan (John Paul) or the Event Steward know.
If you are even thinking of going to Egils, please let us know. We get more sq. ft. for everyone who we add to the encampment.

BENCH THRONES
Still at the design stage.

Stromgardian Awardees

- Order of the Grey Goose Shaft — Feredach the Beardless
- Bell and Chain — Siobhán an Sionnaigh Ruaidh
- Silver Sea Urchin — Gregory
- Bunchberry — Ronan Mac an Leagha
- Bunchberry — Helvi av Gotland
- StormMaker — Allegro Corbinello de Ravenna

If I have missed any awards, PLEASE let me know so I can update the list!!!

In attendance:

Alina of Folkstone
Constance Le Clerc
Angela Rosa Dellamora
Baron Justin
Baroness GaeiRa
Misha
Magnis Fis de Burke
Eil Winter
Dagmar Thorfinnrsdottir
Rayner Ulfgarsson
Þóra Jórsalafari
Feradach the Beardless
Raven Paradox
Ikenaga Asahi
Siobhán an
Sionnaigh Ruaidh
Donatella Donatelli
Aelfwyn Fiske
Ronan Mac an Leagha
Helvi av Gotland
Ikenaga Asahi



Awards of The Barony of Stromgard

If you know someone who is deserving of any of these recognitions, contact the Baron and Baroness with your recommendations.

Orders and Honors

Potissimus Hippocampus (Stromgard's Highest Honor)

Awarded for extraordinary service, continued involvement, encouraging others in their pursuits, epitomizing the aims of the society, and being the ideal to which all should strive. There is a polling order of the group. Granted a maximum of once per year. (Fieldless) A seahorse within and conjoined to an annulet engrailed on the inner edge argent.

Noble Company of the Swan

The Noble Company of The Swan recognizes those individuals who show true courtesy and grace in their everyday actions and behavior. This award is given in consultation with the members of the company.

Ullr of Lore

The Ullr of Lore recognizes those individuals who show excellence in persona development.

Eldhus

The Eldhus recognizes those individuals whom maintain a period encampment. The token is traditionally a carved stone.

Service

The Order of the Bell and Chain

The entry level Baronial service award. (Fieldless) A chain in chevron inverted conjoined in pale with a hawk's bell Or.

Ordo Famuli

Granted to those who show outstanding service to the Barony over many years. A higher award than the Bell and Chain. (Fieldless) A pair of hands appaumpy wrists outwards maintaining between them a roundel argent.

Pillar of Stromgard

The highest service award, granted to exemplars of service whose labors behind the scenes contribute greatly to the strength of the Barony.

Children's Awards

The Stromgard Sand Dollar

Granted to citizens aged 13 – 18 who show maturity beyond their years and show continued exemplary service to Stromgard. The badge of this award is a silver sand dollar pendant representing the future wealth of the Barony.

The Silver Sea Star

Granted to those gentles residing outside of the boundaries of Stromgard who have consistently helped Stromgard. (Fieldless) An estoile within and conjoined to an annulet engrailed on the inner edge argent.

The Order of the Silver Sea Urchin

Granted to citizens under 12 years of age that serve the Barony. (Fieldless) A sea urchin contourny argent.

The O'brich

Granted to those individuals who overcome or solve the biggest problem at an event. Traditionally awarded a heavy silver-colored chain.

Arts & Sciences

Amicus Musarum

Granted to those that encourage involvement in and personally excel in the arts and sciences. (Fieldless) A gem ring argent gemmed gules.

Favors of the Coronet

Honor of the Seamar - (The Baroness' Favor)

(Fieldless) A quatrefoil saltirewise slipped Or.

Baron's Favor

A token as chosen by the granting Baron.

The Bunchberry

Awarded at the discretion of the Coronet to those who foster a sense of community within and outside Stromgard

Dragon's Gate

Awarded at the discretion of the Coronet to those who, in the eyes of the Coronet, have transformed in some way. Principal of this recognition is Erik Daegarsson.

Shield Bearers of Stromgard

Given to those individuals that have aided the Barony in times of war. Principal of this recognition is Susanna Herst.

Upcoming Events

*(an attempt at period costume/garment is expected. If you don't have garb, inquire about Gold Key)
Please visit Kingdom of An Tir Event Page (<http://www.antir.org/events/>) for details.*

May 19-21	May Crown
May 26-29	Adiantum Egil Skallagrimson Memorial Prize Tourney
June 15-18	Dragon's Lair June Faire
June 24	Madrone Athanaeum
June 27-July 2	An Tir West War

Activities in the Barony of Stromgard

(period costume/garb not expected during monthly activities and all are welcome.)

Monthly Baronial Council Meeting— Fisher Basin Park SE 192nd Ave and Mill Plain Blvd. Please watch the Book of Faces and/or the Baronial Website (stromgard-sca.org) for details. *For questions or to confirm activity, contact:* Stromgard.seneschal@gmail.com.

Rapier Practice — Currently happening at 3M's practice. Visit their website or www.facebook.com/groups/696161364096256/

Archery Practice — Seasonal hiatus. *For questions or to confirm activity, contact* Feradach (Vern Myers) at stromgard.archery@antir.com or <https://www.facebook.com/groups/542609719249948>

Thrown Weapons Practice — Seasonal hiatus. Contact Matthias von Schwarzenberg (Bud Clark) at harlenclark64@gmail.com or private message Bud Clark on Facebook for location address. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/542609719249948/>

Arts and Science Nights — Wednesdays at Thora's. Address posted on the Baronial Page on Facebook. *To confirm activity or ask any questions, contact* Arts & Sciences Office (Kerry) at stromgard.artsnsoci@antir.org or on Book of Faces.

Scribal Night—fourth Wednesday of the month at Four Seasons Market, 2100 SE 164th Ave. Vancouver WA.

Stromgard Fighter Practice — Thursdays at 7:00 pm at Fisher Basin Park SE 192nd Ave and Mill Plain Blvd. *For questions or to confirm activity, contact:* stromgard.marshall@antir.org or <https://www.facebook.com/groups/256143011097207/>



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