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The Barony of Stromgard Newsletter

February 2022

LETTER FROM THE BARON AND BARONESS

Greetings **Stromgard!**

We would like to congratulate the following people for their achievements at **Arsamus**:

- **Matthias von Schwarzenberg** was elevated to the Order of the Grey Goose Shaft,
- **Jfederach the Beardless** won the Archery Competition, and
- **Brandr inn havi**, made it to the Sweet Sixteen in the heavy fight tournament!

Make sure to congratulate these good folks next time you see them!

At the end of the month of February, **The Crown of An Tir** will be cohosting a virtual Founding Revel court. Please virtually attend if you are able.

We would like to thank **Refskegg of House Bread**, and **Dagmar Thorfinrsdottir** for all of their hard work on this event.

At the end of April, will we be having an In-person Founding Revel, where you can complete to be the next **StormMaker**. There will also be lots of other fun activities, so keep an eye out for event updates.

Yours In Service,
**Baron Duncan &
Baroness Moira**



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Officers Reports

Seneschal: Ronan present, written report.

Greetings to their Excellencies Baron and Baroness and the populace of Stromgard,

Here is my February Seneschal Report: Ursulmas has taken place and currently no cases of Covid have been reported. As we move forward in the Kingdom calendar please remember:

- Do not attend an event if you are sick.
- Do not attend an event if you have been exposed (even if not confirmed or waiting on a test result).
- Assume you are positive.
- Remember, there will always be another event.

We have resumed most of our regularly scheduled Baronial activities.

Their Royal Majesties, Sven and Rauokinn, King and Queen of An Tir, announce an **Ethereal Court** to take place on February 26, 2022 at 1 PM to be broadcast live from the Barony of Stromgard. Court is scheduled for the original date of the rescheduled Founding Revel event. **Please check Kingdom website to see if you are requested in court.**

Refskegg will be hosting an instructional class regarding the "how to's" of attending court virtually on Wednesday, February 23rd at 7:30 p.m. — Refskegg will disseminate a link in the next couple of weeks. If you are unable to attend the February 23rd class, please contact Refskegg directly and he can find a mutually agreeable time to work with you.

Yours in Service,
Laird Ronan Mac an Leagha

Exchequer: Constance present, written report.

Greetings unto the Barony of Stromgard!

The January 2022 bank reconciliation is in the file-share section of the website. Year End reports were submitted on time.

Thank you to **Aelfwyn** for **volunteering for Financial Committee.** **We still need one more current member** to fill the last voting space. Reach out to me if you are interested.

Thank you to everyone who got me their receipts. I am working on closing Yule 2021 right now.

YIS,
Constance Le Clerc
Exchequer Barony of Stromgard

Chamberlain: Alexander present, written report.

Greetings to the Baron and Baroness and the populace of Stromgard.

I have continued to work on the visual inventory. Tentatively this month I plan on making it to the trailer and replace a couple of the totes that are damaged.

I am going to start looking for better labels for the totes, as opposed to just Sharpie marker.

YiS
Alexander.

Arts and Science: Aibinn present, written report.

Greetings!
The quarterly report was filed on time. **Her Excellency Moira** is teaching a class this Saturday at her house, on patterning sleeves! (Video is posted online if you missed it.) Also, there's a new regional A&S group on Facebook called "Rivers A&S Community (Unofficial SCA An Tir)" - shout out to Khalja of 3M - and I highly recommend everyone check it out. It's an enthusiastic and supportive group, and it's a great resource for A&S activities in the region.

We're going to be able to have a weekend class at least once a month for the foreseeable future, and if you're interested in teaching something, please, please let me know,

and we'll get it on the schedule!

Thank you, Yours in Service,
Aibinn

Herald James Le Bruin, absent, no report.

Scribe: Tatyanna present, oral report. Nothing to report.

Chatelaine: Dagmar present, written report.

Greetings to Their Excellencies and the Populace of Stromgard!

Ursalmas was an amazing event! A wonderful example of how we can safely move forward as a populace and continue to enjoy our hobby! Many many thanks to the team that put on that event! I'm looking forward to our **Not Founding Revel Virtual Founding Revel** coming up! Please join us Saturday Feb 26th as we celebrate people in our most awesome Barony!

And speaking of virtual fun, there is so much happening on the book of faces these days in our community! From Arts & Sciences to Heraldry and 'shop talk' for Armored Combat, there are so many ways to simply comment and feel like you are back at it again! If you haven't seen all the little ways to participate and engage PLEASE let me help you!

As Always, For more info or ideas, Please contact me via the Book Of Faces or email:
Stephaniefaith86@gmail.com

YIS- Lady Dagmar -Chatelaine Stromgard

Chronicler: Helvi present, written report. Siren was uploaded. No one took the Chronicler up on her offer.

Social Media: Penelope absent, no report.

Web Minister: Helvi present, written report. Updated event information.

Knight Marshal: Elrin, absent — verbal fight practice report provided.

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ed by Ronan. Due to Kingdom shut-down, no practices. New fighter looking for loaner gear. Practices resumed in February.

LOOKING FOR A NEW KNIGHT'S MARSHAL. Sir Elrin's time is up. Please contact the Seneschal or Baron/Baroness.

Rapier Marshal: Chris present, written report.

Practices are doing great with averaging about 4 people per practice. We just ended a large break which ended up being most of January due to Covid numbers dramatically increasing. No injuries or covid cases to report.

I am **officially looking for my replacement as baronial rapier officer.** As I said last summer, I have been doing this for 4 years and wish to refocus on other aspects of SCA and allow other people to take up the mantle of the baronial marshal.

If anyone is **interested, please contact me** and I will help guide you in the position as long as you need or until September. At the end of September I will be retiring from this position with or without a replacement.

If anyone is interested, please come see me at practice or message me on Facebook. No experience needed, just someone really enthusiastic for swords and community.

In a request for information, I am looking to expand our presence on the internet and in the real world and looking for other areas to advertise, post, talk, or show up for and talk about Stromgard Rapier and SCA. I feel like I have done the most I can with Facebook and I am currently working on a YouTube presence. Any other areas or ideas are welcome. Are there any demos planned in the near future?

Yours in Service,
Peter Bates
AKA Chris Perkins

Archery Marshal: Feradach present, written report.

Greetings unto the Baron, Baroness and the populace of Stromgard.

As it is still winter and we do not have an indoor arena available for archery practice during this dreary, moist time of year we have not been having archery practices. Therefore I have nothing to report in this regard. But with the dawning of 2022 the SCA is starting to hold some events. In January I ventured north to the lands of Aquaterra and attended this years **Ursulmas event. I am pleased to say that I placed first in their archery tournament.**

Yours in service,
Feradach the Beardless

Thrown Weapons Marshall: Matthias present, written report.

Greetings unto Their Excellencies and the populace of Stromgard.

Feradach the Beardless here standing in for the newly minted Arcos Matthias Von Schwarzenberg.

There has been no recent thrown weapons activity within the borders of Stromgard. Of the many Stromgardians that ventured north for Ursulmas myself and Matthias participated in their thrown weapons novelty competition. Of nine people that started the competition Matthias placed 3rd and I placed 4th.

And as mentioned **Matthias was elevated as a member of the Order of the Grey Goose Shaft.** He was awarded this honor due to his consistently high thrown weapons scores. The many championships he has held. The many, many unique and fun thrown weapons competitions he has designed and hosted. And his ability, and willingness, to teach anybody how to successfully throw axes and knives. It was even noted when introducing him for this honor at court that he had in fact been teaching a young man to throw that very day while waiting for the competition. And I can vouch for the effectiveness of that coaching because the young man was sticking the ax more often than not after Matthias worked with him.

It's hard to follow that exciting news, but I shall try. Days are staying lighter longer, and hopefully will begin warming up, however slightly, soon. So starting in March, Baron Duncan, Matthias and I have discussed starting to have thrown weapons practice again. For now I would like to propose that we have practice on the first and third Wednesdays. Matthias will be able to attend two practices a month so anyone that wants to be taught by the man himself can come and bask in his radiance. ;)

Yours in service,
Feradach the Beardless

Sergeantry Constance & Fenris present, oral report. Nothing to report.

Lists Rostislav absent, no report.

Event Reports

Founding Revel 2022

Dagmar Thorfinnsdottir, Event Steward. Present, Oral report.

the contract. I'll push to get that We will have room for a merchant's row (yay!) and have high hopes to add more outdoor stuff as April weather allows. Virtual court will be end of February. In-Person Founding will be April 30th at the Amboy Grange. We have the date, but they are slow getting to the Exchequer for insurance purposes.

As Always, For more info or if you have ideas, Please contact me via the Book Of Faces or email: Stephaniefait86@gmail.com YIS - Lady Dagmar

Stormgods 2022

Matthias and Feradach present. Contract soon to come. Planning for 150-200 people. Question of need for 1-2 biffies will be looked into. It will cost \$700 for the entire Trojan Park for the weekend. Noted that event stewards must present a budget in order to move forward.

Grand Thing / Tournament of Champions 2022 needs event steward. Date will be in September.

Old & New Business:

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OLD:

Proposal for Assigning temporary Officer status to Champions to ensure quorum is reached if needed: Passed.

The Baronial Customary is missing two official awards that need to be added.

There will be a Customary meeting in March, since it is due anyway.

NEW:

New badges for Stromgard Thrown Weapons and Stromgard Archery heraldry must be looked into, to ensure they are passed and ready to reproduce on banners, etc. Matthaias has a new spearhead for the Thrown Weapons Champion regalia.

Dagmar will work with Fenris and Peter to figure out a proposal for a Day Demo. Fenris' town has a LARGE park location that will be looked at for a site.

Discussed was the need for a merchant's policy for the Barony. Instead of largesse, it was proposed to ask a dollar or so per frontage foot. Attia Prima indicated that Kingdom is working on a merchant's policy as well for etiquette. It was decided that the coronet to meet with relevant officers and come up with a proposal to discuss at next month's meeting.

In Attendance:

Duncan Vitriarius, Moira Ramsay,
Ronan Mac An Leagha,
Alexander Son of Gray,
Everild Beaty, AElfwynn Fiske,
Constance Le Clerc, Helvi av Gotland,
Aibinn ingen Chon Mara, Peter Bates,
Dagmar Thorfinnsdottir,
Federach the Beardless,
Matthias von Swartzenberg,
Fenris of Stromgard,
Tatianna of Stromgard, Attia Prima



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OF PARTICIPANTS AT AN TIR

KINGDOM ARTS & SCIENCES

MARCH 11-13, 2022

RED LION HOTEL, PASCO



Awards of The Barony of Stromgard

Orders and Honors

Potissimus Hippocampus (Stromgard's highest Honor)

Awarded for extraordinary service to the Barony, continued involvement, encouraging others in their pursuits, epitomizing the aims of the society, and being the ideal to which all should strive. This is also a polling order of the group.

Granted a maximum of once per year.

The badge for this honor is: (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 service award for the Barony.

The badge of this order is: (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.

The badge of this order is: (Fieldless) A pair of hands appaummy wrists outwards maintaining between them a roundel argent.

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.

The badge of this award is: (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.

The badge of this order is: (Fieldless) A sea urchin contourny argent.

The O'brich

Granted to those individuals who overcome or solve the biggest problem at an event.

The badge is traditionally a heavy silver-colored chain.

Arts & Sciences

Amicus Musarum

Granted to those that encourage involvement in and personally excel in the arts and sciences.

The badge of this award is: (Fieldless) A gem ring argent gemmed gules.

Favors of the Coronet

Honor of the Seamar -

(The Baroness' Favor)

The badge of this award is: (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

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

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.

February 26	1:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Virtual Court for Not-Stromgard Founding Revel Court
March 5	12:00 AM - 12:00 AM	Summits Arts & Sciences & Bardic Championship
March 11 - 13	3:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Kingdom Arts & Sciences and Rapier Championships 2022
April 2	10:00 AM—5:00 PM	LyceuM (Glymm Mere)
April 9	10:00 AM—6:00 PM	Spring Fantastical First Court and Youth Championship (3M)
April 16	9:00 AM—11:30 PM	Rogue Tavern Returns (Madrone)
April 30	10:00 AM—9:00 PM	Stromgard Founding Revel—Live and in-Person

Activities in the Barony of Stromgard

(period costume/garment is not expected during monthly activities and all are welcome. Proof of Covid vaccination is required and will be checked.)

Monthly Baronial Council Meeting— Virtual Meetings. Please watch the Book of Faces and/or the Baronial Website (stromgard-sca.org) for details. *For questions or to confirm activity, contact:* John Paul (Ronan Mac an Leagha) Stromgard.seneschal@gmail.com — 503-929-9435

Stromgard Fighter Practice — Thursdays at 7:00 pm at private residence – 5111 NE 125th St Vancouver 98686. *For questions or to confirm activity, contact:* stromgard.marshall@antir.org or <https://www.facebook.com/groups/256143011097207/> for Armored fighting

Rapier Practice — First and third Saturdays of each month. Look for a facebook event for location and time. *For questions or to confirm activity, contact:* Chris Perkins stromgard.rapier@antir.org or <https://www.facebook.com/groups/696161364096256/>

Archery Practice — On Hiatus for the winter. *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 — On Hiatus for the winter. 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 – First and Third Wednesdays – 7:00-9:00 PM. Open metalworking shop. Indoor projects. Classes sometimes. Private residence in Vancouver, WA. Also featuring monthly weekend classes. *To confirm activity or ask any questions, contact* Arts & Sciences Office (Jenn Lee) at stromgard.artsnsoci@antir.org or on Book of Faces.

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Give any officer a call or send an email for more information about our group and activities.

Or visit us on the web at: <http://stromgard.org>

And Facebook at:

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The following offices are currently open or seeking replacement:

- ◆ Equestrian Marshal
- ◆ Youth Marshal
- ◆ Cut & Thrust Marshal
- ◆ Rapier Marshal
- ◆ Youth and Family Activities Coordinator
- ◆ Gold Key
- ◆ Knight's Marshal

Any currently filled office that you are interested in always needs deputies.

If interested in an office, come to baronial council or talk to the seneschal.