

# THE SIREN



The Barony of Stromgard Newsletter

October 2023

## Letter from the Baron and Baroness

### Greetings Stromgard!

Greetings unto the Vibrant and Awe Inspiring Populace of Stromgard,

It is our sincerest hope that this missive finds you all healthy and happy as we head into the colder wetter part of the year. With the uptick of not only covid infections, but also RSV, the flu, and the other plagues that spread across the lands traditionally in this season, please be vigilant and never be sorry for taking care of your and your family's health first, even if you had plans to volunteer at events. We can all work together to get things done and also stay safe and healthy.

At The Game of Thrones and Stormgods event held last month, in true Stromgard fashion for this event, there was some pretty epic weather to contend with. It was a nice change of pace for it not to be epic heat, however. During the day on Saturday, we saw the efforts of our previous Stormblade, Storm Hunter, Storm Thrower, and Stormgod, pay off greatly! The tournaments were well developed and exciting to watch. In the end, 4 new Champions emerged victorious. We congratulate Meastro Gregorio Cristovalez de la Vega, Archos Feradach the Beardless, Archos Matthias van Schwarzenber, and Sir Nicolai Rabenis von Tachov for their hard earned victories and thank our previous Champions sincerely for a day of fun and excitement. The site suited our needs for the weekend well, and it is my hope that we are able to use it again in the not too distant future.

We have our Storm Rider event coming up on Saturday, Nov 11th, at Mandorla Farm in Canby, and there has been talk of a regional combat practice at the same location on Sunday the 12th.

This event is one that can also be counted towards the ongoing Kingdom Equestrian Championship, which is pretty cool and will hopefully draw in more participants. We hope to see many of you there to cheer in our competitors vying for this championship as well.

Our Dual Yule event is also coming up on December 16th, held in collaboration with our cousins in Dragons Mist. We would love to have help with a very specific project. Decorating!

If you want to help adorn the walls of our hall with your device or badge (or other art), please grab a shield blank from me tonight to paint using acrylic paints. We do ask that you leave a 5-6 inch blank circle in the center for the shield bosses to be attached. You can bring it back next month to the council meeting.

Wishing you all the very best!

**Baroness GaiRa & Baron Justin.**

# Officers Reports

## Seneschal: Alina

### Exchequer: Constance

Greetings to the Noble Barony of Stromgard and her heartfelt populace!

The September Bank Reconciliation has been completed and is available upon request.

An Tir Arts Academy and The Game of Thrones and Stormgods are both still open. Please get any and all receipts to me as soon as possible. I would like to have them both closed out before the November Meeting so the information can be shared.

The next Financial Committee Meeting will be a half hour before next month's meeting.

On a note both sad and exciting, December will be the completion of my two-year tenure as exchequer. If it pleases their excellencies and the populace, I would like to stay on through the February meeting to complete the 2023 year-end reports and have the subsequent financial committee meeting. If you are interested in this position, which is required for the barony to exist, please reach out to me.

YIS

Constance Le Clerc  
Exchequer

Chamberlain: Alexander - Nothing to report

### Arts and Science Minister: Pora

To Their Excellencies and the Populace of Stromgard,

Greetings – my apologies that I cannot attend the Baronial meeting this month as I am preparing for an international trip! We did not have an A&S Meetup this month because our host (me) had the plague! Our next A&S Meetup will be Wednesday, November 1, 2023 at my residence – please look for the event descriptions on the Stromgard Facebook. 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

## Chatelaine: Siobhan

Greetings to Their Excellencies and the Populace of Stromgard!

To Report:

In September we were gifted 25 Buttons with the Newcomer badge on them by the Three Mountains Chatelaine, to use at our discretion. These were available at gate at Stormgods. Going forward, they will be in a designated pouch that travels with the gate box. Three Mountains and Dragons Mist will be using the same buttons – if you see someone wearing one, please feel free to introduce yourself and offer assistance if able.

I am looking forward to participating in our new Tri Baronial Newcomers Classes, held 1st Tuesdays at Parkrose Masonic Lodge. October was SCA 101, and a bonus class on How to Attend an Event. November will be a dual class – Intro to A&S at the lodge facilitated by a member of the Laurel (seeking interested parties), as well as an Intro to Marshal Activities at Dragons Mist Fight Practice on the same night facilitated by a member of the Chivalry and MOD – both with assistance from a Chatelaine.

Nothing further to report.

YIS,

Lady Siobhan an Sionnaigh Ruaidh

### Scribe: Tatiiana

Greetings,

We were able to hand out several well deserved awards at Stormgods thanks to our amazing artists. Their time and talents are enormously appreciated.

The position of Baronial Scribe is available for anyone interested. I'm happy to assist in any way I can. Please put your letters of intent in

YIS,  
Tatiiana

## Herald: Ronan

Greetings to Their Excellencies and Populace of Stromgard, Stormgods started out great as I was able to herald in the morning while all participants did their invocations. Sadly though my voice was muted on the field of battle as my foot took me out of the competition. Congrats to all the winners. Looking forward to are Yule event coming up in December.

Yours in Service,  
Ronan

### Chronicler: Pleiades

Nothing to report

### Social Media: Penelope

Nothing to report

Web Minister: Eil - Nothing to report

### Knight Marshal: Sir Rayner

Nothing to report

### Rapier Marshal: Ikenaga Asahi

We had no practices this month, though some of our members attended other local practices. I have heard interest from other members of the rapier community in restarting the rotating tri-baronial practices on Sundays once or twice a month.

There were four competitors for StormBlade at the championship and Catedratico Gregorio Cristovales de la Vega came out victorious. Two of the competitors had never fought in a championship before and for one of those two it was his first tournament ever! Stromgard was also well represented at Rose and Thorn, with our own Hrafna winning the rapier tournament!

Thank you,  
Ikenaga Asahi

### Archery Marshal: Feradach Sergeantry: Fenris

#### VACANT OFFICES

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

## Event Reports

### Dual Yule – (It's a Gute time!)

Event Steward: Helvi

Kitchen: Lorraine, Phylis Teresa, Ariel chaim,

Music: Khanzara

Flyting & Toasts: Lucia Piazetta maybe? Skamp maybe?

Activity Coordinator Kim Switzer

Marshaling: Gregorio (Matthew Howden)

Scheduling: Ana de la Sara

Gate Coordinator:

Décor: Helvi

Server Coordinator:

Logistics Coordinator: Ronan

Update: Over the top décor coming along nicely. GREAT turnout and SO MANY great minds and nimble hands made incredible progress.

Meeting with DM this month to nail down who is doing what so we can move forward swiftly so all will be completed by Thanksgiving, including schedule, final menu. Food will be potluck and Barony provided meal will be pre-cooked for easy prep. We really need SERVERS. Also, beginning NOV. 1, we need to remind folks bi-weekly? to let the Yule Nisse, the Baron & Baroness, need the names and ages of all the good little girls and boys attending Dual Yule from Stromgard. DM will be asked to do the same.

I wanted to commend those who showed up for the amazing ship and sheep and shield making. Gillian Lenzi (Rivers Bend) Barbara Srdhardt (Rivers Bend) Blue Spider Fairy and Pleides (3M) Duncan Vitrius, Moira Ramsey, Dagmar Thorfinnsdottir, Siobhán an Sionnaigh Ruaidh, Tiernan Mor Dal Cais, Ronan, Angela, Mac and Leagha!

# 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.*

**Dual Yule:** December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023

**Founding Revel:** February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024

## 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](http://stromgard-sca.org)) for details. *For questions or to confirm activity, contact:* [Stromgard.seneschal@gmail.com](mailto:Stromgard.seneschal@gmail.com).

**Rapier Practice** — Currently happening at 3M's practice. Visit their website or [www.facebook.com/groups/696161364096256/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/696161364096256/)

**Archery Practice** — Seasonal hiatus. *For questions or to confirm activity, contact* Feradach (Vern Myers) at [stromgard.archery@antir.com](mailto: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](mailto: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.artsnsci@antir.org](mailto:stromgard.artsnsci@antir.org) or on Book of Faces.

**Scribal Night**—fourth Wednesday of the month at Four Seasons Market, 2100 SE 164t

**Stromgard Fighter Practice** — Thursdays at 7:00 pm at Fisher Basin Park SE 192nd Ave and Mill Plain Blvd. *For questions or to*

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