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The Barony of Stromgard Newsletter

May 2024

Letter from the Baron and Baroness

Greetings Stromgard!

Greetings unto the fantastic and amazingly awesome Populace of Stromgard

Quick words of thanks for the team that was able to help make Stromgard Hearts the Arts a success! While the format is different and unexpected for most, we did get some really great feedback and most people seemed to enjoy the flow and the friendship.

We were able to share Bunchberries with Malek and Khanzara, a Bell and Chain with Sir Brandr, and I gave a Seamar to Ælfwyn. We also learned a valuable lesson about not trusting that the OP has all of the information, as we gave Dychess Miranda her second Potissimus Hippocampus. Big oops there, but she got a beautifully handcrafted bag, so that part was cool!

We had a bit of an uphill battle due to other events happening semi-locally, but after fees were paid and receipts reimbursed we made money! And at the end of the day a new Storm Maker was named: Honorable Lady Lantani de Forez.

As we warm up and start heading into the camping season maybe take some time to see if there is a group camp set up or maybe if there are any newcomers looking for a "home" for the weekend. Bringing newer members into your circles can be an awesome way to make new lifelong friends.

In closing, stay joyful.

Baroness GæiRa & Baron Justin.

Officers Reports

Seneschal: Alina

Nothing reported.

Exchequer: Feradach

The bank reconciliation for April is complete. Still working on learning to do a quarterly report.

YIS

Feradach The Beardless

Chamberlain: Alexander -

Nothing reported.

Arts and Science Minister: Pora

To Their Excellencies and the Populace of Stromgard,

Greetings – we unfortunately did not have an Arts & Sciences Meetup in May due to my illness.

Our next A&S Meetup will be Wednesday, June 5, 2024 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.

I also wanted to let the Barony know that I am unable to host an Arts & Sciences Meetup for July or August due to schedule conflicts. If a volunteer or the next A&S Minister could hold a meetup for those months, I am happy to help support them from September through December.

As I have stated previously, it is my intention to seek the office of Kingdom Arts & Sciences Minister which will force me to vacate this office in July. If you are interested in replacing me, please contact me or the baronial coronet - I am happy to continue running A&S Meetups through December 2024 (when my term would have been naturally up) if that is easiest for the barony and my replacement. To my fellow Stromgardians, please consider becoming an officer (maybe for this office) - it is a rewarding experience if you have never given it a shot!

Yours in Service,
Póra in fróða, OL

Chatelaine: Siobhán

Greetings your Excellencies, officers and the populous of Stromgard!

In April, our Tri Baronial Chatelaines held an SCA 101 discussion on the 1st Tuesday, which is newcomers' night. It was well attended, with 5 newcomers and 2 expats. Some of the newcomers had found us via the OMSI After Dark Demo from March.

We also had a newcomer attend Stromgard Hearts the Arts, who was inspired by the joy and hospitality shown by our members who attended the event. He went on to attend Scribal night in April as well. I hope everyone will make he and his wife feel welcome at the next meeting

or event they attend.

Newcomer badge buttons were added to the Gate box on April 20th at Stromgard Hearts the arts and will be available at gate going forward for any newcomer attending. We have the option to add more Chatelaine regalia at May Crown. All that is needed is a willing person or persons to pick up said regalia from the Kingdom Chatelaine, as I am not able to attend.

Our next newcomer discussion will take place May 7th at 3M newcomers' night, and at DM Fight Practice. Intro to A&S with a Laurel in 3M with Her Grace, Hlutwige. Intro to Marshall Activities at DM Fight Practice with a member of the chivalry and a MOD.

Nothing further to Report.

Yours In Service,
HL Siobhán an Sionnaigh Ruaidh

Scribe: Siobhán

Greetings your Excellencies, officers and populous of Stromgard!

We had a scribal table at Stromgard Hearts The Arts which saw all entrants participate, a few newcomers, and our wise Baroness. Cards and Bookmarks were available to paint and calligraph.

We held Scribal Night in April, which was attended by a newcomer and an expat new to our area.

A small calligraphy and illumination kit, as well as some charters were sent home with our newcomer for he and his wife to get started.

I have received a gorgeously painted Bell & Chain charter back from our newest expat, Beatrix.

May Scribal night will be held 5/22 6-9pm. The FB event has already been created. When an electronic device is available, I will make it a hybrid meeting.

Nothing further to report.

Yours In Service,
HL Siobhán an Sionnaigh Ruaidh

Herald: Ronan

Nothing to report.

Chronicler: Pleiades

Nothing to report.

Social Media: Penelope

Nothing to report

Web Minister: Eil -

Nothing to report

Knight Marshal: Sir Rayner

Nothing reported.

Rapier Marshal: Ikenaga Asahi

Not too much to report. I picked up the loner gear from Asahi/Christie and inventoried what we currently have. Well we generally need gear

in small and large sizes more broadly, the biggest gap is the lack of gorgets. There is also a jerkin in the rapier loaner gear that did not pass the picture test, as Peter does not want it back, it may make sense to add it to the Heavy loaner equipment.

With the assumption that ideally we want equipment for 3 new fencers (assuming they are all different sizes) we would need:

Masks: Small and Medium

Jackets: large and X-large

Gloves: Small and X-Large

Gorget qty 3

(this assumes we are not starting the practice for at least few weeks so after the new rapier rules are put in place allowing us to use lighter weight back of the head covering)

Jackets and Gorgets can be handmade which dramatically reduces the cost (Gregorio has a pattern and is willing to assist). We also do not currently have any swords, however the armor is more critical for restarting the rapier practice as a lack of swords is more easily worked around.

In other news, the one active Stromgard fencer was not able to make it out to any tournaments in the last month, but he has been able to make it to the 3M and Dragon's mist practices regularly. On a related note, Peter is interested in becoming a deputy martial for Stromgard.

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Ashley Loper

Archery Marshal: Feradach

Thrown Weapons Marshal: Ælfwynn Fiske

Practices continue. 4 to 6 attendees. New range for next winter has been acquired... this is my personal range that we use at my house. The new size will allow spear practice year round. YIS, Ælfwynn Fiske

Sergeantry: Fenris

Nothing reported

VACANT OFFICES

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

Event Reports

Stromgard Hearts the Arts - April 20th - Baroness GæiRa:

The event was well attended, considering what we were up against with other semi-local events happening on that day.

There were 32 members and 3 non-member adults that attended.

There were a total of 3 people competing, but many others took part in the 7 different stations that were open, 6 of which were part of the actual competition.

The light lunch was amazing, 2 soup options, rolls, a mushroom dish and a pear tart were served and very well received.

When I wrote out my budget I over estimated on everything, so we came in FAR under budget and after reimbursing the cook for the ingredients, sending the NMS \$ to kingdom and paying for the site, we came out ahead \$210.48.

I am recommending that we put in a date reservation for next year's StormMaker event for Saturday April 12th.

There is nothing on the Kingdom Calendar that weekend and the following weekend is easter. If we are agreed, I will put the reservation in tomorrow, no conflicts allowed.

Stormgods - August 16-18 - Pleiades:

Greetings Coronets and friends,

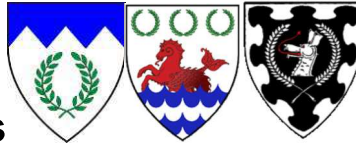
Still working through the details but will try to have a full report including budget by next month's council meeting.

We have decided to keep the location of the farm that Stormgod's used to be held. I have reached out to our current champions to ask them to start putting together a competition for next champion, and requested they let me know if any budget is needed there, but assume that most equipment will come from storage, etc.

Besides the marshal championships, I am planning on putting together something fun for folks that are not competing. Some version of race for the horde but family friendly. Have thought through ideas of a relay ending in largess creations maybe or other small tasks that can be done in 1 day. Some examples would be "create a largess item with this random pile of supplies" or "perform a bardic activity for the baron/baroness", etc. Also want to put together a party/revel for Friday or Saturday night that included group games such as heraldic charades or SCA trivia or something like that. Maybe giant Janga or Goose depending on if folks volunteer to bring things like that.

More to come next month!

YIS,
Pleiades



Tri Baronial Happenings

Newcomers Night:

First Tuesday of each month 7pm - 8pm at the Parkrose Masonic Lodge unless otherwise noted*

6/4: Garb: Planning and research

7/2: Intro to Heraldry and Regalia

8/6: Intro to Awards and Peerage

NOTE: How to Attend your 1st Event class can be held any Tuesday by request with advance notice.

Fight Practices:

Three Mountains Armored and Rapier: Monday nights 7-9pm (Held in basketball court)
Multnomah Arts Center 7688 SW Capitol Hwy, Port, Or 97219

Dragon's Mist Armored and Rapier: Tuesday Nights 7-9pm
Imlay Elementary School (on the basketball court, park in lot on Imlay)
5900 SE Lois St, Hillsboro, OR 97123

Stromgard Armored and Rapier: Thursday Night 7-9pm
The Outpost in Washougal, 573 30th Street, Washougal WA 98671

*** Except for: 6/20, 7/11, 8/1 ***: Fisher Basin Park 601 SE 192nd Ave, Vancouver, WA 98683-9508 – Fight Practice will be held in the park, with a tourney and social time. Please come in garb if able and bring seating.

Thrown Weapons:

Three Mountains: Wednesday 5-7pm
Held at a Private address (ask for address)

Three Mountains Archery: Thursday nights 5-6:30 pm at Archer's Afield in Tigard (11945 SW Pacific Hwy Suite #121, Tigard, OR 97223) Range fee: \$12

Stromgard: Every Monday 7-9pm at private Vancouver residence. (ask Di Anicker for address)

Dragon's Mist Archery: Sunday 1-3 pm THPRD Archery Range at PCC Rock Creek – North Practice Field – 17705 NW Springville Rd, Portland, OR 97229 – Adult and Youth loaner gear available.

Arts and Sciences:

Three Mountains: Second Tuesday of each month. 7-9pm Parkrose Masonic Lodge: 4812 NE 102nd Ave. Portland, Or 97220

Stromgard: First Thursday of each month 6:30-9pm The Outpost in Washougal, 573 30th Street, Washougal WA 98671

Stromgard Scribal: Fourth Thursday of each month 6:30-9pm The Outpost in Washougal, 573 30th Street, Washougal WA 98671

Dragon's Mist: Second Wednesday of each month 7-10pm Held at private residence (ask Aurelia Douessant on FB)

Dragon's Mist Virtual A&S Chat: Second Sunday of each month @ Noon

Dragon's Mist Scribal 2nd and 4th Wednesday 6-8pm: 2nd Wednesday Virtual Meeting

4th Wednesday in person @ private residence in Hillsboro near Century Highschool (ask AshleyRose Waltner for address)

Dance:

3M: 4th Tuesday of each month 7-9pm at the Parkrose Masonic Lodge

Social Nights:

3M: Every Tuesday 7-9pm at the Parkrose Masonic Lodge

Stromgard: Thursday @ Fighter Practice (see above)

Cooking:

3M: First Thursday of each Month Start cooking at 6:30 pm

St. Philip Deacon Episcopal Church 114 NE Knott St, Portland, Or 97212

Baronial Council: (All are welcome)

Three Mountains: Third Tuesday of every month at the Parkrose Masonic Lodge

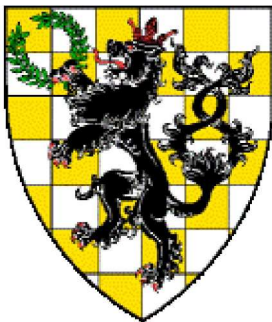
Dragon's Mist: Third Wednesday of every month 7-9pm – Virtual via Microsoft Teams. Link in FB group and on website.

Stromgard: Second Thursday of every month 6:30-9pm The Outpost in Washougal, 573 30th Street, Washougal WA 98671

**June 12th will be at previous location – Round Table Pizza 13009 NE Highway 99Vancouver, WA 98686

Upcoming Events

To find out about all An Tir events go to www.antir.org/events



[An Tir Events Calendar](http://www.antir.org/events)

www.antir.org



Dragon's Mist Champions: June 8th Mariposa Park 1297 S Quartz Dr. Cornelius, OR 97113

Stromgard Game Day: June 9th Noon at Private Residence, Vancouver, WA





Summit's Summer Investiture: June 21-23rd Lebanon, OR

Dragon's Mist Demo: June 26th, Girl Scout Camp, North Plains, OR

Athenaeum, Arts & Sciences Showcase: June 29th Kirkland, WA

July Coronation: July 19-21st 192 Elma Gate Rd. W. Oakville, WA 98568

Three Mountains Service Academy: July 26-28th 26450 S Beaver Creek Rd Beaver Creek, OR 97004-8795

<p>Barony of Stromgard- Washington: greater Vancouver area & Clark County</p>	 <p>SCAN ME</p>
<p>Barony of Three Mountains- Oregon: Clackamas & Multnomah counties</p>	 <p>SCAN ME</p>
<p>Barony of Dragons Mist- Oregon: Clatsop & Washington counties</p>	<p>SCAN ME</p> 
<p>Principality of the Summits- Oregon: South of Portland</p>	 <p>SCAN ME</p>

Available Virtually: Kingdom of An Tir Newcomers Academy classes:

Classes are taught online by Regional Education Deputies under the office of the Kingdom Chatelaine. They are held once a month in a staggered schedule, so if students miss any classes, it is easy for them to get the link to pick up their missing class in another region. There are six classes in each program:

- History of the SCA
- Activities in the SCA
- Etiquette in the SCA
- Make Your Own T-Tunic
- An Explanation of Heraldry and Regalia in the SCA
- An Explanation of Awards and Peerage in the SCA

If you are interested in taking part in the Kingdom of An Tir Newcomers' Academy, please feel free to reach out to the Education Deputy to the Kingdom Chatelaine at chatelaine.education@antir.org.

Also, check us out on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1054978165734246/> - An Tir Newcomers Education (unofficial)

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.

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