# THE SIREN



The Barony of Stromgard Newsletter

January 2024

# Letter from the Baron and Baroness

# Greetings Stromgard!

Greetings unto the Most Awesome and Amazing Populace of Stromgard,

January brings us into a new year with new friends to be found, new adventures to attend to, new memories to be made.

We want to thank everyone who helped make Dual Yule a success. Many people came together to make the hall look great, the activities were fun, classes educational and the food was feast worthy.

12th Night is right around the corner and unfortunately neither of us will be making the trek north, but know that our hearts are with those of you who do and who may be recognized. We send our pre-congratulations and well wishes to our own Earl Cathyn Fitzgerald who will sit vigil and be elevated to the Order of the Laurel at the event.

In one month's time we will be holding our Founding Revel on February 10th at the Manor Grange. His Excellency will be reaching out for help with gate, set up and tear down and other things as we get a little bit closer to the event.

In closing, stay safe, stay warm, stay joyful.

Baroness GæíRa & Baron Justín.

Officers Reports

Seneschal: Alina Nothing reported.

Exchequer: Constance

Good Evening.

for December 2023. The 4th qtr reports will over weekend and prepare for extra time be submitted by the end of the month.

Nothing else to report.

YIS

Constance Le Clerc

**Chamberlain:** Alexander - Nothing to report

Arts and Science Minister: Þora

A&S Meet-up will resume on February 7th from 6 to 9 pm at my residence! Hope to see you there!

YIS,

Thora

Chatelaine: Siobhán

Greetings Honorable Coronets and people of Stromgard!

On December 5th we had our 3rd official Tri-Baronial Newcomer class at 3M Newcomer and Social night. Our December class – Garb Planning and Research had 3 newcomers. Two are new Stromgard residents, and one from Dragons Mist. We also had a longtime member of 3M plus the Chatelaine of Three Mountains Azure and myself as well as our guest Facilitator and fellow member of Stromgard, HE Dame Moira Ramsey, OP.

Our January class was Intro to Heraldry and Regalia facilitated by Dame Lissette de la Rose, OP

Our February Class is Intro to Awards and Peerage - on 2/6.

Nothing further to report.

Looking forward to Founding Revel.

Ladyship Siobhán an Sionnaigh Ruaidh

Scribe: Siobhán

Greetings Stromgard Coronet, officers, and populace alike. I was not able to attend December scribal night, however, our chronicler Lady Pleiades and the chatelaine of Three Mountains Azure Spider Fairy held scribal night in my stead.

Nothing further to report.

Looking forward to Founding Revel.

YIS.

Ladyship Siobhán an Sionnaigh Ruaidh

Herald: Ronan

To Their Excellencies of Stromgard and its wonderful populace. I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday. Looking forward to 12th Night and Ursulmas. I will be volunteering time at Heralds table over 12th night. If attending please have a safe The Bank reconciliation has been completed journey with weather we are expecting for travel

> YIS, Ronan

**Chronicler: Pleiades** Nothing to report.

Social Media: Penelope

Nothing to report

Web Minister: Ell - Nothing to report

Knight Marshal: Sir Rayner

Rapier Marshal: Ikenaga Asahi

Happy New Year!

At Dual Yule, we had 3 competitors for the rapier competition run by Catedratico Gregorio. Much silliness and fun was had. We had no practices this month, though some ofourmembers attended other local practices.

Thank you, Ikenaga Asahi

Archery Marshal: Feradach Nothing of significance to report.

Thrown Weapons Marshal: Ælfwynn Fiske We've started practice again after the holidays. Next Monday is a maybe, but hoping to keep to our new schedule. Average attendance is 4 to 5.

Sergeantry: Fenris

Nothing reported

#### VACANT OFFICES

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

# **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 appaumy 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.

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) 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/

<u>Arts and Science Nights</u> — 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 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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Rapier Marshal — Ikenaga Asahi

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