

# THE SIREN



The Barony of Stromgard Newsletter

September 2023

## Letter from the Baron and Baroness

### Greetings Stromgard!

Greetings unto the Officers, Sergeants, and good people of Stromgard,

This past month has been good and busy. Here in Stromgard we hosted a successful event, the An Tir Arts Academy. The event was very well received, and attendance was in line with expectations with much room for future growth. A Royal Court was held and during Their court we were granted time to present baronial awards - Elin and Sir Sun Jiang were granted the Bell and Chain, Mada of the Chequy Shoes was granted the Sand Dollar, and Honorable Lady Angela was granted a Silver Sea Horse for her successful stewarding of the event.

Autumn War was held to the north and the Stromgardians that attended declared their joy in having done so. I am sure in the years to come many stories of heroic might, misadventures, and mischief will be told.

September Crown was hosted in the Principality of Tir Righ, and there was again a worthy number of competitors from the Barony of Stromgard. Of note, Uhtred Tiernanson, was selected to fight the bye fights in the later rounds and was said to be a fierce and worthy competitor. Victorious in the list was former Stormgod, Viscount Ulfgar inspired by Viscountess Juahara. Long live Their Royal Highnesses!

On the 22nd-24th of this month we are hosting Stormgods at the Wahkiakum County Fairgrounds, there will be four championships at the event, rattan armored combat, rapier, archery and thrown weapons. We would very much appreciate physical declarations of intent, but can accept intent stated at the event to compete for one of these championships. Please note that these championships are not exclusive to the holding of other championships.

Upcoming, reserve a spot on your calendars, we will hold the Stormrider Equestrian Championship on November 11th at Mandorla Farm, the site of last year's championship.

Autumn approaches and with it shortening days, inclement weather, and cold. As such it is the time when we shift our fighting practice to covered, lit facilities that enable it to continue functionally. Keeping practice on Thursday nights is a priority for us, and as such we intend to move practice to Wy'east Middle School in Vancouver, on at least a trial basis. We thank Master Duncan and Mistress Moira, our predecessors for hosting the practices on their property these past few years, it was greatly appreciated. We would like to discuss with the populace the idea of hosting other practices there, and with their permission perhaps supplementary armored or other practices.

In service,

**Baroness GaiRa & Baron Justin.**

## Officers Reports

### Seneschal: Alina

This is my second month's kind reminder to all active practices, IE Rapier, Heavy, Thrown Weapons, you are required to send the waivers to the Waiver Secretary, I would suggest on a quarterly basis. and CC the Seneschal to file

- Stromgard Yule: Dec 11, 2021
- Stromgard StormHunter & StormThrower Championships: June 25, 2022
- Game of Thrones & Stormgods: July 29, 2022
- Stromgard Family Day: Sept 24, 2022
- Stromgard StormRider Championship: Oct 29, 2022
- Stromgard Yule: Dec 17, 2022
- Founding Revel: April 29, 2023 • (just happened) Rivers Regions Family Day: July 22, 2023 • AnTir Arts Academy

All events above still missing to turn in. Who has them

Aug.18,2023 Second reminder as noted gate needs to have two people at all times sitting gate. No one should be sitting by themselves. Time to consider masking up. Multiple people have tested positive after going to events. Kingdom bids needed : o May Crown, July cor, September crown. 12th night 2025 New sites needed for events. I hear that people are talking but I have not received anything to add to the list that we have going in order to get a detailed record in advance of what site and what costs are?

### Exchequer: Constance

Greetings Unto the Barony of Stromgard.

I hope everyone happy and healthy. I have removed all the bank reconciliations I was authorized to from Stromgard's Website, and I am working to have the rest removed.

I would like to close the ATAA books before next meeting, so I need any and all reimbursement requests by September 30th.

I have one specific thing to note about the bank statement for August 2023. There is a fee, listed that I have not seen before. I have reached out to the bank and am waiting for them to get back to me.

YIS

Constance Le Clerc

### Chamberlain: Alexander

### Arts and Science Minister: Pora

To Their Excellencies and the Populace of Stromgard,

Greetings – we had an Arts & Sciences meetup on September 6, 2023 with 4 people in attendance! Allegro, Astridr and I warped Astridr's project and that took up a lot of the evening! Allegro also learned how to nalbind! Our next A&S Meetup will be Wednesday, October 4, 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: I attended Saturday and Sunday morning of An Tir Arts Academy, where we had newcomer and expats volunteering in the kitchen throughout the event as well as attending classes. It was one of our newcomer's first events.

On the fourth Wednesday of August, we held our baronial Scribal night at New Seasons. We had 6 attendees, plus myself. Four of them were new to our scribal night.

New Business:

It has been highly encouraged by the Kingdom Chatelaine for all Baronies and regional groups to hold regular Newcomer Academy classes. To this end, we are teaming up with the other members of the Tri-Baronial Area (Three Mountains and Dragons Mist), to hold newcomer classes, now known as Newcomer Academy on the 1st Tuesdays of the month at the Parkrose Masonic Lodge beginning in October. More info to come.

Included in last months report as new business, but as I was unable to attend, I do not know if this was discussed: To attract the attention of newcomers, and to revel in our game with the awesome citizens of our fair barony, HE GæiRa and I would like to have one fighter practice per month where we all attend in garb and make practice a social night. We could hold a class, or competition, as well as hold an informal court to give out prizes and glad tidings. Perhaps it could coincide with the buckler tourney? Timing TBD. I'm looking forward to Stormgods and September Scribal.

Yours In Service,  
Lady Siobhán an Sionnaigh Ruaidh

### Scribe: Tatiiana

### Herald: Ronan

Greeting to their Excellencies and the populace of Stromgard.

Had a good time at AnTir Art Academy was able to do some town crys. Did you hear me?

Looking forward to Stormgods.

Still waiting to do a name or device consultation but I found a new project. I need to update OP with baronial awards. Do not believe updated during pandemic.

Yours in Service,  
Ronan

### Chronicler: Pleiades

New officer changeover from Helvi to Pleiades.

### Social Media: Penelope

Web Minister: Eil - Nothing to report

### Knight Marshal: Sir Rayner

Rapier Marshal: Ikenaga Asahi  
We had no practices this month, though some of our members attended other local practices.

There were a number of rapier classes held at An Tir Arts Academy, but I was unable to make them so I don't know how well attended they were.

The StormBlade format has been determined and advertised in all the local groups I have access to.

Thank you,  
Ikenaga Asahi

### Archery Marshal: Feradach

### Sergeantry: Fenris

### VACANT OFFICES

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

# 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.*

June 15-18            **Dragon's Laire 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](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/)

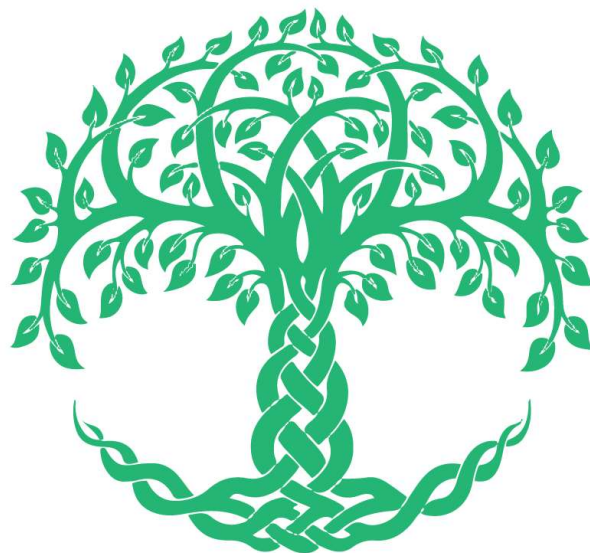
**Archery Practice** — Seasonal hiatus. *For questions or to confirm activity, contact* Feradach (Vern Myers) at [stromgard.archery@antir.com](mailto:stromgard.archery@antir.com) or <https://www.facebook.com/groups/542609719249948>

**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.artsnsoci@antir.org](mailto:stromgard.artsnsoci@antir.org) or on Book of Faces.

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

**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](mailto:stromgard.marshall@antir.org) or [https:// www.1](https://www.1)





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