

THE SIREN



The Barony of Stromgard Newsletter

February 2024

Letter from the Baron and Baroness

Greetings Stromgard!

Most joyful greetings to the populace of the Barony of Stromgard, on this, the Feast of St. Valentine,

We've had one event in the past month, and if you made it thank you. It was actually a very good experience. It was cozy, but the hall was well decorated, and the food was really excellent.

Due to illness it was thrown together a bit hastily in the end. Thanks again to all of those who offered their aid in the last couple of weeks, because of you the event was successful.

This brings us to a rather more serious matter confronting us as the year proceeds. We have, every year, several events on our Calendar. As a Barony we do not run a particularly large number of events and generally we celebrate the activities that people in the Barony pursue with a Championship at them. The issue confronting us, is the issue of event stewarding, and volunteers more generally.

Currently, several events in 2024 and 2025 are lacking Event Stewards. Many of the individuals who've run events over the past several years have been Event Stewards for these events more than once. The point being that while we may end up with people volunteering, we are risking burnout for the people running the events. This is not intended as criticism of any individual or group, but simply a reminder that if we are going to run events such as Stormgods, Founding Revel, an A&S event, and Yule we need volunteers to step forward. There are many people who will support you in your efforts to run these events, you are not alone.

On to more joyous subjects. The Coronets desire the opportunity to recognize individuals for their service and skill in archery, equestrian, rapier (cut-and-thrust), and thrown weapons, as such we are asking people again to submit names for these orders. We would prefer the names not be English, Latin, or Norse. If not, then the awards will be the product of Our good humor, and the tyranny of Ourselves and Our heralds.

In closing, this holiday's modern purpose was originally a celebration exclusively of romantic love, but is now frequently a celebration of all kinds of love, and in that we are blessed to have the opportunity to love so much and so many. So, we wish you all, friends, and well loved SCA family a Happy Valentine's!

In Service,

Baroness Gaeira & Baron Justin.

Officers Reports

Seneschal: Alina

4th Quarter report was turned in. Officers remember that my report is dependent on your reports, if your reports are late than mine will be also. In addition the office of Seneschal is open, TE and I are taking applications for the job. My term expires on Jan.1,2025. I will remind officers to please cc me on any email reports that you send in. I understand that some are sent electronically and don't need email copies. There have been several mentions lately from other Kingdom officers that they have not received reports. By having this back up in my email Helps me to help you, when they come back and say no, and I can say yes they did 😊

Exchequer: Constance

Good Evening!

The 4th quarter of 2023 report were submitted in January.

The Bank reconciliation for January is complete.

YIS
Constance Le Clerc

Chamberlain: Alexander - Nothing to report

Arts and Science Minister: Pora

To Their Excellencies and the Populace of Stromgard,

Greetings – we had an Arts & Sciences meetup on February 7, 2024 with 6 people in attendance! We mainly worked on scribal arts items, personal projects and other baronial items/largesse! The Kingdom Arts & Sciences championship is happening on March 1-3, 2024 in our neighboring barony (3M) and our very own Helvi will be competing to become Champion! Please come out and give her your support! Our next A&S Meetup will be Wednesday, March 6, 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.

Yours in Service,

Póra in fróða, OL
Stromgard Arts & Sciences Minister

Chatelaine: Siobhán

Greetings Honorable Coronets and people of Stromgard!

My Quarterly report was submitted on time and cc'd our Seneschal and Coronets.

Our January newcomer class was Intro to Heraldry and Regalia facilitated by Dame Lissette de la Rose, OP. She did a magnificent job and we received positive feedback.

The office of the Chatelaine is undergoing some changes at the society and Kingdom level, which has created some turbulence.

Our Tri-Baronial Newcomer's classes have been well received by newcomers, and we would like to continue them. A slightly different, extended version may be taught by a new regional Chatelaine in the near future. More to come as info becomes available.

Nothing further to report.

Yours In Service,
HL Siobhán an Sionnaigh Ruaidh

Scribe: Siobhán

Greetings,

Due to lack of events and scribal meetings in January, Nothing of more to report.

Yours In Service,
Ladyship Siobhán an Sionnaigh Ruaidh

Herald: Ronan

Greetings to their Excellencies and populace of Stromgard.

I am currently working two name consultations and am enjoying the process.

I enjoyed heralding in court at Founding Revel and hopefully everyone was able to hear. I look forward to doing again at future events.

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

Heavy fighting practice continues unofficial practices and has no notes from those because they are unofficial. I was not at the tourney to include any report from it.

I have heard the AWW does intend on requisitioning the castle again and I have told Rufus to reach out asap to begin the process

Rapier Marshal: Ikenaga Asahi

Nothing reported

Archery Marshal: Feradach

Nothing of significance to report.

Thrown Weapons Marshal: Ælfwynn Fiske

Greetings!

Practices have restarted after the holidays and bad weather.

1st, 3rd and 5th Mondays are at my house. 2nd and 4th Mondays are at Duncan's. All Practices are 7 to 9 p.m.

We are having between 3 and 6 people in attendance.

Please note these are different nights and locations from what is on our website.

I have still not heard from the Kingdom officer as to how to file my reports. Will begin sending in quarterly reports when I receive guidance.

Yours In Service,

H.L. Ælfwynn Fiske

Sergeantry: Fenris

Nothing reported

VACANT OFFICES

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

Event Reports

Dual Yule (2023) - Helvi:

It went well, and no one came home with sicknesses.

Thanks to SO many who made this a successful event.

From the pictures, it looked like everyone had fun and activities were well-received. The venue was a bit tight for so many!

Only one receipt to turn in from John Paul/Ronan. Lorraine Herr/Angela donated the luncheon goodies and things for the feast needed to cook the lamb. We had GREAT turnout for the breadbaking contest who provided yummy bread, and a great turnout to the Potluck so everyone went home as fed as they wanted to be.

LOTS of folks helped with take down, so we got packed up and out of there in record time. Set up had quite a few hardy souls whom I owe especial thanks. Kitchen staff was a well-oiled machine who even took time out to sing! The fighter community showed up, ran gate, and helped out even though there was no heavy fighting at the event - thank you for your service.

As soon as the final total is received from our lovely and hardworking Exchequer and I have final numbers, I will give them over to DM so they can pay their part. (I think – very roughly – it should come out to \$500 per Barony, much less than we could have done on our own). I have been a slacker after Yule for which I apologize – especially to the Exchequer.

At the end of the event, our cousins mentioned they would like to do a Tri-Baronial Yule next year. If you all are for it, I would be willing to co-Event Steward. DM mentioned the Armory. Either way it will need to be a bigger venue.

Of course, the six Coronets will need to each poll their populace and vote on it. To prevent issues from the past Yule of Three, I strongly suggest putting together a three-member event steward team and budget committee to hash out the basics by May, so a site may be found and reserved and a the budget costs divvied up equitably and approved beforehand.

A three-member event steward team would leverage the strengths of each Barony and keep operations equitable and transparent, ensure all three Baronies know what's going on so we can all be on the same page, and everyone in the populace will know exactly labors of love will be required and when.

YIS, me

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.*

Stromgard Hearts the Arts - Saturday April 20th

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/>

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 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*

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