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The Barony of Stromgard Newsletter

November 2023

Letter from the Baron and Baroness

Greetings Stromgard!

Greetings unto the most awesome baronial populace in An Tir from your coronets!

The month of October brought with it the expected transition to Autumn, rain, cool weather, covered fight practices, and indoor events.

We attended Three Mountains' Pride, their champions event. It was an enjoyable event, the sideboard throughout the day was tasty, and watching the competitions was entertaining.

Her Excellency, Gaeira, attended the Honor Feast and gave it a hearty thumbs up!

This next Saturday the Barony is hosting our Stromgard Equestrian Championship, at Mandorla Farm, in Canby, OR where the competition for the next Stormrider will take place. The competition promises to be special as our event this year is also on the circuit of events that will determine the next Kingdom Equestrian Champion.

Just around the corner is Dual Yule, December 16th. The Barony will host the event with the Barony of Dragon's Mist at Manor Grange in Stromgard. It promises to be a festive and joyful event as always, and we will focus on the joy shared by friends and family during the season as always. The theme this year is Viking Age Gotland, so that if you want to make something new, you're prepared!

Congratulations to our own Helvi av Gotland who is the new Three Mountains' Champion of Arts & Sciences!

We hope to see many of you this weekend at Stormrider! Stay warm, enjoy the day of Thanks and feasting later this month.

In service to the Barony of Stromgard,

Baroness Gaeira & Baron Justin.

Officers Reports

Seneschal: Alina

Exchequer: Constance

Greetings to Their Excellencies and the Barony of Stromgard:

The October bank reconciliation has been completed. Please reach out to me if you would like to review it. The 3rd quarter financials have been submitted to kingdom.

Thank you to all those who attended the Financial Committee meeting prior to today's meeting.

An Tir Arts Academy has been closed. The event made us \$580.00. Game of Thrones and Stormgods is closed. The event made us \$706.20. Thank you to all of those who donated their time to help these events be successful.

Lastly, my tenure as exchequer is coming to an end. Until I hear from the kingdom Exchequer my final month will be December. However, I have written and asked for an extension until after the February baronial meetings. If you are interested in taking on the mantle of Baronial Exchequer please reach out to Alina.

Thank you so much!

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 A&S Meetup on Wednesday, November 1, 2023 with two people in attendance! As we go into the holiday season, I expect attendance will be low through Dec-Jan, but I'll keep hosting them! Our next A&S Meetup will be Wednesday, December 6, 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 Honorable Coronets and people of Stromgard!

On October 2nd, I co-facilitated our first official Tri Baronial Newcomers Class at 3M Newcomer and Social night. Our October class – SCA 101 was well attended – 13 plus the Chatelaines of Three Mountains, myself,

and Dragons Mist and HE of 3M Baron Micheal.

I helped to facilitate a follow-up class with the 3M Chatelaine Lady Azure, which was How to Attend your First Event. It was also well attended, with many returning newcomers from our SCA 101 class.

November will be Intro To A&S and The Order of the Laurel co-facilitated by myself and Komitissa Achaxe.

Nothing further to report.

Looking forward to our Stormrider Championship and Dual Yule.

YIS,
Lady Siobhán an Sionnaigh Ruaidh

Scribe: Tatiiana
Greetings Stromgard,

There were four participants in addition to the scribal deputy at the last scribal night. Many thanks to Siobhan for her continued efforts.

An order for wax will need to be placed soon. Anyone wanting to learn how to make seals, please let me know. We'll schedule a seal making get together after the wax arrives.

YIS,
Tatiiana

Herald: Ronan

Greetings to Their Excellencies of Stromgard and the populace of Stromgard. It has been quiet this month as I recuperate from my ankle injury but I look forward to the upcoming Yule. I have been slowly coming up with plans to get awards submitted to OP. Hope to see everyone at Dual Yule.

Yours in Service,
Ronan

Chronicler: Pleiades

Not much to report, having issues getting into the Chronicler email account.

Social Media: Penelope

Nothing to report

Web Minister: Eil - Nothing to report

Knight Marshal: Sir Rayner

No official practice. Good attendance at the unofficial. All is well

Rapier Marshal: Ikenaga Asahi

We had no practices this month, though some of our members attended other local practices.

Thank you,
Ikenaga Asahi

Archery Marshal: Feradach

Thrown Weapons Marshal: Ælfwynn Fiske

Greetings to Their Excellencies Stromgard and the Populace of Stromgard.

Comes now H.L., Throwing Marshal for Stromgard.

There has only been one unofficial throwing practice this month due to my work exploding on me.

I am looking to change the practices to weekly Monday evenings. With permission from Duncan V., we will have 2nd and 4th Mondays at his place. 1st, 3rd and any 5th Mondays will be at my range.

My reason for this change is to increase participation by taking the practice off the same night as all the A & S nights. If this pleases the Barony, I'd like to set this new schedule in place starting November 27th. I want a couple of weeks to get the word out of the changes to date and locations.

I apologize to Helvi for this being at the same time as the Zoom meetings for Dual Yule.

I have a deputy in place, Lady Donatella Donatelli, and Duncan is going to be getting his Junior Marshal so he can also be a deputy.

Yours In Service.
Ælfwynn Fiske

Sergeantry: Fenris

VACANT OFFICES

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

Event Reports

Dual Yule – (It's a Gute time!)

Here is my event report:

#1: We need more volunteers from Stromgard. Most are from outside Stromgard, sadly.

#2: Thank you to the fighters for stepping up for gate

#3: Decor is far along.

#4: We need servers and an Activity Coordinator. I asked Ell & n Di, but mundane life will not allow.

#5: I am having weeklyZoom meetings on Monday at 7pm. Link is on the Event FB page, for anyone who wants to help make this a great Yule.

#6. When I took this on, you all promised to help. I am counting on help.

Thank you all.

With great respect and appreciation for the movers and shakers of Stromgard,

Helvi

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 16th, 2023

Founding Revel: February 10th, 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/>

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 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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