

THE SIREN



The Barony of Stromgard Newsletter

November 2024

Letter from the Baron and Baroness

Greetings Stromgard!

Grand and Glorious Populace of Stromgard,

We sincerely hope that this missive finds you and yours healthy and hungry as the season of feasts is upon us!

We were able to join our Cousins to the south in 3 Mountains to help celebrate one of our former Storm Makers, Vivian NicUldoon, at Honor Feast recently, and are excited to say that at the event she was placed on vigil for the Order of the Laurel. On that same day but at a different event, our own Susanna Hurst was also placed on vigil for the Order of the Laurel as well.

Her Excellency, GæiRa was able to attend a Tuesday night social gathering in 3 Mtns called The Purge and was able to share fabric and garb that the barony has been storing for years with others who might be new to the SCA or perhaps just in need of something new. The collection of storage tubs filled with garb and miscellaneous fabrics had grown to a total of 8 that would not fit in the trailer, and now there are 3 that contain a variety of sizes of easy to wear items fit for indoor or outdoor events. There is another Purge gathering happening in the spring.

Our next event will be Dual Yule, on December 7th, which we will share with 3 Mountains. We know that the season is busy, but we would love to see as many of you as possible there. This years Yule event will mark the end of our second year as Coronets and so we are putting word to the wind that the time to start seeking our successors has begun. We encourage those interested in helping to spread the joy of the SCA to our populace both seasoned and new, to reach out to us as well as former Coronets, so that we can answer your questions, offer some insight, etc, that might help you to make the decision.

As we look forward to the coming year we once again are asking for people to steward our events. Without stewards events can not happen. We already have dates for 3 events on the calendar, so one of the hardest parts is already done. Reach out if you have questions.

With that, please remember to be kind and be patient with each other as we move into the holiday season and the new year. And remember, Hate has no place in the SCA.

In Service,

Baroness GæiRa & Baron Justin.

Officers Reports

Seneschal: Alina

Sarah already has access to seneschal account to access as needed. Full takeover will happen as schedule allows.

Linda: Went to collegium and learned about changing exchequer to move to electronic transfer funds. Also society is changing rules about bank cards having to go through society and kingdom, will make the process longer. Planning on future exchequer forum in Portland.

Exchequer: Feradach

been pouring over the balances to figure out the differences. Will get together with regional deputy for assistance.

Linda note: Quarterly meeting needs to be scheduled with financial comity so we can review the new bids (society best practice guidelines).

Chamberlain: Open Office

Need to ensure that all the things at Grendals are removed from his storage unit by End of December at the latest. Perfect world December 1, 2024

Arts and Science Minister: AEIflaed of Duckford

Not much to report this month. I know people are doing A&S, but they're doing on their own, which I have no problem at all with. Still waiting on news of finding a new venue, and keeping my eyes open for a place we can go. Cathyn

Chatelaine: Siobhán

Greetings wise Coronets, officers, and populous of Stromgard,

October Newcomer's night was a success and saw many newcomers show up for our first Intro to Bardic Arts.

We also saw a few Stromgard newcomers come through gate at 3M Honor Feast in October, as well as at their Purge last week. I know many of them are planning to attend Yule and 12th Night.

November newcomers' night is cancelled as it falls on Election Day. December Newcomers night will be a cookie exchange and social.

At long last, I have found a deputy! Please welcome Lady Beatrix Optizer as your new Deputy Chatelaine. She will take over for me when my warrant expires in February 2025. Nothing further to report. Yours In Service,

HL Siobhán an Sionnaigh Ruaidh

Scribe: Siobhán

Greetings Gracious Stromgard

Please be aware Stromgard Scribal Night is on hold until January due to the holiday schedule.

Please keep an eye out for any updates via Facebook and Discord, as we may join forces with 3M later in November or

December on a Tuesday night.

Yule is upon us, and a great time to see your fellow baronial members and friends be recognized. Without your recommendations, no awards are given out. We all love seeing our community members recognized in court. Therefore, please submit your award recommendations ASAP so your humble baronial scribe has time to create wonderful scrolls or scroll-like objects for deserving recipients!

Please visit our website where you can view our baronial awards (and Kingdom) as well as submit your recommendations. Recommendations can also be sent directly to our Coronets via email: Stromgard.Coronet@antir.org

Herald: Ronan

Greetings to the Coronets of Stromgard, I sent over quarterly reports on time. Still working on award project and will have ceremonials completed before next meeting. Helvi and I are moving at end of month but we will still be attending Dual Yule and 12th Night and Ursulmas, hope to see everyone there. YIS, Ronan

Chronicler: Pleiades

Nothing to report.

Social Media: Penelope

Nothing to report

Web Minister: Ell -

Nothing to report

Knight Marshal: Sir Rayner

Heavy is on hiatus of official practice until a new site is found. No additional information

Rapier Marshal: Ikenaga Asahi

Hello,
Apologies for the delay. Nothing major to report I am mostly waiting on us finding a new practice space. The 3M and DM rapier practices continue to be activate. We are in the quiet time of the year regarding tournaments, with nothing on the calendar until Ursulmas in January.

Archery Marshal: Gideon Finlay

Nothing new to report as practice has been ceased for the season, and no headway has been made on trying to find an indoor range location.

Still debating putting on classes in the off season, but since the current off season is also a heavy holiday season, we might forgo until the spring.

Thrown Weapons Marshal: Ælfwynn Fiske

Throwing practice is continuing. Averaging 5 to 6 attending.

Sergeantry: Fenris

Nothing reported

VACANT OFFICES

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

Event Reports

Dual Yule Deux Event Report - Aug 24 - Siobhán:

Event Name: A Barony of Three Mountains Event: Dual Yule
Deux

Sponsoring Group: Barony of Three Mountains (in
conjunction with
Barony of Stromgard)

Sponsoring Group Location: Portland Metropolitan Area,
Oregon/Washington, USA

Date: Saturday, December 7, 2024, 9am-9pm

Event Steward(s): Judith of Three Mountains (3M.Yule.
Feast@gmail.com)

Siobhán an Sionnaigh Ruaidh (siobhan.redfox.sca@gmail.
com)

Site Fee: None (donations gratefully accepted)

Food: We will provide an assortment of traditional solstice
delicacies from many lands throughout the day,
complemented by a dessert potluck. We will not have a
formal sit-down feast nor provide full meals.

Event Site: Eastgate Masonic Lodge, 4812 NE 102nd
Portland, OR 97220

Join the Barony of Three Mountains and the Barony of
Stromgard as we
chase away the darkness by celebrating Solstice Around
the World.

Participate in our Largesse Derby! Pick up wonderful
goodies at our
Silent Auction and our Dessert Auction! Bring something
sweet to share at the Dessert Potluck!
Sing! Tell stories! Dance! Play games! Visit with Father
Yule and enjoy a few craft activities!
And more!

Our society thrives when we all volunteer.
Please contact Judith of Three Mountains (3m.yule.
feast@gmail.com)
and/or Siobhán an Sionnaigh Ruaidh (siobhan.redfox.
sca@gmail.com) if you'd like to volunteer your time or
have any questions.

See you there!
Yule is upon us! Plans continue to develop. We have a full
team of leads, and have now found a decoration lead in
Etienne.
The Facebook event will be updated with more details
after November 9th, including a pre-registration request, a
Gate volunteer signup sheet, Menu and Schedule.

We welcome volunteers to help with gate, set up/tear
down and transport of gear to and from the hall.

I'm organizing a desert derby. Much like a largesse derby, we
ask those wishing to participate to bring two deserts of
their choosing; 1 to donate to the desert auction, and
another for the desert potluck. They can be the same or
different - your choice.

We will have period games from around the world, a
gingerbread house decorating competition, dancing, a
scribal station, other hands-on crafts, and a photo station
along with Father Christmas on site throughout the day.

Foods from around the world will be served throughout
the day as well. Please reach out to Tatiiana with questions
RE the menu.

Please come join us for merriment and enjoy the splendor
and company of your community as we celebrate Yule and
the winter solstice traditions around the world.

If you would like to volunteer to help with any of this,
please let myself or Judith of Three Mountains know.

Yours In Service,
Your co-event steward,
Lady Siobhán an Sionnaigh Ruaidh

Founding Revel Feb.14-16 2025 Event Steward: Gideon

Feb 15 saturday

Need Event Steward and site

Geira investigating Pioneer Grange

Site: \$600 (+ \$500 refundable deposit)

Feast: \$800

Prizes: \$50

Site Copy: \$25

Total: \$1475 (+\$500 = \$2175)

At this price, we would need 59 adults paying \$25 to break
even (@ \$20 it would take 75 to break even)

Cost for Camas Community Center:

Site: \$365 (with proof of Non-Profit status) (+\$500
refundable deposit)

Feast: \$800

Prizes: \$50

Site Copy: \$25

Total: \$1250 (+ \$500 = \$1750)

At this price, we would need 50 adults paying \$25 to break even (@ \$20 it would take 62 to break even)

NOTE: For Camas Community Center, we would need the \$865 (site fee + deposit) within 5 business days of making the reservation

Additional Information about Event Plans:

In addition, we wanted to have a couple of contests as well as continue the tradition of having a silent auction (which would be by donation of populace, and hopefully some of our populace merchants).

The Feast, we are looking at doing something similar to 3M Honor Feast, and having a number of removes/repasts (more charcuterie like than sit-down meals) allowing people to come through and graze as they see fit, visit, etc... We will start looking for a feast steward once we have an approved budget.

The Contest:

Pickled Foods Contest - Any and all pickled foods are welcome, with an emphasis on period and location appropriate (nautical/mediterranean) with prizes going to the best tasting/liked overall and the most period.

Potentially having separate classes for Spicy and non. The ask would be for people to bring enough to share with 10-15 others, and the entries will be put out with one of the repasts.

Dessert Contest - Any and all desserts with an emphasis on period and location appropriate (nautical/mediterranean) with prizes again going to the best tasting/liked overall and the most period. The ask would again be for people to bring enough to share with 10-15 others, and the entries would be put out with one of the repasts.

Once we get the budget approved, we will start looking for assistance with the event (gate, setup/tear down, potential martial activities, donations for silent auction, feast steward, marshals for said martial activity, and possibly classes).

I think that is all for now. Thanks to her Excellency for all the help with coming up with this much, and I am happy to field and questions at the officers meeting or before if the Coronet or Seneschal have any additional clarifying details they would like.

Tentative vote in meeting is for Camas all 19 people 11/14/2024

Stromgard Hearts for the Arts: April 12,2025 Event

Steward: Elin

Need Event Steward and site

HOCKINSON community Center:

15916 NE 182nd Ave, Brush Prairie, WA 98606

The Event Coordinator(s) agree to pay: \$365.00

Plus Named Insurance certificate required: 100.00

HCE Commons Use: \$25/per hour 11 Hours Total = \$275

Janitorial Fee: \$30/per hour 3 Hours Total = \$90

11/14/2024 all vote yes 19 people

Game of Thrones and Stormgods: September 5-7th 2025

Need Event Steward and site

Alina checking with Amboy to ensure that they are available.

Check with Drifa about the farm and costs.

Old Business:

Final vote on Saeunn for Seneschal- final vote 20
11/14/2024

Looking for new practice/meeting/A&S location

Justin: reached out to the site that Frank recommended.
Hasn't heard back.

Main and Evergreen location – near Higgins Theater -has options, good parking, indoor use 40x40 15F high for a year or longer. until sold What would the cost be and what the fighters would pay?

Shannon reached out to Clark College but they dont have an indoor fighter practice space for Thursday nights, but could rent us meeting/A&S space. \$ 16/hour and \$35/date

Cathyn new site. more to follow for December meeting

Camas Community center? maybe low cost for non-profit?

Old coronets – perhaps take pieces and give to prior Excellencies (minus the iron crosses)

Is this acceptable to the Barony?

Should we do something else with them?

Perhaps a quick poll to the populace – Yes or other

Duncan leaves them alone, doesn't dismantle, box them up and has someone keep them.

Alina suggests that we need to talk to all the former Coronets to get their written feedback. Agreed in meeting Alina to check with Former Coronets

Geira – convert iron crosses to 4 leaf clovers (symbol of the Baroness)

Castle Trailer - Miranda and Todd will keep the trailer at their house. They should have been picked up by Nov 9th.

Alina will check with Miranda and make sure out by December 9th.

Need to ensure that all the things at Grendal's are removed from his storage unit by End of December at the latest.

Perfect world December 1 ,2024

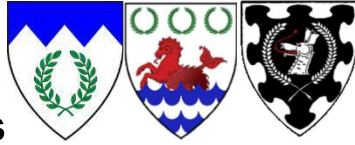
Josh agreed to go and Grendal's and pick up the stuff and move to the store at his house for us to all go through and what to keep and what to get rid of.

New Business:

Nothing new!

Meeting Attendance:

Sarah
Linda
Elin
Michael Palmer
Van
Josh
Ell
Heidi
Ashley
Cathym
Di
Donna
Sioban
Jennifer
Moir
Raven
Penelope
Shelley
Vern



Tri Baronial Happenings

Newcomers Night:

1st Tuesday of each month 7pm - 8pm at the Parkrose Masonic Lodge unless otherwise noted* - All are welcome

10/1: Intro To Bardic Arts

11/5: Making of a T-Tunic

12/3: Cookie Exchange and Mixer

NOTE: How to Attend your 1st Event discussion 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 6:30-9pm 1112 SE 136th Ave, Vancouver, WA 98683 – covered basketball area

Thrown Weapons:

Three Mountains: Wednesday 5-7pm Held at a Private Residence 14030 NE Brazee St, Portland

Three Mountains Archery: 1st and 3rd Thursday nights 6-8pm Washington Park Archery Range

2nd and 4th Thursdays 30300 S Elisha Rd, Molalla and if there is a 5th Thursday it will be decided at that time

Stromgard: Every Monday 7-9pm at private Vancouver residence. (Address located: <https://www.stromgard-sca.org>)

Stromgard Archery: On HOLD for the season.

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: 1st Tuesday of each month. 7-9pm Parkrose Masonic Lodge: 4812 NE 102nd Ave. Portland, Or 97220

Stromgard: 1st Thursday of each month 6:30-9pm TBD

Stromgard Scribal: 4th Thursday of each month 6-9pm New Seasons Market: Long Table in dining area 2100B SE 164th Ave #101, Vancouver, WA 98683

Dragon's Mist: 2nd Wednesday of each month 7-10pm Held at private residence (ask Aurelia Douessant on FB)

Dragon's Mist Virtual A&S Chat: 2nd 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: 1st 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)

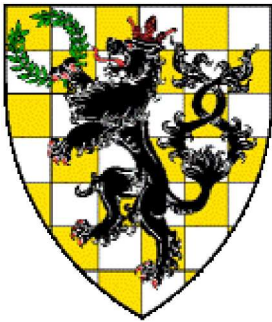
Three Mountains: 3rd Tuesday of every month at the Parkrose Masonic Lodge

Dragon's Mist: 3rd Wednesday of every month 7-9pm – Virtual via Microsoft Teams. Link in FB group and on website.

Stromgard: 2nd Thursday of every month 7-9pm Virtual for October - Check FB Group for Link - New physical location TBD

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



Honor Feast: Oct 19th 4812 NE 102nd Portland, OR 97220













Stormrider of Stromgard: Oct 25th TBA

Three Mountains Ballistic Championship: Nov 9th 28815 S. Needy Road Canby, OR 97013

Dual Yule Deux: Dec 7th 4812 NE 102nd Portland, OR 97220

Dragon's Mist Yule: Dec 14th TBA

An Tir 12th Night and Bardic Championship: Jan 10-12th Doubletree Hilton, Portland, OR

<p>Barony of Stromgard- Washington: greater Vancouver area & Clark County</p>	 	<p>Barony of Stromgard FB</p> 
<p>Barony of Three Mountains- Oregon: Clackamas & Multnomah counties</p>	 	<p>Barony of 3Mountains FB</p> 
<p>Barony of Dragons Mist- Oregon: Clatsop & Washington counties</p>	 	<p>Barony of Dragon's Mists</p> 
<p>Principality of the Summits- Oregon: South of Portland</p>	 	<p>FB</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.

The Curia — Baronial Officers

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