

THE SIREN



The Barony of Stromgard Newsletter

December 2024

Letter from the Baron and Baroness

Greetings Stromgard!

Greetings unto the Most Noble Populace of Stromgard,

We hope this missive finds you and yours healthy and happy while making your season's plans with friends and family. Just a few quick things as we do not wish to take any more time than is necessary during the hustle and bustle of the holidays. Dual Yule part Deux was a wonderful day full of laughter and smiles. The hall was beautifully decorated and there were some great classes and activities, a couple of fun auctions and some AMAZING foods. The day long rotation of foods took us from the far east to the west, spanning the globe with fun new tastes and old favorites, and the desserts provided by the populace were pretty awesome too. At the morning court we were able to present Pleiades with a Bell and Chain, and at the evening court we gave awards out to some well deserving gentles that will be listed in the Herald's report. Speaking of the auctions at Yule, the money that gets raised from various auctions or other fundraisers gets used to purchase much needed items. For example, since we know, we are looking to put together more award necklaces we could use some more beads and supplies perhaps. Yes, many of us have beads and findings that we could donate to the cause, but that is also something that we might be able to purchase with funds from an auction.

We are currently looking for some suggestions of things that you all feel like the Barony could use. Think about things that you may have seen in use by other groups. Things that made events or courts go more smoothly, things that might make a site more beautiful, or maybe more ornate ways to store items. We are also looking for largess to share with event stewards and royalty when we are at events outside our Barony, or to beef up prize chests. We'd love to see you get some word fame for your creations as well, so if you are able to share largess with us, please be sure to affix tags with your name and our Barony's name, and perhaps even your contact info if you are comfortable and/or interested in the possibility of someone reaching out to you to perhaps commission similar items. With that, we both want to wish you all a Joyous (and calm, if that is your thing) Holiday Season. However, you celebrate, do it with love.

Baroness GæiRa & Baron Justin.

Officers Reports

Seneschal: Alina - Deputy Saeunn

Alina last meeting as Seneschal. She and Saeunn will connect. Alina to send in Q'4 Seneschal report and help clean up files and admin.

Need budget proposals for 2025 to the finance committee by the next meeting.

Exchequer: Feradach

Here are the November bank reconciliations for the Checking and savings accounts. I'm not including ledgers for the travel fund or regalia funds as they have not changed. The good news is that with the exception of the outstanding check from Manor Grange everything agrees.

Quarterly report update. I have worked with Rivers Reporting Deputy to try and get to the bottom of what is going on with the forms. We don't have that many transactions so it shouldn't be that hard, right? But even the reporting deputy cannot get it to balance out. She has escalated it to Kingdom for help. It's entirely possible that the spreadsheet I have is somehow corrupt. We tried to find the form in the Kingdom library, but we were not able to locate it.

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 (Completed and gone through)

Arts and Science Minister: AEIflaed of Duckford

Solo A&S activities still continue apace, if the Stromgardians' posts to Facebook are any indication. Group activities are still lagging as the Barony works to discover a suitable group meeting facility. I look forward to a time when we can resume working together on Baronial projects. Speaking of which, I am informed that Calligraphy Nights will be resuming after the holiday season.

Chatelaine: Siobhán

Greetings wise Coronets, officers, and populous of Stromgard,

There was no Newcomer's night in November.

December, we held a cookie exchange and social. We had a good turnout, a mix of locals, expats and newcomers. Many yummy cookies and treats were consumed.

January's subject is TBD.

Last month I shared we had a new Deputy Chatelaine – I now must share that we are again on the lookout for a Chatelaine Deputy. My Warrant expires at the end of February 2025.

If you or someone you know is interested in welcoming newcomers to our Barony, please let me, our Seneschal or our Coronets know.

Looking forward to Dual Yule Deux where we will meet some more newcomers.

Nothing further to report

Scribe: Siobhán

Greetings glorious Stromgard, I hope everyone is safe and well.

A new charter was designed for the Silver Sea Star, and an original to be given out at Yule was also created this month.

I will be submitting receipts and reimbursement forms to the exchequer for printing, wax, and the placeholder seal matrix.

We will be restarting Monthly Scribal nights the 4th week of January

Herald: Ronan

Greetings to the Coronets of Stromgard, Still working on award project and will have ceremonials completed before next meeting. Dual Yule was fun and had pleasure of heralding for their Excellencies. We were able to deliver Silver Sea Star to Hlutwige Wolfkiller and Shelly Lenzi, A Barons Favor to Ynes, a Seamair to Erika bint Sitt al-Sada and an O'Brich to Angus Lenzi. Huzzah for everyone. Helvi and I have completed moving and will be attending 12th Night and Ursulmas, hope to see everyone there. YIS, Ronan

Chronicler: Pleiades

Nothing to report.

Social Media: Penelope

Nothing to report

Web Minister: Eil -

Nothing to report

Knight Marshal: Sir Rayner

(NO official practice since September nothing to be reported)

Rapier Marshal: Ikenaga Asahi

(NO official practice since September nothing to be reported)

Archery Marshal: Gideon Finlay

On hold for the winter season

Thrown Weapons Marshal: Ælfwynn Fiske

(On hold until after the 2024 Holiday season)

Sergeantry: Fenris

Nothing reported

VACANT OFFICES

- Deputy Seneschal
- Chatelaine
- Chamberlain
- Equestrian Marshal
- Youth Marshal
- Archery Marshal*: Alina to send in ppwk
- Cut & Thrust: Open
- Lists*: Open
- Demo Coordinator: Open
- Gold Key: Open
- Family Activities Coordinator: OPEN

Event Reports

Dual Yule Deux Event Report - Aug 24 - Siobhán:

Greetings glorious Coronet, Officers and Populous of Stromgard, Thank you for attending Dual Yule Deux 2024.

Dual Yule Deux took place 12/7/24 in the Barony of Three Mountains - Portland, Oregon.

We had coronets of both baronies in attendance, as well as His Royal Highness Nicolai.

Roughly 98 attendees signed in at gate prior to gate closing down, and we had more show up after gate had closed for the day. Preliminary numbers show 8 of those were youths/children.

2 courts were held

2 classes were held

– Intro to Persian Percussion instruments

– Intermediate Tablet Weaving

Other activities where participants could come and go included:

– Instrument Petting Zoo (Thank you Malek and Khanzara)

– Bookmark and Charter Painting (Siobhan)

– Gingerbread House Decorating (Alfwynn and Gillian)

– Bardic

– Dancing (Katrine)

– Snowball Fight

– Labyrinth (Etienne)

Auctions and Derbys, Competitions Held:

– Largess Derby (Lisette de la Rose)

– Silent Auction (Beatrix Optizer)

– Desert Auction (Siobhan and Beatrix)

– Games Competition Won by Levi ben Daniel (Carith de Cueves)

Food:

We had amazing small bites all day researched, sourced, prepared and presented by

Tatiiana of Stromgard and her amazing team which included Hlutwige Wolfkiller, Erika bint

Sitt al-Sada, Vivien nicUldoon, Fenris, and more. There was plenty of tasty bites all day

long, ensuring the hall was full of well fed and happy people.

We also had a desert potluck, which was available all day to the delight of many.

Father Yule/Children's Gifts:

Our original Father Yule fell ill the morning of the event.

Thank you to Maugris De Burges of

Three Mountains for stepping in at the last minute. HE

GæiRa Runfastsdottir provided

books and gifts for the youth in attendance to be given out.

Event Staff:

Event Steward: Judith of Three Mountains

Deputy: Siobhan an Sionnaigh Ruaidh

Feast Steward: Tatiiana of Stromgard

Gate Lead: Gillian Lenzi

Set up/Tear Down Lead: Kattera Gease

Site Decor: Etienne le Marchand

Financial:

Stromgard put up \$500 towards the event as a flat contribution towards expenses.

There was no gate fee. Donations, and auctions brought in \$906. The site has the rent

check, which along with all other receipts and expenses will be paid by 3M.

Final expenses have not yet been tabulated. If anyone has any receipts for expenses

incurred for the event they would like to be reimbursed for, please send copies to

3m.yule.feast@gmail.com and cc siobhan.redfox.

sca@gmail.com.

If any profit is made on the event by 3M, Judith will advise the council to reimburse that portion to

Stromgard. More detailed financial info will be available next month.

We had many wonderful volunteers from the river's region, and all will be thanked publicly on social media channels and in person if possible.

Thank you to all who attended, helped plan, helped execute, and made it a successful event.

Nothing further to report,

YIS

HL Siobhan an Sionnaigh Ruaidh

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

Feb 15 saturday

Approved 12/04

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.

Stromgard Hearts for the Arts: April 12,2025 Event

Steward: Elin

12/04 approved pending issue check

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

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:

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? 12/04 nothing new to report here .

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)

12/04: Alina still having conversations, agree to fill out lease agreement and keep at her house to make thing easier on TE so that they don't have to track this.

Castle Trailer -

Castle trailer moved to Tiernan and Miranda's house for storage. Bring up again in light conversation. Do we really want to keep the castle and trailer? maybe sell this to the West/AnTir War committee? If we do sell, then this needs to be sold as a single item. Noting that the trailer is worth more than the Castle. Breaking this up is not really an option in addition to sell to someone outside the SCA is a complicated.

Old Baronial Chairs-

What to do with them? Should we auction them off or sell

them? Per my conversation with Angela via messenger we can do what we want with them. Open for discussion

New Business:

Nothing new!

Meeting Attendance:

Elin

Baroness Gaera

Alina

Pleiades

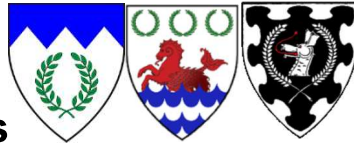
Ynez

Aelfwen

Donna

Feredach

Baron Justin



Tri Baronial Happenings

Newcomers Night:

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

1/7/25: CANCELLED

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: *ON HOLD FOR WINTER*

Three Mountains Archery: *ON HOLD FOR WINTER* 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: *ON HOLD FOR WINTER* Every Monday 7-9pm at private Vancouver residence. (Address located: <https://www.stromgard-sca.org>)

Stromgard Archery: *ON HOLD FOR WINTER* for the season.

Dragon's Mist Archery: *ON HOLD FOR WINTER* 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 *ON HOLD FOR WINTER*

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)

Baronial Council: (All are welcome)

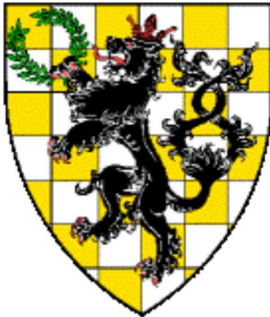

Three Mountains: 3rd Tuesday of every month at the Parkrose Masonic Lodge

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 - 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

	<p>An Tir Events Calendar</p> <p>www.antir.org</p> 
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An Tir 12th Night and Bardic Championship: Jan 10-12th Doubletree Hilton, Portland, OR

Known World Accessibility, Inclusion and Belonging Symposium (KWAIB): Jan 18th Virtual:
<https://scabelonging.wordpress.com/>

A Barony of Three Mountains Event Janeltis Natal Day: Jan 25th Eastgate Masonic Lodge
4812 NE 102nd Portland, OR 97220

Founding Revel: Feb 15th TBD, Camas, WA

Carnivale: March 1st TBD

Barony of Stromgard - Washington: greater Vancouver area & Clark County	 SCAN ME
Barony of Three Mountains - Oregon: Clackamas & Multnomah counties	 SCAN ME
Barony of Dragons Mist - Oregon: Clatsop & Washington counties	 SCAN ME
Principality of the Summits - Oregon: South of Portland	 SCAN ME

[Barony of Stromgard FB](#)



[Barony of 3Mountains FB](#)



[Barony of Dragon's Mists](#)



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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.

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