

THE SIREN



The Barony of Stromgard Newsletter

April 2024

Letter from the Baron and Baroness

Greetings Stromgard!

Unto the most amazing populace of Stromgard do we give greetings!

The past month has been relatively quiet, though this past weekend, Something Bardic This Way Comes in Three Mountains was host to Baroness Gaeira. The bardic event was well attended and there were many fine performances and classes.

We are now in April, on the 20th we will be holding "Stromgard Hearts the Arts," where our next Storm Maker will be chosen. On April 14th, the Shire of River's Bend just to the north is hosting their annual Spring Feast and on the 26th-28th the Barony of Terra Pomaria, to the immediate south of the Tri-Baronial Area is hosting Bar Gemels. Next month in May are two of the major camping events of the year, the Egil Skallagrimsson Tournament "Egil's" in the Barony of Adiantum, and May Crown hosted by the Barony of Wastekeep.

Stromgard Hearts the Arts is still seeking volunteers for shifts at Gate, please take a shift at the gate or offer assistance in some other way to the Event Stewards, the more people who volunteer the easier our events are to run.

Regarding Egil's, May Crown, and other events this season (An Tir West War, July Coronation, September Crown)? Is there a desire for a Baronial Camping space?

Please reach out to friends in the Barony and speak to them about volunteering at events so we can continue our Baronial tradition of fun and vibrant events now and into the future.

In Service,

Baroness Gaeira & Baron Justin.

Officers Reports

Seneschal: Alina

Nothing reported.

Exchequer: Feradach

Good Evening,

The Bank reconciliation has been completed for March 2024.

YIS

Feradach The Beardless

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 April 3, 2024 with 8 people in attendance! We worked on mainly An Tir Kingdom largesse that was provided by Gulenay!

Our next A&S Meetup will be Wednesday, May 1, 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.

As a final note, it is my intention to see the office of Kingdom Arts & Sciences Minister which will force me to vacate this office in July. If you are interested in replacing me, please contact me or the baronial coronet - I am happy to continue running A&S Meetups through December 2024 (when my term would have been naturally up) if that is easiest for the barony and my replacement. To my fellow Stromgardians, please consider becoming an officer (maybe for this office) - it is a rewarding experience if you have never given it a shot!

Yours in Service,
Póra in fróða, OL

Chatelaine: Siobhán

Greetings to Their Excellencies and the Populace of Stromgard!

We had no March Newcomers Class, officers and populace of Stromgard did participate in the OMSI After Dark Demo on 3/20. I was not able to attend, however I'm told it was a huge success thanks to the wonderful planning and relationship building of our very own HE Dagmar as well as last minute execution by her Grace Hlutwige and overall team effort by the Tri Baronial area.

I printed off stacks of QR Codes for the Tri Baronial, Summits and Kingdom websites, as well as other promotional materials to be displayed on each table. 1500 people came through OMSI that one night, and the Tri Baronial Chatelaines have seen increased interest in the SCA and what we do since then.

I've also updated a live document we use

for newcomers and expats alike which houses all our weekly and monthly Tri Baronial Happenings (meetings, practices, events, etc) and reached out to our technologically talented Web Minister Eil Von Winter to have them added to our website.

I ask our wonderful officers of Stromgard to keep us all posted with any changes or updates to our weekly and monthly meetings and practices – the Chatelaine so I can tell all of our area newcomers and our Web Minister so she can keep our website updated. Many of our newcomers aren't on Facebook and rely on our website for accurate and up to date info. I offer my thanks in advance for everyone's assistance with this.

We restarted our Tri Baronial Newcomers Classes on the first Tuesday of April and had 5 newcomers and 2 expats in attendance.

I am looking forward to Stromgard Hearts the Arts on 4/20 - I will be hosting the Scribal Station. We have a couple who are newcomers who plan to attend in the afternoon. This will be their first event. Please join me in welcoming them to our society. I am also looking forward to participating again in our Tri Baronial Newcomers Classes, held 1st Tuesdays at Parkrose Masonic Lodge at 7pm. April was SCA 101. May will be a dual class – Intro to A&S at the lodge facilitated by a member of the Laurel (seeking interested parties), as well as an Intro to Marshal Activities at Dragons Mist Fight Practice on the same night facilitated by a member of the Chivalry and MOD – both with assistance from the DM Chatelaine.

Nothing further to report.

YIS,

HL Siobhan an Sionnaigh Ruaidh

Scribe: Siobhán

Greetings Fair Barony! We held Stromgard Scribal night the 4th Wednesday in March and had 5 in attendance plus myself – thank you to Lady Pleiades for helping me to make that happen. One of our attendees is a newcomer to our area, but an expat from the boarder-lands of the West and Caid, Lady Beatrice.

I plan to hold Scribal in April as well but would like to investigate our options to make it a hybrid meeting for those who cannot attend in person. Also, Her Grace Hlutwige is submitting an order for more sealing wax, which I have asked that she add on an order for us as well. Once completed, I will submit a receipt to the exchequer. I

Looking forward to hosting the scribal activity table at Stromgard Hearts the Arts on April 20th.

Nothing further to report.

YIS,

HL Siobhan an Sionnaigh Ruidh

Herald: Ronan

Completed 2 name consultations.

Chronicler: Pleiades

Nothing to report.

Social Media: Penelope

Nothing to report

Web Minister: Eil - Nothing to report

Knight Marshal: Sir Rayner

Nothing reported.

Rapier Marshal: Ikenaga Asahi

Apologies for no reports the last two months and that I am not able to attend the meeting in person.

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

I have had a volunteer to take over as branch marshal, so the barony can be better supported as I am busy with my new little one. Ynes Cabeza de Vaca is a junior rapier marshal, like I am, and has offered to take on the role of branch marshal. Both Peter Bates and I are willing to be deputy marshals to give her our support. Please welcome her, and reach out to any of us if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you,

Ikenaga Asahi

Archery Marshal: Feradach

Nothing of significance to report.

Thrown Weapons Marshal: Ælfwynn Fiske

Practices continue alternating between my place and Duncan's. 4 to 5 average.

H.L. Ælfwynn Fiske

Sergeantry: Fenris

Nothing reported

VACANT OFFICES

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

Event Reports

Stromgard Hearts the Arts - April 20th - HE GæiRa:

I'd like to make a proposal to move forward with this as a new site for weekly gatherings.

I really need someone to run Gate for the event, so far no volunteers.

Stormgods - August 16-18 - Pleiades:

Greetings Coronets and friends,

Still working through the details but will try to have a full report including budget by next month's council meeting.

We have decided to keep the location of the farm that Stormgod's used to be held. I have reached out to our current champions to ask them to start putting together a competition for next champion, and requested they let me know if any budget is needed there, but assume that most equipment will come from storage, etc.

Besides the marshal championships, I am planning on putting together something fun for folks that are not competing. Some version of race for the horde but family friendly. Have thought through ideas of a relay ending in largess creations maybe or other small tasks that can be done in 1 day. Some examples would be "create a largess item with this random pile of supplies" or "perform a bardic activity for the baron/baroness", etc. Also want to put together a party/revel for Friday or Saturday night that included group games such as heraldic charades or SCA trivia or something like that. Maybe giant Janga or Goose depending on if folks volunteer to bring things like that.

More to come next month!

YIS,

Pleiades

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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