

# THE SIREN



The Barony of Stromgard Newsletter

December 2023

## Letter from the Baron and Baroness

### Greetings Stromgard!

Greeting unto the greatest populace of the known world!

As we enter this season of wonder and celebration we just wanted to share a few short words with you.

Our StormRider event was a fun time for everyone and we were well pleased to see the many smiling faces that joined us for the day. The competition was fierce and well attended with the victor being Domenico Taddio.

For those of you who will be attending the Dual Yule event this weekend please take a few minutes at the event and share with us the names of people who've brought you joy. Forms will be at gate. We look forward to sharing your words and praises with everyone!

Speaking of Dual Yule, if you have largess that you would like to donate, you are more than welcome to bring it along to the event. We also will be looking for largess donations at our Founding Revel to be held on February 10. Sharing largess with us allows us to spread the wealth and your word fame far and wide.

It is our sincerest hope that you find joy and make many wonderful memories with your loved ones in the coming weeks of celebrations!

Yours in Service ,

**Baroness Gæira & Baron Justin.**

# Officers Reports

## Seneschal: Alina

### Exchequer: Constance

Greetings to the Mighty Barony of Stromgard, Her Noble populace and Our ever-worthy Coronets,

Unfortunately, I am not able to attend the December Meeting. I am instead enjoying the exuberant voices of 2nd and 3rd graders as they sing winter themed songs.

The Bank Reconciliation for the Month of November is complete. Please contact me if you would like to look at it.

On a solemn note, this will be my last report at exchequer as I have not received a dispensation to extend my tenure until February. I will work with Alina, to transfer all of the physical holdings to her. In addition, I will complete any last-minute tasks until my last day, December 31st, 2023

I have enjoyed my time as exchequer and thank of you for the opportunity.

YIS

Constance Le Clerc

Chamberlain: Alexander - Nothing to report

### Arts and Science Minister: Pora

To Their Excellencies and the Populace of Stromgard,

Greetings – we canceled A&S Meetup for December due to holiday conflicts! Our next A&S Meetup will be Wednesday, January 3, 2024 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. I am also working with the Baroness to prepare items for the A&S event Stromgard is running in late spring of next year! I have a neat idea to make A&S research accessible and approachable to all and I look forward to share details with the populace in the coming months.

Yours in Service,  
Póra Jórsalafari, OL

### Chatelaine: Siobhan

Greetings Honorable Coronets and people of Stromgard!

On November 7th we had our 2nd official Tri-Baronial Newcomer class at 3M Newcomer and Social night. Our November class – Intro to A&S and the Order of the Laurel was well attended – 11 plus the Chatelaine of Three Mountains Azure and myself as well as our guest Facilitator and fellow member of Stromgard, Komitissa Achaxe Ek Auchatae, OL, OP.

Our December Class is Garb Planning and Research Facilitated by the talented Dame Moira Ramsay, OP

I have submitted the Chatelaine Budget for 2024 along with this report to our Seneschal and Exchequer.

Nothing further to report.  
Looking forward to Dual Yule.

YIS,

Lady Siobhán an Sionnaigh Ruaidh

### Scribe: Siobhan

Greetings Stromgard Coronet, officers, and populace alike. At November Officer Meeting I put in my letter of intent to assume the role of Scribe for the Barony of Stromgard, which I'm glad to say was accepted. There are still some transfer of office tasks to complete, however these should be completed in the month of December (I hope).

I am now in possession of the Scribal Box, Charter Paper, and still in possession of the loaner gear tackle box that is used at monthly scribal meetings and events.

Still to complete:

- Transfer of existing wax seals, any remaining wax.
- Wax Seal Creation Training
- Charter Printing demonstration at a professional print center
- Change of officer form submittal

I have submitted the 2024 budget for office of the scribe along with this report to the Baronial Seneschal and Exchequer.

November Scribal meeting was moved to the 5th Wednesday of the month due to the holiday the previous week. We had 2 attendees including myself.

December Scribal will be held on the usual day – 4th Wednesday of December – 12/27.

Looking forward to Dual Yule with our neighbors to the south in Dragons Mist!

Nothing further to report.

YIS,

Lady Siobhán an Sionnaigh Ruaidh

### Herald: Ronan

To Their Excellencies of Stromgard and its glorious populace, here is my monthly report. Been a little quiet did have my first consultation, looking forward to seeing everyone at Yule this weekend.

### Chronicler: Pleiades

Greetings Coronets and friends!

I have finally gotten all my technical difficulties sorted out, and got caught up on The Siren creation and postings for October and November. They are now on the book of faces for your reading! If you see that there is anything missing, that most likely means that it was not sent to the Chronicler email account and/or I could not find it on the officer group chat. Please let me know if that is the case, and we will get it fixed! Going forward, I will attempt at posting The Siren within 2 weeks following council.

YIS, Pleiades

### Knight Marshal: Sir Rayner

To their most Excellent Stromgard excellencies. Unofficial practice is most unofficial and quite well attended. 7-15 depending on the night. No official incidents nor unofficial to report. Hope to see everyone at Yule!

### 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!

We are now on the new Monday night schedule. Our first practice at my home had 5 throwers attending.

This new night looks like it is going to work well.

Yours in service,

H.L. Ælfwynn Fiske

### Sergeantry: Fenris

Nothing reported

### VACANT OFFICES

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

# 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.*

**Founding Revel:** February 10<sup>th</sup>, 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](http://stromgard-sca.org)) for details. *For questions or to confirm activity, contact:* [Stromgard.seneschal@gmail.com](mailto:Stromgard.seneschal@gmail.com).

**Rapier Practice** — Currently happening at 3M's practice. Visit their website or [www.facebook.com/groups/696161364096256/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/696161364096256/)

**Archery Practice** — Seasonal hiatus. *For questions or to confirm activity,* contact Feradach (Vern Myers) at [stromgard.archery@antir.com](mailto: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](mailto:harlenclark64@gmail.com) or private message Bud Clark on Facebook for location address. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/542609719249948/>

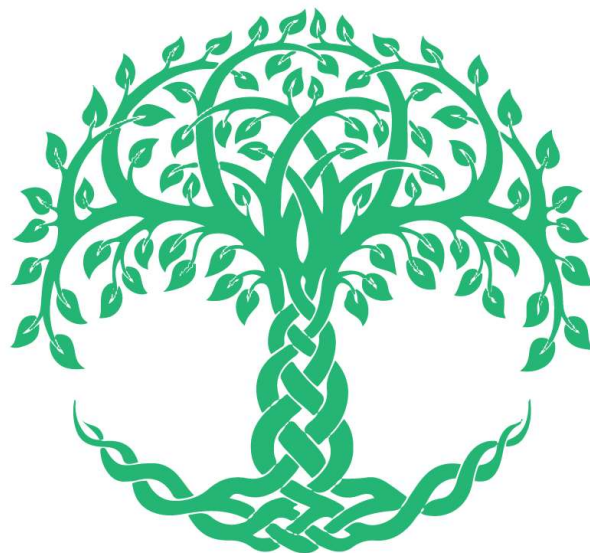
**Arts and Science Nights**— Wednesdays at Thora's. Address posted on the Baronial Page on Facebook. *To confirm activity or ask any questions,* contact Arts & Sciences Office (Kerry) at [stromgard.artsnsci@antir.org](mailto:stromgard.artsnsci@antir.org) or on Book of Faces.

**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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