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The Barony of Stromgard Newsletter

March 2024

Letter from the Baron and Baroness

Greetings Stromgard!

Greetings unto the Most Awesome and Amazing Populace of Stromgard,

That we are moving into March hardly seems possible, and yet here we are!

Many congratulations to the various members of Stromgard's populace who took the time and made the great efforts to participate in the Kingdom Arts and Sciences and Queens Rapier Championship a couple of weekends ago. We had a number of Tri-Baronial and Rivers Region entrants who were named as Scholars of An Tir, as well as some people who participated in the showcase only portion. Ultimately the Sable Bonnet and Arts and Sciences Champions cloak went to Mattittiyahu Von Mod'in of 3 Mountains.

Also there were members of Stromgard recognized by the Crown with awards:

Gideon Finlay, AoA

Morgan of the Oaks, GdS

Siobhan an Sionnaich Ruaidh, JdL

Iliaria Veltri Degli Ansari, Bountiful Hand

And Peter Bates, Storm Maker Allegro Corbinelli de Revenna, and Storm Blade Gregorio Cristovalez de la Vega were all awarded l'Esperon et du Lion.

Huzzah to all of those recognized for their on going efforts to help make this game so much fun to play!

As the event season ramps up we would encourage everyone to watch for requests for help with events. Giving a few hours of your time is a good way to build community and make memories that can last a lifetime. Stewarding an event can be a rewarding way to make new friends and see the real nuts and bolts that go into this being a hobby that everyone can enjoy. Please consider raising your hand. We all need to help each other to have a good time.

In closing, stay joyful.

Baroness GaeiRa & Baron Justin.

Officers Reports

Seneschal: Alina

Nothing reported.

Exchequer: Constance

No report, officer changing hands.

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 March 6, 2024 with 6 people in attendance! We worked on armor, scribal arts items, personal projects such as tablet weaving, embellishment and metal working and other baronial items/largesse! We also want to congratulate Helvi av Gotland for achieving Scholar of An Tir at Kingdom Arts & Sciences!

Our next A&S Meetup will be Wednesday, April 3, 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 Wise Coronets, Officers and fair populace of Stromgard!

While February did not bring much activity locally for me to report, there are some updates from the Kingdom Chatelaine to pass along.

Newcomers Academy Taught virtually by RED's
Creation of Regional Education Deputies (RED)
Chatelaine Sashes and Belt Favors
Newcomer Badge Buttons
Tri-Baronial Newcomer Classes

Our Kingdom Chatelaine, in conjunction with her new Education Deputy HL Kendryth filia Gerald has begun a Kingdom-wide set of newcomer classes called Newcomers Academy which will be taught by the newly created Regional Education Deputies (RED) online each month. There is a RED for the Inlands/Central An Tir, Summits and Tir Righ.

These classes will be held on a rolling basis, and will always cover the same information so that all newcomers (who want to attend) will have access to the same information. The RED's will track newcomer participation.

All of our newcomers will be given the links and class calendar so they may attend if they like, or catch a class topic they may have missed locally.

However, we will continue to offer our own in-person and hands-on Newcomer Classes locally in the tri-baronial area with the help of our Tri Baronial Chatelaines, and wonderful local peers, who co-facilitate based on their area of expertise. These classes will begin again locally on April 2nd at 7pm with Intro to The S.C.A. and the Kingdom of An Tir. They will continue monthly on the 1st Tuesday of each month. Please join us, all are welcome. The class schedule will be posted on the Baronial website shortly.

Sashes, Belt Favors and Buttons:
The Kingdom Chatelaine is making new Sashes for the Chatelaine to wear at events. HL Una is also creating belt favors with a "Welcome" Badge on it. This is to be given to members of the barony who have shown an interest in helping to welcome newcomers as they begin their journey in the society. Once received, they will be added to the regalia of this office. Badge shown below.



HL Una is also making additional newcomer badge buttons to be donated to each group to offer to newcomers to wear at events or to keep until they no longer feel like a newcomer. These will be in addition to the ones we were gifted by Lady Blue, the 3M Chatelaine. Badge shown below.



Don't forget, March 20th is the Omsi After Dark Demo! I believe all the volunteers needed have already been located. However, if you have any loaner gear or garb you wish to lend for the night, please let Dagmar, Myself, Helvi or Hlutwige know.

Nothing further to report.

Looking forward to Tri Baronial Newcomers Class, and Stromgard Hearts the Arts In April.

Yours In Service,
HL Siobhán an Sionnaigh Ruaidh

Scribe: Siobhán
Greetings Fair Stromgard,

In February the first of a new Bell and Chain charter were given out at our Founding Revel. The design idea came from our own Baroness Gaeira, who was inspired by our beloved Dagmar and her persona. More charters will be printed for any who would like to paint one.

More new charter designs will be forthcoming this year. If you have a design idea or would like to see a particular culture or period represented, please let me know.

February Scribal Night was canceled due to my ankle injury. A decision will be made about March Scribal night shortly. If it cannot be held in person, I would like to see about holding one virtually.

Some new scribal supplies are much needed and were budgeted for. A request will be submitted in the coming days.

Your Baronial Scribe is also the Deputy Royal Scribe. If you would like to paint Kingdom or Summits Charters, please contact me for pickup.

Nothing further to report.

Looking forward to Stromgard Hearts the Arts where there will be a scribal table, with make and take items.

Yours In Service,
HL Siobhán an Sionnaigh Ruaidh

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
Nothing reported

Archery Marshal: Feradach
Nothing of significance to report.

Thrown Weapons Marshal: Ælfwynn Fiske
Greetings to Their Excellencies and citizens of Stromgard,

Practices are being steadily attended by 3 to 6 people.

The alternating of locations seems to be working out well and will continue for the foreseeable future.

This summer we will be focusing on scoring. I will be setting up my spear range in early June for this.

Yours In Service,

H.L. Ælfwynn Fiske, Thrown Weapons Marshall

Sergeantry: Fenris
Nothing reported

Event Reports

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

Things are moving along, working on finding people to host/teach at the stations, have had a few good offers so far.

I need a person to run Gate for the event and someone who would like to lead the kitchen for an easy light lunch of soup or chili (vegetarian and non options please) with rolls/bread of some sort.

On the day of the event I will need help with set up and tear down.

I plan to do a site tour soon to determine how best to lay the event out for the day as well as to see if we can do fire outside in the parking lot. Also what we will need to bring as far as tables etc...

The days schedule will be posted 2 weeks prior to the event (hopefully...)

Please help support this event by sharing the event post from Facebook... there is a lot of potential for fun to be had!

Stormgods - August 16-18 - Pleiades:

Not much to report yet, still putting things together. We have moved the date again to August 16-18. We have a location at a farm booked, but looking into more options with better shade. More to come later.

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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