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The Barony of Stromgard Newsletter

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LETTER FROM THE BARON AND BARONESS

Greetings Stromgard! As many of you have read, the SCA Board of Directors, and the Crown of An Tir have both issued plans for post plague reopening. You may have also noticed that Kingdom of An Tir will not be reopening as quickly as the rest of the SCA. Our Seneschal will be giving the details of these plans in his report. We understand that not being able to attend SCA events and activities can be frustrating. Some of us would like things to move faster, but the word of the Crown is law, so We ask folks to please be patient. The rate of vaccinations is moving quickly now, and reopening plans may change in the next

60 to 90 days, please stay tuned. If you have concerns regarding the reopening plans, We encourage you to please contact the BOD and the Crown with your ideas. At the May business meeting, we will discuss what our options are for having events this Summer and Fall, please plan to attend if you have any ideas, comments, or concerns regarding this subject.

Until next time, Stay safe, stay strong, stay Stromgard!

In Service,
Baron Duncan
Baroness Moira



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Officers Reports

Seneschal : Ronan present—Written report

Greetings to their Excellency's, Baron and Baroness and populace of Stromgard, Here is my April Seneschal Report. On April 2, 2021, Their Majesties, King Christian III and Queen Helene III of An Tir have issued the sanction of Exile from the Kingdom against George Parker, also known in the Society as Hakon Thorgeirsson Von Eignersfojord. Exile from the Kingdom precludes engaging in any SCA activity in the Kingdom. This sanction precludes participation in any Kingdom-controlled social or electronic media. This sanction does not preclude participation in activities in other Kingdoms.

SCA Board of Directors has decided to lift its blanket ban on events, starting June 1st, 2021. The decision of when to resume events and activities to the respective Kingdoms. Please refer to specific minimal requirements and guidelines on SCA Website. An Tir will remain closed to events and associated official activities, until further notice.

We will continue to monitor the information provided by the relevant health authorities that affect our Kingdom, and continue to review Our timeline and potential release of activities. We will announce changes publicly on the [Kingdom website](#) in

advance of release dates, with listed requirements and stipulations as they may apply.

An Tir stands apart from many Kingdoms What this means is that any decision made that will affect the whole Kingdom comes with many complexities, as we span multiple regions, states / provinces, and an international border. One key piece to our resumption of fellowship across Our great Kingdom is the international border closure between Canada and the United States. **This will be a major factor in the decision to allow Kingdom level events.**

There are a number of factors which must come to pass before An Tir can open up for events, and your leadership team is monitoring the situation daily.

Your Crown has been meeting weekly with the Kingdom Seneschal to create a plan for reopening that respects all modern health authority guidelines, and We are taking into consideration such things as: financial impact of holding under-supported events, resuming martial activities safely, modeling responsible behaviors in our gatherings, logistic requirements, and many more questions that stand before Us.

There are considerations regarding how to layer in safeguards that comply with Modern, BoD and Kingdom specific rules; safeguards such as mandatory masks, vaccinations, event attendee caps, and others.

We are not an enforcement agency, nor do We have the means to do so, and the line of what We wish to see and what We can demand is very fine. This is a complex discussion that requires extensive review and a practical approach. We ask you to bear with Us all, as We move ahead in Our best efforts and intentions to prepare for you the safest and clearest path to a healthy and warm return.

I have a Seneschal meeting later this week with the hope more answers will be forthcoming.

Stay Safe, Yours in Service,
Laird Ronan Mac an Leagha

Exchequer: Everild absent. Written report.

Nothing to Report

Respectfully Submitted,
Everild Bayte
Stromgard Baronial Exchequer

Chamberlain: Alexander absent,
No report given

Arts and Science: Hevli present,
written report

At 3M Spring Court, the StormMaker held an Embroidery Competition. There were 10 entries, which you can see on our [stromgard.org](#) website, along with This month's challenge (Scribal) which begins on the 16th of April, and the future challenges which will continue monthly until next Founding Revel - including May's Build a Sword challenge.

Herald: James le Bruin present,
No report given

Scribe: Tatiiana absent.

No report given

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Officer Reports Cont.

Chatelaine: Dagmar absent ,

To Their Excellencies Baron & Baroness Stromgard, and the Populace... Spring has Sprung and we are moving forward with hope for the Barony and Kingdom as people find ways to feel safe in the community again. One of those ways I felt we could help transition out of the Plague Times is with the new Baroness Blog. I am very excited to be working with Helvi and Her excellency on this project, and I will be reaching out for more support. This is still in the early planning stages, so we are excited to see how Creative we can be! As always, contact me for a chat on this, with any questions/Ideas, about newcomers or just to say hello! Hoping this missive finds all in good health! —

Lady Dagmar Thorfinrsdottir
Chatelaine of Stromgard

Family Activities: Office open

Chronicler: Ragna present, verbal report

Greetings to their excellencies and the populace. Mundane life has been kicking me in the teeth and I promise I will catch up.. As noted before my tenure as Chronicler is ending and if anyone is interested in picking up the mantle of chronicler please feel free to contact me on the book of faces or at Stromgard.chronicler@antire.org
Nothing else to report

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Ragna In Valska

Social Media: Penelope absent,

No report given

Demo Coordinator Dagmar absent

Nothing to report

Gold Key: Kata present ,

No report given

Web Minister: Helvi present, written report

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I updated the website to include new Kingdom & Society guidance for meetings, added a brand new video, the Baroness' Blog's premiere video, of which there will be a series, as explained by Her Excellency, with fun stuff and community building stuff. I also added the pages for the StormMaker's challenges past, current, and future.

Knight Marshal: Elrin, absent —
written report. fight practice report provided by Duncan

No report given

Rapier Marshal: Chris present—
verbal report

No report given

Archery Marshal: Feradach absent—
written report.

No report given

Thrown Weapons Marshall: Matthias absent,

No report given

Cut and Thrust Refskegg absent—

No report given

Seargency Constance & fenris absent

No report given

Lists Rostislav absent ,

No report given

Event Reports

Ithrapalooza

Nothing to report

Stormgod 2021

Nothing to report

Yule 2021

Nothing to report

Old Business

No old business discussed

New Business

No new business discussed

Announcements

No Announcements were made



Attendance

Duncan Vitrius, Moira Ramsay, Ronan Mac An Leagha, Helvi, Ragna In Valska, James Le Bruin,, cConstance Le Clerc, Everild, Alastair, Refskegg,, Kata, AElfwynn, Feradach the Beardless, Alexander the Grey

SOME THINGS OUR COMMUNITY AND OTHERS ARE DOING ONLINE IN THESE DIFFICULT TIMES

Here are some links to different online activities and challenges being offered while we are social distancing and keeping everyone safe

An Tir Video Challenge

Artisans and Scientists of An Tir! We need your classes and demos for the An Tir YouTube Channel!!
Rules: 1. No obscenity. 2. No denigrating remarks about yourself or anyone else. 3. The topic must be appropriate for the SCA. If it is something you would teach or demonstrate at an event or SCA social, it's a good topic

For more information go to https://www.antir.org/announcements/an-tir-video-challenge/?utm_source=rss&utm_medium=rss&utm_campaign=an-tir-video-challenge&fbclid=IwAR0B2q3XGiwIbl9toHeOSylrCNvOsXOHkEZAhadEB7XFkYVGqwrh42YkQag

To see the videos go to https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NZCIWw0_tJk&fbclid=IwAR1w_fvhL1WU6U81X0D6Tsa_g4SeNsp2MA9VYERSdRxkrRm0hfpmqVxNbrY

Virtual An Tir

Virtual An Tir Facebook Group

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/VirtualAnTir/>

Resources during Coronavirus isolation

The Coronavirus is going to be with us for a while and since we're practicing social distancing for all the right reasons, here are some resources for eating, staying entertained and some ways to hang on to some zen. **Everything listed is a free resource unless specifically listed otherwise.**

<https://quirkylenses.com/2020/03/16/isolation-entertainment-and-some-practical-matters/>

JSTOR

During this time of distancing JSTOR has opened it site to everyone who wishes to do research instead of only college students. This is an academic library of academic journals, books and primary sources. A rich source of information. <https://www.jstor.org/>

Awards of The Barony of Stromgard

Orders and Honors

Potissimus Hippocampus (Stromgard's highest Honor)

Awarded for extraordinary service to the Barony, continued involvement, encouraging others in their pursuits, epitomizing the aims of the society, and being the ideal to which all should strive. This is also a polling order of the group.

Granted a maximum of once per year.

The badge for this honor is: (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 service award for the Barony.

The badge of this order is: (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.

The badge of this order is: (Fieldless) A pair of hands appaummy wrists outwards maintaining between them a roundel argent.

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.

The badge of this award is: (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.

The badge of this order is: (Fieldless) A sea urchin contourny argent.

The O'brich

Granted to those individuals who overcome or solve the biggest problem at an event.

The badge is traditionally a heavy silver-colored chain.

Arts & Sciences

Amicus Musarum

Granted to those that encourage involvement in and personally excel in the arts and sciences.

The badge of this award is: (Fieldless) A gem ring argent gemmed gules.

Favors of the Coronet

Honor of the Seamar -

(The Baroness' Favor)

The badge of this award is: (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

If you know someone who is deserving of any of these recognitions, contact the Baron and Baroness with your recommendations.

Upcoming Events

(an attempt at period costume/garment is expected. If you don't have garb, inquire about Gold Key)

Due to COVID-19 All in person events and activities are cancelled until January 31, 2021. Please watch the Facebook page for virtual events and fun

To find out more information about the above events and many others happening throughout the Kingdom, go to <http://www.antir.org/events/>

Activities in the Barony of Stromgard – strictly virtual until May 10th

(period costume/garment is not expected during monthly activities and all are welcome)

Monthly Baronial Council Meeting— Due to Covid-19 meetings are being held virtually. Please watch the book of faces for details. *For questions or to confirm activity, contact:* John paul (Ronan Mac an Leagha)at Stromgard.seneschal@gmail.com — 503-929-9435

Stromgard Fighter Practice — Thursdays at 7:00 pm at private residence – 5111 NE 125th St Vancouver 98686. *For questions or to confirm activity, contact:* stromgard.marshal@antir.org or <https://www.facebook.com/groups/256143011097207/> for Armored fighting

Rapier Practice — First and third Saturdays of each month. Look for a facebook event for location and time. *For questions or to confirm activity, contact:* Chris Perkins stromgard.rapier@antir.org or <https://www.facebook.com/groups/696161364096256/>

Archery Practice — On Hiatus for the winter. *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 — Thursdays at 6:00 PM in Orchards area. Contact Matthias von Schwarzenberg (Bud Clark) at harlenclark64@gmail.com or private message Bud Clark on Facebook for location address. Check on <https://www.facebook.com/groups/542609719249948/> for updates or to confirm activity.

Arts and Science Nights – Tentatively on First and Third Tuesdays – 6:00-9:00 PM
Opportunity to work on Arts and Science projects. Private residence – 10712 NE 44th Street, Vancouver, WA. *To confirm activity or ask any questions, contact* Helvi (Robin) at stromgard.artsnsoci@antir.org

Fighter Workshop – Saturdays depending on events and James' scheduled – Please RSVP
Open shop designed to help get and keep fighters in armor
For questions and on-going schedule – <https://www.facebook.com/groups/364327937033071>

Stromgard Cookery – Fourth Wednesdays – 6:30-9:00 PM. Opportunity to learn and cook medieval foods. For location, questions or to confirm activity - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/170931156876890>

Music/Scribal night— First Wednesday of the month - 7:00 -9:00 PM . Private Residence - 5609 NE 42nd Ave, Vancouver, WA 98661 *For questions or to confirm activity, contact* Khanzara (Jennifer) at 360-448-7409

Curia — Baronial Officers

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Contact Us

Give any officer a call or send an email for more information about our group and activities.

Or visit us on the web at: <http://stromgard.org>

And Facebook at:

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The following offices are currently open or seeking replacement:

- ◆ Equestrian Marshal
- ◆ Youth Marshal
- ◆ Youth and Family Activities Coordinator
- ◆ Demo Coordinator

Any currently filled office that you are interested in always need deputies.

If interested in an office, come to baronial council or talk to the seneschal