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The Barony of Stromgard Newsletter

February 2023

LETTER FROM THE BARON AND BARONESS

Greetings Stromgard!

Unto the citizens of Stromgard do your Coronets Justín and Gaeira give greetings,

In the past month we have had several events worthy of mention.

First the OMSI demonstration organized by Baroness Dagmar/Yolotli. There were over 3,000 attendees at OMSI who observed our demonstrations inside and outside OMSI.

Thanks are due to all of the attendees at the demonstration, but especially those who attended the tables, directed dancing, fought with rapier or rattan, or helped people to have photos taken in our photo staging area.

Ursulmas was well attended by citizens from Stromgard, and our rapier and rattan fighting communities had strong representation. The Stormblade and the Stormgod along with all of the entrants honored the barony with their efforts in the tournaments, and Duke Tiernan did especially well proceeding to the third round of the elimination phase of the rattan tournament.

Individuals from Stromgard attended the Janeltis' Natal Day in Three Mountains, teaching classes and participating.

Looking forward to later this month, Kingdom Arts & Sciences will be hosted by Glymm Mere and Caladphort. Stromgard promises to be well represented by individuals presenting, and we look forward to seeing their efforts.

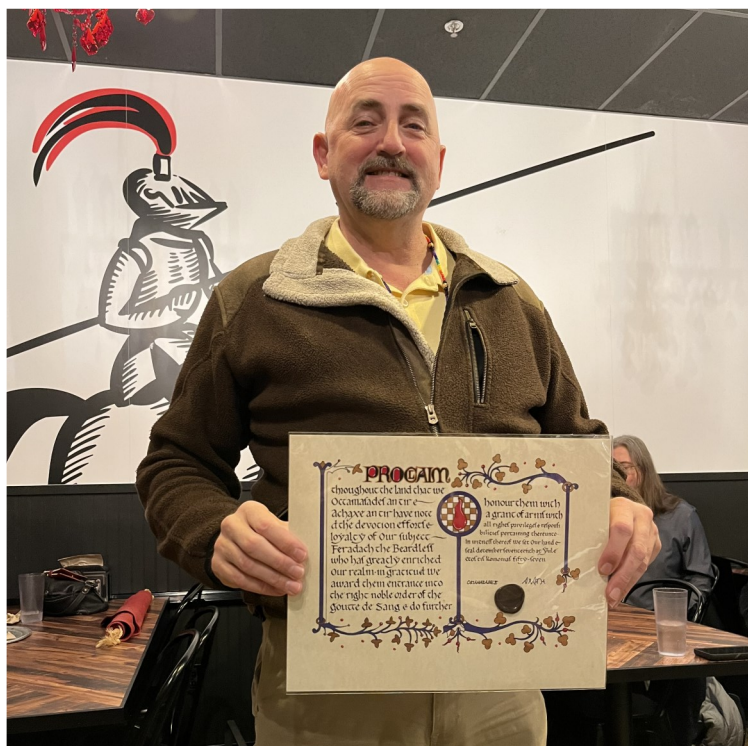
Congratulations, to our own Thora Jorsalafari, who will complete her term as Kingdom Arts & Sciences Champion and pass the title to a successor.

Gaeira and I are very interested in recognizing all of the efforts of the people of Stromgard who are participating in events throughout the Kingdom. One way we do this is by granting awards. We ask all of the people of Stromgard for their help by submitting the names of people who they think are worthy of recognition for their efforts.

Thank you to everyone who organized or participated in events this month, we see your efforts and continue to be deeply impressed with them and honored to serve as Stromgard's coronets.

Yours in Service, Baroness Gaeira and Baron Justin.

HUZZAH! HUZZAH! HUZZAH!
New Gray Goose! Federach the Beardless



Officers Reports

Seneschal: Alina present, written report.

Greetings to their Excellencies Baron /Baroness along with the populace of Stromgard, Here is the February Seneschal Report: Quarterly report was sent out on time and received. Good news is that are starting to an increase in our membership numbers.

Ursulmas did take place again this year, unlike last year there were a few cases of Covid that were reported along with a local mystery virus that is not covid, RSV or flu here in Monroe. Those of you who attended Ursulmas please be attentive to slight cough, extreme fatigue, chest pain, no or low-grade fever.

Just a friendly reminder from your Kingdom Seneschal. It is indoor event time! It is also COLD/FLU/COVID and RSV time. With that said...DO NOT COME TO THE EVENT IF YOU ARE FEELING UNWELL. If it makes you feel more comfortable wear a mask. Consider testing before the event. Please remember to be considerate of others choices.

Baronial activities are picking up again and it is great to see all the different activities taking place. If you need help setting up an event on the Baronial page, please let either Penelope or myself know and we are happy to assist.

Deputy Seneschal: Greetings Populace and Coronets of Stromgard!

I am your new Deputy Seneschal! I am eager to work with our Excellent Alina to learn all I can about this role over the next year. Always grateful for your trust in me Stromgard!

-Dagmar, Yollotli of An Tir, Deputy Seneschal

Exchequer: Constance present, written report.

Greetings Their Excellencies and the Barony of Stromgard! Yule 2022 has been closed. Thank you! The January 2023 bank reconciliation is uploaded to the baronial website in the member's section. Finally, the 4th quarter financial report has been

submitted.

Chamberlain: Alexander absent, no report.

Arts and Science Ministre: Pora present, written report.

To Their Excellencies and the Populace of Stromgard,

Greetings - we had an Arts & Sciences Meetup on February 1, 2022 with 6 attendees present working on projects! Several of us are working on some largesse for the Barony, so if you don't have a current project, please feel welcome to come and work on charters or largesse activities! We also were given charters from the Summits to work on, I'm looking forward to us tackling some of those for our neighbors!

Kingdom Arts & Sciences (the competition) is coming up at end of the month (February 24-26) – our very own HE Dagmar, Yollotli of An Tir is competing in the single entry division, please come give her support if you can! A few other Rivers Regions folks will be participating as well, so it should be a wonderful time! If you'd like to be more involved as a student judge, judge, time manager, or other volunteer, please connect with me!

Our next A&S Meetup will be Wednesday, March 1, 2023 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.

Chatelaine: Dagmar present, written report.

I am stepping up as Stromgard Chatelaine as of today and look forward to serving this wonderful Barony for the next two years and beyond.

I intend to incorporate the ideals of the DEI council into everything I do as your Baronial Chatelaine so we can make sure we are as welcoming, inclusive, and accessible as possible.

I hope you will join me on this journey as we look forward to our upcoming eventing season and all the prep that comes with it!

Since it is my first month, I only have a couple of items to report and a

couple of topics of interest I would like to put up for discussion.

To Report:

Since the Omsi demo, we have had some new additions to the Baronial discussion group on the book of faces, with individuals reaching out to learn more.

I will be following up with them this week to let them know about upcoming events and meetings that they might be interested in.

At Kingdom 12th Night I attended the Chatelaine's Meeting along with 5 other baronial Chatelaine's and the Principality of the Summits Chatelaine – The principality Seneschal was also in attendance.

We discussed ways of identifying newcomers once they've started to participate and found that there is a registered badge for this use.

We also shared ideas on how to keep newcomers engaged so they remain citizens of our group. – I will share some ideas as we approach eventing season.

We discussed ideas for engaging the public while getting the populous together for social gatherings once a month (or more).

Items to discuss:

Something that is working in other baronies to the north are a weekly "Have a beer with the Baron" low key happy hour on a weekday after work at a local watering hole. Chatelaine reported this has brought in quite a few newcomers and allowed the populous to meet and get reacquainted after the long period of solitude during the plague. – Some go in garb, others do not as they go straight from work.

I personally would rather it be titled something else, and it doesn't just have to be about our shining Baron or at a bar – that just happens to be what works for them. I would like to have a social night in a public setting at least once a month. Feedback welcome.

Also discussed is the use of the newcomer badge – I would like to make pins or buttons with the badge – Ideas on supplies and size welcome – this shouldn't take much time or many funds so we can get a quick turnaround. I would also like to make some pronoun pins to have at gate at events – do we want to make

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newcomer badges with different pronouns or keep them separate?

Our illustrious previous Baroness HE Moira has pledged to donate a bolt of Linen for use of the Barony to make Caftan's for newcomers/Gold Key. We would like to make caftans of all size ranges (large and broad humans – toddling tikes) in baronial colors stamped with a trident and perhaps the registered newcomer's badge. We would facilitate the production of them by holding a rectangular construction class/workshop that meets maybe bi weekly or monthly – with newcomers welcome/encouraged. This way we incorporate those who would be getting the most use out of them while also teaching them valuable skills (myself included) in a low key intimate social setting where newcomers can meet some of our wonderful community. We thought we could hold these classes/workshops in these colder months so the caftans would be ready to wear for eventing season.

To move forward with this, we will need additional supplies – fabric being the most costly. Donations are kindly accepted. Do we have baronial funds for this? Does our Gold Key want to help? <wink wink, nudge nudge>

Location: To be Confirmed – At last discussion HE Moira did offer use of her sewing studio, but I would like to touch base with her again to confirm. As Always, Already have a future event on the calendar? I would love to help you with event and site information! Inclusive language and maximum detail with low word count! The best way to reach me is on the Book of Faces or stromgard.chatelaine@antir.org.

Demo Coordinator:

Good Gentles of Stromgard,
Most Excellent Coronets,
I bid you farewell.

My time as Your chatelaine has come to an end,

I am forever grateful for your trust and faith in me all these years.

I am excited for Lady Siobhán in this role and can already see that this Barony will grow with her as your Chatelaine! Her first baronial report will follow.

I transition now to serve You, my Stromgard Family, as your Deputy Seneschal and Demo Coordinator.

I will continue to help with Gold Key and Youth Activities for our Barony until someone bravely steps forward to take those roles.

I am always reachable on the Book of Faces for help, inspiration and guidance with running a baronial day event. These can be simple and inexpensive to put on, but allow the local populace to enjoy more SCA in a more inclusive manner.

The OMSI Demo in January was a huge success! Biggest thanks and THREE CHEERS to the volunteers! This is a very demanding night, and with over 2,100 attendees this time, it was non stop for five hours. I am so proud of my Rivers Region team! With custom calligraphy, heavy and rapier combat, live music folx danced to and a non stop action photo booth, this was one of our best demonstrations of what the SCA has to offer yet!

Hopefully you have seen some new folks these past few weeks who talked to us at OMSI! Engage them and Let's continue to be the Most welcoming and inclusive Barony in An Tir!

OMSI is also excited to have us back for another 21+ theme night later this year.

After each demo at OMSI, I learn more and we improve, that said I believe we need to have a newcomer event scheduled for two to three weeks after an OMSI demo. This gives us volunteers a tangible 'thing' to direct the hundreds of people were chatting with to.

I am open to having this be a Rivers Region Newcomers Day since we are all at the demo representing the SCA and Kingdom of An Tir.

I CANNOT BE THE EVENT STEWARD FOR THIS.... but I will work closely with the wonderful person who is!

Chronicler: Helvi present, oral report. Siren was uploaded.

Social Media: Penelope absent, Nothing to report

Web Minister: Ell absent, report. Nothing to report.

Knight Marshal: Sir Rayner, present, oral report. Everything going well, good attendance a newcomer from the Demo got into armor.

Rapier Marshal: Ikenaga Asahi, present, written report.

No official practices occurred. Two small, test practices were held at Chris Perkins house to see if it would be feasible to hold official practices there in the future. Meanwhile, the search continues to find a public venue suitable for practices. I plan to contact a few schools or drive by in the evening to see if their covered courts are lit at night.

An SCA demo was held at OMSI and we had 7 rapier fighters attend. There was a mix of demo fighting and discussion with the attendees. Multiple people expressed interest in attending a practice in the area.

Archery Marshal: Feradach present, oral report.

Archery practice is on hold until around May when the weather gets better, nothing significant to report at month otherwise.

Thrown Weapons Marshall: Matthias absent, no report.

Sergeantry Fenris absent, no report.

VACANT OFFICES

- Equestrian Marshal
- Youth Marshal
- Lists
- Cut & Thrust
- Red Trident Pursuivant
- Thrown Weapons Marshal?



Baronial Event Reports

OMSI Demo - Dagmar Thorfinnrsdottir

Well received; newcomers contacted. See officer reports.

APRIL 29: Founding Revel: - Aelfwyn Fiske

When: April 29, 2023

Where: Mt. Valley Grange located at 40107 NE 221st Ave., Amboy

Cost \$20, includes 3-course Landsknecht feast.

Activities to include:

Baronial A & S Championship

Throwing Activities for All (as well as for traditional)

Working on Heavy and Rapier fun.

Looking for someone to run the Basket/Silent Auction to start the fundraising for the new coronets. (Helvi volunteered) Also seeking donations for said auction. I'm looking for anyone wanting to teach a class (would be delightful to have at least 3 during the day).

Please let me know if you can help!

SEPT 22-24: Game of Thrones and Stormgods - Gundahar Hotzsson

NTR

JULY 22: Stromgard Family Day - Dagmar

NTR

AUG 10-13An Tir Arts Academy - Angela

Trojan Park acquired for reasonable price. Already have 20 teachers. Setting up a Facebook page. Can't get in to set up the day before so needing lots of help at the crack of dawn (8:00 am latest) on day of event for setup.

Bid for September Crown: NTR

TO THINK ABOUT:

12th Night is up for grabs, still. Do we want to put in a bid?

Old Business & New Business

- * Coronet committee beginning work, discussions moving forward.
- * Ronan reported Shire of Rivers Bend is asking for help with fighter practice/demo to reach out to potential newcomers—Date TBD.
- * Their Excellencies wish list:
 - * Social Night in a Public Place
 - * Newcomers Classes
 - * Newcomer badges at Gate
 - * Gold Key Kaftans workshop to get them ready for Eventing Season
- * We need to choose a date for Yule Feast so we can secure the Church on Mill Plain. 1st weekend in December was selected, voted on and approved.
- * Seneschal Alina & Deputy Dagmar need to ask for Return of Baronial Goods (any and everything) for mandatory Inventory. Must have everything listed and accounted for by May 30. Need to propose a date to do inventory/sorting. Tabled date discussion for next meeting.



In attendance:

Alina of Folkstone
Constance Le Clerc
Rayner Ulfgarsson
Duncan McDuff
Marjorie Bruce
Baron Justin
Baroness GaeiRa
Ronan Mac an Leagha
Helvi av Gotland
Siobahn an Sionnaich Ruaidh
Dóra Jórasalafari
Brandr inn Havi
Ikenaga Asahi
Donnina Donatelli
Everild Bayte
Ælfwyn Fiske
Dagmar
Thorfinnrsdottir
Feradach the Beardless
Raven
Elena Edgar
Cathyn Fitzgerald
Ikenaga Asahi
Volchko Kuznets Volkov
Angela Rosa Dellamora

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.*

February 24 - 26	Kingdom Arts & Sciences and Queen's Rapier Championships
March 11	Dragons Mist Carnevale
March 25	Summits Mountains Edge Defender
April 21-23	Terra Pomaria Bar Gemels
April 29	Stromgard Founding Revel

Activities in the Barony of Stromgard

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

Monthly Baronial Council Meeting— Round Table Pizza meeting room. 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.artsnsoci@antir.org or on Book of Faces.

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.marshall@antir.org or <https://www.facebook.com/groups/256143011097207/> for Armored fighting



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