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The Barony of Stromgard Newsletter

March 2022

# LETTER FROM THE BARON AND BARONESS

Greetings Stromgard!

Hour Baron and Baroness send greetings,

First, we both want to congratulate everyone who received recognitions from the Crown An Tir. Each Recipient was so well deserved. Thank you all for the work and beauty you bring to our SCA. We wish to take a moment to thank the event team for making our Not Founding Revel Court work so beautifully. When presented with the challenges of scheduling issues for the Crown, you stepped in immediately to ensure that the Kingdom Court could happen. Thank you for making it possible for such an amazing day for Stromgard and our Rivers Region.

This weekend Her Excellency will travel to Aingdom Arts and Sciences and Rapier Championships to support everyone participating in the competitions. While HE Moira supports all who endeavor to compete, she does have a decided preference for Competitors of and from Stromgard. Please join us Saturday night at court where our own Khanzara will be elevated to the order of Laurel.

Please join the procession to celebrate Ahanzara's contributions to the art and study of Music. Her elevation is scheduled for Evening Court on Saturday.

TE Duncan and Moira will be attending Summits Coronet at the end of March to celebrate the return of Spring as well as a return to the SCA. We look forward to seeing friends and chosen family at the event.

Baroness War is coming. HE Moira has saved her treasure to pay mercenaries to fight for Stromgard at Baroness War.

With a return to active SCA we both look forward to seeing everyone again and moving forward with great joy and excitement that we can again gather.

Stay Safe, Stay Strong, Stay Stromgard Moira, Baroness Stromgard Duncan, Baron Stromgard



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#### **Officers Reports**

# <u>Seneschal</u>: Ronan present, written report.

Greetings to their Excellencies Baron & Baroness, and the populace of Stromgard,

Here is my March Seneschal Report:

We have resumed most of our regularly scheduled Baronial activities and Tri-Baronial Practice will soon begin. In April we will once again have an in-person monthly Baronial meeting. Stay tuned / contact Seneschal for meeting location. I want to thank everyone that worked, participated and received awards at Their Majesties Ethereal Court, it was great to see everyone in good spirits.

#### Covid Update:

Due to changes in State and local regulations, the SCA's COVID Safe policy will be discontinued in An Tir effective March 15, 2022. This means event attendees will no longer have to show their Proof of Vaccination Card or Negative COVID test result to enter SCA activities. (However, all current BC regulations will still apply to any events located in BC.)

Automatic suspension of Branch or Kingdom Activities due to a positive COVID test will be discontinued effective March 15, 2022.

#### Going Forward All Events:

Must comply with prevailing regulations regarding mask mandates or other COVID requirements which are applicable at the event location at the time of the event.

Masks should be worn if required according to State, Provincial, and/or local mandates applicable at the event location at the time of the event.

The standard disclaimer language from Society must be posted anywhere the event is advertised, including but not limited to the Crier, gate, Facebook events, and the AnTir calendar page:

From Society: "No matter what safety precautions we put in place, there is no substitute for each individual being educated about the risk to themselves and their loved ones and making responsible choices to protect themselves and others from this virus."

Contact tracing will no longer be required.

#### FOOD SERVICE:

Staff will be vigilant with respect to sanitizing and handwashing and follow all applicable guidelines regarding food prep which apply to the location where the event is held.

#### PRE-REG:

Although Pre-Registration is an efficient and effective way to allow contact tracing to occur; an event DOES NOT have to require Pre-Registration for attendance. If a branch decides not to use pre-registration, they must have the normal sign in paperwork at the event.

#### SUSPENDING ACTIVITIES:

A Branch may decide to suspend local activities due to the rate of the virus spreading in the future. If a branch chooses to suspend activities, such suspension must comply with the following:

A definite period of closure or timeline to reopening must be set at the inception of the suspension. For example, 2 weeks, 10 days, 30 days etc. There must be an end date for the length of the suspension. A branch may not suspend its activities indefinitely.

The Branch must notify the Kingdom Seneschal prior to implementing the suspension.

If suspension of activities makes it so a branch is unable to hold their required event for the year, the Branch must contact the Kingdom Seneschal and obtain a variance.

Heading to Kingdom Art & Sciences this weekend. Looking forward to a great competition and especially want to wish my beautiful wife Helvi the best of luck. I love you and I am proud of what you have accomplished thus far.

Yours in Service, Laird Ronan Mac an Leagha

# Exchequer: Constance present, written report.

Greetings unto the Barony of Stromgard!

Greetings Their Excellencies and the Barony of Stromgard!

The February 2022 bank reconciliation is in the file-share section of the Stromgard website.

Yule 2021 is now closed. The Barony spent: \$371.34

Insurance for Founding Revel has been submitted.

YIS,

Constance Le Clerc Exchequer Barony of Stromgard

<u>Chamberlain:</u> Alexander present, oral report. NTR

## Arts and Science: Aíbinn present, written report.

Greetings! I must admit that my mind is addled from preparing for Kingdom A&S, which is coming this weekend. We have two full entrants into the competition: bora and Helvi, and I wish them both good luck. Having seen parts of their entries, I can confidently say that they are both formidable competitors who will do the barony proud.

We will also get to celebrate the elevation of Khanzara to the Order of the Laurel! I congratulate her on this accolade.

Later in the month, I'll be teaching a Roman necklace class. If you took the wire ring class, we'll be building on those skills with round nose pliers. No previous experience or knowledge is required for this class. I'll have tools, wire, and beads available for use, but you're more than welcome to bring your own, as well. That class will be the 19th, and there is a Facebook event for it.

If you missed Baroness Moira's Sleeve class, about 95% of it was caught on film and you can find it on

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YouTube, it is helpfully linked in the baronial library.

Next month, His Excellency Duncan will be teaching another glass class, making glass leaves. The date and time will be announced soon. Thank you all for your continued support and participation.

Yours in Service, Aíbinn

<u>Herald</u> James Le Bruin, absent, no report.

<u>Scribe:</u> Tatyanna present, written report. Greetings to your Excellencies, officers and Stromgard populace,

With the rescheduled Founding Revel, I do not have much to report on awards handed out.

Please contact me if you have completed charters or would like some to paint. I'm happy to provide paints, brushes, supplies and instruction or advice.

YIS

Tatyanna/Tatiiana

# <u>Chatelaine:</u> Dagmar absent, no report.

Chronicler's note: Dagmar is working to coordinate the OMSI demo at the end of March.

<u>Chronicler:</u> Helvi present, oral report. Siren was uploaded.

<u>Social Media:</u> Penelope absent, no report.

Web Minister: Helvi present, oral report. NTR

Knight Marshal: Elrin, absent — verbal fight practice report provided by Ronan. No injuries to report. LOOKING FOR A NEW KNIGHT'S MARSHAL. Sir Elrin's time is up. Please contact the Seneschal or Baron/Baroness.

Rapier Marshal: Chris present, oral report. NTR, no injuries.

<u>Archery Marshal:</u> Feradach present, oral report. NTR

Thrown Weapons Marshall: Matthias absent, no report.

<u>Sergeantry</u> Constance & Fenris present, oral report. NTR

Lists Rostislav absent, no report.

#### **Event Reports**

**Founding Revel 2022** 

Dagmar Thorfinnrsdottir, Event Steward. Absent, Seneschal reported.

Contract is signed. Event is moving forward.

#### Stormgods 2022

Feradach is forwarding budget to relevant officers.

#### Old & New Business:

#### **Old & New Business**

OLD:

Proposal for Assigning temporary Officer status to Champions to ensure quorum is reached if needed: Passed.

The Baronial Customary is missing two official awards that need to be added.

There will be a Customary meeting in March possibly moved to April, since it is due anyway.

New badges for Stromgard Thrown Weapons and Stromgard Archery heraldry need to be sent in to College of Heralds.

It was decided to table the discussion for Merchant Policy until his Excellency is able to attend. Proposal to discuss at next month's meeting.

#### In Attendance:

Moira Ramsay,
Ronan Mac An Leagha,
Alexander Son of Gray,
Everild Beaty, AElfwynn Fiske,
Constance Le Clerc, Helvi av Gotland,
Aíbinn ingen Chon Mara, Peter Bates,
Federach the Beardless,
Fenris of Stromgard,
Tatianna of Stromgard, Attia Prima



# OMSI DEMO

CONTACT DAGMAR TO MAN A BOOTH

Evening of March 30, 2022

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# STROMGARD NEEDS YOU!

### **OPEN OFFICES:**

KNIGHTS MARSHAL RAPIER MARSHAL

CUT & THRUST MARSHAL EQUESTRIAN MARSHAL

GOLD KEY YOUTH AND FAMILY ACTIVITIES COORDINATOR

YOUTH MARSHAL WEB MINISTER DEMO COORDINATOR

WE NEED DEPUTIES FOR OFFICES AS WELL....

## **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 appaumy 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) Please visit Kingdom of An Tir Event Page (http://www.antir.org/events/) for details.

April 2	10:00 AM—5:00 PM	LyceuM (Glymm Mere)
April 8-10	12:00 AM-4:00 PM	Baroness War (Vulcanfeldt)
April 9	10:00 AM—6:00 PM	Spring Fantastical First Court and Youth Championship (3M)
April 16	9:00 AM—11:30 PM	Rogue Tavern Returns (Madrone)
April 30	10:00 AM-9:00 PM	Stromgard Founding Revel—Live and in-Person
May 20-22	12:00 AM-4:00 PM	May Crown (Vulcanfeldt)

#### **Activities in the Barony of Stromgard**

(period costume/garment is not expected during monthly activities and all are welcome. Proof of Covid vaccination is required and will be checked.)

**Monthly Baronial Council Meeting**— Hybrid Meetings. Please watch the Book of Faces and/or the Baronial Website (stromgard-sca.org) for details. *For questions or to confirm activity, contact*: John Paul (Ronan Mac an Leagha) 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 <a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/256143011097207/">https://www.facebook.com/groups/256143011097207/</a> 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** — On Hiatus for the winter. 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** – First and Third Wednesdays – 7:00-9:00 PM. Open metalworking shop. Indoor projects. Classes sometimes. Private residence in Vancouver, WA. Also featuring monthly weekend classes. *To confirm activity or ask any questions*, contact Arts & Sciences Office (Jenn Lee) at stromgard.artsnsci@antir.org or on Book of Faces.

#### Curia — Baronial Officers

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(see Sergeantry Page on the Baronial Website)

#### 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
- Cut & ThrustMarshal
- Rapier Marshal
- Youth and Family Activities
   Coordinator
- Gold Key
- Knight's Marshal
- Web Minister

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

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