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The Barony of Stromgard Newsletter **August 2020**

LETTER FROM THE BARON AND BARONESS

Greetings Stromgard!

This month we would like to thank all of those individuals that are bringing light into this dark time. They may not know how much their actions and deeds inspire us, and give us hope, but those effects are real, and we would like to thank them.

So here is to all of those members of the Barony that have entertained us with music, song, dance, and interviews. The talented individuals of this Barony that have taught classes online and showed us their artwork. We would like to thank all of the people that are posting pictures of their archery and thrown weapons achievements, showing us that just because we can not practice together, does not mean that we can not still work to improve our skills. Here is to all the members of this Barony that have posted videos and pictures that help to teach, inspire, and to make us laugh. We would also like to thank all of the hard working Baronial officers that have helped keep the Barony going.

Since this plague began, members of this Barony have used their time to build great palisades, repeating crossbows, create new regalia, and learn or further their art. Their hard work, ingenuity, and passion does not go unnoticed. We would like to once again, thank you all for bringing light into the darkness.

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 July Seneschal Report.
As we move in July more announcements on event cancellations are upon us. September Crown has been cancelled and has been re-scheduled for Kingdom Feast in October, keep your fingers crossed. On a more local level, I bring sad tidings that Ithrapalooza has been cancelled as well. The Barony will look to hold smaller events once things are able to open up, more to come later.
Since we are all feeling the stress and grind of modern life. I want to remind everyone to be kind and patient. I know this can be hard at times especially while out in public and you come across someone not wearing a mask. This goes for on-line as well. Please be aware that trolling on Baronial Facebook Pages and Websites will not be tolerated. If an incident occurs please bring it to your Seneschal's attention, rather than trying to act on it yourself.

As a reminder Quarterly reports are due by the end of the month
Stay Safe, Yours in Service,
Laird Ronan Mac an Leagha

Exchequer: Everild present. Written report.

The bank reconciliation is in the files section of the website.
Nothing else to report.

Respectfully Submitted,
Everild Bayte
Stromgard Baronial Exchequer

Chamberlain: Alexander absent, written report

Nothing to report

Arts and Science: Hevli present, written report

Nothing to report. Due to computer issues, I will be sending in my Kingdom report this weekend.

Future idea: I am asking if there is support for a virtual presentation forum (Google Meetings or Zoom) wherein members of the Barony would do presentation of their research and projects for the entertainment of all. 45 minutes with a question/answer period. Potential to use powerpoint slides and media along with the live video forum. I need volunteers to do so, and audience participants as well to make it work. If I have support/presenters/audience, I will go forward with this. If so, I will ask on the Baronial FB page and also ask in the Siren herewith, what day and time would be best in order to schedule it, and request that Presenters would contact me either through FB, by text 360-326-5325, or by email robinjwright@gmail.com - or ask the Seneschal, my hubby, to have me call you.

Herald: Yin Yun present, written report

Greetings to the populace, and their excellencies. I've continued to hold a Facebook live show that I call Heraldry Chat. Otherwise this month has been uneventful, and I have nothing else to report.

Yours in service. Yin Yun 陰雲

Scribe: Tatiana absent. Written report

Nothing to Report

Chatelaine: Dagmar present , written report

Nothing to Report

Family Activities: Office open

Chronicler: Ragna present, written report

Official Report – Greetings to their Excellencies and the Populace. I uploaded the Siren on 7/8. If I missed some things, I apologize this has been a challenging month. I will make more effort to have the Siren closer to done earlier in the month so this does not happen again.
YIS
Ragna In Valska

Social Media: Penelope present, written report

Nothing to Report

Demo Coordinator Dagmar absent —

Nothing to Report

Gold Key: Kata present , written report

Greetings all. Currently nothing to report for gold key.

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Officer Reports Continued

Yours in service, kata

Web Minister: Helvi present, written report

I have updated the website to reflect current cancellations for events and activities through the end of August. I created a landing page wherein the populace can view the options for StormThrower badge (and invited them to come to the meeting to vote/ discuss their choice). I will get my Kingdom quarterly report in this weekend

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

Nothing to report

Rapier Marshal: Chris present— written report

Nothing to report.

Archery Marshal: Feradach preset— verbal report.

Nothing to report

Thrown Weapons Marshall: Matthias present, written report

Nothing to report

Cut and Thrust Refskegg present— written report

Nothing to report
Stay safe
Refskegg

Seargentry Constance present— written report
Greetings unto the Mighty Barony of Stromgard and to our Gracious Baron and Patient Baroness.
I hope you are well and staying safe. Fenris and I send you many blessings and victory from the Moon!
Stromgard Sargeantry, both candidates and Sergeants, and in conjunction with the Baronies of Three Mountains and Dragon's Mist, are proud to announce we successfully sacked Artemesia's monastery on the moon. Securing the river's region claim, and therefore An Tir's claim on the Moon. Since the Known World kingdoms started to travel outside our earth-bound realm, we know that many of us have been clamoring to claim the cheese laden celestial body. We are happy to report that indeed the moon is not only made of cheese, but the much-coveted Moon Cheese. Lastly we have also discovered a vein of Moon Pies!

YIS

Fenris Na & Constance Le Clerc

Lists Rostislav absent , written report

Nothing to report



Event Reports

Founding Revel

A need to come up with a date for this event was addressed. The two dates that are feasible include February 14th and February 27th
Council voted on February 27th and it was approved

Ithrapalooza

Ithrapalooza is cancelled due to likelihood of extended event restrictions and to protect at risk teachers, participants and attendees. I would like propose a plan running the Iron Trident competition whenever Fighter Practices are allowed to resume. The Chess tourney portion and Trivia tourney portion can be done in a virtual format (Zoom). The competitors can also do the Proxy fighter portion through a virtual format (Zoom), but the actual fighters on each team (the Pokemon) would need to be physically present, so when Fighter Practice resumes, this might be accomplished and still safely protect those competitors who are most vulnerable.

Yule 2020

Still need an event steward. There was discussion about the possibility of separating this event into smaller events to maintain social distancing Nothing to report. Ragna offered to event steward if one is needed.

Stormgod 2021

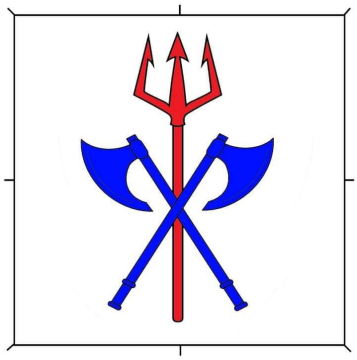
Will be held the July 30-August 1st

Old Business

No old business was discussed

New Business

Stormthrower Badge— The Badge was voted on by council and the winner was a white background with a red trident and blue axes



Announcements

No Announcements were made

Attendance

Duncan Vitrarius, Moira Ramsay, Ronan Mac An Leagha, Everild, Helvi, Ragna In Valska, Yin Yun, Pennelope , AElfwynn Fiske, Donatella, Matthias, Furia, Dagmar, Clark, Everild, Peter Bates, Feradach the Beardless, Constance,

Fun Officer Reports

Seneschal — Having journeyed down to An Tie West War good times were had by all An Tirians. The battles were epic, lead by our fearless War Lord Sir Edward we were able to crush the Westies. The populace of Stromgard were well represented on the battlefield and because of our prowess we won the War Band award.

Arts and Sciences — Federach has engineered, built and put the finishing touches on his his full-scale 16 ft. trebuchet. Armored participants are requested to test out its targeting mechanisms. Anyone growing watermelons is also asked for donations later this summer when they are ripe. Please contact Federach for details. Date of the launch TBD.

Chronicler — Mundania Capitalized all my free time while trying to recover from the plague forcing me to abandon my post in SCAdia causing me to deliver my report late during these plague-ridden times. Thankfully, my cats have made the rats go splat and now my home is plague free. This has been confirmed by the apothecaries tickling my daughter's brain before her healing was able to take place and she is currently on the path to a full mending. I will journey far and wide to find a puzzle to exercise your minds and am hoping to find more tasty treats for your enjoyment

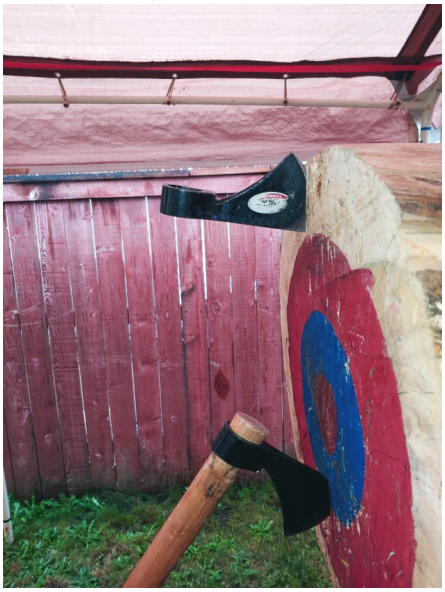
Web Minister — The site has seen a lot of activity this month from garb enthusiasts. Hundredsof new members, almost crashed the site with their new entries in the Forum area, under the "Grindr" and "Tinder" headings. Most of them feature pictures of gentlemen modeling their newly fashioned codpieces.

Throwing — We had a interesting unofficial practice the target and stand will never be the same . and a few throws I have really have to share .. We are proud to announce theat faraduch gets the throw of the week by kill the leg of the stand …

Goldkey — Greetings Stromgard,
Word fame of our luxurious linen and wool loaner garb has spread far and wide. It has caught the attention of minions of darkness leading to an attack by giant moths. Refskegg and I have armored the cats in our home. They fight bravely and fiercely to protect the wealth and glory of our land. So far there are no casualties on our side and the garments remain intact.
Yours in service, Kata

Knight Marshal — Fighter practice report 7/06/2020 I regret to inform the Barony, that there are some injuries to report this month. During a bout between Duke Sir Tiernan and Sir Rainer, the good knights did simultaneously cup shot each other. The blows stuck were so mighty, that both combatants were speechless for several minutes. In fact Sir Rainer's blow was so mighty that he broke the leather strap holding Duke Tiernan's cup in place. The combatants did not request medical attention, and as far as we know, no permanent damage was done. In Service Baron Duncan

These reports are just for fun and amusement. They are not official reports





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=IwAR0B2q3XGiwIbI9toHeOSylrCNvOsXOHkEZAhadEB7XFkYVGqwrh42YkQag

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 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)

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.artsnsci@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

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The following offices are currently open or seeking replacement:

- Equestrian Marshal
- Youth Marshal
- Youth and Family Actiivities 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

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