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The Barony of Stromgard Newsletter **December 2021**

LETTER FROM THE BARON AND BARONESS

Greetings Stromgard,

Stromgard Yule is upon us. We are excited to see everyone next weekend at our first event since the Shutdown. We are excited and nervous at the day approaches, mostly look forward to spending the day with our Stromgard Family.

We are planning for a wonderful day of relaxed gathering and reconnecting, Our yule court will be one highlight we hope all will enjoy.

Her Excellency Moira attended Three Mountains Yule this past Saturday. The day was a wonderful day of quiet conversation to enjoy and appreciate time with friends.

Next month is 12th night, we will be attending to represent Stromgard as best we can and support Her Majesty as well as celebrate her hard work these past two years. We also will celebrate Their Royal Highnesses as they take on the mantle of Sovereigns An Tir.

Stay Safe, Stay Strong, Stay Stromgard

Yours In Service,
Moira Baroness Stromgard
Baron Duncan Stromgard

BARONIAL SURVEY QUESTION:

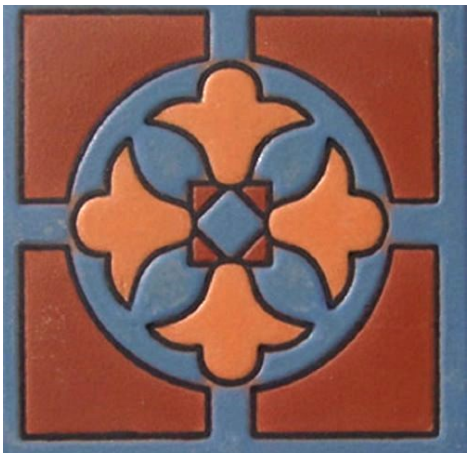
Duncan and Moira, Baron and Baroness Stromgard are considering asking the Crown of AnTir for an extension of their tenure to Twelfth Night 2023. At that time our successors would assume to mantle of the Coronet of Stromgard.

This would allow us the opportunity to provide the new Baron and Baroness with a full slate of new Baronial Champions, as well as giving us time to graduate our current class of Sargent candidates.

The one-question survey link will be on the website (www.stromgard-sca.org) Please let us know what you think.

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Officers Reports

Seneschal: Ronan present, written report.

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

Here is my December Seneschal Report:

Busy getting ready for Yule, good times will be had by all. Please volunteer some of your time during this year's celebration.

Other than that nothing to report

Yours in Service,
Laird Ronan Mac an Leagha

Exchequer: Everild present, oral report.

Nothing to report

Comments from Seneschal and Officers of the Barony to thank and laud Everild for her loyal and stellar service to the Barony over many years. May her word-fame spread and endure.

Chamberlain: Alexander absent, no report.

Nothing to report. Baron's comment that Chamberlain had picked up necessary articles for Yule.

Arts and Science:
Aíbinn present, oral report.

Nothing to report.

Request for final count of participants soon, for Gingerbread House kits needed for the Yule activity.

Reminder of ongoing Arts & Sciences and Fighter Workshops during regular Arts & Science meeting times at the Arts & Sciences Officer's house, on first and third Wednesdays.

Herald James Le Bruin, absent, no report.

Scribe: Tatyanna present, oral report.

Nothing to report. Reminder that scribal supplies will be available at Yule for people to use.

Chatelaine: Dagmar present, oral report.

Nothing to report. Comments about a new family that may be attending Yule.

Family Activities: Office open

Chronicler: Helvi present, oral report.

Siren was uploaded.

Social Media: Penelope present, oral report.
Nothing to report.

Question about responding to FB changes, specifically whether or not to change group setting from public to private. If changed to private, we cannot change back. The council's advice was to continue to monitor posts but, should we get spammed and it become too much work, be ready to immediately change it to private, but to keep it public and accessible for as long as possible.

Demo Coordinator Dagmar present. oral report.

Nothing to report.

Gold Key: Kata absent, no report.

Web Minister: Helvi present, oral report.

Nothing to report.

Knight Marshal: Elrin, absent — verbal fight practice report provided by Ronan.

Good practices. No injuries. Excellent turnout with up to 20 fighters attending, including visits from Sir Magnus from BC and Duke Kjarten. Much positive energy.

Rapier Marshal: Chris present, oral report.

2-5 persons per week, slowing down for holidays and winter. Looking at joining for Tri-Barony sparring in the future for a special treat.

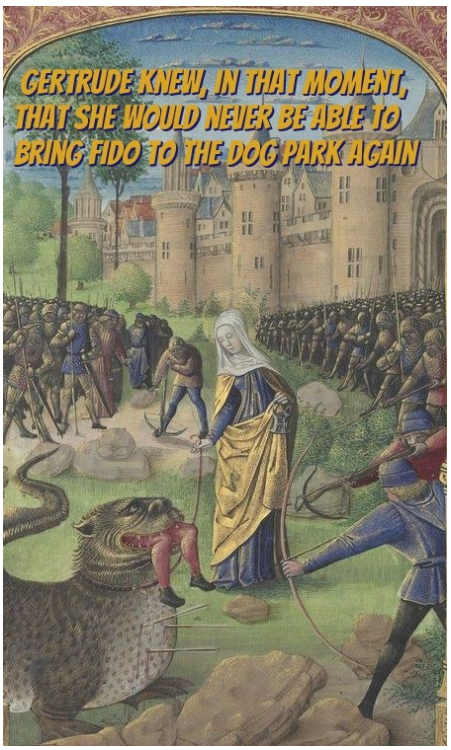
Archery Marshal: Feradach absent, no report.

Thrown Weapons Marshall: Matthias absent, no report.

Sergeantry Constance and Fenris present, oral report.

Nothing to report. Announcement of Sergeants meeting at Yule.

Lists Rostislav absent, no report.



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Event Reports

Yule

2021

Yule preparation is well in hand. Chickens will be ordered this week. Rolls and butter, hot drinks, disposables will be picked up this week. Schedule will be posted. Updates on food drive was posted. Gate boxes, legal postings, and pre-reg/ vaccination status/donation jar are all in hand, as reported by Donatella and Aelfwyn.

Founding Revel 2022
Dagmar present. Nothing to report. Comment by Seneschal that Crier Copy MUST be in by December 15th.

Stormgods 2022
Matthias and Feradach absent. Nothing to report

Grand Thing / Tournament of Champions 2022 needs event steward

Old & New Business

Baron thanked Officers for accommodating his work schedule the last couple of months by changing Council meeting day to the weekend. Now that his job has changed, we will be moving the date back to the traditional 2nd Wednesdays for Baronial Council Meetings.

Seneschal looked into changing customary to include Champions as temporary officers of the Barony. Found out that Event Stewards are also temporary officers of the Barony per Corpora. Changes to customary will be held off till closer to March or April 2022, when a review can be done..

General Wrap-Up Commentary:

As of the meeting, there were 79 pre-registrations for Yule (so far). Baron & Baroness have asked for the names of children attending to be passed to them by Monday, the 6th, to allow time to purchase cool gifts for Children's Court (joyfully donated by the Baron & Baroness).

Baron & Baroness asked visiting nobility to bring retinue to assist them, as many Stromgard Officers & Sergeants will be working the event (but as hosts, all of Stromgard should see that our guests are well and courteously served).

All expressed they are looking forward to the event.

Aelfwyn will be donating feast gear to the Barony.

Our Chatelain will be using her discretionary funds to by boffers for use by Youth of the Barony.

Commentary on looking toward hybrid in-person/virtual meetings in the future when we are able to meet in person for Council meetings, and the necessary technology needed to do so. Also possibility of doing something similar for other regular meetings (Arts & Sciences, martial activities).

The 50-Year Celebration Acheivement Banner Identification Challenge will be held at Yule per Stromgard Arts and Science Champion.

Seasonal YouTube Rabbit Hole:

https://youtu.be/6BwqihlXSmA
(Tudor Christmas on the Farm)

https://youtu.be/tPO2Yq4zZoQ
(Making a Medieval Christmas Dinner)

https://youtu.be/b_autVoFg-0
(Gruelling Medieval Jobs at Christmas Time)

https://youtu.be/LWsid9dsMqg
(The Norse Yule Goat—Pagan Tradition)

https://youtu.be/LGPKm-J0cek
(How did the Vikings celebrate Yule?)

https://youtu.be/af5m8SxHRzk
(The Welsh Horse Skull Thing)

In Attendance

Duncan Vitrarius,
Moira Ramsay,
Ronan Mac An Leagha,
Everild Beaty,
AElfwynn Fiske,
Donnina Donatelli,
Constance Le Clerc,
Penelope Violette,
Helvi av Gotland,
Aíbinn ingen Chon Mara,
Fenris,
Tatyanna,
Peter Bates,
Dagmar Thorfinnrsdottir

https://youtu.be/9PfiHIDWW_M
(The Tudor Christmas Kitchen)

https://youtu.be/IAiQtVAmSHY
(A Tudor Christmas Explained in 22 Minutes)

https://youtu.be/id--bsV7Wv8
(Saturnalia: the Jolliest Ancient Roman Festival)

https://youtu.be/V1K9enEfcC4
(Saturnalia - Rome's Awesome Pagan Christmas)

https://youtu.be/jtBxOhngS8Y
(Seasons of China Episode 22: Winter Solstice)

https://youtu.be/Pe0YTvAbvs8
(Ancient Indo-European Winter Words)

https://youtu.be/Z98vLvvM52A
(Swearing in Ancient Europe)

https://youtu.be/vc_OXXt9PeE
(Mari Lwyd)

https://youtu.be/s3YTfhJmh1I
(Year 536 Was the Worst Year to Be Alive - What Happened?)

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 see Kingdom Event Page (www.antir.org/events) for more details.

December 11: STROMGARD YULE
January 7-9: An Tir 12th Night
January 22: Terra Pomeria Rapier Championship
January 28-30: Ursulmas, Barony of Aquaterra
February 5: Feast of St. Brigid, Shire of Hauksgardr

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— Virtual Meetings. 2nd Wednesdays of each month at 7 pm. 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 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 — 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 & wood workshop. Indoor Arts & Sciences projects. Classes sometimes. Private residence in Vancouver, WA. To confirm activity or ask any questions, contact Arts & Sciences Office (Jenn Lee) at stromgard.artsnsci@antir.org or on Book of Faces.

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And Facebook at:

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The following offices are currently open or seeking replacement:

- Equestrian Marshal
- Youth Marshal
- Cut & Thrust Marshal
- Youth and Family Actiivities Coordinator
- Gold Key

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.

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