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The Barony of Stromgard Newsletter December 2019

LETTER FROM THE BARON AND BARONESS

Greetings unto the Barony of Stromgard! We hope that everyone had a great November. The high point for us in November was Stromgardicon. We had about 30 people show up to play board games, miniatures games, and role playing games. We would like to thank everyone that hosted games, and helped setup the games day. We are planning on having our next games day in about four months. As November draws to a close, we look forward to Yule. There will be many fun activities for kids of all ages this year thanks to the efforts of our wonderful event organizers. We are lucky to have so many hardworking and creative people in our Barony, that volunteer their time to make our events so special. Their Royal Majesties will be joining us for Yule this year, and we hope that many of you will be able to join us and welcome them to Stromgard's Yule.

In Service,
Duncan & Moira Lord & Lady Stromgard



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Stromgard Yule

December 7th, 2019

Winter Solstice, the time of year when the sun begins to return, is truly a cause for joy. Stromgard invites friends, family, and neighbors all to join them in celebration.

There will be classes and activities for all

Father Christmas is coming! If you have children 12 yrs. and under attending the event please inform the lovely Mrs. Claus (Baroness Moira--stromgard.baroness@antir.org)

In Stromgard tradition, this event has no site fee, however donations will be accepted. We are asking that you bring a nonperishable food donation. Please bring a potluck contribution large enough to feed 10 other people, per person in your party. Example; a family of four with modern last name in the M-S division, might bring a large casserole. Stromgard will providing meat and bread (please don't bring bread as your contribution). There will be an area for everyone to scrape their feast dishes though no place for washing, please bring something to carry your dishes home.
Contributions divided by modern last name: A-F: Dessert or Fruit; G-L: Salad or Cheese; M-S: Side Dish or Vegetable; T-Z: Main Dish (meat is provided) the site discreetly wet

For additional information check out - https://www.antir.org/events/2019/12/07/stromgard-yule-4/ and/or https://www.facebook.com/events/2422417967996927/



Yule Upcoming Activities

12 Days of Christmas Subtleties

Come see the amazing creations that are the 12 days of Christmas. These dishes are created to look like something from the twelve days of Christmas and will be judged right before court at Yule. There are still two days left. If you wish to enter contact Helvi. (Stromgard.Artsnsci@antir.org)



Father Christmas is Coming!

If you have children 12 yrs. and under attending the event, and were unable to get a letter written to Father Christmas, there will be a letter writing session at the event.



Garb Fashion Show at Yule!

Wear your best & bring a notecard for the announcer to describe the who would wear it, period & geography of your outfit while you're on the catwalk.





Children & Family Activities at Yule:

· Cookie decorating with Anneora
· Fondant sculpting Marisol
· Games with Helvi



Officers Reports

Seneschal : Alexander present—Written report
Greeting to the Baron and Baroness, and the population of Stromgard. Couple of items to go over, this month. There has been change at society level regarding the use of marijuana at SCA events. Smoking is currently covered under An-tir kingdom law The definition of "Smoking" will be interpreted to mean the smoking of any legal substance as defined by laws within the modern jurisdiction of the event. (i.e. tobacco , marijuana, e-cigarettes, vapor products) Keep in mind that any individual site owner may place their own restrictions on the use of controlled substances, including alcohol. SCA participants will be expected to comply with site rules, this has not changed. Users of any controlled substance are responsible to understand and comply with applicable modern laws within the jurisdiction of the event. This is my last month running the meetings, I will be handing the last 2 off to John Paul as he finishes his transition into becoming your new seneschal this January. I will now serve as his deputy I would like to thank the barony for putting up with me and allowing me to serve as your seneschal,

Alexander Son of Gray

Exchequer: Everild present. Written report.

The quarterly report has been submitted.
Nothing else to report.

Respectfully Submitted,
Everild Bayte

Chamberlain: Office open

Arts and Science: Hevli present, written report
To the gracious Baron & Baroness and esteemed populace of Stromgard, Greetings from your Arts & Sciences Officer. A summary of goings-on in Stromgard is as follows:
Special Interest Meetings:
· Stromgard Cookery: Last Wednesdays, 6:30 pm at 7709 NW 3rd Ave. Hosted by Ceara Ingen Chonaill.
· Music & Scribal: 1st Wednesday, 7:00 pm at 5609 NE 42nd Ave. Hosted by Malek & Khansara
PAST: October Arts & Sciences:
· 8 persons participated in Dance Practice October class t the Baron & Baroness's on October 13th.
· Nalbinding by Resfskegg held at Ronan & Helvi's was really popular. We had 10 attendees, I think. It was a full house.
PRESENT: November Arts & Sciences:
· 12 Days of Christmas Subtleties practice to commiserate, get assistance, plan & try out our subtleties November the 19th at 6:30 at Misty Waters' home, 3500 NW 332 Way Ridgefield. Anyone (except the judges), whether competing or not, is welcome.
FUTURE: Arts & Sciences for Stromgard Yule::
· Garb Fashion Show
· Research & Literature Review class with visiting scholar Mistress Maude Louisiana D'Orleans
· 12 Days of Christmas Subtleties Challenge
FUTURE: Children & Family Activities at Stromgard Yule:
· Cookie decorating with Anneora
· Fondant sculpting Marisol
· Games with Helvi

Yours in Service,
Helvi

Herald: Yin Yun present, Written report

Greetings unto the Barony, and the populace. I attended The Bear and Apple symposium. While there I learned many new things. I hope to try and expand apon. At this time nothing further to report.

Yours in service.
Yin Yun 陰雲

Scribe: Tatiana absent, no report

Chatelaine: Dagmar absent, written report
Greetings to their Excellencies and the Populace of Stromgard!
This month brings little news and change. Great Western War was busy, fun and enlightening. Some great ideas were shared from other kingdoms and some will be incorporated into our events coming in the new year.
The current goal as Chatelaine is to support the upcoming Yule season. Newcomers events and Demos are in the early brainstorming/planning stages for next year. I will also be confirming those events we as a Barony have come to love like the Library Demos, OMSI medieval night and working more with the Scouts of America.
I look forward to the holiday season!
PLEASE REMEMBER TO SEND YOUR LETTERS FOR FATHER CHRISTMAS TO OUR BARON DUNCAN!

Yours In Service,
Lady Dagmar

Demo Coordinator Dagmar absent — Demo Coordinator is being handled by Chatelaine. Office open to applicants

Gold Key: Kata present, written report

Greeting to their excellencies and the populace of Stromgard. The yard sale in October went well. I went home three storage totes lighter and $50.75 was made. All mundane items that were in gold key that did not sell have been donated as they are no longer needed. Garb that did not sell will continue to be up for sale at future Stromgard

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Officer Reports Continued

events (space permitting/ with ok from event steward). The yard sale also got a few folks interested in our game and we hope to see them at future events. Up next for gold key is finishing the revamp on inventory system, and putting the money made to good use by creating/ updating loaner garb and possibly loaner patterns for some basic outfits for those new that want to try their hand at making garb.

Yours in service, Lady Kata

Family Activities: Office open

Chronicler: Ragna present, written report

Greetings to their Excellencies and the Populace. I uploaded the Siren on November 1st and this was the first month I did the Editing on my own. As always, I'm still learning more everyday and strive to improve as I go. Please do not forget to get me reports to the Chronicler email. Gentle reminder to please remember if you have a long report or new business please send me a copy as it is easy to miss details when there is a lot of information as I'm usually in the back. Thank you again to everyone for your patience as I overcome my growing pains.

Yours In Service
Ragna in Valska

Web Minister: Office open

Helvi submitted a letter of intent (page…) This was approved by Council

Social Media: Penelope present, written report

Nothing to report.

Knight Marshal: Brand absent —written report provided by Duncan

Attendance this past month has been between 5 and 10 fighters showing up for practice this past month. We didn't have practice on Halloween, be we did a great party, and beat up on a piñata. Thank you to Helvi for making such an awesome piñata. The next Tri Baronial practice will be held on Sunday December 15th between 2pm and 5pm. There are no injuries to report at the local practice.

Rapier Marshal: Chris present — written report

Greetings. This Month with no events or practices i have nothing to report. We will have the first of the Winter practices this Saturday. I hope to see many of you there. We will have December practice at Yule if possible. otherwise we will have it on the 14th and 21st.

Thank you for your time
Chris Perkins

Archery Marshal: Feradach absent— written report

Nothing to report

Thrown Weapons Marshall:
Matthias present, written report
To there Excellences and Populace of Strmgard .Throwing Weapons Practice has been going well we had up to 12 people. And we been turning score . Cody (AKA Rasta) is 36th in the Kingdom with a average of 91.7 with that average he is a accomplished thrower. Donna (AKA Donnatella) is ranked 28th in the Kingdom with the average of 105.7 with that average she is a master thrower. Vern (AKA Feradach) is 11th in the Kingdom with the the average of a 126.7 with that average he is a Grand MasterThrower . My self I am rank 7th in the Kingdom with the average of a 136.3 with that I am a Grand Master Thrower We now have a in closed spear range being set up so we can score all winter long with hearts and light hot chocolate and coffee . the 2020 scoring is now open and will be turning in score for it .

In your service
HLS Matthias von Schwarzenberg.

Cut and Thrust Refskegg present— written report
Greetings, Cut and Thrust had one practice last month. It was attended by myself Tieranin and Duncan.
I am hoping that we will begin picking up more and more speed with cut and thrust over the coming months.
There is also a rapier practice at Storm-Blades this weekend that should be well attended by rapier and cut and thrust.

Yis
Refskegg

Seargentry Kata and Refskegg present, written report

Greetings, Your Captains have been pouring over our keyboards to get a new set of criteria written out. We think we have good, well rounded and challenging set of requirements and are hosting a closed current sargentry only meeting after the council meeting to address any comments and concerns. We have also started to revise the study guide and have already broken it into sections. The test has a cursory glance and the requirements have been written with the changes in mind.
Please continue to look for candidates you think would help continue on the amazing legacy of Stromgard.

YIS
Captain Kata and Refskegg of House Bread

Lists Rostislav present, verbal report

Nothing to report

Event Reports

Yule 2019

Greetings to their Excellencies and the Populace. I've been working with my team to start coordinating a schedule and finalize A&S activities. I have received a copy of the proof of insurance for Yule. Thank you to everyone that has stepped up and offered to help every little bit counts and is much appreciated. I have an idea for Site Tokens. I would like to make snowflake ornaments with beads and wire. I would like to set up a token making day where the community can get together and help make the tokens. I can get the materials on amazon for a total of 33.98 plus tax which is within the miscellaneous budget.

YIS
Ragna in Valska

Founding Revel— Feburary 29, 2020

Menu is still being fleshed out and Ceara will need assistance with cooking. Instead of doing a Tournament we will be having an armor workshop led by Chingis. A few different children's activities in mind such as a bardic type competition, make a puppet and do a show. Several classes. If you have Ideas for classes or something you would like to see please contact Dagmar. Also going to have the Basket auction. Donations for Largess would be appreciated (name of creator and Stromgard all that is necessary for tags) however dirty dozen is optional. Baron expressed that it would be interesting if people would make copies of what they looked like when they first started playing in the SCA maybe even do a then and now photo, it would also be nice to have pictures of the Barons and Baronesses throughout the years.

Ithrapalooza

Helvi met with Regent Dame Madrun Gwehyddes and Exchequer Master Arontius of Bygelswade at Collegium, and I can confirm that Ithra offers great support. They will take care of pre-registration and work with us to either staff our Registrar's office on site or train us in the rules of same if needed. Ithra will provide and sell Ithra logbooks for curriculum. Once purchased, any official Arts & Sciences classes held at events or meetings will qualify for Ithra credits. Both blue card holders and non-members may earn Ithra credits.

I must send them a preliminary schedule by the end of November so they can fill in teachers for any classes lacking local teachers with the skill level we want.

I am working on a schedule of intended classes with my mentors and will have a draft sent in by the deadline. Actual classes offered will depend on time constraints and teachers of course.

Ronan has tried several times to contact the site to schedule a site visit, but they've been on vacation, so he will have to try again. However, Kingdom Equestrian officer has proposed their competition format, will help get the word out to the equestrian community, and also proposed tentative classes (to be decided based on a joint site visit).

Grand Thing 2020

Needs Event Steward and Bid

Stormgod 2020

New site—Trojan Park 7/25-26
Currently working to get the contract everything else is on track. Working with honey bucket to reduce the cost nothing else to report

Attendance

Duncan Vitrarius, Moira Ramsay, Ivon Drengr, Alexander Son of Gray, Everild Bayte, Penelope Viollet, Refskegg, Duncan MacDuff, Marjorie, Yin Yun, Ragna in Valska, Kelly, Þóra Jórsalafari, Matthias Von Schwarzenberg, Peter Bates, Alena of Folkstine, Miranda, Rostislav Nairmontov, Helvi, Ceara, Ronan, Aleire l'Anquetine, V.K. Volkov, Kadri, Elizabeth, Annora of River Haven, Misty Waters, Dagmar , Lyonessa

New Business

New awards — Baron had a great time at collegium but the best part was seeing people from Stromgard be recognized. Helvi and Ronan were awarded the Sanguine Thorn. They and Kiarten were the first recipients of the new award. Thora received the Griffe de Leon at collegium as well. There are new awards being created by the crown.

Hood River Demo— happened at the same time as the Yard sale. Fun was had and they will be potentially hosting future events. Requests may be made to assist with staffing.

Thrown Weapons Champion Title — New title is Storm Thrower because it is very descriptive and it's better than Throwy McThrowface. There is a request that the name and title of each champion on the spear the champion will be carrying so the history of past champions will be seen.

Regalia for Thrown Weapons Champion — discussion has been made for Malek to make a Damascus throwing knife for the champion. A sheath would also be made that can be engraved with past champions names. Bid will be coming in the future.



Other Business

No other business discussed

Announcements

No announcements discussed

Old Business

No old business discussed

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)

December 7 — Stromgard Yule (Barony of Stromgard)
December 14 — Three mountains Yule (Barony of Three Mountains)
December 14 — Hauksgardr Yule (Shire of Hauksgardr)
January 10 –12 — An Tir 12th Night (Barony of Adiantum)
December 24-26 — Ursulmas (Barony of Aquaterra)
February 29 — Stromgard Founding Revel (Barony of Stromgard)

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

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

Monthly Baronial Council Meeting - September meeting on Wednesday September 11th at 7pm. Held at Round Table Pizza—13503 SE Mill Plain Blvd, Ste 1, Vancouver, WA. *For questions or to confirm activity, contact*: Alexander Son of Gray (Alexander Grayson) at Stromgard.seneschal@gmail.com — 503-984-7278

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:

- Chamberlain
- Equestrian Marshal
- Youth Marshal
- 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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