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The Barony of Stromgard Newsletter **January 2025**

Letter fr om the Baron and Baroness

Greetings Stromgard!

Greetings unto the Grand and Glorious Populace of Stromgard, With the holidays behind us, we look forward to this new year. 12th Night is coming up fast and as I write this, they are still in need of Volunteers to help with Gate, set up and tear down, as well as other jobs I am sure. If there is a way that you could carve out an hour or two of your event weekend to lend a hand, you will surely be lightening someone else's load.

Following 12th Night is our own Founding Revel. Feb 15th, at the Manor Grange. The event steward team would greatly appreciate help in a variety of ways and will be reaching out. This event is a celebration of our Founding and is a great time to gather and tell and hear stories of our days past and make plans for our future!

Then on April 12th we will have the opportunity to select the next Storm Maker at Stromgard Hearts the Arts. We will be trying out a new site, the Hockinson Community Center. The format will likely be similar to our previous 2 competitions, but be sure to watch for updates.

We also have dates for Stormgods and Stromgard's Yule on the Calendar for 2025 already and are looking for event sites and steward teams for these events. Now is the time to start getting award recommendations for Baronial awards to us, and also be sure to push award recommendations to Kingdom as well. Your friends are working hard in a variety of ways and deserve recognition.

In Service as always, GæiRa and Justin, Coronets of Stromgard.

Baroness GæiRa & Baron Justin.

Officers Reports

Seneschal: Saeunn
Seneschal handoff paperwork submitted. Alina sent in Q4 Seneschal report and helping clean up files and admin.

· Status of budget proposals for 2025 to the finance committee.

Exchequer: Feradach
All 2024 quarterly reports have been completed submitted.

In December we received a deposit of $600 in the checking account by mail. Talking with Carmmal we deduced that this is probably payment for the rental of the castle for An Tir - West War. I'm treating it as such.

Her Excellency and I met with the representative from Manor Grange on 1/3 where we submitted funds for the site rental for Founding Revel and the security deposit. We were also able to retrieve the check for $500 that has been languishing since August of 2023.

Chamberlain: Open Office
No report

Arts and Science Minister: AElflaed of Duckford
No report

Chatelaine: Siobhán
December Tri Baronial Newcomers Night we held a cookie social, which was a big success.

We saw quite a few newcomers and expats; some we hadn't seen in a while I'm addition to new faces.

January 2025 Tri Newcomer's is cancelled as it's just a few days before 12th night.

We will resume Newcomer's nights in February.

Theme TBD.

Addendum: My warrant is up at the end of February, and I will not be requesting an extension. If you would like to become Stromgard's newest Chatelaine, please let me know and make sure to get your letter of intent in to the Coronet of Stromgard and Stromgard Seneschal.

I'd be happy to be your deputy during the transitionary period.

Scribe: Siobhán
No report

Herald: Ronan
I have completed updating ceremonial barring any changes should be ready to go. I have sent to Webminister to update on website

Chronicler: Pleiades
Nothing to report.

Social Media: Penelope
No report

Web Minister: Ell -
No report

Knight Marshal: Sir Rayner
(NO official practice since September nothing to be reported)

Rapier Marshal: Ikenaga Asahi
(NO official practice since September nothing to be reported)

Archery Marshal: Gideon Finlay
On hold for the winter season

Thrown Weapons Marshal: *Ælfwynn Fiske*
(On hold until after the 2024 Holiday season)

Sergeantry: Fenris
Nothing reported

VACANT OFFICES

- Deputy Seneschal
- Chatelaine
- Chamberlain
- Equestrian Marshal
- Youth Marshal
- Archery Marshal*: Alina to send in ppwk
- Cut & Thrust: Open
- Lists*: Open
- Demo Coordinator: Open
- Gold Key: Open
- Family Activities Coordinator: OPEN

Event Reports

As agreed in the December meeting, events that have been approved by the financial committee and may be approved by council in a single meeting.

Founding Revel Feb. 15 2025 | Event Steward: Gideon + Elin

Feb 15 Saturday
Manor Grange – 17901 NE 72nd Ave, Battle Ground, WA 98604 · https://antir.org/events/founding-revel-16/ · https://www.facebook.com/events/538670282464935/

Our theme this year is The Ties that Bind Us, a Knotty Nautical Themed event celebrating our location along one of the great waterways of our region. Come enjoy a variety of dishes and delicious morsels over four removes throughout the day, take part in games and classes, compete in our food competitions, or just enjoy a chance to celebrate the founding of our great barony with friends.

We will be having a pickled and fermented foods contest where people may enter their favorite pickled or fermented preserved foods. Bring enough to share with 15 other people, and it will be used in the Supper Remove after judging has completed.

Or if a sweet tooth is more your inclination, compete in a dessert contest with your favorite dessert. Bringing enough to share with 15 other people, and it will be used in the Dessert Remove after judging has completed.

Duchess Miranda will be giving a Norse Poetry class around the second remove and will be judging a Norse Poetry contest to be awarded at evening court. Come with your gilded words compose a glorious ode in the style of the Vikings proclaiming the word fame of our wonderful barony!

We will have games available for people to play as they mingle and nibble. We will hopefully be able to offer some classes as well (more information to come as we get more details together). Looking into Martial Activities (heavy and rapier) and will update details as we get more.

¨ Feast steward(s) status
· Still needed for all removes
¨ Event team needed:
¨ Gate
¨ Setup/Tear Down
¨ Martial Activities
¨ Rapier
¨ Heavy
¨ Silent Auction coordinator – benefits the Baronial travel fund - Alina
¨ Teachers for classes (# needed)
¨ Maybe 2-3 more since the room is small

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Old Business:

New practice/meeting/A&S location

1. Grange in Ridgefield suggested by Duncan, Saeunn has a call out to get availability and cost.
2. Judita has access to a community center on Saturdays (off 503, with parking)
3. Hockinson also available for meetings and potentially fighter practice

Previous site search updates:

Justin: reached out to the site that Frank recommended. Hasn't heard back.

Main and Evergreen location – near Higgins Theater -has options, good parking, indoor use 40x40 15F high for a year or longer. until sold What would the cost be and what the fighters would pay?

Shannon reached out to Clark College but they dont have an indoor fighter practice space for Thursday nights, but could rent us meeting/A&S space. $16/hour and $35/date

Cathyn new site. more to follow for December meeting

Camas Community center? maybe low cost for non-profit?

Old coronets

12/04: Alina still having conversations, agree to fill out lease agreement and keep at her house to make things easier on TE so that they don't have to track this.

Castle Trailer

Do we really want to keep the castle and trailer? maybe sell this to the West/AnTir War committee? If we do sell, then this needs to be sold as a single item. Noting that the trailer is worth more than the Castle. Breaking this up is not really an option in addition to selling to someone outside the SCA is complicated.

Old Baronial Chairs

What to do with them? Should we auction them off or sell them? Open for discussion

New Business:

1. Alina – we should develop a site database as a project
a. Does something like this exist at Kingdom?
b. Come up with a standard RFP for our events and get info
c. Siobhan seconds the proposal

Action Items for next meeting

¨ Alina and Saeunn to sync offline on financial process review

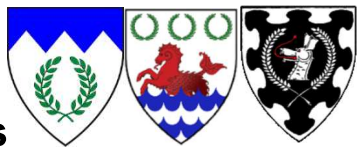
¨ Chatelaine needed by end of Feb to keep Barony active – Siobhan to post in group and Saeunn/Siobhan to socialize and work on transition plan once successor identified

¨ A&S – see email from KA&S regarding warrant and address

¨ Web minister:
¨ Please update web page to remove the outpost as practice location
¨ Footer also out of date

Meeting Attendance:

Baron Justin
Baroness Gaera
Sarah Thaler
Feredach
Michael P - Gideon
Linda Klein
Elin Bony
Josh Thaler
Duncan and Moira
Jennifer Lee
Siobhan
Pleiades
Judita
Pleiades

Tri Baronial Happenings 

Newcomers Night:

1st Tuesday of each month 7pm - 8pm at the Parkrose Masonic Lodge unless otherwise noted* - All are welcome
1/7/25: CANCELLED
NOTE: How to Attend your 1st Event discussion can be held any Tuesday by request with advance notice.

Fight Practices:

Three Mountains Armored and Rapier: Monday nights 7-9pm (Held in basketball court) Multnomah Arts Center 7688 SW Capitol Hwy, Port, Or 97219
Dragon's Mist Armored and Rapier: Tuesday Nights 6:30-9pm Marjorie Steward Center 21907 SW Sherwood Blvd, Sherwood, OR 97140
Stromgard Armored and Rapier: Thursday Night 6:30-9pm 1112 SE 136th Ave, Vancouver, WA 98683 – covered basketball area

Thrown Weapons:

Three Mountains: *ON HOLD FOR WINTER*
Three Mountains *Archery:* *ON HOLD FOR WINTER* 1st and 3rd Thursday nights 6-8pm Washington Park Archery Range
2nd and 4th Thursdays 30300 S Elisha Rd, Molalla and if there is a 5th Thursday it will be decided at that time
Stromgard: *ON HOLD FOR WINTER* Every Monday 7-9pm at private Vancouver residence. (Address located: https://www.stromgard-sca.org)
Stromgard *Archery:* *ON HOLD FOR WINTER* for the season.
Dragon's Mist *Archery:* *ON HOLD FOR WINTER* Sunday 1-3 pm THPRD Archery Range at PCC Rock Creek – North Practice Field – 17705 NW Springville Rd, Portland, OR 97229 – Adult and Youth loaner gear available.

Arts and Sciences:

Three Mountains: 1st Tuesday of each month. 7-9pm Parkrose Masonic Lodge: 4812 NE 102nd Ave. Portland, Or 97220
Stromgard: 1st Thursday of each month 6:30-9pm TBD
Stromgard *Scribal:* 4th Thursday of each month 6-9pm New Seasons Market: Long Table in dining area 2100B SE 164th Ave #101, Vancouver, WA 98683
Dragon's Mist: 2nd Wednesday of each month 7-10pm Held at private residence (ask Aurelia Douessant on FB)
Dragon's Mist *Virtual A&S Chat:* 2nd Sunday of each month @ Noon
Dragon's Mist *Scribal* *ON HOLD FOR WINTER*

Dance:

3M: 4th Tuesday of each month 7-9pm at the Parkrose Masonic Lodge

Social Nights:

3M: Every Tuesday 7-9pm at the Parkrose Masonic Lodge

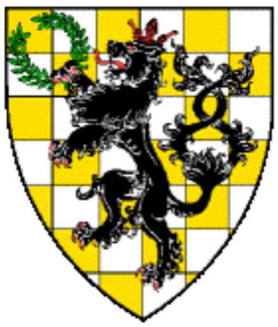
Stromgard: Thursday @ Fighter Practice (see above)

Baronial Council: (All are welcome)

Three Mountains: 3rd Tuesday of every month at the Parkrose Masonic Lodge
Dragon's Mist: 3rd Wednesday of every month 7pm at Hillsboro Public Library - Brookwood 2850 NE Brookwood Pkwy, Hillsboro, OR 97124 *if hybrid or online, Link in FB group and on website.
Stromgard: 2nd Thursday of every month 7-9pm Virtual - Check FB Group for Link - New physical location TBD

Upcoming Events

To find out about all An Tir events go to www.antir.org/events



An Tir Events Calendar

www.antir.org

An Tir 12th Night and Bardic Championship: Jan 10-12th Doubletree Hilton, Portland, OR
Known World Accessibility, Inclusion and Belonging Symposium (KWAIB): Jan 18th Virtual: https://scabelonging.wordpress.com/
A Barony of Three Mountains Event Janeltis Natal Day: Jan 25th Eastgate Masonic Lodge 4812 NE 102nd Portland, OR 97220
Founding Revel: Feb 15th 10am-7pm Mannor Grange #1101 7301 NE 179th St, Battle Ground, WA 98604
Carnivale: March 1st TBD

Barony of Stromgard- Washington: greater Vancouver area & Clark County	SCAN ME
Barony of Three Mountains- Oregon: Clackamas & Multnomah counties	SCAN ME
Barony of Dragons Mist- Oregon: Clatsop & Washington counties	SCAN ME
Principality of the Summits- Oregon: South of Portland	SCAN ME

Barony of Stromgard FB

Barony of 3Mountains FB

Barony of Dragon's Mists FB

Available Virtually: Kingdom of An Tir Newcomers Academy classes:

Classes are taught online by Regional Education Deputies under the office of the Kingdom Chatelaine. They are held once a month in a staggered schedule, so if students miss any classes, it is easy for them to get the link to pick up their missing class in another region. There are six classes in each program:

- History of the SCA
- Activities in the SCA
- Etiquette in the SCA
- Make Your Own T-Tunic
- An Explanation of Heraldry and Regalia in the SCA
- An Explanation of Awards and Peerage in the SCA

If you are interested in taking part in the Kingdom of An Tir Newcomers' Academy, please feel free to reach out to the Education Deputy to the Kingdom Chatelaine at chatelaine.education@antir.org.

Also, check us out on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/groups/1054978165734246/ - An Tir Newcomers Education (unofficial)

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 appaumy 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.

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