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The Barony of Stromgard Newsletter **The Ides of March 2023**

LETTER FROM THE BARON AND BARONESS

Greetings Stromgard!

Unto the citizens of Stromgard do your coronets Justin and Gaeira give greetings,

In the past month we have had several events worthy of mention.

First the OMSI demonstration organized by Baroness Dagmar Yolotli. There were over 3,000 attendees at OMSI who observed our demonstrations inside and outside OMSI. Thanks are due to all of the attendees at the demonstration, but especially those who attended the tables, directed dancing, fought with rapier or rattan, or helped people to have photos taken in our photo staging area.

Ursulmas was well attended by citizens from Stromgard, and our rapier and rattan fighting communities had strong representation. The Stormblade and the Stormgod along with all of the entrants honored the barony with their efforts in the tournaments, and Duke Tiernan did especially well proceeding to the third round of the elimination phase of the rattan tournament.

Individuals from Stromgard attended the Janeltis' Natal Day in Three Mountains, teaching classes and participating.

Looking forward to later this month, Kingdom Arts & Sciences will be hosted by Glymm Mere and Caladphort. Stromgard promises to be well represented by individuals presenting, and we look forward to seeing their efforts. Congratulations, to our own Thora Jorsalafari, who will complete her term as Kingdom Arts & Sciences Champion and pass the title to a successor.

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Addendum: Please reach out to us; nominate someone. We want so much to recognize the many Stromgardians who should not be overlooked.

Yours in Service,

Baroness GæíRa & Baron Justín.



Sven Odin-Eye

A Legend crossed over the rainbow bridge on March 7, 2023.

Her Excellency remembered with joy and love Master Sven Odin-Eye, but spoke with tearful words of his recent passing. We will miss our noble and beloved cousin, a virtuous soul with apprentices across the Rivers Region. May his memory be a blessing and a comfort to his family and friends.

Officers Reports

Seneschal: Alina present, written report.
Alina spoke many words, none of which are recorded herein.

Exchequer: Constance present, written report.
Greetings Their Excellencies and the Barony of Stromgard! The January 2023 bank reconciliation is uploaded to the baronial website in the member's section.

YIS, Constance Le Clerc Stromgard
Baronial Exchequer

Chamberlain: Alexander absent, no report.

Arts and Science Minister: Þora present, written report.
To Their Excellencies and the Populace of Stromgard,

Greetings - we had an Arts & Sciences Meetup on March 1, 2022 with 8 attendees present working on projects! We are mainly painting charters from the Summits at the moment, but we have many largesse projects for the barony if scribal doesn't strike your fancy!

Our next A&S Meetup will be Wednesday, May 3, 2023 at my residence (I will be unavailable the first week of April, so I will need to skip that month!!) – please look for the event descriptions on the Stromgard Book of Faces. If you need help finding them, please contact me and I'll make sure you get on the recurring invite.

Yours in Service,
Þóra Jórsalafari, OL, Stromgard Arts & Sciences Minister

Chatelaine: Siobhan absent, written report.
Greetings to Their Excellencies and the Populace of Stromgard!

I am looking forward to our upcoming events- Founding Revel and hopefully some kaftan workshops!

To Report: I have been in contact with a couple of newcomers – Emily and Jason Whitlock, whom reside in between Stromgard and Blatha An Oir. I have sent them links to our respective Facebook groups and pages, as well as the Baronial website and a list of our monthly and weekly gatherings. Emily is interested in Bardic in particular. They have both recently joined our baronial discussion group on the book of faces and we hope to meet them in person soon.

I have nothing further to report.

Yours In Service,
Lady Siobhán an Sionnaigh Ruaidh
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Scribe: Tatiiana absent, written report.
Greetings good people of Stromgard,

There is nothing to report at this moment, though we are eager to review artwork submission and get started adding calligraphy.

YIS,
Tatiiana

Chronicler: Helvi present, oral report. Siren was uploaded.

Social Media: Penelope absent, written report.
Greetings Your Excellencies and the Barony of Stromgard guard. It has been a relatively quiet month. I assisted Di in setting up Facebook event for Founding Revel and continue to post information as things come up.

YIS
Penelope

Web Minister: Ell absent, written report. Nothing to report.

Knight Marshal: Sir Rayner, absent, oral report. Good turnout, 10-15 in armor depending on the night.

Rapier Marshal: Ikenaga Asahi, present. written report.
Nothing to report

Thank you,
Ikenaga Asahi, AKA Christy Zellmer

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Archery Marshal: Feradach present, oral report.
NRT—weather is not conducive.

Thrown Weapons Marshall: Matthias absent, no report.

Sergeantry Fenris absent, no report.

VACANT OFFICES
- Equestrian Marshal
- Youth Marshal
- Lists
- Cut & Thrust
- Red Trident Pursuviant
- Thrown Weapons Marshal?

Event Reports

APRIL 29: Founding Revel: - Aelfwyn Fiske
Penelope has put up the Facebook page for me. I'm looking for a picture from our past to add to it, I don't have any… Please send some if you have any pictures of early years of Stromgard.

Crier copy is in. EIF is in.

When: April 29, 2023

Where: Mt. Valley Grange located at 40107 NE 221st Ave., Amboy – I have the contract for signature tonight.

Cost $25 with $5 member discount, includes 3 course Landsknecht feast. There will be no discount for those choosing not to stay for dinner.

Activities to include:

Baronial A & S Championship - I have talked to Vivien nic Uldon and she said she'd be talking with Their Excellencies.

Throwing Activities for All (as well as for traditional) – Donnatella is in charge, Cormac is conspiring, Feradach is MIC

Heavy fun being organized by Sir Raynar and Rapier fun is being organized by Ikenaga Asahi

Helvi is running the Basket/Silent Auction to start the fundraising for the new coronets.

Still seeking donations for said auction.

I'm still looking for anyone wanting to teach a class (would be delightful to have at least 3 during the day).

So far I have:
Constance teaching Gate Basics followed by How to be Gate Lead/ Gate Coordinator

I need a Gate volunteer.

Please let me know if you can help!

H.L. Ælfwynn Fiske

SEPT 22-24: Game of Thrones and Stormgods - Gundahar
NTR (EIF is in, per Alina)

JULY 22: Stromgard Family Day - Dagmar
NTR (EIF is in, per Alina)

AUG 10-13An Tir Arts Academy - Angela
Waiting on contract. Application is in

Old, New & Other Business

CORONET COMMITTEE:
Beginning to seek bids, Coronet committee Criteria for Consideration:
1. Baronial elements (Trident, waves, hippocampus)
2. Stirling silver/stainless steel
3. Plackets (adjustable and flat packable not solid)
4. Red & blue stones
5. Placket design likely shorter service life/durability less

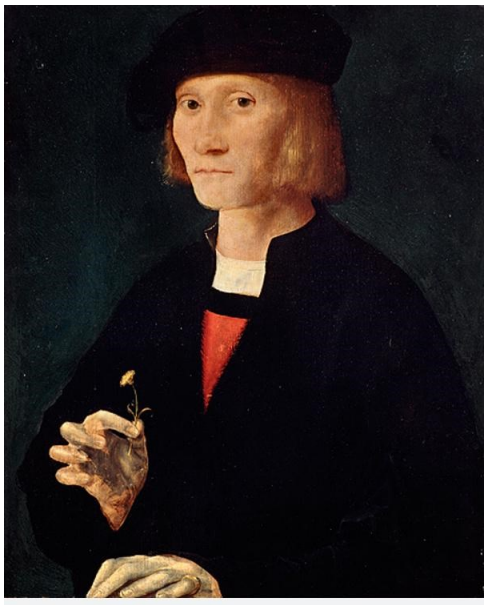
TRAILER INVENTORY & BARONIAL INVENTORY:
1. Postponed until better weather.
2. Occurring at the Baroness's home
3. Volunteers for Costco Temp Garage
4. New date: March 25th
5. MUST be completed by May
6. Can use photographs (with witness)

If you have Baronial regalia or stuff, bring it. If not, please do not bring any donations.

DEI & VOICES OF COLOR
Baron Justin asked if there is interest in hosting a 2025 in-person Event. Looking for a suitable indoor site for a one-day event with conference rooms, ADA accessibility, Indigenous casinos? (smoke free), Sites with commitment to diversity. It will be held in April 2025. Many noted Ilani should be done with the construction of new facilities by then.

REGIONAL REPORTING
Seneschal asked for those who are required to give Regional Quarterly Reports (e.g. Marshal) be sure to get them in. Alina will let officers who are required know, since most folks are not aware.

EGILS CAMPING
There will be land reservations for the Barony of Stromgard. Everyone who wants to camp there is welcome, as long as we have space. But we have to let Egils know how many we expect so please contact Stromgard Campmaster Ronan Mac an Leagha (John Paul) or Their Excellencies, the Seneschal, etc. to reserve prime space.



COUNCIL GUESTS' 'Vendors wanted' announcement:

Fantasy/Renaissance Faire—Memorial Day Weekend

(see flyers below)

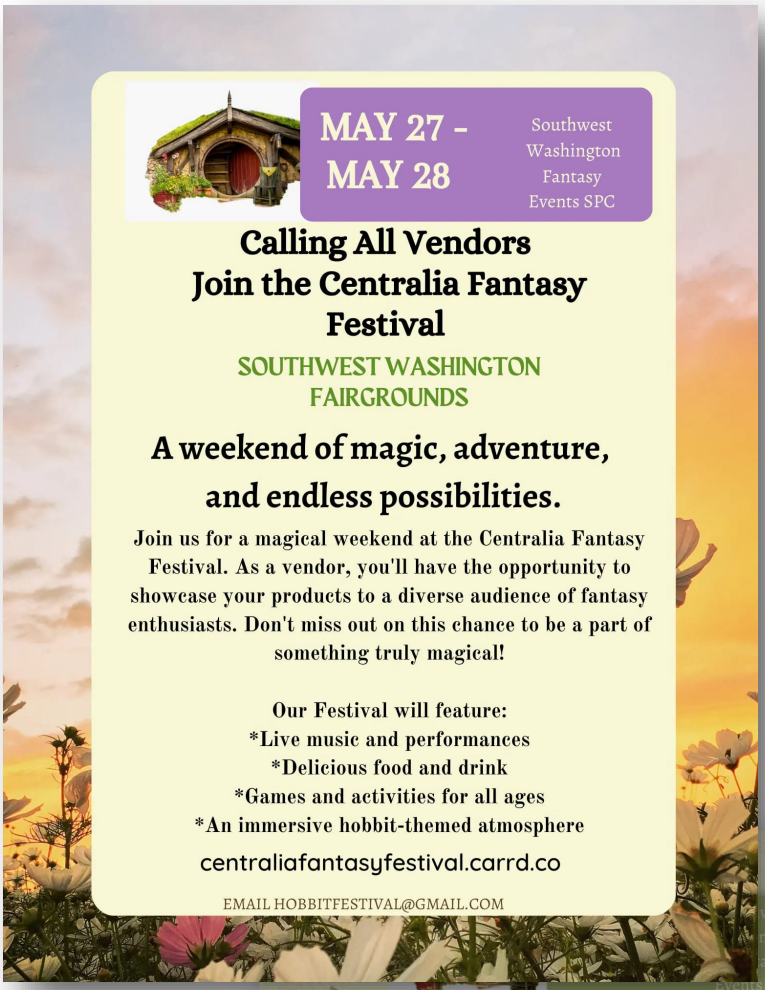
Southwest Washington Fairgrounds , Centralia, WA

https://centraliafantasyfestival.carrd.co/

Email hobbitfestival@gmail.com



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In attendance:

Alina of Folkstone

Constance Le Clerc

Marjorie Bruce of Herons Reach

Duncan McDuff

Marjorie Bruce

Baron Justin

Baroness GaeiRa

Ronan Mac an Leagha

Helvi av Gotland

Feredach the Beardless

Raven Paradix

Brandr Raynersson

Þóra Jórasalafari

Everild Bayte

Aelfwyn Fiske

Ikenaga Asahi

Tom & CJ Sheppler

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.

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.

March 25	**Summits Mountains Edge Defender**
April 21-23	**Terra Pomaria Bar Gemels**
April 29	**Stromgard Founding Revel**
May 5-7	**Glymm Mere Mayfair**
May 19-21	**May Crown (Grandview WA)**
May 26-29	**Adiantum Egil Skallagrimson Memorial Prize Tourney**

Activities in the Barony of Stromgard

(period costume/garb not expected during monthly activities and all are welcome.)

Monthly Baronial Council Meeting— Round Table Pizza meeting room. Please watch the Book of Faces and/or the Baronial Website (stromgard-sca.org) for details. *For questions or to confirm activity, contact*: Stromgard.seneschal@gmail.com.

Rapier Practice — Currently happening at 3M's practice. Visit their website or www.facebook.com/groups/696161364096256/

Archery Practice — Seasonal hiatus. *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 — Seasonal hiatus. 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 – Wednesdays at Thora's. Address posted on the Baronial Page on Facebook. *To confirm activity or ask any questions*, contact Arts & Sciences Office (Kerry) at stromgard.artsnsci@antir.org or on Book of Faces.

**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



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