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The Barony of Stromgard Newsletter **March 2025**

Letter from the Baron and Baroness

Greetings Stromgard!

Unto the most awesome, wise, skilled, and kind folk of Stromgard do your humble Coronets give greetings,

Spring comes soon, and with it the change of seasons. Winter has been difficult this year for many, but we move forward together seeking joy where it can be found.

This past month has been a good one for our Barony in terms of events and recognitions for our glorious people.

Founding Revel was a success, thank you as always to the volunteers who stewarded, cooked, managed the gate, taught classes, and handled other functions. There is no Barony of Stromgard, no SCA without your efforts. The event was reasonably well attended, there was food, warmth, laughter, stories of the past and memories made aplenty.

As your coronets it is the greatest pleasure to recognize you for your good works to the Barony and beyond, and as it is the highest honor and most enjoyable work we do, we'd love to do more of it. So, please send us recommendations of people you think deserve recognition in all fields of endeavor.

Carnevale was held in the Barony of Dragon's Mist, and we wished to recognize that Ynes la Cabeza de Vaca (our Marshal of Rapier) was the victor of the rapier tournament and now serves as the Rapier Champion of that illustrious Barony.

Kingdom Arts & Sciences was held last weekend, your coronets were in attendance to observe and support members of the populace who displayed and competed. Several of Our citizens received recognition and performed admirably. It's always a pleasure to learn more about the histories and lifeways of people contained within the bounds of the SCA's interests, and the presentations by Baroness Yolotli on MesoAmerican Indigenous Midwifery, Duchess Miranda's on Skaldic Poetry and Sarmatian Burial Practices, and Honorable Lady Lantani's on multiple elements of the beeswax production process did not disappoint. Miranda and Lantani were both recognized as Scholars of An Tir for their presentations.

In the end, Honorable Lady Lantani, Stromgard's Storm Maker was installed as the new Arts & Sciences Champion of An Tir, and was placed on vigil for the Order of the Laurel! Congratulations! Hooray!

The Queen's Rapier Championship was also held at Kingdom Arts & Sciences, Our Stormblade, Breannan, and our Rapier Marshall Ynes, both competed in the tournament fulfilling personal goals, and acquitted themselves well and honorably on the field. Thank you for your efforts, your conduct and skill were another proud example of the strong martial traditions of Our Barony.

April approaches swiftly. On April 5th, In our well loved neighbor, the Barony of Three Mountains, the event Something Bardic This Way Comes will be held, and this year the event's Bardic competition is part of the Kingdom Bardic Championship. The following week, on the 12th of April is the Stromgard Hearts the Arts event. We're looking forward to classes, new skills to test ourselves, and the competition for the next Storm Maker.

In Service to Stromgard,

Baroness GæiRa & Baron Justin.

Officers Reports

Seneschal: Saeunn

Working on finding site for meetings/practice still

Look at dates through 2026

Exchequer: Feradach
No report

Chamberlain: Open Office
No report

Arts and Science Minister: AElflaed of Duckford
I and many others from Stromgard attended Kingdom A&S. Seems the Barony had a very good weekend! The highlight, of course, was THL Lantani both winning the competition and being proclaimed Champion, and being offered admittance to the Order of the Laurel! I had the high honor of judging two of her entries, and the depth and bredth of her knowledge is quite impressive.

Later this month (3/22) I will be hosting a wax carving workshop to provide an opportunity in which to learn more about Lost Wax Casting. It will not be a traditional class, as there will not be a teacher. As the space I have available is limited, the number of attendees is ten, and nine people have signed up. I will be providing wax from my own supply, and am hoping to get wax carving tools for the attendees out of the yearly A&S budget.

Cathyn

Chatelaine: Siobhán
Greetings Radiant Coronet of Stromgard, Wise Council, and Magnificent Populous!
Our amazing Senechal has found us a new Chatelaine! Please welcome Dame Ismay of Giggleswick, who will be submitting her letter of intent at this month's meeting. She comes
to us with decades of experience in the society, and I know she will do a phenomenal job.
I have agreed to stay on as her deputy Chatelaine for up to 6 months. We, along with the Chatelaine's of Three Mountains gathered for Tri Baronial Newcomer's night last Tuesday
for an informal Q&A with newcomers. It was a chance for them to meet the two new incoming Chatelaines, and for us to show our support. We had 3 brand new individuals attend, as well as a couple of newcomers who have attended up to 3 events.
The maintenance of the Tri-Baronial Happenings document has been handed over to Healoc of Three Mountains. They will be keeping it up to date and distributing it to each Chatelaine, Senechal, Web minister and Chronicler.
Next month's newcomers night subject is TBD.
Email account transfer, as well as regalia transfer will occur after Ismay has officially been
approved by the Counsil.
It was an honor being your Chatelaine. Nothing further to report.
YIS,
Siobhan an Sionnaich Ruaidh

Scribe: Siobhán
Greetings All,

February was a big month for the Scribal office! New Charter designs were given out at Founding Revel in addition to existing ones. I hope the recipients like their scrolls.

Founding Revel court report was sent to the Dexter Gauntlet Herald and all awards bestowed have been added to the OP.

There is now a beautiful Court Coordination/Scribal spreadsheet, designed by our talented Web Mistress, Viscountess Ell, that is shared with the Coronet, Seneschal, Scribe and Herald for use leading up to and after events.

February Scribal Night was a success, we had a new participant attend who has now caught the scribal bug and purchased their own paints and brushes. She has also turned in a number of painted charters.

New Buisness: I would like to change scribal night back to 4th Wednesdays (instead of Thursdays) at the same location.
If approved, the next one will be 4th Wednesday of March at New Season's on 164th at 7pm.

Nothing further to report.
YIS,

Yours In Service,
HL Siobhán an Sionnaigh Ruaidh

Herald: Ronan
To The Coronets of Stromgard, Greetings Here is my Monthly Heralds Report
Had a wonderful time at Founding Revel. Please see the following list of people awarded at event. Thanks to HL Siobhán an Sionnaigh Ruaidh for compiling list and getting it sent over for Kingdom recording. Next project is to get back log of reporting done. That's will be a doozy.

YIS Ronan

Award	Recipient	Date	Home Branch	OP Link
Bell and Chain	Ynez Cabeza de Vaca	2/15	DM	https://op.antirheralds.org/index.php?with=Start&names=Ynez+de+la+Cruz&chosen=9734
Silver Sea Star	Cormac Mor	2/15	3m	https://op.antirheralds.org/index.php?who=9983
Bunchberry	Seunn Egilsdóttir	2/15	Stromgard	Seunn Egilsdóttir
Bunchberry	Arrus Quintus	2/15	Stromgard	https://op.antirheralds.org/index.php?who=10945
Bunchberry	Ragna In Valska	8/12	River's Bend	https://op.antirheralds.org/index.php?with=Start&names=Ragna+in+Valska&chosen=10366
Honorary Citizen	Blue of Three Mountains	2/15	3m	https://op.antirheralds.org/index.php?with=Start&names=Blue+of+Three+Mountains&chosen=10828
Honorary Citizen	Allegro Corbinelli de Ravenna	2/15	3m	https://op.antirheralds.org/index.php?with=Start&names=Allegro+Corbinelli+de+Ravenna&chosen=10815
Valor of Stromgard - Rapier	Gregorio Cristovalez de la Vega	2/15	DM	https://op.antirheralds.org/index.php?with=Start&names=Gregorio+Cristovalez+de+la+Vega&chosen=1408
Valor of Stromgard - Rattan	Lorenco de Compostella	2/15		https://op.antirheralds.org/index.php?with=Start&names=Lorenco+de+Compostella&chosen=4336
Seamair	Dagmar Yolotli of AnTir	2/15	Stromgard	https://op.antirheralds.org/index.php?with=Start&names=Dagmar%2C+Yolotli+of+AnTir&chosen=10153
Seamair	Lantani de Forez	2/15	Stromgard	https://op.antirheralds.org/index.php?with=Start&names=Lantani+de+Forez&chosen=9875
Seamair	Gideon Finlay	2/15	Stromgard	https://op.antirheralds.org/index.php?with=Start&names=Gideon+Finlay&chosen=4117
Seamair	Dragomira Skomorokhova	2/15	3M	https://op.antirheralds.org/index.php?with=Start&names=Dragomira+Skomorokhova&chosen=10411
Seamair	Braennan MacEarnan	2/15	3M	https://op.antirheralds.org/index.php?with=Start&names=Braennan+MacEarnan&chosen=10388
Amicus Musarum	Siobhán an Sionnaigh Ruaidh	2/15	Stromgard	https://op.antirheralds.org/index.php?with=Start&names=Siobh%C3%A1n+an+Sionnaigh+Ruaidh&chosen=10577
Baron's Favor	Siobhán an Sionnaigh Ruaidh	2/15	Stromgard	https://op.antirheralds.org/index.php?with=Start&names=Siobh%C3%A1n+an+Sionnaigh+Ruaidh&chosen=10577
Baron's Favor	Cathyn McKenna (Fitzgerald)	2/15	Stromgard	https://op.antirheralds.org/index.php?with=Start&names=Cathyn+Fitzgerald&chosen=9937

Chronicler: Pleiades
Nothing to report.

Social Media: Penelope
No report

Web Minister: Ell -
Nothing to report

Knight Marshal: Sir Rayner
Heavy practice is still unofficial. We are unofficially very well attended with numbers from 7-15, unofficially. After May Crown, we will reinitiate official practice at the Fishers basin Park

Rapier Marshal: Ynes Cabeza de Vaca

Archery Marshal: Gideon Finlay
On hold for the winter season - nothing new to report

Thrown Weapons Marshal: *Ælfwynn Fiske*
practice is happening. 3 to 6 attending.

Sergeantry: Fenris
Nothing reported

Event Reports

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

Event recap report

Stromgard Hearts the Arts: April 12, 2025 | Event Steward: Elin + A&S champion

· Working with A&S officer and champ on schedule
- need gate lead
- need to update the site
- Approved for $250 budget for light food/snacks

HOCKINSON community Center:
15916 NE 182nd Ave, Brush Prairie, WA 98606

Game of Thrones and Stormgods: September 5-7th 2025

Need Event Steward and site

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?

we

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.
Council affirmed moving forward on the sale of the trailer

Old Baronial Chairs

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

Site Database

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

New Business:

We have a new Chatelaine, Dame Ismay (ppw has been filled out).

Scribal night will move back to 4th Wednesday.

Meeting Attendance:

Blue
Raven
GaeiRa
Elin
Justin
Gideon
Siobhan
Elfwynn
Pleiades
Donna Williams
Josh Thaylor
Vern

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Tri-Baronial Happenings

Barony of Stromgard Skamania & Clark County Washington	Barony of Three Mountains Multnomah & Clackamas County Oregon	Barony of Dragon's Mist Washington & Clatsop County Oregon
		

Newcomer's Night: 7-9pm
Every 1st Tuesday at Eastgate Masonic Lodge
4812 NE 102nd Ave. Portland, Or 97220

Upcoming Events:

Summits Spring Coronet: March 29th 9am-7:30pm
First Baptist Church
125 SE Cowls Street
McMinnville, Oregon 97128

Something Bardic (This Way Comes): April 5th 8am-10pm
Parkrose Masonic Lodge
4812 NE 102nd
Portland, OR97220

Stromgard Hearts the Arts: April 12th 10am-8pm
Hockinson Community Center
15916 NE 182nd Ave, Brush Prairie, WA 98606

Bar Gemels: April 25th-27th
Camp Taloali
15934 N. Santiam Hwy SEStayton, OR97383

Exchequer Training Day: May 10th 9am-5pm
(no garb required)
Eastgate Masonic Lodge
4812 NE 102nd Portland, OR97220

The events to the left are paid events that require garb unless otherwise noted. Single day events typically charge a gate fee between $30-45. Each event will have more details available (including schedules and fees) on the An Tir Events web page

If you do not have garb but would like to attend, alert your Chatelaine and arrangements can be made for borrowed garb. Most events will also offer "Gold Key" at the gate, which is a collection of appropriate garb available for attendees for no additional charge. Check with the event steward or local Chatelaine to find out if Gold Key will be available for an event.

Social nights, practices, arts and sciences nights, etc. are more casual (modern clothing, usually free to attend) but if there is a class or workshop, the host may charge a fee for supplies. You may always attend to simply observe and socialize without payment regardless.

The schedule of social nights and practices are available on the other sheet.

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Helpful Links

Kingdom of An Tir

←Official An Tir Webpage

Areas of interest:

- Our Lands: Find your local group
- Events: Kingdom Calendar
- Library: Documents and handbooks
- Our People: Who's-Whoof the Kingdom

Social Media

Official Facebook Page

Unofficial FB Discussion Group

Discord Server

YouTube

Instagram

Barony of Three Mountains

Oregon: Multnomah & Clackamas Counties

←Official Web Page

Official Facebook Page

Unofficial FB Discussion Group

Barony of Stromgard

Washington: Vancouver area & Clark County

←Official Web Page

Official Facebook Page

Unofficial FB Discussion Group

Barony of Dragon's Mist

Oregon: Clatsop & Washington Counties

←Official Web Page

Official Facebook Page

Unofficial FB Discussion Group

Principality of the Summits

Oregon: South of Portland

←Official Web Page

Official Facebook Page

Unofficial FB Discussion Group

Available Virtually: Kingdom of An Tir Newcomers Academy Classes

Classes are taught online by Regional Education Deputies under the office of the Kingdom Chatelaine once a month in a staggered schedule to make it easy for them to pick up any missing class in another region.

If you are interested, 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)

Six Class Topics Available:

- 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

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Baronial Council 2nd Thursdays 7-9pm Virtual (check FB group for link) Social Nights: Thursdays 6:30-9pm at Armored Fighter Practice (see below)	Baronial Council 3rd Tuesdays 7-9pm Eastgate Masonic Lodge (sometimes held virtually. Link is shared in FB group if so) Social Nights: Tuesdays 7-9pm Eastgate Masonic Lodge	Baronial Council 3rd Wednesdays 7pm Hillsboro Public Library–Brookwood (sometimes held virtually. Link is shared in FB group if so)
Martial Pursuits Archery: New location TBA, keep an eye on the Facebook discussion group Thrown Weapons: Mondays 7-9pm Private Vancouver residence. (Address located: https://www.stromgard-sca.org) Armored and Rapier Thursdays 6:30-9pm Wy'east Middle School 1112 SE 136th Ave Vancouver, WA 98683 (covered basketball area)	Martial Pursuits Archery: 1st and 3rd Thursdays: 6-8pm Washington Park Archery Range (weather permitting) 2nd and 4th Thursdays: Whitmore Farm (under shelter): 26455 S. Beavercreek rd. Beavercreek, OR. (see FB discussion group for time, as this is a new location subject to change) Thrown Weapons: Same time/location as archery Armored and Rapier [armored currently on hold] Mondays 7-9pm Multnomah Arts Center 7688 SW Capitol Hwy Portland, OR97219 (Basketball Court)	Martial Pursuits Archery: [on hold for winter] Sundays 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. Armored and Rapier Tuesdays 6:30-9pm Marjorie Steward Center 21907 SW Sherwood Blvd Sherwood, OR97140

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Arts and Sciences General A&S: [on hold pending new location, keep an eye on Facebook discussion group for updates] 1st Thursdays 6:30-9pm Scribal: 4th Wednesdays 7-9pm New Seasons Market 2100B SE 164th Ave #101, Vancouver, WA 98683 (Longtable in dining area)	Arts and Sciences General A&S: 2nd Tuesdays 7-9pm Eastgate Masonic Lodge Dance: 4th Tuesdays 7-9pm Eastgate Masonic Lodge	Arts and Sciences General A&S: 2nd Wednesdays 7-10pm Private Residence (ask Aurelia Douessant on FB) Virtual A&S: 2nd Sundays 12pm Scribal: 3rd Wednesdays 6-8pm Brookwood Library, Room B Garb & Gab: 1st Saturdays 11am Cornelius Library Maker Space

The Tri-Baronial Treaty signed in 2013 (or 48 Anno Societatis) binds the Baronies of Stromgard, Dragon's Mist, and Three Mountains in a communal relationship of support, shared land, and mutual attempts at conflict-free scheduling whenever possible.

For this reason, all members of the populace of any Barony are welcome to participate and compete as they'd like in neighbor baronies. Do not feel compelled to keep yourself within the bounds of your local barony, and consider every citizen of our lands a neighbor.

In short, feel free to attend anything on the schedule, at any time, for any reason, regardless of where you live or how long you've been playing. We'd love to see you!

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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