

THE SIREN



The Barony of Stromgard Newsletter

December 2020

LETTER FROM THE BARON AND BARONESS

Greetings Stromgard! We would like to thank everyone that let us stop by on Halloween to drop off goodie bags for their kids. We saw some great costumes out there, and lots of smiling eyes, masks being the fashion of the day. In these times of plague, it is good to try to maintain our bonds of friendship. This can be done with a kind email, phone call, or other electronic message. If you do venture out please remember to wear a mask, and maintain a safe social distance. In keeping with this theme, we are working with our Chatelaine to collect

the addresses of those in the Barony that would like to receive a holiday card, birthday card, or a personal letter or thank you from us. Community and fellowship are very important to us, and we wish to do our best to let the members of Stromgard know that we are thinking of them. After the December meeting, We will be holding our first virtual court. Please join us in celebrating Yule!

In Service,
Baron Duncan
Baroness Moira



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Officers Reports

Seneschal : Ronan present—Written report

Greetings to their Excellency's, Baron and Baroness and populace of Stromgard,
Here is my November Seneschal Report.

Firstly, I want to Thank all those members that have served in the military and thank them for their service.

I am happy to report that I submitted our Q3 Quartely report to Kingdom Seneschal, hopefully all officers in their respective positions have done as well.

I also converted Kingdom and Baronial Financial Policy into Word and sent over to our Exchequer so she can begin the process of reviewing and updating our current policy
The first report of the 2020 SCA Census Results is now available, please see December's Crier for links to the report.

Effective November 5th, 2020 the branch known as the Shire of Fire Mountain Keep is in abeyance at the request of the branch and also the resignation of the Shire Seneschal, a required office. The abeyance will last for no more than 2 years and will be reviewed at that time by the Kingdom Seneschal for sufficient interest in restoring the branch status.
Stay Safe, Yours in Service,

Laird Ronan Mac an Leagha

Exchequer: Everild present. Written report.

The bank reconciliation is in the files section of the website.
Nothing to report.

Respectfully Submitted,
Everild Bayte
Stromgard Baronial Exchequer

Chamberlain: Alexander present, written report

Greetings to the Baroness, and Baron, And the great population of stromgard.

I will be unable to attend council tonight I am still working as we speak and most likely as you read this.

I started the moving of all the picture inventory up into excel. I will need to retake a few of the pictures, I'll do that when I go back over and pickup the hard copy of the inventory list. Its taking a bit longer than expected to complete, mostly do to me not spending as much time as I should on it.

Alexander

Arts and Science: Hevli present,

No report received

Herald: Yin Yun present, written report

Greetings to the populace and their excellencies. I have nothing to report

Yours in service.
Yin Yun 陰雲

Scribe: Tatiiana absent.

No report received

Chatelaine: Dagmar absent , written report

Greetings to Their Excellencies and fellow Stromgardians!

With the winter quickly coming I have been most busy making necessary preparations around the country estate and lands.

After a wonderful Hallows Eve visit with our gracious Baron & Baroness, the idea of incorporating more post-al interactions came about.

I am working to compile a list of home addresses and key notes (such as human/fur children's birthdates) on all Stromgard citizens wanting to participate.

With so many virtual SCA activities and the holiday season upon us, I think this is a Fun little addition until we can gather again!

PLEASE SEND ME YOUR INFO TOO!
Via Book of Faces :Stephanie Warren
Or email: stromgard.chatelaine@antir.org

Yours in Service—
Lady Dagmar Thorfinrsdottir
Chatelaine
Stromgard

Family Activities: Office open

Chronicler: Ragna present, written report

Nothing to Report

YIS
Ragna In Valska

Social Media: Penelope present, written report

Nothing to report

Demo Coordinator Dagmar absent

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Officer Reports Continued

No report received

Gold Key: Kata absent ,
No report received

Web Minister: Helvi present,

No report received

Knight Marshal: Elrin, absent —fight
practice report provided by Duncan

No report received

Rapier Marshal: Chris present—

No report received

Archery Marshal: Feradach absent—

No report received

Thrown Weapons Marshall: Matthias
absent,

No report received

Cut and Thrust Refskegg absent—

No report received

Seargentry Constance & fenris
No report received

Lists Rostislav absent ,

No report received



Event Reports

Founding Revel

Nothing to report

Ithrapalooza

Nothing to report

Yule 2020

Nothing to report

Stormgod 2021

Nothing to report

Old Business

No old business was discussed

New Business

Masters and Apprentice Challenge —

Greetings from StormMaker Hlutwige!

Now that the Yule Season is passed and the modern New Year has begun, I ask you to turn your thoughts to late February when Stromgard will hold its virtual Founding Revel. Their Excellencies Stromgard have chosen to allow me to continue on as StormMaker through the coming year. Thus, the next StormMaker Tournament will not take place until 2022. In the hope that I might spur your Arts and Sciences interest, I am sponsoring a friendly competition;

Master and Apprentice Challenge

The Guidelines for this competition are as follows:

One Master (preferably a peer though I am willing to consider alternatives) with one Apprentice form a team (no formal association is required).

The Master is responsible for the remote instruction of the Apprentice in an Art or Science and the creation of the entry.

Rather than indulging in a large purchase, I encourage

you to be creative using what the Master and Apprentice may have on hand. Please send a "Letter of Intent" to Their Excellencies Stromgard and to the StormMaker Hlutwige by February 1, 2021. stromgard.baronandbaroness@antir.org/
hlutwige@gmail.com

At the virtual event, the project may be presented using photos, Word doc, video, audio, etc. The entry must include some documentation and a description of what and how the Master taught the Apprentice – who did what --(one or two pages total) and must be submitted by February (2-3 days before the event)

to: stromgard.webminister@antir.org and to StormMaker Hlutwige at hlutwige@gmail.com.

If you find yourself to be virtually challenged, fear not! Stromgard's Webminister is available to help get the project into "electronic" format.

Future event information will include the electronic meeting format, date and time. Entries will be displayed on the Baronial Web site for continued enjoyment. The victorious duo will be awarded adulation, bragging rights, and prizes!

Announcements

No Announcements were made

Attendance

Duncan Vittrarius, Moira Ramsay, Ron, an Mac An Leagha, Helvi, Ragna In Valska, Yin Yun, Dagmar, Aelfwynn, Everild

SOME THINGS OUR COMMUNITY AND OTHERS ARE DOING ONLINE IN THESE DIFFICULT TIMES

Here are some links to different online activities and challenges being offered while we are social distancing and keeping everyone safe

An Tir Video Challenge

Artisans and Scientists of An Tir! We need your classes and demos for the An Tir YouTube Channel!!

Rules: 1. No obscenity. 2. No denigrating remarks about yourself or anyone else. 3. The topic must be appropriate for the SCA. If it is something you would teach or demonstrate at an event or SCA social, it's a good topic

For more information go to https://www.antir.org/announcements/an-tir-video-challenge/?utm_source=rss&utm_medium=rss&utm_campaign=an-tir-video-challenge&fbclid=IwAR0B2q3XGiwIbI9toHeOSylrCNvOsXOHkEZAhadEB7XFkYVGqwrh42YkQag

To see the videos go to https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NZCIWw0_tJk&fbclid=IwAR1w_fvhL1WU6U81X0D6Tsa_g4SeNsp2MA9VYERSdRxkrRm0hfpmqVxNbrY

Virtual An Tir

Virtual An Tir Facebook Group

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/VirtualAnTir/>

Resources during Coronavirus isolation

The Coronavirus is going to be with us for a while and since we're practicing social distancing for all the right reasons, here are some resources for eating, staying entertained and some ways to hang on to some zen. **Everything listed is a free resource unless specifically listed otherwise.**

<https://quirkylenses.com/2020/03/16/isolation-entertainment-and-some-practical-matters/>

JSTOR

During this time of distancing JSTOR has opened it site to everyone who wishes to do research instead of only college students. This is an academic library of academic journals, books and primary sources. A rich source of information. <https://www.jstor.org/>

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 appaumpy 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)

Due to COVID-19 All in person events and activities are cancelled until January 31, 2021. Please watch the Facebook page for virtual events and fun

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 – strictly virtual until May 10th

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

Monthly Baronial Council Meeting— Due to Covid-19 meetings are being held virtually. Please watch the book of faces for details. *For questions or to confirm activity, contact:* John paul (Ronan Mac an Leagha)at 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.marshall@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

Curia — Baronial Officers

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Gold Key (Loaner Garments) — Kata of House Bread

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Contact Us

Give any officer a call or send an email for more information about our group and activities.

Or visit us on the web at: <http://stromgard.org>

And Facebook at:

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The following offices are currently open or seeking replacement:

- ◆ Equestrian Marshal
- ◆ Youth Marshal
- ◆ Youth and Family Activities 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