

THE SIREN



The Barony of Stromgard Newsletter

October 2024

Letter from the Baron and Baroness

Greetings Stromgard!

Greetings unto the most wondrous and renowned populace of Stromgard from your humble coronets,

The recent Field Day in Three Mountains was lovely and enjoyed by Baroness Gaeira. If you have the time to support other branches in our region, please make time. Our community can only benefit from broad attendance.

It's now October, the tournament and war season's end has arrived, and we are looking ahead to the feasts and revels of the late autumn and winter.

Sadly, as the cold closes in we have lost the meeting location which had a lot of promise. The Outpost's owners decided to sell the property, and we were given short notice. We now must move forward with another search for places for meetings and practices. Thank you to everyone that has done any searching up to this point. If you think you have found a potential site for these functions, please forward contact information to the coronets via email at Stromgard.Coronet@antir.org, as we are functioning to coordinate communication on the matter. Any formal decision on a new site will be a decision made by vote at the business meetings, per our Baronial Customary.

On October 19th, the Barony of Three Mountains will be hosting their annual Honor Feast, the Honoree this year is Vivien nic Uldoon a former Storm Maker and good friend of Stromgard. It is also the Three Mountains Baronial Arts & Sciences Championship and I encourage everyone to attend.

Thanks to Mistress Saeunn Egilsdottir (Sarah Thaler) for volunteering to be the Barony's next Seneschal, We very much look forward to working with you when you soon take the office.

In Service to Stromgard and An Tir,

Baroness Gaeira & Baron Justin.

Officers Reports

Seneschal: Alina

Nothing reported

Exchequer: Feradach

We still have money, no report officially right now.

Got the check for NMS from Stormgods

Chamberlain: Alexander -

Nothing reported.

Arts and Science Minister: AEIflaed of Duckford

Unto the Baroness, Baron, and Seneschal of Stromgard, Greetings from Cathyn Fitzgerald, your A&S Minister. Last month my report was understandably sparse. This month it will be a bit more than sparse. Everyone knows the bad news about the Outpost. I, like so many others in the Barony, await the happy news of a new site. Once we have a place, I will be attempting to establish a schedule of classes/talks to be given on various specific subjects that the populace both have interest in learning, as well as available teachers. Last month I ran an informal polling of the populace asking both what they can teach, as well as what they'd like to see taught. There were 5 respondents to the poll, one who was willing to teach a number of subjects, one that had lists of both things they can teach as well as things they'd like to learn, and three "pure students" with lists of things they'd like to learn. Going forward, I will be contacting both of the teachers and trying to get commitments from them on subjects that the students want to see. I will also be reaching out to try to meet the requested subjects of the "students." I could ramble on further, but this sums up what I have been up to this month to help share Arts and Sciences with your subjects. Cathyn

Chatelaine: Siobhán

Greetings Radiant Stromgard,

September Newcomers Night theme was Awards and Peerages, co led by our very own Baron Justin along with Duchessa Hlutwige and was very well attended. Many of the newcomers we had there also came to 3M's Championships at Three Mountains Pride and Field Day on 9/28. Many of our newcomers are youth, which warms my second gen heart.

October newcomers' night theme is a new one for us - Intro to Bardic Arts. It was also well attended by newcomers, expats and locals alike.

November newcomers' night will be focused on Garb creation - How to make a Tunic. Again, our generous Baron has volunteered to lead this hands-on newcomer's night. If you would like to assist, and/or provide a sewing machine or donate materials, please let us know.

I may have found a deputy Chatelaine, however, if you are interested in joining the Chatelaine team, please reach out.

Nothing further to report.

Yours In Service

HL Siobhan an Sionnaigh Ruaidh

Scribe: Siobhán

Greetings Glorious Stromgard,

September Scribal night was our last at the Outpost. Going forward, until a new Baronial site is found, we will hold Scribal nights at our previous location - New Season's Market - Fishers Landing on 164th in Vancouver on the fourth Thursday from 6-9pm. Please see FB event and our website for address and more details.

Nothing further to report,

Yours In Service,

Siobhan an Sionnaigh Ruaidh

Herald: Ronan

To the Gracious Coronets of Stromgard, Though I have been busy with other matters I have nothing new to report. I still intend to get ceremonials updated properly

YIS,
Ronan

Chronicler: Pleiades

Nothing to report.

Social Media: Penelope

Nothing to report

Web Minister: Eil -

Nothing to report

Knight Marshal: Sir Rayner

Rapier Marshal: Ikenaga Asahi

Hello,

In Stromgaurd specific news, the three commissioned gorgets are finished and now part of the Stromgard rapier loner gear. The next need is an L and XL fencing jacket, though I have some leads on some potential donations.

The Three Mountain rapier championship was this past weekend, with Stromgaurd accounting for 50% of the fighters. Turnout was smaller than previous years, however it was still a fun tournament. Complimenting the fighters feels a bit too self serving, but I like to think we put on a good show and as always, thanks go out to our martials and lists.

As a reminder Rose and Thorns is coming up (weekend of 10/12) If you are at all able to attend, it is a good event for helping us build a better and more resilient community. Stromgaurd (and the tri-baronial area) will have representatives running panels/classes, in the tournament or otherwise attending so if nothing else, please come out to support those of us involved in the event. It would be a shame if communities like ours that pride themselves on our fighting

community and practice fail to take advantage of the learning opportunities. There is no honor or pride in failing to grow as a community.

Regards,

Ashley Loper

Archery Marshal: Gideon Finlay

At Stromgard Archery Practices we have continued to have a small but steady group of archers coming out. Our last archery practice of the year was the 1st of October, due to diminishing daylight time for practice. I am planning on at least approaching Archery World to see if there is some kind of arrangement we might be able to make with them for Fall and Winter practices, though I have been told it has been tried in the past with little success.

I am hoping to put together a quiver making class and an arrow making class over the fall and winter months, though I am still just in the planning phases and will be looking for people to teach or assist me in teaching these classes. I should be putting out a survey at some point soon to see what kind of interest we have from the populace for these kinds of classes.

I have no new business to bring up at this time. And thus ends the Baronial Archery Marshal Report.

In Service,

Gideon Finlay

Thrown Weapons Marshal: Ælfwynn Fiske

The Thrown Weapons practice continues on Monday evenings from 7 to 9. For the present we are at Duncan's.

YIS, Ælfwynn Fiske

Sergeantry: Fenris

Nothing reported

VACANT OFFICES

- Equestrian Marshal
- Youth Marshal
- Lists
- Cut & Thrust

Event Reports

Dual Yule Deux Event Report - Aug 24 - Siobhán:

Greetings Glorious Stromgard,

The Event copy has been sent to the Crier and the listing has been updated on the An Tir Events page.

Stromgard's financial contribution to the event has been handed over to the Senechal of Three Mountains, and forwarded to their Exchequer.

Plans are going well. We are in need of a new Decorations Lead, and as always, we welcome volunteers to help with gate, set up/tear down and transport of gear to and from the hall.

We will have period games from around the world, a gingerbread house decorating competition, dancing, a scribal station, other hands-on crafts, and a photo station along with Father Christmas on site throughout the day.

His Royal Highness Nicolai plans to attend.

Please come join us for merriment and enjoy the splendor and company of your community as we celebrate Yule and the winter solstice traditions around the world.

If you would like to volunteer to help with any of this, please let myself or Judith of Three Mountains know.

Yours In Service,

Your co-event steward,

Lady Siobhán an Sionnaigh Ruaidh

Founding Revel Feb.15 2025

Need Event Steward and site

Geira investigating Pioneer Grange

Stromgard Hearts for the Arts: April 12,2025

Need Event Steward and site

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

Need Event Steward and site

Old Business:

Final vote on Saeunn for Seneschal

Approved October meeting - final approval November meeting with PPW

New Business:

Looking for new practice/meeting/A&S location

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

Main and Evergreen location – near Higgins Theater

Shannon reached out to Clark College but they don't have an indoor fighter practice space for Thursday nights, but could rent us meeting/A&S space. \$16/hour and \$35/date

Justin:

Rose and Thorn coming up soon - highlighting access for gender minorities to equal combat and celebrate diversity.

Honor Feast in 3M – Vivien is the honoree, Siobhan is gate lead, volunteers welcome.

Old coronets – perhaps take pieces and give to prior Excellencies (minus the iron crosses)

Is this acceptable to the Barony?

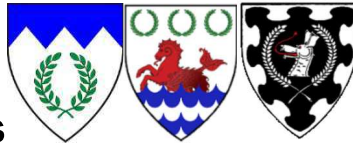
Should we do something else with them?

Perhaps a quick poll to the populace – Yes or other

Geira – convert iron crosses to 4 leaf clovers (symbol of the Baroness)

Saeunn - We need insurance and lease info for the new coronets – ensure we are compliant with Society policy.

Locking cases could help with Insurance – Harbor Freight has pelican style at 1/3 the cost



Tri Baronial Happenings

Newcomers Night:

1st Tuesday of each month 7pm - 8pm at the Parkrose Masonic Lodge unless otherwise noted* - All are welcome

10/1: Intro To Bardic Arts

11/5: Making of a T-Tunic

12/3: Cookie Exchange and Mixer

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 7-9pm Imlay Elementary School (on the basketball court, park in lot on Imlay) 5900 SE Lois St, Hillsboro, OR 97123

Stromgard Armored and Rapier: Thursday Night 6:30-9pm 1112 SE 136th Ave, Vancouver, WA 98683 – covered basketball area

Thrown Weapons:

Three Mountains: Wednesday 5-7pm Held at a Private Residence 14030 NE Brazee St, Portland

Three Mountains Archery: 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: Every Monday 7-9pm at private Vancouver residence. (Address located: <https://www.stromgard-sca.org>)

Stromgard Archery: On HOLD for the season.

Dragon's Mist Archery: 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 2nd and 4th Wednesday 6-8pm: 2nd Wednesday Virtual Meeting

4th Wednesday in person @ private residence in Hillsboro near Century Highschool (ask AshleyRose Waltner for address)

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)

Cooking:

3M: 1st Thursday of each Month Start cooking at 6:30 pm

St. Philip Deacon Episcopal Church 114 NE Knott St, Portland, Or 97212

Baronial Council: (All are welcome)

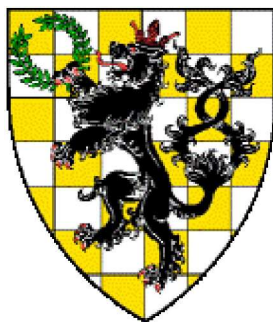
Three Mountains: 3rd Tuesday of every month at the Parkrose Masonic Lodge

Dragon's Mist: 3rd Wednesday of every month 7-9pm – Virtual via Microsoft Teams. Link in FB group and on website.

Stromgard: 2nd Thursday of every month 7-9pm Virtual for October - 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](http://www.antir.org/events)

www.antir.org



Honor Feast: Oct 19th 4812 NE 102nd Portland, OR 97220

Stormrider of Stromgard: Oct 25th TBA

Three Mountains Ballistic Championship: Nov 9th 28815 S. Needy Road Canby, OR 97013

Dual Yule Deux: Dec 7th 4812 NE 102nd Portland, OR 97220

Dragon's Mist Yule: Dec 14th TBA

An Tir 12th Night and Bardic Championship: Jan 10-12th Doubletree Hilton, Portland, OR

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 appaumpy 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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