

# **Barony of Stromgard Sergeantry Handbook**

# Greetings from Duncan and Moira

## Lord and Lady Stromgard

As landed Baron and Baroness, it is our right and privilege to bestow the rank of Sergeant, Yeoman, Gallant, Lancer, and Courtier (Hoflinger/Handworker) upon those who successfully traverse the trials we set forth. The role of Sergeantry is unique to An Tir and has long and honorable history. Much has been written by gentles throughout the Realm and is readily available in various mediums. We encourage you, to seek these histories as they are important threads in the immense and diverse tapestry of our kingdom.

To be a member of the Sergeantry of Stromgard is to have achieved a high standard, and these trials are not to be entered into lightly. We are honored by your aspiration to become a member of our Sergeantry and humbled by the trust you place in us. This guide contains most all pertinent areas of study you will need to excel in your trials. You will need to gain knowledge that extends well beyond the areas of your chosen path. The trials will challenge each candidate as well as us, to step out of the normal routine and explore new areas.

In An Tir, the Sergeantry of each Barony expresses a unique character that is a reflection of the people who comprise it. In Stromgard, the Sergeantry are the protectors of the coronet and the ideals of our society. Members of the Sergeantry are the face, hands, and sinew of our noble barony. They are called upon to lead by example, carrying the word fame of our barony, acting as role models, mentors, ambassadors, administrators and more. The members of the Sergeantry are among the barony's most frequent and vital contributors to projects, guilds, and social activities. They are often looked to as teachers, counselors, and leaders, bearers of the ideals of chivalry, with patience and competence. They are the coronets confidants, seeing what they may not be able to, helping them to recognize those who make the game worth playing. They do all this while maintaining their combat authorization and/or other requirements set forth by the coronets so they may be as ready as possible for when they are called upon. The Sergeantry of Stromgard is under the purview of the Baroness. The Baroness will call upon the Baron to assist with the Sergeantry as needed.

## Duties, Rights, and Privileges of the Sergeantry

Should you succeed in this most personal of trials, these are the expectations. Please know that any member of the Sergeantry may request a leave of absence.

Each member of the Sergeantry trials shall:

- Swear an oath of fealty to the coronet of Stromgard and through them the crown of An Tir.
- Protect and defend the coronet, the barony, and her people.
- Be in the forefront in the support and instruction of novices and aid in the dissemination of information to the populace in all manner of the marshallate, arts, sciences, and service.
- Strive to uphold the ideals of chivalry, courtesy, and honor with their every word and deed.
- Strive to maintain their skills, and to increase them, to such extent that, should coronet or crown have need of them, they are ready.
- Have the right to personal council with the coronet and recommend changes to future trials.
- Maintain regular contact with the Coronet.
- Challenge themselves at least once per year by doing something new.
- Attend future Stromgard Sergeantry Trials as is within their ability and provide input regarding the candidates to the coronet.
- Shall form the goodly strength of the baronial war levy, and answer their excellency's summons in times of strife
- Shall bear the regalia of the barony
- Shall maintain their membership to be viable on the field or as an officer