



**Unto those good gentles who are considering the path of the Sergeantry,**

### **Greetings from Ivon and Hlutwige Lord and Lady Stromgard**

As landed Baron and Baroness, it is Our right and privilege to bestow Sergeantry upon those who successfully traverse the trials We set. The role of the Sergeantry is unique to An Tir and has a long and honourable history. Much has been written by gentles throughout the realm and is readily available in various mediums. We encourage you, dear reader, to seek these histories as they are important threads in the immense and diverse tapestry of our Kingdom.

It is Our fervent desire to seek and work with candidates who share Our love of Barony, Kingdom and Society. Having this opportunity to foster those candidates through this process of education is a great honour and one We take quite seriously.

Herewith We take up Our prerogative as Baron and Baroness Stromgard to begin Sergeantry Trials in the coming year. Following is a basic outline of Our expectations for the trials.

#### **Letter of Intent**

Each person wishing to participate in the trials must present an original Letter of Intent. It may be by the Candidates own hand or a scribe may be hired to create the letter. It should include your SCA name, any titles you bear, fealties you are bound by, which branch of the Sergeantry is being sought and a statement of what has led you to seek to participate in Our trials. Letters must be presented to Us at Yule Feast in the Canton of KaldorNess, December 13th A.S. 49 (2014) or by An Tir 12th Night in the Barony of Adiantum, January 9-11 A.S. 48 (2015). The trials will commence at Stromgard Founding Revel, February 14, A.S. 49 (2015) and should conclude no later than Stromgard's Yule Feast, December of A.S. 50 (2015). All candidates who succeed in the trials will be required to swear fealty to the Baron and Baroness.

#### **Sergeant, Yeoman, Gallant, Lancer**

**Martial Prowess** Throughout the trials, Candidates are expected to hone their chosen skills culminating with a final martial trial (date TBA). Before or during the trials, all Candidates must become warranted as a junior marshal for their chosen area. Candidates will be encouraged to be warranted as a junior marshal in one or more martial pursuits. Candidates will also be required to teach throughout the trials (at practice, Ithra, social night etc.). Before or during the trials, each Candidate must have their own complete armor 'kit' appropriate to their chosen skill and have personally made one or more pieces. Candidates will also be encouraged to take part in the workings of the Barony through participation and education.

**Sergeant (armored combat)**-Candidates are expected to study and improve their skill to the Baroness satisfaction with Sword, shield, great weapon, axe and mace.

**Gallant (rapier combat)**-Candidates are expected to study and improve their skill to the Baroness satisfaction with single blade, double blade, and single blade with parrying devise.

**Yeoman (missile combat)**-Candidates are expected to study and improve their skill to the Baroness satisfaction in target archery (aiming for an average of 55 in 3 royal round) thrown weapons at multiple hard targets and combat archery.

**Lancer (equestrian combat)**- Candidates are expected to study and improve their skill to the Baroness satisfaction in general riding, martial riding, and at least one "advanced authorization" such as crest combat, mounted archery, or jousting.

## **Service and the Arts and Sciences**

**Service and Skill** Throughout the trials, candidates are expected to hone their chosen skills. Before or during the trials, each candidate must have their own complete period garment appropriate to their persona and have personally made one or more piece. Before or during the trials, all Candidates must become a warranted as a junior marshal in one or more marshal pursuits. Candidates will also be encouraged to take part in the workings of the Barony through participation and education.

**Hoflinger/Courtier in Service or other suitable title** (service) Candidates are expected to study and improve their talents to the satisfaction of the Baron in 3 different forms of SCA administration. These are to be selected by the Candidate in consultation with the Baron. As example, going from serving at a feast to being in charge of servers for a feast or perhaps, organizing an event. Go from learning something to teaching a class at Ithra. Go from a basic knowledge of SCA history and become a newcomers resource, perhaps through volunteering at a local events to be a tour guide for newcomers.

**Handwerker/Courtier of Arts and Sciences or other suitable title** (arts and science) Candidates are expected to study and improve their abilities to the satisfaction of the Baron in 3 different skills. These are to be selected by the Candidate in consultation with the Baron. As example, going from charter painting to creating original scrolls, from taking a class to teaching one. Go from being a student judge at Kingdom Arts and Sciences to entering Stromgard's Arts and Sciences Championship Tournament.

Other areas of study and trial for Candidates will include though are not be limited to:

**Heraldry:** Candidates will learn the language of basic book heraldry; learn to recognize the arms of the Kingdoms of the Known World, An Tir's Baronies and officers, Kingdom and Baronial awards as well as the arms of some local and Kingdom nobility. Candidates will be required to begin the process of creating arms and have arms submitted to the Collage of Heralds by the end of the trials. Candidates will also be encouraged to participate in court and voice heraldry.

**Bardic:** Each Candidate will be asked for a short performance (time TBA). No documentation is needed though knowing the origins of the piece and being able to answer a few questions about it is required.

**Literature:** Each Candidate will be asked to research and perform an excerpt from period literature (time TBA) as well as present written research and documentation for the piece.

**Dance:** Candidates will be asked to learn three dances of different styles and perform them to the Baroness satisfaction (time TBA).

**Games:** Candidates will be required to learn "Gluckshaus", "Goose", "Byzantine Chess", select a period card game (such as "Brag") and research a game appropriate to their persona as well as teach the game to others. A games tournament will be held to test each Candidate's games knowledge and skill (time TBA).

**Arts and Sciences:** Candidates will be required to create an Arts and Sciences item for display (time TBA) with research and documentation.

**Persona Development:** During the trials, Candidates will be asked to research and continue to develop their chosen persona. Each will be asked to create an appropriate personal item such as a piece of clothing, pouch or jewelry.

**Courtesy and Chivalry:** Candidates will be required to comport themselves as befits a noble.

### **Required Reading:**

The Art of War by Sun Tsu (recommend translation by James Clavell)

The An Tir Book of Combat (latest edition)

**Recommended Reading:** The Decameron by Giovanni Boccaccio,  
Aesop's Fables  
The Exeter Book – Anglo Saxon Riddles,  
Sun Wukong, The Monkey King by Wu Cheng'en,  
The Green Knight – a Danish Fairy Tale,  
Bridge of Birds, by Barry Hughart,  
Beowulf  
The Courtier, by Baldassare Castiglione  
Egil's Saga or any of the Norse/Icelandic/Scandinavian Sagas  
The Prince by Machiavelli

**Recommended Movies** (that we like and yes, there may be an extra credit movie trivia quiz):

Excalibur  
Dragonslayer  
The Princess Bride  
13th Warrior  
Lion in Winter  
Erik the Viking,  
Kingdom of Heaven  
7 Samurai  
Name of the Rose  
The Duelist  
Rob Roy  
Iron Clad  
Hero  
Blood of Heroes  
Flesh and Blood  
Rome (the series)  
I, Claudius (OPB series)

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