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The Laws of An Tir

<http://www.Antir.sca.org/Pubs/Laws/kingdomonly.pdf>

SCA Organizational Handbook

(Including Corpora, the Bylaws, Corporate policies, and the Articles of Corporation)
<http://www.sca.org/docs/govdocs.pdf>

An Tir Info Scroll

<http://www.Antir.sca.org>

Current event information and calendar

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Baronial Emailing List: http://www.groups.yahoo.com/group/The_Stream

Baronial Cooks List: <http://www.groups.yahoo.com/group/StromgardCooks>

Around the Barony and Abroad

Council Meeting: 2nd Wednesday of each month, 7PM, 2108 Grand Blvd., Vancouver, WA. Contact: Seneschal.

Fighter Practice: Every Thursday at 6:45 PM, Harmony Elementary School, 1740A NE 18th Street, Vancouver, WA. Contact: Heavy Marshal.

A&S Workshop: 4th Wednesday of each month at 7 PM, same address as Council Meeting. Contact: A&S Minister.

Cooking Guild: Last Sunday of each month at 6:30 PM. Contact: Judita (360) 991-1329
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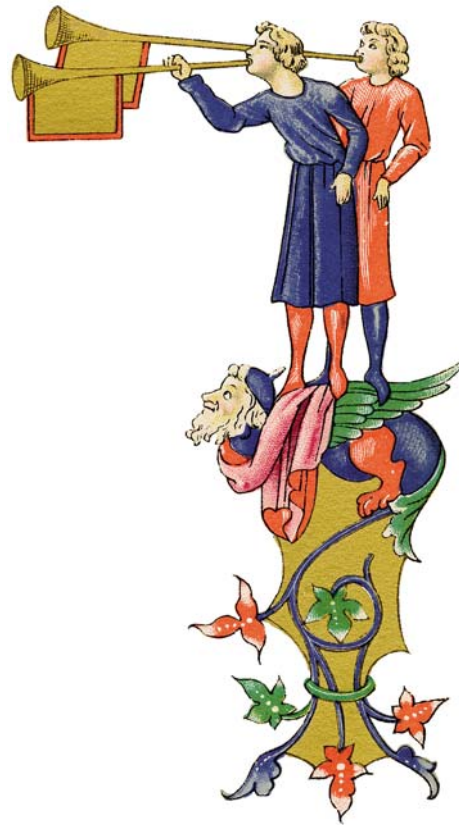
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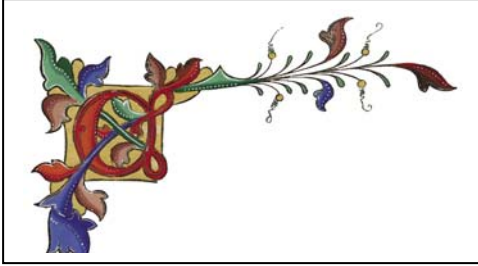
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(Please note that some contests are ongoing because of the new points system the barony is experimenting with.)





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Links to Online Articles of a Medieval Nature

Templar Heirs Sue the Pope

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/worldnews/europe/spain/2495343/Knights-Templar-heirs-in-legal-battle-with-the-Pope.html>

Article About the Templars

<http://historymedren.about.com/od/templars/fr/newmantemplars.htm>

Medieval Graves Found in Germany

<http://www.spiegel.de/international/germany/0,1518,573033,00.html>

Tomb Discovered in Serbia's Capital

<http://www.balkantravellers.com/en/read/article/660>

The Truth about the Picts

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/science/the-truth-about-the-picts-886098.html>

People of Post-Roman Britain

http://historymedren.about.com/od/darkagebritain/a/postroman_brit.htm

Anglo-Saxon Gold Cross Discovered

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/newstopics/howaboutthat/2510567/Treasure-hunter-finds-25000-gold-cross-with-metal-detector.html>

Viking Ship Sea Stallion (Recreated)

<http://www.havhingsten.dk/index.php?id=277&L=1>

<http://www.havhingsten.dk/index.php?id=1144&L=1>

Review of New History Book: Power of a Woman: Eleanor of Aquitaine

http://historymedren.about.com/od/ewho/fr/fripp_eleanor.htm

Articles of Interest

A special thank you to Lady Eulalia de Ravenfeld for sharing some beverages with us!
–Ed.



Simple Period Non-Alcoholic Beverages

By Eulalia de Ravenfeld

Not all of us imbibe, and even those of us who do cannot do so constantly. There are historical recipes for and references to an assortment of non-alcoholic beverages. Here are some of my favorites for tourney or feast.

Oxymel (English)

Also called posca (Roman), or a simple version of sekanjabin (Arabic). Later evolved into switchel (English/Early American).

This is simply small amounts of honey and vinegar mixed with water. Adjust the proportions and strength to your preference. Start light -- a half a teaspoon of vinegar and a teaspoon of honey in an 8-12 ounce cup. Medieval recipes call for boiling the ingredients – I omit this as it is easy to port everything with you to an event and mix it cold.

Oxymel was predominately used medicinally – the OED has references dating back to the Anglo Saxon period. Posca (which may or may not have had honey) was the common

drink of the Roman legions. In period this drink probably had many benefits, not least among them being that the vinegar masks any weird tastes in the water. Both honey and vinegar also have some antimicrobial properties -- another advantage for our medieval forbears. This is also an excellent "medieval sports beverage" and I find it is also somewhat diagnostic -- when it starts to taste really, really good, it's time to take a break.

For vinegar, I use Bragg's apple cider vinegar. It has a slight sweetness and complex flavor. Minimal processing makes it seem more authentic to me. Steer clear of distilled white vinegar for period cooking. Wine vinegar (white or red) is also a good choice. This is great as a restorative when you've been working hard, and especially on a hot day. Add a pinch of salt to a pitcher-full in this case.

Barley Water (Various)

Recipes for and references to barley water or tisane can be found in numerous period sources. This is also primarily a medicinal drink / health tonic.

For my version, I boiled 7 pints of water with 1/2 cup of barley for about an hour and a half (until all the barley was quite cooked). This was quite weak. It had just the barest suggestion of a flavor. But there was something about it that was extremely refreshing.

You can add various herbs, sweeteners, and spices to this. I have deliberately simplified it. You might also experiment with higher concentrations of barley. Suggested additives include a small amount of sugar or honey, salt, vinegar (this was great mixed with oxymel!), just about any sweet herb you'd use for tea, or, since barley water is the ancestor of horchata, try it with cinnamon. Barley water is still consumed and even sold commercially in Britain. The modern stuff has sugar and lemon juice.

Clarea de Agua (Spanish, late period)

Based on recipe #4 from Ruperto de Nola's *Libre del Coch*, Spain 1520. You can read the original in Mestra Rafaella's "A Dinner of 16th Century Spain" which is online at: http://www.fridayvalentine.com/rafaella/kingdom_AS/spanish_food.pdf

4 oz honey

2 liters of water

Juice and zest of a lemon

Spices to taste (I typically use nutmeg, ginger, cinnamon, clove, and cubeb)

Bring the honey and water to a boil. Foam will rise to the top – skim this off. Keep the pot boiling and keep skimming off and discarding the foam until no more rises. Add the lemon juice/zest and the spices, cover the pot, turn down the heat, and simmer for approximately 20-30 minutes, stirring periodically. Strain out the spices when done.

I have taken liberties with my redaction and actually encourage you to do the same, experimenting with proportions and spices until you find something that pleases you.

Sekanjabin

If you want non-alcoholic beverages, look to Islamic sources. Sekanjabin is one of many. This recipe is for the syrup, dilute with water to taste before serving.

1.5 cups sugar

1 cup vinegar or verjuice

0.5 cup water

Lots and LOTS of fresh mint -- you are limited only by your tastes and the cost of mint (I typically use about a quart, loosely packed)

Bring the water, vinegar (or verjuice), and sugar to a boil. Add the mint and simmer gently for 10-20 minutes. Strain out the mint and let the syrup cool. The syrup will keep a very long time.

Lemonade and Pomegranate-ade

If you look through Duke Cariadoc's article on drinks (<http://www.pbm.com/~lindahl/cariadoc/drinks.html>), you will find both lemon syrup and pomegranate syrup. Both are excellent tourney beverages – make the syrup in advance and dilute with water to taste.

Lemonade:

6 lemons

1 cup sugar

Dissolve sugar in juice, or heat together on stove.

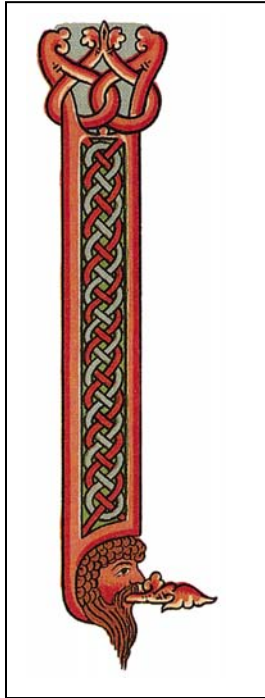
Pomegranate Drink:

1 pint pomegranate juice

1 cup sugar

Heat together until sugar dissolves. Note: Original recipe calls for equal parts juice and sugar, which when I made it was much too sweet. In the original, half of the juice is to be from "sour" pomegranates which may account for the difference.





Thanks to Wir Arwen for sending this interesting collection of table manners from the Middle Ages and Renaissance! –Ed.

Food for Thought

I enjoy food in almost all forms. It seems I'm not alone in this, nor is this anything recent in our history. One of the interesting (and occasionally tiresome) things about food consumption is the pomp and circumstance, which is attached to the basic act of eating. I suppose overall this is a good thing, as anyone who has cleaned the face, table, floor, clothes, chairs and walls anywhere near where a toddler has eaten can attest.

For your reading pleasure then, I have found some information which some of you will find amusing, and perhaps some of you will find significant and worthwhile.

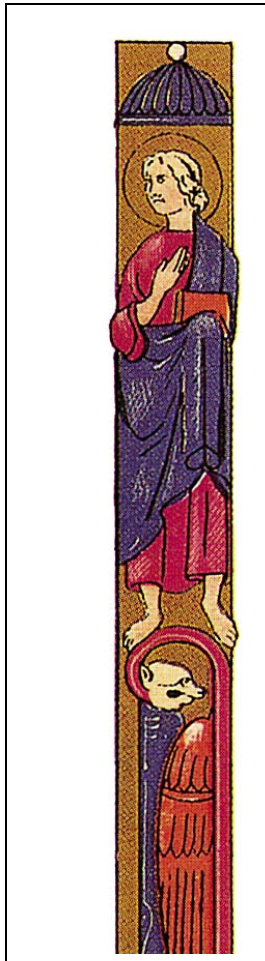
For an interesting read on medieval eating customs, please go to:

<http://medievalwriting.50megs.com/word/food.htm>

It's part of a more extensive site, which has as many facets as the brilliant person who compiled it (no, not me).

Now for more practical matters, we must consult Holland's own somewhat older version of Emily Post: Erasmus. Here is a list of table do's and don't which I can only hope we all heed without too much altering of our lifestyles and personae.

Excerpted from Panati's "Extraordinary Origins of Everyday Things":



Early Table Manners

A philosopher and educator, Erasmus of Rotterdam, the greatest (debatable) classical scholar of the northern Humanist of Renaissance, determined that manners were best instilled at an early age. Here are some samples from the three-century best seller, *_On Civility in Children_* (c.1530):

"Turn away when spitting lest your saliva fall on someone. If anything purulent falls on the ground, it should be trodden upon, lest it nauseate someone."

"To lick greasy fingers or to wipe them on your coat is impolite. It is better to use the table cloth or the serviette."

"Some people put their hands in the dishes the moment they have sat down. Wolves do that."

"You should not offer your handkerchief to anyone unless it has been freshly washed. Nor is it seemly, after wiping your nose, to spread out your handkerchief and peer into it as if pearl and rubies might have fallen out of your head."

"If you cannot swallow a piece of food, turn around discreetly and throw it somewhere."

"Retain the wind by compressing the belly."

"Do not be afraid of vomiting if you must; for it is not vomiting but holding the vomit in your throat that is foul."

"Do not move back and forth on your chair. Whoever does that gives the impression of constantly breaking or trying to break wind."



Thanks to Deorswith aet Wudeleage for the Anglo-Saxon style poem. This is the first time we've had a poetry submission. -Ed.

Riddle

Hear my song: in forgotten times
As my mother's daughter was I known.
In the dark above, my mother's milk:
Velvet waters whose vigorous waves
Lift light-drops dancing the ancient course.
Enduring basalt gives birth below
To growing beds of gold and green,
A river bending to night's caress,
Golden fires forming in sunlight's flame.
I reach to the Mother, to follow Her path.
Alive is my hair, my ears can hear
Effort of daughter-stone echoing earth,
Grabbing and grinding the golden gifts,
Alchemy alt'ring them all to treasure:
Fare that is welcomed in feasting-halls.
Like mother, like daughter: now ask what I'm called.

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Author's note: This poem's format is loosely based on Anglo-Saxon riddle poems that have been documented in the tenth century CE. Numerous examples are found in a manuscript known as the Exeter Book. See:

<http://www.georgetown.edu/labyrinth/library/oe/exeter.html>

Events

Game of Thrones : Stormgods
Sept. 12-14, 2008

Barony of Stromgard
Vancouver, WA

Note the NEW site. The grass-rich rolling hills near Woodland, Washington host sunshine, frivolity, camaraderie, open fields and sheltered meadows of an ancient family farm.

Count Sir Tiernan Mor Dal Cais' landmark tournament "A Game of Thrones and Stormgods" is returning to Stromgard. This format pits teams of heavy fighters in war for supremacy in Stromgard's famous castle, while simultaneously competing for Baronial Heavy Champion. Last year fighters raved it was EPIC! Rapier fighters also will battle for mastery in the castle and Champion of Stromgard.

Countess Miranda's most excellent Equestrian challenge. The Landed Excellencies are challenged to arrive at "Game of Thrones: Stormgods" to compete Baronial team against Baronial team.

Their Excellencies, Sir Arnjsborn Tiernanson Cu Righ, Hersir Stromgard and Meistara Reginleif in harfagra, Baroness Stromgard will be pleased to accept Letters of Intent for Heavy Champion, Champion of Fence, Champion of Horse, and Youth Champions. Activities also include a youth combat, thrown weapons and archery contests, Rus run, A&S activities. The day will be culminated by torchlight court (night hides the guilty and torchlight rewards the victorious), followed by A Party on the Eric, (nobody does it like Stromgard), and Glow in the Dark Bocce.

Site Fees: \$15 Adult weekend
\$7 Youth 12 to 17 years
Free Children under 12
\$10 Day trip
\$40 Family cap

Non-member surcharge of \$3 for adults applies. Checks payable to Barony of Stromgard.

Site opens at 3 PM, Sept. 12, and closes 5 PM Sept. 14.

Site has no potable water, please plan appropriately. Plentiful non-potable water is available for horses. Site owner asks we not damage ferns, please watch for them.

Site Location: Zumstein Family Farm, 41316 NE 12th Ave. Woodland, WA 98674.

Directions: From Northbound I-5 in Washington take Exit 21 Woodland and head East toward Cougar Hwy 503, immediately turn right at the AM/PM to CC Street, cross bridge and to bear left to Hayes Rd, go 4.8 miles and turn right onto NE 12th Ave., continue for 3/4 mile and look for site entrance on the right.

From Southbound I-5, take Exit 21 Woodland and follow Pacific Ave. to light. Turn left at light onto Goerig Ave., pass under the freeway and turn right onto CC Street. Continue to site as above.

Autocrat: Baron Raul Ladvenue (Steven Wallace) 360-737-1977
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FAX 360-635-5715.

Merchant-o-crat: Daphne Achaxe ek Auchatea, OL Dawn Edmundson 360-433-2020. No calls after 9 p.m. Merchants fee is a prize donation and site fee.



Meeting Notes and Reports August 2008

Baron's Report

Stormgods is coming up. Volunteer early and often.

Sir Arnsbjorn Tiernanson CuRigh

Autumn War Report

This is just an oh-so short note to let everyone who did not attend know that Stromgard had an awesome war with Blatha An Oir! The weather was a bit mixed, but the sun made lengthy appearances and it wasn't too hot. There were approximately 1,300 attendees at the war and I think the Barony of Blatha An Oir should be congratulated for putting on a successful event. I know I had a great time and wished I could be camped the entire weekend!

Here are just a few highlights from my limited perspective.

-Stromgard and our allies (baronies of Glymm Mere and Wealdsmere), Ship Crew, Havoc, the new Village in Stevenson, St. Ulrick and ????? others I'm sure I've missed) dominated on the war field winning all or nearly all (?) of the war points.

-HE Miranda won the Equestrian war point and is the new champion of Blatha An Oir

-Under HL Fionna and HL Helga's organization and guidance, Stromgard had approximately 15 needle workers participating in iron needle and we got the war point there as well.

-Stromgard's Kubb team was successful despite the new (to us) and unusual Kubb rules for the game. HL Gaeira (Grainne), HL Helga, HL Valdemere and yours truly represented Stromgard.

-We were well represented in the rapier contests winning 1 of the 4 possible war points. Our friends from the Shire of River's Bend played a substantial role in this effort.

-With my limited time on site, I was unable to witness any of the thrown weapons or archery contests (=) so I don't have much to report on this front.

-Arriving at evening court on horseback (Thanks Miranda!)

-And, at the risk of lowering the tone of this missive mightily, I must also say that I really enjoyed helping to raise money for the kingdom travel fund by throwing a pie in Baron Cedric's face in court (still need to wash some clothes and clean some jewelry after that mess.)

Despite these significant victories and shenanigans, we were unable to win the war overall. Nevertheless a great time was had and we hold our heads high for Stromgard.

I invite others to jump in...what were some of the highlights of the war from your perspective?

Finally, special thanks to the members of our retinue (Myra, Shai, and Gulenay) for all of your help at the event, members of the sergeantry (Rodrigo and J/Octar), champions (Cyriac, Fionna, Joctar, and Illaria), officers (Helga and Valdemere), and members of the barony who journeyed north and supported the Barony in grand fashion (WAY TOO MANY people to list). We were very well represented and had a great time. You all do Stromgard proud!

Baroness Reginleif in hárfagra

Seneschal

Greetings:

Currently, the Quarterly Report was accomplished (a bit late, as I seem to be a bit forgetful as of late). I am working with autocrat of Stormgods.

Thanks,
Achaxe Ek Avchatae

Exchequer

Greetings all:

Here are my reports and agenda for the Meeting.

I will see everyone at Burgerville on Fourth Plain up the street from Grand at 6:00 for the Financial Meeting. (Financial information available upon request.)

HL Sabina MacClyr

Chamberlain

Office open

Chatelaine

In this busy month of July, I fielded four telephone calls and one email query. I met with numerous new people at events, answering questions regarding our fair barony and our society in general.

I conferred with two chatelaine peers in other baronies, building closer ties and spreading the word fame of Stromgard.

August looks to be another busy month with my attendance at the least 3 events.

In service,
Lord Earnan Parthalan

Demo Coordinator

There is nothing new to report. I've been busy doing preparations for Stormgods.
HL Raul Ladvenue

Gold Key

No clothing loaned out since last meeting. I will be attending Storm Gods of course with the selection of clothing for the wearing pleasure of all those in need. I have acquired some little metal keys to attach to the clothing for decoration and to mark them as gold key property.
Contessa Ilaria Ansari

Herald

Nothing to report this month.
HL Stanton MacClyr

Scribe

Nothing reported.

Heavy Marshal

Let's see..... it's still at the same old place, same old day, same old time. We are seeing between 8 and 16 warriors on average. In the past month, we have authorized 3 new fighters. I personally have put 4 people in their first suits of armor. We have 3 more people that will be armoring up within the next month or two. I will be assisting them with this and getting them authorized. That's pretty much all.

Respectfully serving the Kingdom of AnTir and the Barony of Stromgard
Lord Cærdic Æthelwulf

Archery Marshal: Open

Children's Archery Marshal: Open~ Accepting Letters of Intent

Boffer Marshal: Open~ Accepting Letters of Intent

Rapier Marshal: Open~ Accepting Letters of Intent

Lists

Greetings!

I am out of town and will miss this month's meeting.

I have nothing to report.

I am looking for help running the Lists at Stormgods. If anyone is interested in learning or refreshing lists, I will be attending William Tell and they can get up to speed with me there! Thanks!

YIS,

HL AElfwynn Fiske

Water Bearer:

I will be at Stormgods to train Eileen as my replacement. Whether or not there's an office for her to occupy after the end of this year pending the October decision by the Board of Directors, I will make sure she has the gist of the office down pat.

All materials belonging to the barony for water bearing are in the baronial trailer.

If anyone can help out bringing extra water, please let me know. We have no onsite water facilities and my vehicle is small. Any donations are always welcome. Thanks.

Lady Gemma Northwode

Chronicler

I have nothing new to report until the next issue is ready. I am open for submissions of recipes, articles, artwork, ect. The file will be available in .pdf format.

Please call or email me if you have any questions or suggestions about the newsletter format. I am still tinkering with the electronic format.

Lady Gemma Northwode

Web Minister

08-11-08 Web ministers report

What's New

Billing contact information for the Stromgard web site is now directed to the Baronial Exchequer.

Updates

Curia

Updated the King and Queen / contact information

Newcomers

Updated officer "Chatelaine" contact information

HL Jacques Avec Deleau

Grete Boke: Open- Accepting Letters of Intent

Arts & Sciences:

A&S report for July 2008

A&S gather on July 23rd at the Fish and Wildlife as usual. There was a small group of people working on garb.

Next month's A&S gathering date August 27th at the F&W.

Autumn War was great; our Barony provided the space to host the Iron needle and all the items (donated) needed to have fun making accessories.

HL Helga Inn Lomr

Chirurgeon Open ~Accepting Letters of Intent

Dean of Pages Open ~Accepting Letters of Intent

Pied Piper Open ~Accepting Letters of Intent

Guilds: Cooking: Judita bat Ephram –not present, no report sent

Siting committee report

Old Business:

1. Debrief Autumn War:

We did largesse for fighters who fought with us. Each of the warlords received a gift from the barony.

We collected a payment for the 2006 Autumn War. The new site is very nice. 1,300 people were there this year. It's getting rebuilt. The site is very expensive. They will do profit sharing based of the volunteer hours instead of \$1,000.00 to show up. That was never authorized by their council. That was done by the autocrat who quit playing a week before the event happened. That would have taken almost all of the money from the event. Blatha An Oir lived up to the past agreement. It's fair to run it by profit sharing like at Estrella War.

They are looking at changing Autumn War to playing northern allies against southern allies, which would take some of the pressure off of Stromgard. Blatha An Oir is asking for feedback on the event.

A discussion of feedback proceeded.

2. The review of the customary will be put off until new Kingdom Law comes out in July.
3. Officer change over forms: Have all the new officers printed these out, filled them out and mailed them in? (we need to do one for the deputy seneschal.)
4. Reminder that the following offices are open, or are coming open soon:

And also the following lesser offices:

Dean of Pages

Archery

Children's archery marshal

Boffer marshal

Rapier marshal

Events

1. Founding Revel: (1st Sunday in February 2009): Still need an autocrat

2. The Grand Thing: (Memorial Day weekend 2009):

I am in Montana this week and will not be at the meeting. There is no new info on the Grand Thing IV.

Sgt. Ivon / Jerry

3. Stormgods: There was a lot of discussion of planning, activities, and names of volunteers offering to cover different areas. We will need more volunteers.

4. Yule Feast: Alina, planning is in process.

New Business:

1. Rodrigo has been put on vigil for knighthood. It will happen at September Crown.

2. Sergeantry Trials will be open at Stormgods.

3. The Baron and Baroness will be in attendance at William Tell to do a prize court. There is archery and equestrian at this event.

4. There is a group of about 10 people in the Stevenson area. Three of them showed up at Autumn War. Please welcome them. They are starting a village out in Stevenson and their head of household has sworn fealty. They have a potential of three more fighters playing.

5. We are working on a marketing/promotions plan to get more information out on the SCA in the local area, to build up our membership base. More on this will be discussed with the chatelaine. We need to focus on our membership recruitment. We are thinking of putting on a kingdom event in a year or two from now.

What are our goals to build membership capacity? How do we get members to be more active in playing? How do you reach people in our group and our community?

A suggestion of providing an SCA business card with contact information for distribution was discussed.

July 2008

Baron & Baroness

Greetings unto the Populace of Stromgard,

We are very sorry that we are unable to attend the monthly council meeting.

We have recently returned from West/AnTir War, it was a very good time. MY FATHER IS THE HERO OF WEST/ANTIR WAR!!! I BEND MY KNEE TO HIS COURAGE AND CHIVALRY!!!! Our own newest fighting company, Havoc, fought with much honor and we will be officially recognizing their efforts at Game of Thrones! Our Sergeantry was also outstanding in their defense of the Kingdom and should be congratulated on their well earned renown.

Things are proceeding well with both of our upcoming events.

Autumn war is just around the corner and it looks like we stand a very good chance of winning. We have been joined by Baron Godrick and his fighting force, as well as Baron Emiel. We are currently in negotiations with Dragon's Laire and hope to have them fighting with us also. The Baroness is currently trying to get help in the sewing, equestrian, archery, and other events that are going on, and the response looks promising!

Planning for The Game of Thrones and Stormgods: Tiernan's Excellent Adventure is continuing at a brisk pace. Please remember volunteers are needed in all areas to make this event successful.

We will be talking at Stormgod's about both the Sergeantry and reenacting the Baronial Fyrd started by His Excellency Rognvaldr Bossi. We have a new member of the Barony who is interested in helping to get it off the ground again. If you are interested please feel free to contact us directly.

There are new people in Stromgard!! A group in Stevenson is starting with 10 people already active and another 10 showing a keen interest. They are interested in starting a village (Non-SCA sanctioned kind of like Bjorgvin) called Vind'rborg. Let us make sure to welcome them warmly as we meet them.

We have at least one new fighter that came from the demo last month! Maybe more?

That about wraps up everything we have, we will be out of touch for the next several weeks as we travel to Denmark, Sweden, and possibly Norway, so please feel free to email us and we will contact you as soon as we return.

Sir Arnsbjorn Tiernanson CuRigh, Hersir Stromgard
Maestara Reginlief Inn Harfagra, Hersiress Stromgard

Seneschal

Greetings:

Currently, I need to do the quarterly report, and show my deputy how that is done. I am working with autocrat of Stormgods. I am available if you need anything while our beloved Baron and Baroness are out of town

Thanks,
Achaxe Ek Avchatae

Exchequer:

Greetings:

Sorry to get this out so late not until today. Here are reports and statements, agenda. It has been a hectic week with the holiday weekend and my anniversary, extra kids, etc. We can meet at Burgerville on Fourth Plain at 6:00 for the financial meeting prior to council, if that is ok for those that can make it.

Let me know if there is anything else.

Regards,

Hi Sabina MacLlyr
Stromgard Exchequer

Chamberlain: office open

Chatelaine: Nothing to report.

Demo Coordinator

We did a demo in Ridgefield. Everyone had a great time. We contributed to the environment by feeding the wild flying creatures that lived in the grass. Thank you for everyone who came to play. We outnumbered the participants, which I believe is a first for me. We have no other demos planned at this time. I have not been contacted by Columbia County Fairgrounds.

HL Raul Ladvenue

Gold Key

No new thing to report on the official Gold Key front.

Unofficially, in keeping with helping folks become well dressed, I have been purchasing patterns that are suitable for use in making clothing. I will allow people to "rent" them from me for a pittance. (A dollar or two to help defray costs and wear and tear.) Just call or email me and I will get together

with you.
Contessa Ilaria Ansari

Herald

Nothing to report this month.

HL Stanton MacLlyr

Scribe: *No report submitted.*

Heavy Marshal:

I will NOT be at the meeting tonight (we all have colds).

The Report: Fighter Practice is going well. I was able to put 2 new people in armor and they did come to West AnTir War, and we did kick Westie butt.

The war was amazing and fun, a bit cold at night but tolerable.

That's about it. (Could someone please print a copy of this for Gemma? I seem to have lost her email address.)

Respectfully Serving the Kingdom of AnTir and the Barony of Stromgard

Lord Cærdic Æthelwulf

Archery Marshal: Open

Children's Archery Marshal: Open~ Accepting Letters of Intent

Boffer Marshal: Open~ Accepting Letters of Intent

Rapier Marshal: Open~ Accepting Letters of Intent

Lists

Nothing to report.

HL Aelfwynn Fiske

Water Bearer:

Nothing new is happening till Stormgods. See you there.
Lady Gemma Northwode

Chronicler

All the stuff is done. Check the website for the current Siren and business meeting notes. I am accepting submissions for the next quarterly issue of The Siren.

Lady Gemma Northwode

Web Minister

Web Minister's Report 07-07-08

New info & updates

- "Main" Page
- I added a photo of their Excellencies
- "Events" page
- "Game of Thrones – Stormgods" event Info. (With site pictures)
- "The Siren and Meeting notes"
- Added links to the current Siren and past Baronial meetings notes

HL Octar (aka Jacques Avec Deleau)

Grete Boke: Open~ Accepting Letters of Intent

Arts & Sciences

Helga is not feeling well tonight and is unable to attend. Here is her written report:

A&S night: We had several people show and share information. A big thank you to Daphne Achaxe for hosting A&S Night.

There will be an Iron Needle Competition at Autumn War. If you are interested in participating, please contact our A&S Minister Helga.

July Coronation will have an artisan's gathering. For more information, go to the event website. There was also an email posted to the Stream.

HL Helga Inn Lomr

Chirurgeon Open ~Accepting Letters of Intent

Dean of Pages: Open ~Accepting Letters of Intent

Pied Piper: Open ~Accepting Letters of Intent

Guilds: Cooking: Judita bat Ephram-not present, no report submitted.

Siting committee report

Old Business:

1. Review of customary will be put off until new Kingdom Law comes out in July.
2. Previously a mention of an Autumn War Liaison was discussed. Are there any volunteers? Illaria?
3. The Siren, going online, is in the process of fine-tuning.
4. Officer change over forms: Have all the new officers printed these out, filled them out and mailed them in? The new Chatelaine needs to fill out a form and turn it in.
5. A baronial donation of 10% of our event profit will go to the Kingdom Travel Fund.
6. Reminder that the following offices are open, or are coming open soon:

And also the following lesser offices:

Dean of Pages

Archery

Children's archery marshal

Boffer marshal

Rapier marshal

Events:

1. Founding Revel: (1st Sunday in February 2009); HL AEIfywinn Fiske will run the kitchen.
2. The Grand Thing 3 is closed. The next Grand Thing, 4, will be on Memorial Day Weekend 2009.
3. Stormgods: Planning is right on schedule. We met with Myra and her family to put together the jobs needed. I went to the site and walked the Storm Ground. I need funds for Equestrian insurance. We still need a lot of volunteers: medical, fire watch. Party on the Eric has been added. The Children's Championship is up in the air. Pending issue: I am contracting getting help from Rodrigo. -HL Raul Ladvenue

More discussion on planning for the Storm Gods event followed.

4. Yule Feast: Everything is in progress. There are no new updates available. We didn't get the goat barn for the fighters. There is one more month to go before the event information has to be turned into The Crier.

Discussions followed about upcoming events planning and progress so far.

New Business

We cannot do any Children's Activities without a person authorized with a background check. Sir Edward Ian Anderson volunteered to go through a background check. We need two unrelated people to go through the check, since it's required to have two adults present for activities. We need to find volunteers.

Our seneschal mentioned she would speak to other groups and ask if our barony could borrow an authorized person at our events in the meantime, to allow us to proceed with children's events and activities. Parents are supposed to supervise their children at events.

A discussion initiated about the possibility of our barony running a Crown or Kingdom level event in the foreseeable future. It was decided to table any decisions until the return of the Baron and Baroness, who were traveling during the meeting.

It also came up that there are other events that would be better suited to the barony's needs, such as Kingdom Bardic, Kingdom A&S, 12th night, or a Heraldic Symposium.

A discussion initiated about the possibility of including more demos to recruit fresh members into the barony. We need to get a newcomer system going, including offering classes.

A mention was made of checking into the possibility of getting involved with the Vancouver Farmer's Market for a demo in the month of September. It was agreed that more discussion needed to follow when the Baron and Baroness return from their trip.

There is a new Rivers Regional War band. Information has been posted on the Stream.



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