



Barony of Stierbach, Volume 21 - Issue 3, March 2017

Baronial Business Meeting: February 7th

Meeting minutes for 02/07/2017

Called to order 7:05pm

Words from their Excellencies: 5 Letters of intent, Logan and Esa, Aedden and Arnborg, Allen and Blitha, Sapphire and Karin, Sigurd and Aine. Because the barony can only submit 4 couples Baroness Esperanza will be running a local polling through Survey Monkey. (Because I am seneschal I recused myself from running the polling, which is the reason Esperanza is handling the local stuff)

Officer reports: All reports in on time, still looking for deputies for most of the offices.

New business: See polling letters of intent. Esperanza is setting up the dates for the Baronial Coffee talks, i.e. get to know the candidates for Baron and Baroness of Stierbach.

Baronial Birthday is now also investiture: still looking for MIC, Hall steward, Heavy Marshall, and Troll. Lunch is still a question.

Pennsic: we need a camp steward

Still in Planning: Holiday Faire has been spiked

Up Coming Events: Tournament of Love and Beauty, Stierbach will have 10x10 space, KASF, and Defending the Gate

The kingdom is looking for bids for University

Canton Updates:

Sudentorre, Storage has been moved

Next Meeting Tuesday, March 14th, 2017 at Bethel Evangelical Lutheran Church

Letters of Intent

With Baroness Esperanza and Baron Mors stepping down, it is up to us, the people of Stierbach to help our King and Queen choose our next Baron and Baroness. The following are the letters of intent of those candidates hoping to fill this roll. I would like to thank Baroness Esperanza and Baron Mors for all their years of service to our barony. They did a fantastic job leading and representing us. Our next Baron and Baroness have a hard act to follow. To Baroness Espranza Susanna Flecha and Baron Valgard av Mors I say Vivat , Vivat, Vivat!

Letter of Intent Duke Logan and Duchess Esa:

February 5, 2017

Unto their Royal Highnesses Prince Cuan MacDaige and Princess Signy Heri, Their Excellencies, Baron Valgard av Mors and Baroness Esperanza Susanna Flecha, and populace of the Barony of Stierbach, do Duke Logan Ebonwoulfe and Duchess Esa Kirkepatrike send greetings and well wishes.

The submission of this letter shall serve to put forward our intention for consideration as the next Baron and Baroness of the Barony of Stierbach. While the upcoming departure of Their Excellencies saddens us we understand that They will leave very large shoes to be filled. After long, and careful, consideration we hope to be given the opportunity to fill those shoes.

We feel we offer a unique perspective as former Monarchs of Atlantia. As such we have seen the inner workings of Baronies across the Kingdom. That insight is invaluable, as the Baron and Baroness serve as the face and voice of the populace to the Crown. It also serves as a glimpse into the vision and scope of a Barony. As former Monarchs, we know what the duties and responsibilities of this position are, both the stated, and the expected.

The opportunity to recognize, support, and encourage the efforts across all aspects and activities within a Barony is both an honor and a responsibility. Our experiences have allowed us to learn about, and recognize, achievements across all activities within the Kingdom and we bring that knowledge and experience to the lands of Stierbach.

In leadership, stability and neutrality are crucial. Our time within the Society, the positions that we have held, and our love of this Kingdom combine to allow us to provide these things. We are grateful for the opportunity to be considered for this responsibility and pledge our full support to whomever Your Highnesses shall choose.

In service we remain,

Duke Logan Ebonwoulfe
Duchess Esa Kirkepatrike

Duke Logan Ebonwoulfe
Derrick Solomon
14214 Birchdale Ave
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Membership # 72125 Expiration: 9/30/17

Duchess Esa Kirkepatrike
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14214 Birchdale Ave
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Membership # 155038 Expiration: 9/30/17

Letter of Intent Lord Sigurd and Baroness Aine:

Unto Their Royal Majesties King Guillaume and Queen Alyna, Their Royal Highnesses Prince Cuan and Princess Signy, Baron and Baroness of Stierbach Baron Mors and Baroness Esperanza, Kingdom Seneschal Duchess Simone, Regional Deputy Seneschal Baron Vladimir, and the Populace of the Barony of Stierbach does Lord Sigurd Ericsson, and Baroness Aine ingen Chuimin send all due commendations and greetings.

It is after long consideration and many discussions that we have decided to humbly submit a letter of intent to be considered for the position of Baron and Baroness of Stierbach. We have read and understand the Kingdom of Atlantia guidelines and requirements for a landed Baron and Baroness.

We have both been members of the Society for many years; Sigurd since 1986 and me since 1988. During which time we have lived in several different kingdoms. We moved to fair Atlantia in 2009 and the Barony of Stierbach in 2011. Throughout our time in the SCA we have held many different offices, run events, been royal retainers, and between the two of us have participated in nearly all SCA activities.

Our general philosophy concerning sitting on any throne is that we would be the ultimate servants of the group. For us that means leaving all personal feelings aside in order to promote and encourage all members of the Barony of Stierbach. To do our best to support growth in our community, attend as many practices, workshops, and demos as possible. Our wish would be to represent the Crown of Atlantia to the people of Stierbach and to represent the people of Stierbach to the Kingdom of Atlantia to the best of our abilities.

If any of you should have any questions from us please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours in Service,

Lord Sigurd Ericsson (#33054) and Baroness Aine ingen Chuimin (#43770)

Douglas Odom and Beth McAllister
5611 Jamisons Farm Dr. Warrenton, Va. 20187
Phone: 404-931-7252

Letter of Intent Lord Aeddán Ivor and Lady Arnbjörg Karlsdóttir:

Unto Their Royal Majesties, William and Alyna, Their Royal Highnesses Cuan and Signy, Their Excellencies, Valgard av Mors and Esperanza Susanna Flecha and the fair populace of the

Barony of Stierbach, do we, Lord Aeddán Ivor and Lady Arnbjorg Karlsdóttir send onto you the warmest and most heartfelt greetings.

After seeking counsel from Dukes, Duchesses, Counts, Countesses, Barons and Baroness both landed and court, after careful consideration of the responsibilities and obligations, time and financial commitment, humbly, we submit this letter of intent. We request the honor of being considered to be chosen as the next Baron and Baroness of the Barony of Stierbach.

We believe, if selected by the Crown, we can continue the good work of our predecessors to help move the Barony of Stierbach into the future by building on the ideas and traditions of the past. As we have found our home here, and our part of “the Dream, we will work to help every member of the populace within the Barony, and Atlantia to find theirs.

The Barony of Stierbach is deep with talent and we want the rest of the known world to see it as well. Stierbach Archers are known for their keen eye and dedication. We would support the archers and encourage our best to reach out to help new archers achieve their goals. Stierbach Rapier Fighters are known for their swift blades. We will continue to support the Rapier community by promoting practices with other groups close to Stierbach. The Artisans of Stierbach are a cut above. In the past few years, the arts and science community has flourished and is extremely active. We will encourage them to display their works and teach their skills and knowledge, to enter competitions, and to dig deeper into their arts.

Our Armored fighters are known for their loyalty to both Barony and Crown. We would help locate a more centrally located place for practices, and ask the established fighters to more deliberately mentor our new fighters. We plan to incorporate Youth Combat as a regular activity at all Stierbach events as well. We will honor and expand on the work Baron Mors and Baroness Esperanza have started with the Equestrian Community, continuing the barony’s financial support by paying for the additional insurance, and seeking a location for practices. In addition, we want to reach out to our neighboring Baronies and arrange inter-baronial practices in all disciplines.

The Canton of Sudentorre is strong and active. We will work closely with the Canton to encourage growth and participation. We feel it is very important for the Canton to know they always have our support.

The Canton Abhainn Iarthair for the past several years has been floundering. The Officers decided this past October to disband. It is our hope for the Canton to reestablish itself with help from the Barony if the members there desire it.

As with all organizations the life blood is new members. With several colleges in our lands we believe there are many opportunities to promote the SCA to entice new blood to join our ranks. In addition, we would like to bring back Baronial Days (this would be an unofficial casual event) which the Barony has enjoyed in the past. So often at regular events members are

busy perusing their personal interests and obligations. Baronial Days are a great opportunity for new and established members to come together to work on projects, practice and socialize.

The SCA is a very social community. It is important for the populace of Stierbach to have a place to gather at events. We are fortunate to have the freedom to travel far and wide. We plan to continue setting up a baronial day shade with a day board wherever we attend so the populace have a place to call home for the day and take their ease. In addition, at events which offer camping we will have a Baronial Camp.

The SCA has a business side which is equally important. Stierbach has a diverse populace with a wide range of interests and it is important they have access to their representatives to the Crown. We plan to attend Canton and Baronial meetings, making ourselves available during events and maintaining an open door policy, starting now. We welcome the populace to talk to us about our submission for Baron and Baroness, as well as any other concerns they have about the Barony.

Setting, working toward, and achieving goals creates a strong commitment to any group. Commitment that keeps people in the group. Achievements should be recognized, something we've worked toward for years, writing award recommendations. It is even more the Baron and Baroness' job to make sure those who are worthy are seen by the Crown through bestowing baronial awards and promoting them to the Crown directly for kingdom recognition. This requires attention, dedication, and work which we are more than willing and able to provide, attending as many events as we can to represent the Barony of Stierbach to neighboring Baronies and Kingdoms.

The Baron and Baroness of Stierbach have many responsibilities to the Crown, and we feel at this time we are well prepared to commit the time, have the financial resources and the eagerness to meet these responsibilities head on. We will do everything in our power to promote fellowship, encourage personal development, and stimulate growth within the Barony and the kingdom.

Information about our SCA lives follow. If there are any questions, please feel free to contact Arnbjorg at 540/336-8109, email LadyArnbjorg@gmail.com or Aeddán at 540/431-9492 email AeddánIvor@gmail.com, or mail us at 942 Siler Road Winchester VA 22603. We stand ready to serve the Barony of Stierbach and the Kingdom of Atlantia if the honor should fall to us.

Ever in service to the Crown, Society, and the Dream, Lord Aeddán and Lady Arnbjorg

Aeddán started in the SCA during his 10 +years as a submariner in the United States Navy, in the East Kingdom. He originally fought Rapier, but soon found his true love in Archery. When he moved to the Shire Roxbury Mills in Atlantia he was an accomplished archer, helping to win the Lochmere Arrow away from Lochmere. He also became authorized in Armored Combat. Aeddán is considered one of the finest combat archers in Atlantia receiving a shark's tooth, in addition to being chosen by Jarla Thora as her Combat Archery Champion, and Count

Dietrich's Target Archery Champion. He is a Companion of the Yew Bow, Companion of the Golden Arrow (Lochmere), and was given an Award of the Silver Bow (Stierbach). While he resided in Aethelmearc, he was an archery marshal, a commitment to service he continues as the Northern Regional Deputy for Combat Archery and as a warranted marshal for both target and combat archery in Atlantia. He holds a Bachelor's Degree from Atlantia University, autocratted several archery events, was the Knight's Marshal for the Canton of Abhainn Iarthair, and Baronial Archery Marshal for Lochmere. Currently he is Atlantia's Royal Archer and Their Majesties' Archery Champion.

Arnbjorg, though she has not been in the SCA as long, loves this Society just as passionately. She still retains the excitement many have when they are new, highlighted by the Barony when she was awarded the honor of the Dreamer's Cup. But she also remembers what it's like to be new and sometimes overwhelmed, making her a particularly good face to greet new members. Though she had intended to stand beside Aeddán on the ranges, she quickly found and fell in love with the Arts and Sciences community where she's excelled and been recognized with an Award of the Silver Compass (Stierbach) and is a Companion of the Coral Branch. She holds a Bachelor's Degree from Atlantia University as she's been taking classes on all types of subjects, from wire weaving to silk banner making to baskets and everything in between. She competed at her first War of the Wings in the novice competition with a piece of Viking Wire Weaving and was victorious. She has gone on to teach her wire weaving techniques and other classes. She was the Minister of Arts and Science for the Canton Abhainn Iarthair.

Aeddán and Arnbjorg are also dedicated to service to the SCA. Arnbjorg autocrated and Aeddán was the Merchant Coordinator for Holiday Faire (Stierbach) shopping event, which was a resounding success. Aeddán is no stranger to setting up and tearing down event sites, washing dishes, and is always the first to help out anyone. He has been awarded the Saint Roch (Stierbach), the Order of the Blasted Oak (Lochmere) and made a Companion of the Opal. Arnbjorg also holds the Saint Roch (Stierbach) and is a Companion of the Opal. In addition she has brought her skill as a professional fundraiser to bear to raise money for Canton, Barony and Kingdom. At Pennsic 45 Arnbjorg, who known for her hospitality, making sure the Kingdom populace is well fed and hydrated, raised the funds and coordinated with Aeddán's help, field hospitality for the Archers, Rapier and Armored Combat fighters. It was humbling for the hospitality staff to receive the Vexillum Atlantiae award.

Letter of Intent Lord Dietrich Saphir zum Draché and Lady Karin Taylor de Cameron:

Unto Their Royal Majesties Guillaume Tomas le Lou and Alyna of the Vale, and Their Royal Highnesses Cuan MacDaige and Signy Heri, their Excellencies Baron Valgard av Mors and Baroness Esperanza Susanna Flecha, and the fair populace of the Barony of Stierbach, do we, Lord Dietrich Saphir zum Draché and Lady Karin Taylor de Cameron, send our warmest regards and greetings.

We come to you, in the form of this Letter of Intent, to announce our acceptance of a nomination and request Your consideration for Baron & Baroness of Your fine and fair populace, the Barony of Stierbach. After much consideration and many conversations as to the responsibilities and obligations this office requires, we are both confident, that should we be selected, we will draw on our combined 33 years of SCA experience to continue the efforts of our Noble predecessors, while bringing some of our own love and joy of the Society. In particular we would concentrate our efforts on Growth, Camaraderie, and Encouragement.

In addition to sharing the duties and responsibilities of attending events, both in and outside of the Kingdom, my Lady and I are no strangers to Service. Being Baron and Baroness is the ultimate form of service we can undertake for our Kingdom and Barony. We both are, detailed oriented, organized, passionately participate in various Society activities from arts to martial, and possess strong communication skills. We seek to inspire, nurture, and support while encouraging Your Barony in all endeavors.

With the recent absorption of one of the Barony's Cantons back into the main part of Stierbach, we desire to concentrate on a continuous growth in membership, inspire the teaching or learning of a new skill, and increase support towards equestrian and youth activities. Specifically to generate and support more awareness in all Baronial activities, as well as strengthening our Baronial Marshalette in all disciplines. The Barony of Stierbach has always been a service driven, charitable, open-armed and welcoming to newcomers/either from other Lands or new to the Society, supportive of each other, and a populace dedicated to the "Dream." We will continue to support and encourage these Baronial strengths and endeavor to guide, inspire, and recognize our deserving populous. All while maintaining the Barony's tradition of community, education, and fun. A tradition set before us by the efforts of previous Baronages.

In support of this Letter, our Service to Kingdom and Barony includes, but is not limited to, the following items: Kingdom Emergency Deputy Earl Marshal (TA), Former Seneschal of the Canton of Abhainn Iarthair (Stierbach); Service Awards to include Opals (Atlantia) and St. Roche's (Stierbach); Awards of Merit and High Merit to include Order of the Yew Bow (Atlantia), King's Missileers (Atlantia); Baronial and Court Heralds, plus other awards and recognitions. If chosen to serve, we will continue to support the populace, educate those wishing to learn, and defend our beloved Atlantia. This we do, In Service to Atlantia and her Crowns, present and future.

THL Dietrich Saphir zum Drache,
EDEM-TA, OYB
Kingdom of Atlantia
Kingdom Emergency Deputy Earl Marshal
Companion of The Order of the Yew Bow
Protegé to Mistress Rhonwen verch Tuder (OP, OL)
mka: Michael Sheppard
Mem: 200813 Expires: 8/31/2019

THL Karin Taylor de Cameron,
Senechal, Canton of Abhainn Iarthair
Kingdom of Atlantia
Protegé to Master Flaithri O' Cearnaigh (MoD, OP)
mka: Heidi Karin Wheeler-Sheppard
Mem:155923 Expires: 3/31/2018

Practices and A&S

Heavy & Fencing

Contact knight-marshall@stierbach.org for more information on heavy weapons and fencing practices.

Warrenton — Tuesday nights 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Fight training with focus on theory and technique, armor not required. Non-fighters welcome also (A&S, research). See MOO for details and contact information.

Front Royal - The ThorasDay fight practice in Abhainn Iarthair will be meeting at a different site for the next six weeks, through the end of January. We will be in the gym at: A.S. Rhodes Elementary School 224 West Strasburg Road Front Royal VA 22630 Come to the gym. Doors will open 6:30 p.m.; practice is from 7-9 p.m.

Address: 155 Westminster Dr, Front Royal, VA 22630

Archery

Contact archery-marshall@stierbach.org

Grimmsfield – Grimmsfield is open for the season! Archery will start at 5 p.m. and go till dusk. As always snacks are always welcome! Loaner gear is available. For additional information contact Grimm at Grimm@Grimmsfield.com

Address: 16132 Crusade Ct., Haymarket, VA 20169. More Info at www.grimmsfield.com

Flint Hill—Weather permitting, the Western Stierbach Archery Practices at Saphir's will continue into the winter months on **Thursdays @ 3pm - too dark to shoot**. So come out and join us.

Activities continue to include Royal Rounds, practice, instruction, equipment fine tuning, mechanics, MiT and Warrant class (*please make prior arrangements*), share target design & builds, rules review, and a cookout and a fire pit!! RSVP Saphir at archery-marshall@stierbach.org if planning on coming and/or for directions. All bows are welcome (limited loaner gear, but we'll share!!). *Yes, crossbows too!*

Address: 75 Aileen Rd, Flint Hill, VA 22627

Fredericksburg — (Canton of Sudentorre) Sunday afternoons at House Wolfhou

Address: The Millers, 106 The Vance Way, Fredericksburg, VA 22405, 540 - 361 - 7473

Equestrian Practice

New site: Royal Horseshoe farm in Front Royal

Point of contact: Jenine Webb AKA Gunnora Grimm jeninewebb@gmail.com

🌀 Workshops 🌀

Leatherworking - Manassas

Learn the art of leather-crafting

Meets: Fourth Thursday of the month.

Starts at 7:00 p.m. – email if you plan to attend

Contact: pjdarby@verizon.net

A&S - Warrenton

A&S and research nights in conjunction with Fight Training

Meets: Tuesdays 6:30-9pm

See MOO for details and contact information

A&S - Haymarket

Now that the season has changed, A&S night on Monday nights has ended until November.

🌀 Regularly Scheduled Meetings 🌀

Baronial Business Meeting

Meets: Second Tuesday of the month. Starts at 7:00 p.m. Next Meeting Tuesday, March 14th, 2017

Address: Bethel Lutheran Church, 8712 Plantation Lane, Manassas, VA 20110

Contact the seneschal@stierbach.org for more information.

Baronial Fight and A&S Night

Meets: Fourth Tuesday of the month. Starts at 7:00 p.m.

Address: Bethel Lutheran Church, 8712 Plantation Lane, Manassas, VA 20110

Contact the knight-marshall@stierbach.org for more information.

Newcomers Meetings

New to the Barony? We have some meetings and activities to help introduce you to the SCA.

Contact chatelaine@stierbach.org for more information.

Baron and Baroness of Stierbach Baron Valgard av Mors baron@stierbach.org Baroness Esperanza Susanna Flecha baroness@stierbach.org	Seneschal Baroness Aine ingen Chuimin Beth McAllister 404-931-7252 seneschal@stierbach.org Deputy Seneschal (Vacant)	Chancellor of the Exchequer Lord Stephan Grimm 703-508-7246 exchequer@stierbach.org Deputy Exchequer Baroness Briana Maclukas 703-365-9097
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