



Barony of Stierbach, Volume 23 - Issue 2, February 2019

☞ **Baronial Business Meeting: January, 8th** ☞

Meeting called to order at 7:01 pm by Seneschal, Duchess Esa Kirkepatrike

Officers present:

Baron Dietrich Saphir zum Drache
Seneschal, Duchess Esa Kirkepatrike
Deputy Seneschal, Baroness Aine ingen Chuimin
Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mistress Ceridwen ferch Rhys ap Michael
Minister of Art & Science, Lady Esa inghean Donnchaidh
Webminister, Master Richard Wymarc
Knight Marshal, Sir Ragnarr Rifbrjótr
Chronicler and Social Media Deputy, Isobel of Carnewyth

Words from their Excellencies:

Saphir: Happy New Year! Karin and I are interested in award recommendations for both baronial and kingdom level. Pennsic registration is open, no camp steward or food plan yet for the baronial encampment. Baronial herald position is open, a possible candidate is in the works. Baronial progress to be updated (on the website).

Officer Reports:

Webminister: (Master Richard) Now have official facebook page, being maintained by the Social Media Deputy (Isobel of Carnewyth)

Social Media: (Lady Isobel) There was a brief discussion about the baronial facebook group admin access. It was determined that an unofficial poll would be posted to get a feel for the populace's opinion on fundraiser shields in advance of the February meeting.

Exchequer: (Mistress Ceridwen) Grimm will be filing the 4th quarter report, transition of account access is nearly complete. It is planned to return to an annual budget with not to exceed costs and to revisit the financial policy which has not been modified in approximately ten years.

The Steward (Lady Johanna van den Vaerst) wants to check on the baronial trailer during Æthelmearc's War Practice and would like company. Taxes are in progress.

Knight's Marshal: (Sir Ragnarr) Fighter waivers submitted, three heavy fighters are in need to re-authorize with a class.

Seneschal: (Duchess Esa) Report submitted and paperwork brought to Exchequer.

New Business:

Baronial Birthday date and site discussion:

Baroness Arnbjörg: Loudon County Fairgrounds June and September availability conflicts with many events in the area. Clarke County does not have any June availability but they do have availability for Holiday Faire (11/23). Baroness Aine suggested the VFW Hall used for Defending the Gate and Lord Adelic will research the possibility. Mistress Briana suggested a couple additional sites. Concern was expressed for equestrian inclusion at potential sites.

Old Business:

Holiday Faire:

A new location is still being located along with a new autocrat. Adelic is interested but has requested information on historical budgets and would be more comfortable helping with Baronial Birthday instead. Fredericksburg Agricultural Fairgrounds is booked June and September but may be open 11/23.

Canton Updates:

Sudentorre:

John the Brewer is the new exchequer. The Canton is looking for a storage container to store the gate on site for Defending the Gate.

Upcoming Events:

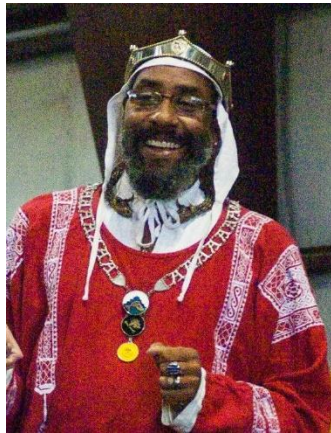
12th Night 1/11-1/13, Ice Castles 1/19, and Winter University 2/4.

Their Excellencies are looking for timing for a populace gathering potluck and are looking for suggestions on activities and location, garbed or ungarbed.

Next Business meeting: Tuesday February 12th, 2019, at Bethel Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Meeting adjourned by Seneschal Duchess Esa at approximately 7:49 pm.

☞ Spotlight: Get to know your Barony! ☜



Name: Baron Dietrich Saphir zum Draché, Barony of Stierbach
mka: Michael Sheppard

Blazen: Per bend gules and azure, a sheaf of arrows argent, surmounted by a dragon breathing flames, a border Or.



What's in a name? Your name?

For me when I started playing I sort of had already envisioned what my name would be. At that time I was dating Karin so I wasn't unfamiliar with some of the SCA. I hadn't gone to any heraldic classes or even had the chance to talk with a Herald and was only using the one name, Saphir. Then one day, all that changed when someone suggested I seek assistance. So, I always had an attraction to Germany since taking 4.5 years of German in school, and in a search realized that the blue sapphire ring I always wore that my dad had given me was also to play a part. The COH's explained that I would not be able use it as a first name, but Saphir was actually a usable surname! In German the surname was (or closely related to) the job one might have had. Saphir was a German word for sapphire, which implied jeweler, or one who has a connection to jewelry. Then another search revealed brewing. A closer look found that saphir (same spelling) is a German hops! That's the connection! Jewelry, yes I wear a lot. Check. Beer, I love hoppy beers! Double Check! All that was left was to find a first name and maybe a location, hence Dietrich Saphir zum Draché was born...(and passed by the COH!!).

How long have you played in the SCA?

I started playing seriously the more Karin and I were "hanging" out! At that time she had been playing for 21 years already. The more and more we hung out the more interested I became. I'd say maybe +/-10 years, since around 2008-9, just before we got married.

Do you have a favorite Event? and why?

While Pennsic, SAAD, and WoW are kinda close, I'd have to say Defending the Gate! It was the first event I attended SOLO!! On this weekend we were both supposed to go until Karin informed me she could not. So, I decided not to until she says, "go!" Amongst all my excuses and whining, she basically tossed me out of the house like yesterday's news! So, I reluctantly went to help set up the day before, driving by at first (you know, "checking the place out! Don't say you haven't done the same thing!) then returning to the gate. There I was met by this lovely woman who, to my surprise, welcomed me in and called me by my Scadian name!! How'd she know? How'd anyone know?! The wife tells me later she called ahead!! That woman was [Mistress] Blitha! It was a G.R.E.A.T. weekend! From that point I was more involved, going to practices, business meetings, getting introduced to the Baron Flaithri and Baroness Rhonwen, going to Wolfhou and other households, and most importantly more of the Barony.

☞ Scheduled Practices, Classes, and Meetings ☞

Please see the Moo email listserv for up to date changes

☞ Arts and Sciences ☞

Dance

Fredericksburg — (Sudentorre) 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of every month, 7-9 pm.

Address: 1213 Dandridge St. Fredericksburg, VA

Leatherworking

Manassas — Learn the art of leather-crafting, 4th Thursday of the month, 7 p.m.

Contact: email Baron Colum if you plan to attend pjdarby@verizon.net

Scriptoria (Calligraphy and Illumination)

Warrenton —A & S and Scriptorium Mondays 7 - 10 pm at Sigurd and Aine's

Address: 5611 Jamisons Farm Dr. Warrenton VA 20187

Stafford — Thursdays 7 - 10 pm. at Logan and Esa's

Address: 35 Greenridge Dr, Stafford, VA (please use the side of the road to park and us the back door.)

Fredericksburg — (Sudentorre) Now weekly Wednesdays 6:30 -9 pm at Baroness Esperanza and Baron Mors. The next scriptorium is scheduled for 2/6.

Address: 26 Richland Rd, Fredericksburg, VA, follow the signage to the garage / shop area

Classes and General A&S

Fredericksburg — (Sudentorre) 1st & 5th Tuesdays of every month, 7-9 pm.

Address: CCC at 1213 Dandridge St. Fredericksburg, VA

Next up: 2/5 Asian Poetry and fingerloop braiding, 3/7 loom making part 1

Warrenton — Monthly Baronial A&S classes *on an as-needed basis, check the Moo listserv!*

Address: 5611 Jamisons Farm Dr. Warrenton VA 20187

Haymarket — A&S night on Mondays 5-10 pm, more Info at www.grimmsfield.org

☞ Practices ☞

Heavy & Rapier: Contact knight-marshal@stierbach.org for more information on current heavy weapons and rapier practices.

Fredericksburg — (Sudentorre) Tuesdays 6-9 pm at either Loriella park or Dorothy Hart Community Center, as available. See archery for additional mixed practices.

Archery: Contact archery-marshal@stierbach.org

Haymarket (Grimmsfield) – Monday March 11th will start the first outdoor practice at Grimmsfield from 5 till dusk. More Info at www.grimmsfield.org
Address: 16132 Crusade Ct., Haymarket, VA 20169.

Centerville (Bull Run Shooting Center) — Friday January 11th through Friday March 8th from 5 pm to 7 pm at Bull Run Shooting Center. For additional information contact Grimm at Grimm@Grimmsfield.com
Address: 7700 Bull Run Dr, Centreville, VA 20121

Flint Hill —Western Stierbach Archery Practices at Saphir's 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 baron@stierbach.org if planning on coming and/or for directions. All bows are welcome (limited loaner gear, but we'll share!!). *Yes, crossbows too!* Rapier and heavy fighting based on marshal availability.
Address: 75 Aileen Rd, Flint Hill, VA 22627

Fredericksburg — (Sudentorre) Sunday afternoons starting around 3 pm at Wolfhou also includes rapier and A&S activities.
Address: The Millers, 106 The Vance Way, Fredericksburg, VA 22405, (540) 361-7473

Equestrian Practice

Front Royal — Royal Horseshoe Farm
Contact: Jenine Webb AKA Gunnora Grimm jeninewebb@gmail.com

☞ Scheduled Meetings ☞

Baronial Business Meeting

Meets: Second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Next Meeting Tuesday, Jan. 8th, 2018
Address: Bethel Lutheran Church, 8712 Plantation Lane, Manassas, VA 20110
Contact the Stierbach seneschal@stierbach.org for more information.

Canton of Sudentorre Business Meeting

Meets: Third Tuesday of the month at the Dorothy Hart Community Center, from 7-9pm.

Address: 408 Canal St, Fredericksburg, VA 22401
Contact the Sudentorre Seneschal for more information (585) 309-3282

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.

*For corrections, updates, ideas, or contributions to future newsletters, please contact Chronicler
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