



Barony of Stierbach, Volume 23 - Issue 5, May 2019

☞ Baronial Business Meeting: April 9th ☞

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Seneschal, Duchess Esa Kirkepatrike

Officers present:

Baron Dietrich Saphir zum Drache
Seneschal, Duchess Esa Kirkepatrike
Deputy Seneschal, Baroness Aine ingen Chuimin
Herald, Lord James of Carinthia
Minister of Art & Science, Lady Esa inghean Donnchaidh
Webminister, Master Richard Wymarc
Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mistress Ceridwen ferch Rhys ap Michael
Chronicler and Social Media Deputy, Lady Isobel of Carnewyth
Knight Marshal, Sir Ragnarr Rifbrjótr
Baronial Birthday Autocrat, Lord Adelrich Falke
Holiday Faire autocrat, Baroness Arnbjörg Karlsdottir
Steward, Lady Johanna Van den Vaerst

Words from their Excellencies:

This past weekend was great, it was beautiful, it was a blast, Coronation was a great event. It was all the pomp and circumstance that I enjoy. There is no land agent for Ruby by design, we do have list space. If no one else wants to be land agent, Saphir will fill in. We do have list field space for crown, Stierbach will be happy to host anyone joining the list including their supporters.

Baron Saphir requested a design change on the web page for more color and period font from Master Richard. He also asked about publishing minutes sooner because requests asking for help are published late. Discussion followed about publishing dates and alternatives, including adding a blog to the website and publishing notes on the official facebook page with more current events and volunteer opportunities.

Officer Reports:

Knight's Marshal: (Sir Ragnarr) Fighting season has begun. Everybody have a good time and check your cards to see when it expires.

Herald: (Lord James) Heralding all the way, court report was filed for Defending the Gate.

Webminister: (Master Richard) For the website, if you have regular meetings or workshops, please let Richard know if you have any updates. Isobel would like people to verify the information in the newsletter as well.

Steward: (Lady Johanna) is heading to Coopers in May for War practice and will check the tires on the trailer. She hasn't heard back from the Defending the Gate Autocrat if they put back stuff in the baronial locker.

Exchequer: (Mistress Ceridwyen) Our quarterly report is due in a few days, just waiting on a statement from the bank. From then on, she'll be able to do monthly updates. Ragnarr and Lynette, their Graces, sent an email about breaking the 12th Night contract and are welcoming contributions towards the cancellation fee. No one present voiced opposition to contributing. Arnbjörg pointed out that there were also other problems present in the contract. We can present a flat amount or vote on a note to exceed amount or both. Motion was made by Arnbjörg for a \$500 donation to help offset the 12th night cancellation fee, seconded by Saphir and offices voted in the affirmative (Richard, Duchess Esa, James, Ceridwyen, Heloise, Lady Esa, Ragnarr, and Isobel).

Arts & Sciences: (Lady Esa) Scriptoria announcements seem to be working well and we recently announced Stierbach's Baronial Birthday competition theme of "21."

Seneschal: (Duchess Esa) Quarterly report filed and received.

New Business:

Demo Opportunity June 1st in Reston- Conflicts with Highland River Melee, but let Duchess Esa know if you are interested in running a demo.

Facebook Events for Baronial Events- The social media deputy will be creating public Facebook events for the barony and listing the autocrat as a co-host. Isobel would be happy to do the same for the Canton if requested.

12th Night bid 2020- Baroness Aine would like to submit a bid for 12th Night at Camp Snyder in Haymarket and tentative financials were discussed along with logistical solutions for potential weather related challenges at the site.

Spring Coronation 4/4/2020- Baroness Arnbjörg would like to submit a bid for Spring Coronation in 2020 and is considering locations with cabins for camping and will likely be outside of Stierbach. There were no objections to supporting either bid effort.

Old Business:

Baronial Birthday 2019- Autocrat Lord Adelric said the event is back up on the calendar after fall university location was decided. The barony will be turning 21, so we will get an ABC license for the hall. The event budget has been finalized at a slightly lower amount. Master Sigurd would like to try to pull in more heavy fighter and was referred to Allen of Wolfhou who is MIC. Baron Mors expressed concerns with the site contract following extra fees levied on Canton of Sudentorre after Defending the Gate. Alderic said there is nothing in our contract about extra fees and more about the situation would be discussed at the next Sudentorre business meeting. Updates on the event website are ongoing. Once the ABC license is resolved, Spike will be updated. Key positions are still needed (posted on Facebook and in a missive including in this newsletter).

The site layout will have equestrian in the backfield and two smaller list fields close to the main building while target archery will be set up in the usual location. The gate will be inside the hall alcove to help with traffic flow. A&S and merchants may shift location. Planning to be completed by July 9th. There will be no pre-reg by PayPal. Master Richard will hold a silent auction for the general fund.

Holiday Faire 2019- Autocrat Baroness Arnbjörg said that Holiday Faire's silent auction will be going to royal regalia. Baroness Aine will be shadowing Arnbjörg and Aiden will also have a shadow for merchant coordinator. Main planning will start after Pennsic. Duchess Esa asked if anyone is opposed to supporting the replacement of royal regalia. New banners and crowns are needed and legacy stuff is being donated. There were no objections for 100% of silent auction proceeds going towards regalia. Lady Failenn volunteered to help Master Richard with the auction.

Elchenburg Castle Fundraiser shield- Arnbjörg and Isobel will both be travelling to the site in advance of War of the Wings and will coordinate on transportation of the shield, Failenn will paint our device on it once it's received.

Canton Updates:

Sudentorre: Baron Mors will share what is discovered about the Defending the Gate fees. Alderic shared that the Canton approved an updated financial policy.

Upcoming Events:

Spring Crown, On Target, Ruby Joust. Lord Alderic will be MIC and coordinating the field and camp space for Highland River Melees.

Next Business meeting: Tuesday May 14th, 2019, at Bethel Evangelical Lutheran Church.
Meeting adjourned by Seneschal Duchess Esa at 8:08 pm.

☞ Spotlight: Get to know your Barony! ☜



Name: Lady Johanna de Bletsho, Canton of Sudentorre, Barony of Stierbach

Blazen: Per chevron argent and purpure, two thistles proper and a rose Or

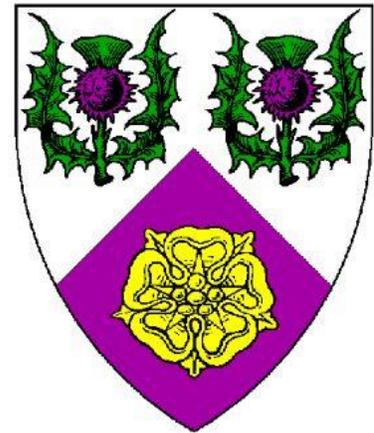
How long have you played in the SCA?

Off and on for about 28 years, as work and family allow. I started in the Kingdom of the West in AS 26. I found my local group at a college activities fair. We had a very active canton and barony, and I dove in head first! I took a few years off after my youngest child was born - camping on my own with three littles was just too challenging. I moved to Atlantia in AS 51. I found House Wolfhou and this wonderful Barony, and am

finally home again!

How about a mundane skill that you have brought to your SCA experience?

In real life, I was a 911/police dispatcher for 9 years. Last year, I had the opportunity to volunteer as a dispatcher for the Watch at Pennsic. Luckily, for the most part, nothing was really going on - just standard patrols. This is a good thing - it means everything is going well, and people are behaving. However, we did get a call for child who ran off from his parents one afternoon (don't worry, he was found). I was able to utilize my skills to effectively communicate with the many members of the Watch and other Pennsic staff who assisted with the search. Everybody with a radio switched over to our channel and joined in. It was a great feeling of camaraderie to be a part of this team of people who work so hard to make the event happen and keep it safe for everybody.



What is “the dream” for you?

The dream, for me, is a combination of all of the pageantry and camaraderie and sheer excellence that people bring to this, their passion. Part of it is the ambiance - going to sleep on a Friday night to the “ping, ping” of tent stakes being driven, and waking up the next morning to find that a whole village has been constructed around us. Part of it is the history and culture - hearing the oaths of fealty of the Kingdom of the West still strikes a profound chord in my heart. Part of it is the people - SCAdians are amazingly generous and so willing to share their time, their talents, and their resources. And part is the wonder - watching a beginner receive their first award, or someone trying a new skill. All of this, to me, makes the SCA an incomparable experience.

☞ Missive from Baronial Birthday Autocrat ☜

Greetings Barony of Stierbach, a missive from your Autocrat for our upcoming Baronial Birthday Event planned for 21 September 2019,

Our event planning is going very well, I wanted to take advantage of every opportunity to communicate with our Barony on our event planning. We are Spike'd on the Kingdom Calendar, we have an approved event budget, we have an event site (same site as Defending the Gate), we have most of our key event staff positions filled, and our Baronial Event Web page is mostly up to date with details about our event.

Here is what we are currently focused on, getting our ABC license and insurances; filling the last remaining Key staff positions; and preparing to submit our update to the SPIKE (Event Flyer).

Here is where we can use help, filling some key event staff positions: Event Herald, Parking Reeve, MoL, New Comer or Chatelaine, and someone to take on creating Site tokens. Please contact me if any of these interest you. Additionally, we will also need help with set up, tear down, Servers for feast, clean up after feast (please let us not leave all of the clean up to those who favor us with their cooking service) folks to sit at Gate/Troll, and any other assistance you can provide. Also, contact me if you are able to help, we'll find a job for you!

Items for the Silent Auctions: Our own Lord Richard Wymarc (MKA) Timothy Mitchell will be hosting the Baronial Silent Auction, please contact and coordinate with him if you have items that you would like to donate. Funds raised with the Silent Auction will go into the Barony of Stierbach's General Fund.

Opportunity: There is an opportunity for a group to host a lunch fundraiser at our event to raise funds for their charity, activity, or cause. This will not be an official part of the event and the Barony will receive no funds from this fundraiser unless the group hosting it chooses to provide any. Likewise no baronial funds will be used for this fundraiser. If you or your group is interested in hosting a lunch fundraiser, please contact me.

In closing, I thank you for the opportunity to be in service as your Autocrat, but this is our event not mine, so my planning can only go as far as your support, service and input will allow. Please support in any way you are able to include coming out and celebrating our Baronial Birthday on 21 September 2019.

YIS
Adelric Falke

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☪ Volunteer Opportunity: Demo at Wakefield School ☪

This year's demo at Wakefield School (4555 Old Tavern Rd., The Plains, VA) will start set up at 2:30 pm with the demo running from 3-4:30 pm. Baroness Aine ingen Chuimin will be running it. Please contact her if you are interested. We need a heavy and rapier marshal, as well as combatants. All artisans are encouraged to show up. Please bring something to display, and if anyone has a hands on display, even better. Demo participants are usually invited to a late lunch with the children after the demo.

A facebook event has been set-up for coordination at:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/621737448299811/>

☪ Upcoming Nearby Events: ☪

May 3-5 2019 Barony of Lochmere: [Spring Crown Tournament](#) in Denton, MD.

Includes heavy fighting to determine the new heirs for the Kingdom of Atlantia as well as merchants and feast. Event website: <http://crown.atlantia.sca.org/>

May 11, 2019 Barony of Lochmere: [On Target](#) in Annapolis, MD.

Archery is the main event, including atlatl and a siege weapon demo at lunch. Roast pig for dinner. Event website: <http://lochmere.atlantia.sca.org/ontarget/>

May 24-27, 2019 Barony of Caer Mear: [Ruby Joust VIII](#) in Courtland, VA.

Weekend camping event with heavy fighting, rapier, thrown weapons, youth combat, A&S competitions and solars. Event website: <http://caermear.atlantia.sca.org/Ruby/gemjoust.php>

May 31- June 2, 2019 Barony of Highland Foorde: [Highland River Melees](#) in Hagerstown, MD.

Camping optional event with Armored/Heavy Fighting, Rapier, Youth, Target Archery, Combat Archery, Thrown Weapons, Siege, Equestrian, A&S Youth Activities, Bardic, Arts & Sciences Displays, Arts & Sciences Competitions, Brewing Competitions, Classes, and Feast. Event website: <http://highland-foorde.atlantia.sca.org/hrmelees/index.php>

☞ Scheduled Practices, Classes, and Meetings ☞

Please see the Moo email listserv and our facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/stierbach/> 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)

Fredericksburg — (Sudentorre) Wednesdays 6:30 -9 pm at Esperanza and Mors'

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

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 use the back door.)

Warrenton —A & S, Scriptorium, and open fighter practice Monday May 18th, 7 - 10 pm at Sigurd and Aine's

Address: 5611 Jamisons Farm Dr. Warrenton VA 20187

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: 5/7 Shibori dyeing preparation,

5/18 1 pm dyeing with natural dyes at Wolfhou (106 The Vance Way, Fredericksburg, VA)

Haymarket — on hold until winter season, more info at www.grimmsfield.org

Warrenton — Monthly Baronial A&S classes *on an as-needed basis*

Address: 5611 Jamisons Farm Dr. Warrenton VA 20187

☞ Practices ☞

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

Dahlgren — (Sudentorre) Thursdays 6-9 pm at University of Mary Washington Dahlgren campus.

Fredericksburg — (Sudentorre) Tuesdays 6-9 pm at either Loriella park or Dorothy Hart Community Center, as available.

See archery and scriptoria for additional mixed practices.

Archery: Contact archery-marshal@stierbach.org

Haymarket (Grimmsfield) – Mondays at Grimmsfield from 5 till dusk. More Info at www.grimmsfield.org

Address: 16132 Crusade Ct., Haymarket, VA 20169.

Centerville (Bull Run Shooting Center) — on hold until winter season

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

Fredericksburg — (Sudentorre) Thursday evenings at 5 pm until dark, hosted by Baron Mors

Address: 26 Richland Rd Fredericksburg, VA 22406.

Equestrian:

Front Royal — Royal Horseshoe Farm

Contact: Jenine Webb AKA Gunnora Grimm jeninewebb@gmail.com

Front Royal — Spotted Horse Keep on the 2nd Sunday of the odd numbered months. Contact Arielle de Pontoise aka Natalie Henderson Baird via facebook for the address or with questions. Currently scheduled dates are: May 12th, July 14th, September 8th, and November 10th. For this and future practices, we can work on skills at the participants' request.

☞ Scheduled Meetings ☞

Baronial Business Meeting

Meets: Second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Next Meeting Tuesday, Apr. 9th, 2019
 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:

New to the Barony? We have some meetings and activities to help introduce you to the SCA.
 Contact chatelaine@stierbach.org for more information.

☞ Contacts ☞

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