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## ☞ Baronial Business Meeting Minutes: July 9th ☞

Meeting called to order at 7:07 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  
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

### Words from their Excellencies:

Storvik Novice was a really nice day until rain during court, but the tent is dried out and ready to go to Pennsic. Dates to remember for Pennsic (updated 7/19):

- Sat., 27 July: first date one can be on site...
- Sat., 3 Aug: St. Sebastian's Shoot (archery range/sponsored by Atlantian Archery Community)...
- Sat., 3 Aug: 6PM Pennsic 48 Opening Ceremonies.\* Please join us as we process as a Barony. Banners, flags, Baronial colors, households, families, groups....all of us!! Let's make a showing for Stierbach, TRM, TRH...
- Mon., 5 Aug: 7PM Baronial Court\* followed immediately by the Annual Open House & Ice Cream Social! Karin and I are providing ice cream and sherbet and you all can provide additional toppings and/or desserts to share!
- Tues., 6 Aug: TRM's plan on placing one of our own, Baroness Aine Chuimin, on vigil to contemplate becoming a Companion of the Order of the Laurel, Vigil: in Atlantian Royal 7pm - 10pm...
- Wed., 7 Aug: 6PM ROYAL COURT\* at the Great Hall.

\*If there is anyone interested in retaining for either of us, there are a couple of moments/times that we would be honored to share with you. Please let us know when you may be available! 1-2 hours at most, and it's both fun and educational!

### Officer Reports:

*Seneschal: (Duchess Esa)* Quarterly report is complete. Last meeting there was not a quorum to vote on financial matters and so the following matters needed discussion and voting:

- Children's fete at Pennsic paper crowns approved for \$125, all approved (Ragnarr, Esa, James, Isobel, Saphir, Ceridwyn, Richard and Aine (populace), none opposed.

- Meeting space rental for the church, not to exceed \$250: all approved, none opposed.
- Trailer storage at Pennsic rental fee, not to exceed \$200: all approved except Ragnarr who opposed “just to be contrary.”
- Trailer insurance for \$12: all approved, none opposed.

*Exchequer: (Mistress Ceridwyen)* Working on quarterly report.

*Webminister: (Master Richard)* Nothing to report.

*Knight Marshal: (Sir Ragnarr Rifbrjótr)* No waivers received, report filed. Esa shared that demo participants now need waivers.

*Chronicler: (Lady Isobel)* The official baronial facebook page was added to the baronial discussion group for the purpose of sharing announcements. Page admins have been notified and may be asked to sign posts from the official page if usage gets confusing.

*Herald: (Lord James)* Nothing to report.

**New Business:** *No new business.*

### **Old Business:**

*Baronial Birthday 2019-* Autocrat Lord Adelic brought a printed flyer draft which was passed around for proofing. The kitchen clean-up crew still needs 2-3 more people to help from 6-9 pm. Donations for the silent auction should go to Master Richard and will benefit the general baronial fund. The lunch fundraiser slot is still open until Pennsic. Site tokens are in progress, there will be a leather stamping night for those who would like to help. The event staff is assumed to be on track.

*Holiday Faire 2019-* Autocrat Baroness Arnbjörg is looking for Head troll, Archery MIC, and Heavy Fighting MIC. The token will be a wood burned mini Stierbach device and vendors will be differentiated by cord color. The vendor application will go after Pennsic and informational cards will be given to select potential new vendors at Pennsic.

### **Canton Updates:**

The Canton of Sudentorre is working on a new financial policy and their last event has finally been reconciled. New storage locker is organized, secured and locked. Lord Adelic is putting together a bid for Defending the Gate 2020. Baron Mors shared that rapier is back at Dahlgren with Enmar on Thursdays and at the park on Tuesdays. Additional youth rapier marshals are in progress.

### **Upcoming Events:**

Kings Assessment, Pennsic, Battle on the Bay

Next Business meeting: Tuesday September 10th, 2019, at Bethel Evangelical Lutheran Church.  
No meeting will be held in August due to conflict with Pennsic.

Meeting adjourned by Seneschal Duchess Esa at 7:35 pm.

## 🔱 Upcoming Nearby Events: 🌀

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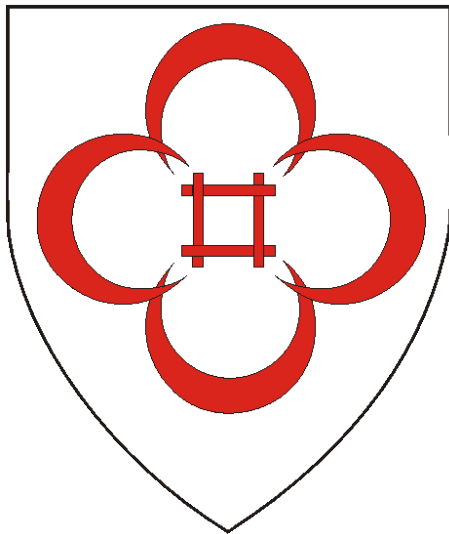
*July 26- August 11 2019, Pennsic War*

**August 30- September 1 2019**, Barony of Caer Maer: 100th Monthly Cross and Lily Tournament in Clarkesville, VA.

Armoured, Rapier, Youth Combat, and potluck feast.

Event website: <https://www.facebook.com/events/2182706305375812/>

## 🔱 Spotlight: Get to know your Barony! 🌀



**Name:** Master Ii Saburou Katsumori, Barony of Stierbach

**Blazen:** Argent, a Japanese well frame crosswise between four crescents in cross horns inwards conjoined gules.

### **How did you discover the SCA?**

I started my SCA journey back in 1996. I was in a theater class at the University of Alaska, Fairbanks. Whilst taking part in a "people watching" exercise I saw a bunch of people who were dressed in armor, hitting each other, while others were dressed in tunics and dresses dancing in the University common area. Some of them were friends I knew from high school, in Juneau, so I decided to see what it was all about. I ended up joining in and dropping the theater class.

### **What do you wish you had known as a newcomer?**

I wish I had known more about all of the opportunities that were available. We were pretty small and so you got a look at what was local, and that was pretty much it. From Alaska, Pennsic was just some far off, mystical place.

### **Can you give an example of a skill you have developed in the SCA?**

So many.

As an autocrat you learn planning and resource management, as well as how to plead and work with teams of diverse people.

As a herald I learned basics of graphic design and contrast that I still apply today, even for such mundane things as a PowerPoint briefing.

I also learned how to project my voice, which is a great asset when you are giving briefings to large crowds.

That's above and beyond what I learned about history, clothing, armor, etc. The ability to sew is incredibly useful, even if you don't use it constantly.

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

I guess I answered some of that above, but one thing I brought with me was my theater experience and a love for singing. Both have served me well, either at bardic circles or court schtick. I may not be the most accomplished in those areas, but having confidence in myself helps me to have fun, and hopefully helps make it fun for other people.

**Can you share a story that people might not know about you or your persona?**

Despite my love of Japanese culture and history, I once had a class on how Japanese really didn't fit into the SCA. I was really looking for how to make it work to my standards. Oddly enough, much of that research (and the accompanying feedback) helped lead me into my first Japanese persona.

Another thing people may not know: during our time as Paletine Baroness and Baron of the Far West, we introduced new laws to allow rapier to be used to determine the Baron and Baroness. At the time they allowed heavy combat and A&S competitions, but a large part of the Barony at the time were rapier fighters. I recall the event where we read the new laws in at court: we made a game of it and had people switch off who was reading so that everyone could participate.

**If you could travel to any time and place on earth, what would you choose?**

This is hard, because there are so many. I would love to see what Japan was really like in the 4th and 5th centuries, before everything was written down to support a particular narrative of history. But I'm also intrigued by Kuqa and areas of the Silk Road in what is today Western China during the 6th and 7th centuries.



**Describe a time when "the dream" came alive for you.**

Three of us, all Japanese personas, were walking down the road at Pennsic one evening. We were chatting away, two noblemen and a priest, when we came upon the famous "Hell" party, and approached by someone in rags claiming to be a plague demon. As he started "cursing" us with plague we all simply put our hands together, bowed our heads, and began chanting "Namu Jizō Bosatsu" (Hail Kṣitigarbha Boddhisatva). After several moments of spontaneous chanting in unison, the "demon" left and we are all congratulating ourselves on our great spiritual accomplishment.

I can think of few other places where you can be so immersed in the experience that this kind of thing could happen.

**What has kept you active in the SCA?**

Friends, fighting, and a sense of accomplishment. Even though I don't attend events as often these days, due to other responsibilities, I still stay involved in groups online and through <http://www.sengokudaimyo.com>

**Is there a pre-1600s story, place, person, or relic that you wish more people knew about?**

Ooh, that one is hard. The way agree is Japan, but if I'm honest, I currently wish there was a greater understanding and appreciation of the Sogdians, a northern Iranian (aka Persian) ethnic group that largely seem to have acted as the linchpin in the trade routes between east and west in the 6th through 8th centuries (at least). They left a cultural imprint from Japan to Europe, and yet most people know hardly anything about them.

**What's your favorite medieval recipe?**

Digby's savory toasted cheese. I love the original with bits of bacon and peas.

**What was your first Event / experience?**

As mentioned above, dancing and fighting in the University common area. It was drilled into us all that dancing was important to fighting, and I find that all fighters should learn to dance.

**Do you have a favorite event? And why?**

My favourite event was "Sword and Chrysanthemum". It was held in the East Kingdom years ago, and was the best Japanese feast I've ever attended. Everyone did their best to dress appropriately to the theme, as the main feast was held seated on the ground with food served on traditional trays. While there were other activities at the event, and even a separate, simpler feast for those who desired it, that feast was unlike anything I've done since.

My second favourite event was in Thailand, with the Canton of Golden Playne, which we held in a traditional Thai house. The atmosphere was incredible, but not just because of the exotic location, but because of the people. It was a young group, mostly consisting of local Thai



members who were just starting to experience everything. They were so incredibly enthusiastic and involved. It was just wonderful and exciting.

### **Are there people who have become influences in your SCA? And why/how?**

The late Baron Edward of Effingham was my Laurel and the one who really encouraged me to study Japanese history. He encouraged me to always try and do my best at it. I always appreciated his insight and help.

### **What's in a name? Your name?**

My first SCA name was "Godric Logan", but as I went with Japanese I changed it to Ii Saburō Katsumori.

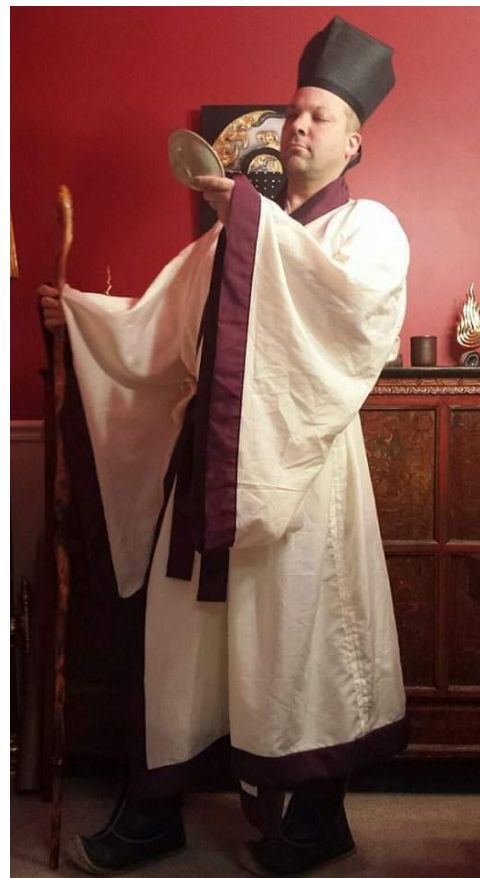
I chose the family name Ii in part because I loved the story of Ii Naomasa. I also liked that "Ii" is also how you pronounce the Japanese word for "good". Thus it was a "good" name. :D

Saburō means "third son". I appreciated it for the cadence and pronunciation, as it uses a non-standard pronunciation of "three".

"Katsumori" I chose as an auspicious name: piling up victories (not that I've done much of that). I originally thought of using "Nao" or "Masa". Most of the later Ii family members shared these characters, but at the time I didn't want to make any presumptuous claims.

Over time, I've come to use the name as a jumping off point for further research. I eventually made a trip to the birthplace of the Ii family. According to tradition, the first person to hold the name was born and abandoned in a well in the 10th century, where he was found by the local governor, a member of the influential Fujiwara family, who adopted him into his family. He eventually became a local administrator of the "Ii-no-tani" (Valley of the Well... the same well he was apparently found in). The family would have been "Ii no Fujiwara": Ii(-no-tani) branch of the Fujiwara clan. This just became "Ii" in most usages.

These are the kinds of rabbit holes I find fascinating.



## ☞ 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](mailto:pjdarby@verizon.net)

### Scriptoria (Calligraphy and Illumination)

**Fredericksburg** — (Sudentorre) Wednesdays 6:30 -9 pm at Esperanza and Mors' *On hiatus during Pennsic*

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

**Stafford** — Thursdays 7 - 10 pm. at Logan and Esa's *On hiatus during Pennsic*

**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 Mondays, 7 - 10 pm at Sigurd and Aine's. *On hold until after Pennsic*

**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: 7/30 and 8/6 tbd*

**Haymarket** — on hold until winter season, more info at [www.grimmsfield.org](http://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](mailto:knight-marshal@stierbach.org) or join <https://www.facebook.com/groups/StierbachOfficialPractice/> for more information on current heavy weapons and rapier practices. See archery and scriptoria for additional mixed practices.

**Dahlgren** — (Sudentorre) Thursdays 6-9 pm at University of Mary Washington Dahlgren campus. *No practice on 8/8.*

**Fredericksburg** — (Sudentorre) Tuesdays 6-9 pm at either Loriella Park (warm weather) or Dorothy Hart Community Center (cold weather), as available.

**Archery:** Contact [archery-marshal@stierbach.org](mailto:archery-marshal@stierbach.org)

**Haymarket (Grimmsfield)** – Mondays at Grimmsfield from 5 till dusk. *No practice during Pennsic.* More Info at [www.grimmsfield.org](http://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](mailto: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. *No practice during Pennsic.*  
**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. *On hold for Pennsic, resumes August 11<sup>th</sup>.*  
**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  
*No practice during Pennsic.*  
**Address:** 26 Richland Rd Fredericksburg, VA 22406.

### Equestrian:

**Front Royal** — Royal Horseshoe Farm  
**Contact:** Jenine Webb AKA Gunnora Grimm [jeninewebb@gmail.com](mailto: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: September 8<sup>th</sup>, and November 10<sup>th</sup>. 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, September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
 Address: Bethel Lutheran Church, 8712 Plantation Lane, Manassas, VA 20110  
 Contact the Stierbach [seneschal@stierbach.org](mailto: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](mailto:chatelaine@stierbach.org) for more information.

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