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## ☞ Upcoming Nearby Events: ☞

### **Nearby Events:**

**December 7** Kingdom of Atlantia:  
UnEvent in Waldorf, MD

Meetings for officers and orders. No garb required.

Schedule available at:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/AtlantiaAnnounce/files/>

**December 13-15** Barony of Ponte Alto:  
Celebration of Yule in Fairfax, VA

Potluck feast and multiple A&S activities including competitions and dancing.

Event website:

[http://www.atlantia.sca.org/137-events/167-event-flyer?event\\_id=997605c5](http://www.atlantia.sca.org/137-events/167-event-flyer?event_id=997605c5)

**December 15** Barony of Caer Mear:  
Caer Mear Yule in Richmond, VA

Potluck feast and multiple A&S activities including competitions and dancing.

Event website:

[http://www.atlantia.sca.org/137-events/167-event-flyer?event\\_id=d68bb3a1](http://www.atlantia.sca.org/137-events/167-event-flyer?event_id=d68bb3a1)

### **Volunteer Opportunities:**

The Barony currently has openings for a Chatelaine and several deputy positions. We are also looking for an autocrat for the Baronial Birthday Event in 2020 as well as seeking submissions for heraldic designs for our Silver Horns Award and a new baronial award of excellence.

## ☞ Baronial Business Meeting Minutes: November 12th ☞

Meeting called to order at 7:04 pm by Seneschal, Duchess Esa Kirkepatrike.

### **Officers present:**

Baron Dietrich Saphir zum Drache  
Baroness Karin Taylor de Cameron  
Seneschal, Duchess Esa Kirkepatrike  
Deputy Seneschal, Mistress Aine ingen Chuimin  
Web minister, Master Richard Wymarc  
Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mistress Ceridwen ferch Rhys ap Michael  
Chronicler and Social Media Deputy, Lady Isobel of Carnewyth  
Baronial Birthday Autocrat, Lord Adelric Falke  
Holiday Faire autocrat, Baroness Arnbjörg Karlsdottir  
Knight Marshal, Sir Ragnarr Rifbrjótr  
Steward, Lady Johanna Van den Vaerst

### **Words from their Excellencies:**

Archers in the barony and kingdom, since David and I (Saphir) won the Lochmere arrow, it is our privilege to host the next competition. Potential dates are June 20<sup>th</sup> or 27<sup>th</sup> and the Defending the Gate site. There would be no dinner feast, lunch is planned as is an early court for awards. All those who wish to help, it will be more defined after Holiday Faire and Unevent. We are more than happy to listen to suggestions.

Our newsletter is looking great, the more submissions, the better. All baronage items returned to storage (from War of the Wings), plus one spatula. The Baroness has ordered a new running bull stamp ~3" long and populace badge stamps which will be available for use.

We are looking for a new award with our Herald's help for a Baronial Award of Excellence. We are seeking populace submissions for its heraldic device design as well as a design for the Silver Horns award.

Lord Adelrich suggests that Lochmere Arrow will be a good event for a new autocrat and he will be willing to help in a mentorship capacity.

### **Officer Reports:**

*Exchequer: (Mistress Ceridwyen)* Quarterly report was submitted on time, Baronial Birthday report was also submitted with a final profit of ~\$1800. Trailer tax bill payment of \$50 was voted and approved (Isobel, Richard, Esa, Ragnarr, Aine). New checks purchase with two signature lines was also approved along with endorsement stamps not to exceed \$100; vote was unanimous.

*Chronicler: (Lady Isobel)* Submissions are always needed and they can roll into the next month if the current month's deadline is passed. Generally, I ask for an end of month deadline for the next month's newsletter, but I have a hard deadline to Kingdom on the 5<sup>th</sup> and can hold if a submission is incoming.

*Knight Marshal: (Sir Ragnarr)* We've had some inquiries, winter is here and so it is armor repair season. Sudentorre has a new indoor practice for rapier (student sponsored).

*Steward: (Lady Johanna)* List field bases need repair. New plans have been offered by Geoffrey, but storage space is

an issue. Inventory is missing two pots, a lid, and a table.

*Webminister: (Master Richard)* The newsletter is readable directly from the website. Still looking for pictures, updated software to latest version.

### **Old Business:**

*Holiday Faire 2019-* Autocrat Baroness Arnbjörg shared that Gold Key is coming, there are 42 merchants with a waitlist of 5 merchants. A memorial area will be out for Baroness Meli with a book to be given to her son. Aine will be the liason.

Currently there is a 40% chance of showers and there will be a day shade presence for the barony. Silent auction will be in the usual place with proceeds to be donated to the Kingdom Regalia Fund.

Roxbury Mills is doing lunch, site set up starts Friday at noon. There will also be a bake sale. The A&S competition theme is “Evergreen.”

### **New Business:**

*Spring Crown May 2020* – The schedule was discussed and will be roughly mirrored from Fall Crown 2019 with no feast planned. Autocrat Lord Adelric has the websites up and requests input on content. A site plan has been developed with field space coordinator Baron Geoffrey Athos Von Ulm and Reservationist Baroness Maddelena Salutati.

Open staff positions include additional heralds at large, A&S coordinator, water bearer, youth activities, auction

coordinator, and lunch for the Great Hall (crockpots, no stove usage).

A discussion followed about list field set up and site tokens.

Mistress Ceridwyen shared that Paypal transaction fees would be ~\$189 for 300 people. She suggested that the barony absorb the cost and an estimate of \$200 was approved unanimously by officers plus Aine as the populace vote.

*Baronial Birthday 2020-* is penciled in for 26<sup>th</sup> of September 2020 at the American Legion (Defending the Gate site). The seneschal will spike the event to hold the date, but an autocrat is needed. Please contact Duchess Esa, Baron Saphir, or Baroness Karin if you are interested. Lord Adelric is available to mentor, if desired.

### **Canton Updates:**

*Sudentorre:* Adelric will be autocrating Defending the Gate on 3/28, planning is in progress.

### **Upcoming Events:**

Holiday Faire, Unevent

### **Last minute items:**

Final reminder from His Excellency to please use the award system.

Baroness Arnbjörg will be offering a waterbearing class at Winter University, 2/1.

Next Business meeting: Tuesday December 10th, 2019, at Bethel Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Meeting adjourned by Seneschal Esa at 8:06 pm.

## ☞ Holiday Faire: ☞

### ☞ Baronial Court Report ☞

Good morrow,

Please find below the court report for Holiday Faire, held this day November 23 AS 54, being in the modern era 2019.

Presiding: Baron Dietrich Saphir zum Drache and Baroness Karin Taylor de Cameron

Herald: Lady Johanna de Bletsho

After opening words about the festivities and the shopping experiences of the day from Baron Saphir, Lord Kenelm Rogan was called in to be inducted into the Order of the Silver Heart. In lieu of a scroll, a promissory was presented. This scroll has been made, but the scribe was not able to attend, and the scroll will be bestowed at the earliest opportunity.

Next to be called was Master Richard Wymarc, who was presented with the Order of St. Roche for his dedication and service to the Barony. A scroll fashioned by Collette was presented.

The Newcomers were then greeted by their excellencies. They were asked if they were enjoying the event, and thanked for attending.

The Children of the Barony were then bid to come forward. Lord Kenelm was the runner of the toy box. Using

magic and sleight of hand (and foot) Lord Kenelm was able to distract the children, and nearly made it out of the building without being mobbed. But alas, he was no match for the children, and they caught up with him quite handily.

Lord Caius Balthazar Silvano came forward with words praising the hospitality of Stierbach which made him feel welcome in the Barony. He presented to their Excellencies two large panels painted with the Baronial device, intended for use at Pennsic. A very hearty Vivat! was given at this young lord's generosity and the beauty of his art.

Next to be called forth were Lord Allan of Wolfhou, Lord Fujina Sadatoshi, and Lord Ulfarr Refskeg. These three good gentles were all given the Award of the Silver Horns. Lord Allen's scroll was not complete, but has been assigned and is in progress. Lord Fujina's scroll was in the form of a calligraphed Japanese fan, and Lord Ulfarr's scroll was a rune stone in the Viking style. Both were created by Fiore al Rumi Nobilis.

Baroness Arnbjorg, Autocrat, came forward to thank the many good people who helped to make this Holiday Faire so successful. She

noted that there were 45 merchants on site, with several for whom this was their first SCA event merchanting. The Marshals for the day's martial activities reported on the prowess of the contestants.

Fiore al Rumi Nobilis was then called forward to receive the Award of the Silver Compass for the many ways in which they enrich the A&S community of the Barony. Scroll completed by Noble Elliot de Bletsho.

Before Fiore could return to their seat, Lady Celestria, Baronial Archery Champion, was called forward. After obtaining Fiore's agreement, the regalia of the Archery Champion was transferred from Lady Celestria to Fiore, nobilis. They then took their place with the Champions of Stierbach behind the thrones.

Sabina de Matteo then came forward to be presented with the Order of the Silver Glove for her diligence in pursuing the art of the rapier. Scroll

completed by Baroness Esperanza Susanna Flecha.

Ariana ferch Medwyn was brought into the Order of St Roche, for her service and duty to the Barony. Scroll by the Gigsworth Academy of Wigglesworth. Puns provided by Ercole the Peacock, Ariana's son.

The court herald, Lady Johanna de Bletsho, was then surprised to be called forth to receive an Award of the Silver Compass. Scroll by Failenn chu ingen ui Fhaelain.

Lady Johanna de Bletsho then relinquished the Dreamer's Cup. Fiore al Rumi Nobilis was chosen to be the next Holder of the Dreamer's Cup. The passion and joy they display in their pursuits are an inspiration to all.

There being no further business, the court of Saphir and Karin, Baron and Baroness Stierbach, was closed.

*Submitted by Johanna de Bletsho.*

### ☪ Spotlight: Get to know your Barony! ☪

**Name:** Lord Stefan von Kiel

**Blazen:** Per chevron inverted vert and sable, in chief a griffin's head erased Or

**How long have you played in the SCA?**

I started playing in 1999. I was looking for something new to occupy

my free time and remembered the SCA.

**How did you discover the SCA?**

I first heard of the SCA when I was in high school about 1980. A friend of mine in my D&D group was active and told me about it. I still see him occasionally at events.



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

Who was who and what was what. When I started, I didn't understand the difference between a Baron, a Knight or a lord. I had no idea what a Laurel or Pelican were. It would have been helpful if someone spent a few minutes explaining some of the history of the SCA, how kingdoms and baronies were laid out and what people were doing at the events. I felt a lot of it I had to figure out at first. In recent years, I've seen people snatch up a newcomer and help them with these issues. I've done it myself a few times.

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

I think my skills in woodworking have been honed while in the SCA. I

have always been building something but the SCA gave me a direction. I've enjoyed looking for old illuminations and woodcuts to find new things to make.

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

I had done some woodworking before the SCA. Now I do a lot thanks to the SCA.



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

My first event was Stierbach's first birthday. I didn't know what I was doing or what to do but I had a great time.

## ☞ 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'  
**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*  
**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 hiatus*  
**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

**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-marshall@stierbach.org](mailto:knight-marshall@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.

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

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

**Haymarket (Grimmsfield)** – On hiatus for the winter. More Info at [www.grimmsfield.org](http://www.grimmsfield.org)  
**Address:** 16132 Crusade Ct., Haymarket, VA 20169.



**Centerville (Bull Run Shooting Center)** — Fridays 5 to 7 pm for the winter season (except during the Festival of Lights) at 7700 Bull Run Dr. Centerville, 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](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.  
**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 5:30 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](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. For 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, December 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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