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**Corrections:**

Baron Aeddán Ivor also taught at Winter University and the Chronicler regrets unintentionally omitting his name from the list of Stierbach Teachers last issue. There was also an autocorrect typo in some of the contact names which has been rectified.

## ☞ Upcoming Nearby Events: ☞

**March 7** Kingdom of Atlantia [Kingdom Arts & Sciences Festival](#) in Matthews, NC ([Map](#))

Beginner/Intermediate Artisan Triathlon Youth Triathlon Laurel Triathlon Persona Pentathlon Royal Brewer Competition Royal Baker Competition Duke Gyrth Memorial Poetry Smackdown InterBaronial Challenge A&S Guild Panels A&S Displays "Try-it" Tables Please see website for additional information. Event website:

<https://raerosado.wixsite.com/kasf2020>

**March 14** Barony of Ponte Alto [St Paddy's Day Blood Bath](#) in Vienna, VA ([Map](#))

Join your fellow Atlantians at the Barony of Ponte Alto's Annual St. Paddy's Day Bloodbath where the fighting is fierce and the lunch is free. We present a day that will be sure to satisfy even the most bloodthirsty fighter. This event is a fighter's dream, featuring our usual bearpit tourney and as many pickups as you can stomach. Remember, this is for both rapier and heavy fighters.

Event website:

<http://pontealto.atlantia.sca.org/events/bloodbath/>

**March 21** Barony of Caer Mear [Caer Mear Baronial Birthday](#) in Mechanicsville, VA ([Map](#))

Come join us as we celebrate 43 years as a barony, and most especially our beloved Baron Tojenareum, and Baroness Magda! We'll honor the occasion as in the 14th Century, with Arthurian ideals, including heavy, rapier, archery, thrown weapons, and also youth combat. Come relax and

socialize in our spacious hall while enjoying music, dancing, poetry, and a sumptuous feast. There will also be a tavern operated by our site owners. Prizes will be awarded in all martial, and A&S competitive fields.

Event website:

<http://caermear.atlantia.sca.org/home.html>

**March 28** Canton of Sudentorre [Defending the Gate](#) in Spotsylvania, VA ([Map](#))

Come defend the Gates of Sudentorre! Join us to recreate The Battle of Pavia, 1525. The battle of Pavia was the decisive battle of the First Hapsburg-Valois Italian War of 1521–26. This was a French defeat that saw Francis I captured and that permanently undermined the French position in Italy; however, by the end of the battle, Francis I had secured control of the Duchy of Milan. Martial activities include; Armored Melee Fighting using the Gate of Sudentorre, Fencing, Youth Rapier Fighting, Archery, Thrown Weapons, and Atlatl. There will also be A&S activities and merchants to peruse. Event website:

<http://sudentorre.atlantia.sca.org/defending-the-gate/>

### **Volunteer Opportunities:**

The Barony currently has openings for several deputy positions. We are also seeking submissions for heraldic designs for our Silver Horns Award and a new baronial award of excellence. Volunteer opportunities are available for both Spring Crown, including list fence pick up 4/25, and our next Baronial Birthday, including troll and feastocrat, please contact the autocrats for more information.

## 🐉 Congratulations and Reader Submissions: 🐉

Stierbach's own Arnbjörg Karlsdóttir and Esperanza Susanna Flecha were elevated to the Order of the Pelican at Twelfth Night. Vivat!

Congratulations also to Fáilenn Chu ingen uí Fháeláin for her Master William

Blackfox Awards A.S. LIII nomination for Best Cover for a Kingdom Newsletter for her Illuminated Border artwork in The Acorn April 2019 issue.

***Elliott's monthly joke:*** Where do medieval warriors go to get their degree? - Knight School.

## 🐉 Baronial Business Meeting Notes: February 11th 🐉

Meeting called to order at 7:03 pm by Seneschal, Duchess Esa Kirkepatrike.

### **Officers present:**

Baron Dietrich Saphir zum Drache  
Seneschal, Duchess Esa Kirkepatrike  
Deputy Seneschal and Holiday Faire autocrat, 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  
Minister of Art & Science, Runa Skogadóttir  
Steward, Lady Johanna Van den Vaerst  
Deputy Exchequer, Mistress Briana Maclukas  
Baronial Birthday Autocrat, Lord Grim Kirk of Greymoor  
Lochmere Arrow autocrat, Mistress Arnbjörg Karlsdóttir  
Spring Crown autocrat, Lord Adelric Falke

Total populace in attendance: 16

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

Baron Saphir would like award recommendations for Defending the Gate by 2/14. The baronial progress

has been updated on the website including a day trip to Ymir. There will not be a baronial day shade for Bloodbath on 3/14. Retainers are needed for Defending the Gate, in addition to someone to arrange the hospitality table and a court herald. For Spring Coronation, retainers and hospitality help are needed. Their Excellencies' term ends in September and they will be stepping down while it is still enjoyable and thanked everyone for contributing to a successful term.

### **Officer Reports:**

***Seneschal:*** We will begin the polling process in time for investiture at Baronial Birthday 2020. Requests for letters of intent will be issued soon. Duchess Esa will not be renewing her warrant for Seneschal after it expires this April.

***Chronicler:*** Submissions and corrections for the newsletter are welcome. Chatelaine Rivka will be added as an additional admin for the official facebook page.

***Arts and Sciences:*** Iron Scribe will be held February 15th at Mestra

Esperanza's. Teachers are wanted for monthly baronial classes.

*Steward:* Still need to vote on the cost to have the baronial trailer moved at Pennsic (\$20).

*Web Minister:* Nothing to report, Runa requested that her information be added to the website.

*Exchequer:* End of year financials were submitted, trailer insurance was paid. A vote approved the fee to have the baronial trailer moved at Pennsic with none opposed. Baroness Karin was approved for a \$350 cash advance to host a hafla at Ruby Joust on Friday night. None opposed.

### **Ongoing Business:**

*Spring Crown:* Per autocrat Adelic, the ABC license application has been submitted. Tokens are in process. A.S. LV will start May 1 and would make a good theme for A&S if anyone would like to host a competition. A volunteer is needed to run the silent auction which is intended to benefit the kingdom travel fund. The position of nastycrat (restroom cleanliness) is also available. The website has a tentative schedule of the event. The list fence will be picked up from Highland Forde on 4/25 and company is welcome. There will be a trip to the storage locker on 4/26.

*Defending the Gate:* "Little white" will be used for the populace and transported by their Excellencies to Spring Coronation.

*Baronial Birthday:* Per autocrat Grimkirk, a firmer budget will be forthcoming. An agreement with the VFW was secured. Elliott and Runa will

be hosting A&S competition with themes tbd. Sigurd will be the MIC and Equestrian is tbd. James will act as the field coordinator and a live steel demo is in the works. Troll volunteers and a feastocrat are still needed.

*Holiday Faire:* Autocrat Aine is making the cards for merchant invites and has a provisional budget based on last year. She will present a formal budget next meeting.

*Lochmere Arrow:* Autocrat Arnbjorg will share the budget at the next meeting.

### **Canton Updates:**

*Sudentorre:* Adelic will be doing leatherworking at Wolfhau on 2/23, tooling and leather cups. Defending the Gate is 46 days out (3/28) and the menu looks good. There will be the traditional auction fundraiser for the Mary Washington Renaissance Club students who act as servers during feast, so bring your cash. There will be an A&S class of German hat making.

### **Upcoming Events:**

A Day of Love (Marinus), Aedult Swim, Ymir, KASF

Equestrian practices in Haymarket will be at James Long Park, the next session is March 8th at 10 am.

The next business meeting will be held Tuesday, March 10, 2020 at Bethel Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Meeting closed at 7:42 pm

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

### Pelican Double Feature

**Name:** Master Colum Maxwell

**Device:** Azure, on a pale between six sheaves argent a drawn bow and arrow reversed sable.

**How long have you played in the SCA?** 25+ years

**How did you discover the SCA?** My Lady Mistress Briana wanted to do more choral singing and knew the SCA did that so we joined.

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

**How about a mundane skill that you have brought to your SCA experience?** Leatherworking. I started leatherworking in the 80s. So making the transition to medieval leatherworking was relatively simple and very rewarding to rediscover many of their techniques.

**Can you share a story that people might not know about you or your persona?** I once taught several people to do leather covered bottles and over the course of several months we made enough bottles that their majesties were able to include a bottle in each gift basket they gave to the majesties of all the kingdoms at Pennsic.

**If you could travel to any time and place on earth, what would you choose?** 1300 century England to watch and participate in the archery.

**What has kept you active in the SCA?** The friendships I have made, the enjoyment found within the archery community, the satisfaction in passing along my archery and leatherworking knowledge to others



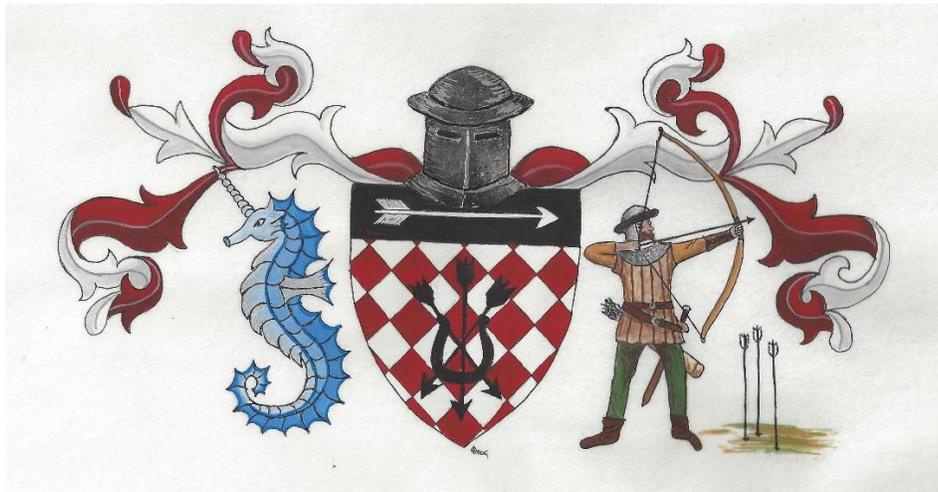
**What's your favorite medieval recipe?** Savory toasted Cheese

**What was your first Event / experience?** Our third event was Pennsic. It pretty much cemented our relationship with the SCA.

**Do you have a favorite event? and why?** Pennsic for the relaxed atmosphere, unlimited archery and experiences with friends.

**Are there people who have become influences in your SCA? and why/how?** Earl Mika Longbow and his lady, Mistress Ursula. They welcomed us into the SCA, shared their knowledge and have become lifelong friends. To me they epitomize what they SCA should be.

**What's in a name? Your name?** I chose the name Colum Maccusweil. Maccus's Well being the original Viking name for what became the Scottish clan Maxwell. But the Herald working with us said I could have Colum or Maccusweil but not both since they didn't exist together in time so I became Colum Maxwell.



**Name:** Master Stephan Grimm

**Device:** Lozengy argent and gules, a sheaf of arrows surmounted in base by a horseshoe inverted, on a chief sable an arrow argent.

**How long have you played in the SCA?** It will be 10 years in November.

**How did you discover the SCA?** I played in similar groups in middle & high school (Markland & Dagohir). Then I became an adult for a while (Big mistake). When I began taking my wife to the Renaissance Festival, she expressed a desire that we could do it more then once a year. To which I replied, "Well, I know a group....."

**What do you wish you had known as a newcomer?** Having come from a background of reenactment groups, I made garb and got us overprepared for our first event. We went and wandered around for the whole day and spoke to no one and everyone thought we knew what we were doing and left us alone to our own devices. I wish I had of known how to find out about how to event faster. By the time we found the chatelaine and introduced ourselves as newcomers, we were already veterans of several events.

**Can you give an example of a skill you have developed in the SCA?** Much of what I do in the SCA is just a continuation of what I was doing before

I came to the SCA. Just began doing it more so! Archery comes to mind first. I had a compound bow and was working on hunting with it, but archery took off for me after joining the SCA. Most of my A&S pursuits (spinning, weaving, glassblowing, leatherworking, and jewelry making) I was doing mundanely before joining the SCA but began doing it more after joining. Blacksmithing is a skill I started after joining the SCA, but I make mundane items as well as SCA items.

**How about a mundane skill that you have brought to your SCA experience?** I think I answered this as part of question 4. Jewelry making would be the best example of this, I work part time as a jewelry repair person and use this skill to make jewelry for the SCA.

**Can you share a story that people might not know about you or your persona?** I bought my current house because of the SCA. Three things happened at the same time that caused me to buy my current house. The first was that my wife wanted a bigger kitchen then our current house had or could support. Second, I had found a passion in shooting archery in the SCA over the winter at indoor practices and third, our local group lost access to our outdoor range for summer outdoor practices. I did not want to move, so I told my wife that if she could find a house, close to my work, with a kitchen big enough for her, and with enough land to open an archery range, we could move. I also gave her a budget that would make it impossible in our area. Less than a month later, she told me we were moving, and did I want to see the

place? She had found Grimmsfield and the rest is history.



**If you could travel to any time and place on earth, what would you choose?** I am pretty happy right where I am. I would love to see the past as a tourist but would never want to live there.

**Describe a time when "the dream" came alive for you.** There have been many times the dream has come for me. The best has happened several times and it still gives me a warm gooey feeling when it does. This would be when someone I have helped (archery, A&S of just in the SCA) comes up to me and says, "I did the thing!" (whatever it was) When I see an archer, I put on the path winning a tournament, or an artisan who worked at Grimmsfield getting recognition, that is what I love the most. Seeing that makes the dream

real to me. There are other moments that are fixed in my mind as "this is why I play" moments as well: Sitting around the campfire at Pennsic after champions shoot with archers from both sides enjoying each other's company. Having stew at Grimmsfield after a good day's shoot. Traveling with friends to other kingdoms to shoot with archers I have never met. Last, but not least, and I know this sounds weird but I still remember with great nostalgia, doing dishes after several events with utter random folks and having an immense feeling of contentment.

**What has kept you active in the SCA?** That's easy. My friends!

**Is there a pre-1600s story, place, person, or relic that you wish more people knew about?** Not really. Most of the people I know seem to know more about everything than I do.

**What's your favorite medieval recipe?** Homemade bread and Honey Butter. (I'm a simple man) and homemade cheese.

**What was your first Event / experience?** I had 2 first events. The one I set my anniversary by was Chalice of the Sun God. I was stuck working, so I did not show up till feast. Never trolled in, had no clue what I was doing, and ended up in the kitchen having one of the best times doing dishes and Passing a bottle with strangers and decided I wanted to do this again. The first full event I went to was spring crown. Gunnora and I still had no idea how events worked. We showed up in garb I

had made for the Renn Fest, wandered around for a while, shopped the merchants, and then went home. Not knowing how things worked, we never trolled in, never found our barony, never spoke to anyone, but still had a good time.

**Do you have a favorite event? and why?** No, not really. I have loved and hated most events at one time or another, but I would have to say my favorite is the next one.

**Are there people who have become influences in your SCA? and why/how?** Too many to mention. I would be afraid of mentioning them because I am sure I would forget someone and would not want them slighted. Almost everyone I meet in the SCA has influenced me in one way or another, most for good, some for ill, but I am thankful for everyone who works on keeping this dream alive.

**What's in a name? Your name?** There are 3 reason I chose Grimm as my name, in no particular order, they are: 1. Having met many people in the SCA with names that it takes a language scholar to pronounce, I wanted something simple. A name that I would have to give once and not explain or help with pronunciation. 2. I also wanted a name that was very universal. Grimm (or some version thereof) works with English, German, Norse, and most other European countries. This would allow me to change persona and garb without needing to change my name. 3. I wanted a name that matched my sour and grumpy personality.

## ☞ 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.  
**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** — last session for the winter is 3/2/20, more info at [www.grimmsfield.org](http://www.grimmsfield.org)

**Warrenton** — Monthly Baronial A&S classes *on an as-needed basis*. Open sewing day potluck on April 11<sup>th</sup> from 12-5pm.  
**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. We are usually located in the large room immediately to the right when you enter the building.

**Fredericksburg** — (Sudentorre) Fridays 6-8 pm at the main campus of UMW. We are in the auxiliary gym located in Goolrick hall. Parking is located in the parking deck behind Goolrick hall. .

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

**Haymarket (Grimmsfield)** – Monday practices will start on 3/16/20 and run on

Monday nights till daylight savings ends.  
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 through the end of March  
(3/6, 3/13, and 3/27) 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 3 pm - sunset 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.

**Haymarket** – New Equestrian practices at  
James Long Park, next session is March 8th  
at 10 am.

## ☞ Scheduled Meetings ☞

### **Baronial Business Meeting**

**Meets:** Second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Next Meeting Tuesday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020  
**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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