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**Please Note**, all nearby events scheduled for April have been either cancelled or moved to a virtual (online) format. Please reference the Kingdom of Atlantia website for up to date information. <http://www.atlantia.sca.org/events/atlantia-calendar-events>

## ☞ Volunteer Opportunities: ☞

### **Greetings from your friendly neighborhood Birthday Autocrat!**

Spring has sprung! And in spite of constraints and limitations to protect us from the plague that currently is laying siege to our lands, planning for our Baronial Birthday in September continues apace! A theme for this year's celebration has begun to emerge - all things Red and White! So, plan to bring out your best Red and White garb, banners and projects for this Baronial Investiture event. We've started looking at tokens, and I hope to post pictures of selections on MOO in advance of the April meeting for review.

As previously announced, Master Sigurd has accepted duty as MIC for the day, overseeing Armored, Rapier, Thrown Weapons, non-Combat Archery and <new> Equestrian activities. For this, I am grateful. He will no doubt be looking for key assistance in each of these areas. And Runa and Elliot have begun their deliberations on what A&S for the day will entail.

And on that note... I'm still seeking volunteers to help make this day a success for the group and an enjoyable event for our guests. First and foremost, unless you're all jonesing to find out what kind of chef I am, we need a Head Cook. I mean, Spaghetti and Marinara or Lasagna are both 'Red and White', and likely period somewhere in our time frame, right? <wink>.

Ideally, I'd like to find someone with experience (since it will be an Investiture/Royal Progress). Alternatively, this could also be an opportunity for a strong novice with an

experienced mentor/Peer to oversee their work in our kitchen. In either case, if you're interested, please contact me privately, ASAP. This will be a 'small' (wet) feast (appx. 65-70).

Of course, other positions that will require the TLC that only \*you\* can provide are

Deputy Autocrat (just in case there's a bug or a bus out there with my name on it)

Gate Coordinator (\$\$\$) - Ideally, someone with experience handling PayPal, Atlantian style.

Major Domo (manages the main hall for the day, including set up/tear down for feast)

Youth Activities Coordinator - Happy kids have happy parents. Usually.

Merchant Coordinator - Food for thought: Given the current spate of event cancellations, we could find ourselves atypically awash in merchants looking for events to make up ground later in the year.

Royal Liaison - Coordinates with TRMs Chamberlain on wants/needs, logistics.

Other roles I haven't considered yet. If you think I've missed something - let me know!

Yours, in service.

Grimkirk ap Greymoor (mka Michael Schneider)

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## **Greetings Unto the Barony of Stierbach.**

At this time, we are accepting Letters of Intent for the Baronial polling. If you wish to put forth your name for Baronage, please email your letter to Seneschal@Stierbach.org by May 10th, 2020.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards,

Duchess Esa Kirkepatrike

Seneschal, Barony of Stierbach

## **☞ Reader Submissions: ☞**

The song

This trill sweet sound of spring in the birds songs

Chill in the air does break the sounds as they swoon each other

Gladly they sing gladly they repeat the very coming of a renewed spring

-- Submitted by Baroness Karin Taylor de Cameron

Since Defending the Gate was cancelled, Mistress Aime Sparrow recorded her hat class, available online at:  
<https://youtu.be/ZSeQidD1Ujs>

*-Submitted by Mistress Aime Sparrow*

You can find additional online A&S activities at Virtual Atlantia <https://virtual.atlantia.sca.org/calendar.php> and facebook groups such as the Honorable Clover and SCA Virtual Classroom and Artisan Display.

## **☞ Baronial Business Meeting Notes: March 10th ☞**

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 and Holiday Faire autocrat, Mistress Aine ingen Chuimin  
Herald, Lord James of Carinthia  
Knight's Marshal, Sir Ragnarr Rifbrjótr  
Chronicler and Social Media Deputy, Lady Isobel of Carnewyth  
Chatelaine, Rivkah bat Yaakov  
Minister of Art & Science, Runa Skogadottir  
Baronial Birthday Autocrat, Lord Grim Kirk of Greymoor

Total populace in attendance: 14

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

This weekend, if you are traveling to Gulf Wars, travel with care. Karin and I are going to Bloodbath and looking forward to Defending the Gate and Caer Mar's baronial birthday on the 20th. For coronation we may be sharing a day shade (*all of these events were later cancelled or moved online for quarantine*).

### **Officer Reports:**

*Arts and Sciences:* There is an open sewing day planned for Saturday, April 11th starting at noon, please RSVP on

the Stierbach facebook event page (*now cancelled for quarantine*).

*Chatelaine:* New fighters were referred to practice and Rivka will follow up with them. Ragnar confirmed that one was there.

*Chronicler:* Nothing new to report.

*Herald:* Working with the Baron on baronial award of excellence and courtesy submissions.

*Seneschal:* Letters of intent for the next baronage will be due at the first part of April, a new Seneschal is still needed. The principality steering committee has offered to come to the baronial meeting for a presentation.

*Knight's Marshal:* Two horses and eight equestrians attended the practice last Sunday in addition to one mule and four heavy fighters including a newcomer.

### **Ongoing Business:**

*Spring Crown:* Following an email update from the autocrat, a discussion was held about guidance from the

Kingdom Seneschal regarding cancelling events and a handwashing station rental is being investigated. The day board will be hosted by House Restormel and hotel block has been posted on the website. Flyer is in process. ABC license will not allow alcohol on the field, in buildings only.

*Baronial Birthday:* A check was given to the site, a head cook and troll are still needed. A budget will be sent to the exchequer and seneschal. (*Please see volunteer opportunities in this newsletter for a letter from the autocrat listing all available positions.*)

*Holiday Faire:* A budget will be shared next meeting.

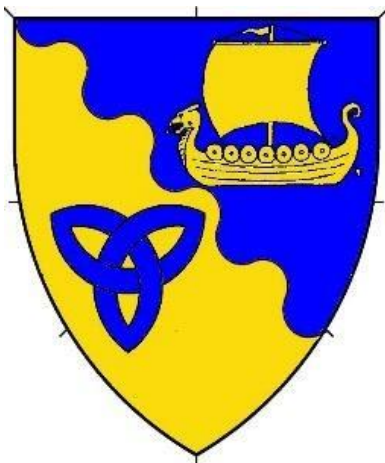
### **Upcoming Events:**

Blood Bath (*cancelled*), Defending the Gate (*cancelled*), Coronation (*held virtually*), and Spring Crown.

The next business meeting will be held Tuesday, April 14, 2020. (*Please use the conference number due to quarantine.*)

Meeting closed at 7:38 pm

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



**Name:** Dame Arnbjörg Karlsdóttir

**Device:** Per bend wavy azure and Or, a drakkar under sail and a triquetra inverted counterchanged.

**How long have you played in the SCA?** I have just started my 7th year.

**How did you discover the SCA?** I had heard about the SCA while I was in high school in the 1980's but I did know how to get involved since this is long

before the internet. When I met Aeddan Ivor, he had just returned from Pennsic and he was my gateway to get involved.

**How about a mundane skill that you have brought to your SCA experience?** One of my many careers was being a professional fundraiser. I have used my skill set to help raise money for my Canton and Pennsic Field Hospitality.

**Can you share a story that people might not know about you or your persona?** When I first started in the SCA, I wanted to receive my Award of Arms before I died. I had just been told the previous month I had ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease) and had 3 years or less to live. I received my AOA 6 months after becoming a member. Fortunately, my original diagnosis was wrong. I have a rare nerve disease, Multifocal Motor Neuropathy., Right now effects my right hand and I receive IVIG (infusions of human anti bodies) to counteract the effects of the disease and allow me to have use of my hands. I figure out my infusion schedule by when I need to have the best use of my hands using the SCA calendar.

**If you could travel to any time and place on earth, what would you choose?** I would like to visit the time period where my family was starting to be established in Norway. I would only like to visit not to stay there permanently.

**What was your first Event / experience?** The first event was MAAD, Middle Atlantian Archery Day March 2013. I had talked Aeddan into going since it was an archery event. I

didn't know it was a team event until after we arrived. Aeddan wasn't worried and figured he'd just shoot the course by himself. Then some people who knew him from Bright Hills invited us to be on one of their teams. Everyone made us feel welcome, the Baron and Baroness of Bright Hills, Chirhart Blackstar and Jeanne Tenneur de Bec insisted we come have lunch with them. They were the first "pointy hats" I ever met, and they made me feel welcomed. Aeddan insisted we attend feast. Again, I met some wonderful people, some who have become close friends.



**Describe a time when "the dream" came alive for you.** It was at my first event, MAAD. Since that time every time I go to an event and see family and friends is when the Dream comes alive for me.

**What has kept you active in the SCA?** My chosen family, and friends.

**Do you have a favorite event? and why?** I have several favorite events. Pennsic is always fun and entertaining, I love the people in my camp and the work I do with Children's Fete and Field Hospitality. I always enjoy Coronation and Crown, the pomp and circumstance is what I believe what makes the SCA. War of the Wings because it was the first time I was recognized for my art work and was made a Lady of the Atlantian court.

**Are there people who have become influences in your SCA? and why/how?** There are so many people

who have influenced me, some by the good deeds they did and wanted to follow their examples. Other by the deeds they did I wanted to make sure I never repeated.

**What's in a name? Your name?** My SCA name was very important to me to show my proud Norwegian heritage. Arnbjorg, is a female derivative of Bjorn. Bjorg was my Great Uncle from Norway. He was the last in my family to emigrate to the United States. Karlsdottir, is for my Grandfather Karl. He came over to the United States the first time as an illegal emigrate. He was a merchant sailor, and snuck into the United States through Canada, and settled in the Norwegian section of Brooklyn, New York. He was discovered about 6 months later and deported back to Norway. He then legally emigrated to the United States about 7 months later and met my Grandmother on the journey.

## ☞ Scheduled Practices, Classes, and Meetings ☞

*All in person meetings and practices have been cancelled for Stierbach and Sudentorre due to quarantine restrictions. Please see the Moo email listserv and our official facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/stierbach/> for up to date changes regarding populace business meetings and conference call information.*

### **Baronial Business Meeting**

**Meets:** Second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Next Meeting Tuesday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020  
Contact the Stierbach [seneschal@stierbach.org](mailto:seneschal@stierbach.org) for more information.

### **Canton of Sudentorre Business Meeting**

**Meets:** Third Tuesday of the month  
Contact the Sudentorre Seneschal for more information (585) 309-3282

### **Newcomers:**

New to the Barony? Contact [chatelaine@stierbach.org](mailto:chatelaine@stierbach.org) for more information.

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