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

## ☞ Volunteer Opportunities ☞

The Exchequer position will be vacated after December 2020. Please contact an officer of the barony if you are interested in the position.

## ☞ Baronial Business Meeting Notes: October 13th ☞

Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm by Seneschal, Master Sigurd Ericsson.

### **Officers present:**

Baron Dietrich Saphir zum Drache  
Baroness Karin Taylor de Cameron  
Seneschal, Master Sigurd Ericsson  
Deputy Seneschal, Duchess Esa Kirkepatrike  
Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mistress Ceridwen ferch Rhys ap Michael  
Deputy Exchequer Baroness Briana Maclukas  
Herald, Lord James of Carinthia  
Chronicler and Social Media Deputy, Lady Isobel of Carnewyth  
Minister of Art & Science, Runa Skogadottir  
Steward: Lady Johanna Van den Vaerst

Total populace in attendance: 22

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

Baron Saphir noted that while archery practices are currently allowed outdoors with a limit of 10 participants, he has not held any yet. He has had four inquiries, but some are opposed to wearing masks outside. Our Barony is still in Phase 0, other Baronies have reverted to being closed to activities due to the number of Covid-19 cases. Not much further news to report; there have

been two courts thus far. The Baron hopes all are well and requests award recommendations.

The incoming baronage shared that they are excited to be here and Saphir shared that Defending the Gate is being considered for their investiture. Details and attendance cap to be determined.

### **Officer Reports:**

*Exchequer:* Refunds process for Crown Tourney – other than two whom have not responded to contact attempts. Working on the quarterly report this weekend. Must get signature cards updated, hoping this will not involve an in-person visit to the bank. The local storage facility payment was approved by officers present, not to exceed \$2,000 for the year. The storage payment for the storage at Cooper's lake was paid in August.

*Herald:* Nothing new, a newcomer was helped with their submission.

*A&S:* Virtual A&S nights have been suspended due to lack of attendance. As the holidays grow near this will be revisited to see if there is interest among the populace.

*Chronicler:* Newsletter went out. Jenefer de Winter is testing out the Deputy Chronicler position.

*Steward:* Will be in and out of communications through December due to travel. If anyone needs anything, please send a message both to Lady Johanna and Mistress Ceridwen.

A discussion followed regarding the transfer of baronial property between outgoing and incoming baronage and the corresponding inventory lists held by the Steward.

There was no New Business.

*Baronage additional words:* Defending the Gate is currently planned to be the next event. It will be both divestiture and investiture. Details are being worked out with Their Majesties. Mistress Ceridwen moved to approve

\$2000 for storage unit fee which will cover at 10x20 unit. Motion approved. Please make sure to check out the pre-court virtual socials as those being placed on vigil are announced during those times. Their incoming Excellencies, Wulff and Genefe reminded all to submit award recommendations. Baron Saphir had a copy of Call to Alms and asked the officers how they would like to receive the information – he gave a brief description and will send it out for review. Baron Saphir also commended our officers for remaining in contact with each other and vigilant in their duties.

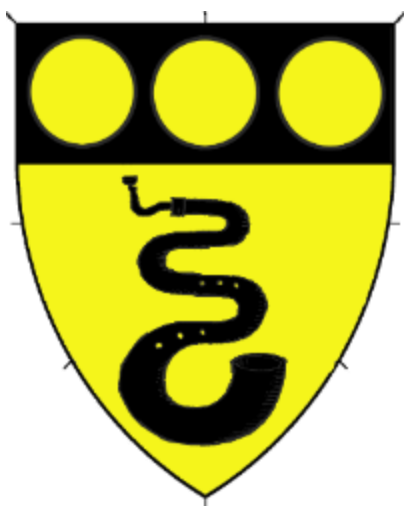
Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 10<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm, currently planned to take place again via Web Ex.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm

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

**Name:** Dunstan Stonehill

**Device:** Or, a bass cornetto and on a chief sable three bezants.



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

I've been playing in the SCA since A.S. 29, but I had known about the SCA for years. When I was 12 or so, my mother showed me a newspaper article about a SCA event because I was very interested in the time periods. It wasn't until Cynthia and I got together that I was able to go to my first event.

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

Do your best and ask for help. People are eager to talk about their projects and

what sources are available to guide you. Just try having a short conversation with my Lady about 15th-Century lute song. I dare you.

**Can you give an example of a mundane skill that you have brought to your SCA experience?**

For me it's the other way around. Skills I have developed in the SCA show up in my mundane life. I learned the basics of making mead in the SCA, and have taught several groups of mundane friends. One of them now teaches mead at a local homebrew shop. Learning to fight sword and shield came in very handy during the hand-to-hand combat course in Basic Training. Even though I was older than the other recruits, after watching my first bout no one would spar with me unless the Drill Sergeant forced them to.

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

He's incredibly gullible and eager to please. I was fighting in Estrella XV, my first war. I had gone as a lone fighter, but was gathered up by a friend to be a shield for his band of spearmen. The group was made up of a Duke, an Earl, a Viscount, and me. At one point, the Viscount got bored, and he demanded that I sacrifice myself and charge the enemy - not for strategy or glory, but to satisfy a bet. I found myself four ranks deep in the enemy line and earned myself a body full of bruises. The Viscount got a case of beer.

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

There is one point in every event when I lose my modern identity, and for just a moment I am submerged into the dream. My favorite is being on the field at Pennsic for the opening processional, and seeing the thousands of people and all of the pennants and banners. The closer I get to the Royal receiving line, the more I am pulled in. By the time we pay our homage to the crown, I have ceased my modern identity, and have fully become Dunstan Stonehill, Bardic Champion to Their Excellencies, Saphir and Karin, and my only thought is to represent them well.

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

One of my favorite things about the SCA is that everyone is actively looking for excuses to award other people's excellence. At every court, someone is getting an award because someone else thought something they did was worthy of recognition. Even the people who show up for the first time are awarded, and that is incredibly welcoming. I love being involved in a society that is made up of members who are constantly seeking to discover the best in others.

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

Beer. Oh, and mead.

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

My name has been a source of consternation for my entire time in the SCA. For many years I went by an unpronounceable Norman-Welsh-Gaelic mixture: Rhywallyn a' Mhiotag de Dornoch Firth. Fortunately, it was also undocumentable as well. So, I went to

Pennsic 47 with two goals: to register arms and a name. I spent several sweltering afternoons in the Heraldry tent scouring the Domesday Book, and came away with Osbert. Which my lady very wisely refused. At a loss, I literally flipped open the book, and pointed at a name, and decided I didn't want to be

Donald, since that's also my mundane name. Fortunately, Dunstan was not too far down the row, and I liked that. I was stuck on a surname, until I realized the translation was 'stone hill'. I chose Dunstan Stonehill, and just accepted that my parents aren't very creative....

*Submitted by Dunstan Stonehill*

### ☞ 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.

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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