

Stierbach
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Handbook

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Customs and Tips

Naming Conventions

Following the standard used by the Monarchs, the Baronage use only their given (first) names and titles.

Award Texts

The award texts contained within this handbook are suggestions (starting points) rather than the only allowable form that may be used. As time allows and you become more comfortable with your work as a scribe, feel free to experiment with the wording or draw from other sources and adapt things to your needs.

The Barons and Baronesses of Stierbach

Investiture Date	Divestiture Date	Baron	Baroness	Term
February 21, 1998 (AS 32)	March 25, 2000 (AS 34)	Ivan Ivanovich Nemytyi	Rowan Berran McDowell	Ivan and Rowan
March 25, 2000 (AS 34)	November 17, 2001 (AS 36)	Dafydd Sean ap Hywel	Morgan Catriona Bruce	Dafydd and Morgan
November 17, 2001 (AS 36)	January 24, 2004 (AS 38)	Mika Longbow	Ursula d'Arcy	Mika and Ursula
January 24, 2004 (AS 38)	March 22, 2008 (AS 42)	Colum Maxwell	Briana Maclukas	Colum and Briana
March 22, 2008 (AS 42)	June 16, 2012 (AS 47)	Flaithrí Ó Cearnaigh	Rhonwen verch Tuder	Flaithri and Rhonwen
June 16, 2012 (AS 47)		Valgard av Mors	Esperanza Susanna Flecha	Mors and Esperanza

Date Conventions within the SCA

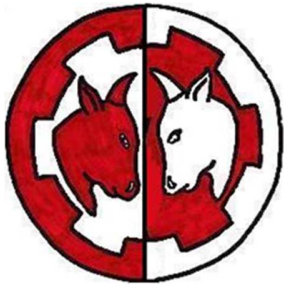
Common Era				Anno Societatis	Common Era				Anno Societatis				
1 May	1966	-	30 April	1967	1	I	1 May	2004	-	30 April	2005	39	XXXIX
1 May	1967	-	30 April	1968	2	II	1 May	2005	-	30 April	2006	40	XL
1 May	1968	-	30 April	1969	3	III	1 May	2006	-	30 April	2007	41	XLI
1 May	1969	-	30 April	1970	4	IV	1 May	2007	-	30 April	2008	42	XLII
1 May	1970	-	30 April	1971	5	V	1 May	2008	-	30 April	2009	43	XLIII
1 May	1971	-	30 April	1972	6	VI	1 May	2009	-	30 April	2010	44	XLIV
1 May	1972	-	30 April	1973	7	VII	1 May	2010	-	30 April	2011	45	XLV
1 May	1973	-	30 April	1974	8	VIII	1 May	2011	-	30 April	2012	46	XLVI
1 May	1974	-	30 April	1975	9	IX	1 May	2012	-	30 April	2013	47	XLVII
1 May	1975	-	30 April	1976	10	X	1 May	2013	-	30 April	2014	48	XLVIII
1 May	1976	-	30 April	1977	11	XI	1 May	2014	-	30 April	2015	49	XLIX
1 May	1977	-	30 April	1978	12	XII	1 May	2015	-	30 April	2016	50	L
1 May	1978	-	30 April	1979	13	XIII	1 May	2016	-	30 April	2017	51	LI
1 May	1979	-	30 April	1980	14	XIV	1 May	2017	-	30 April	2018	52	LII
1 May	1980	-	30 April	1981	15	XV	1 May	2018	-	30 April	2019	53	LIII
1 May	1981	-	30 April	1982	16	XVI	1 May	2019	-	30 April	2020	54	LIV
1 May	1982	-	30 April	1983	17	XVII	1 May	2020	-	30 April	2021	55	LV
1 May	1983	-	30 April	1984	18	XVIII	1 May	2021	-	30 April	2022	56	LVI
1 May	1984	-	30 April	1985	19	XIX	1 May	2022	-	30 April	2023	57	LVII
1 May	1985	-	30 April	1986	20	XX	1 May	2023	-	30 April	2024	58	LVIII
1 May	1986	-	30 April	1987	21	XXI	1 May	2024	-	30 April	2025	59	LIX
1 May	1987	-	30 April	1988	22	XXII	1 May	2025	-	30 April	2026	60	LX
1 May	1988	-	30 April	1989	23	XXIII	1 May	2026	-	30 April	2027	61	LXI
1 May	1989	-	30 April	1990	24	XXIV	1 May	2027	-	30 April	2028	62	LXII
1 May	1990	-	30 April	1991	25	XXV	1 May	2028	-	30 April	2029	63	LXIII
1 May	1991	-	30 April	1992	26	XXVI	1 May	2029	-	30 April	2030	64	LXIV
1 May	1992	-	30 April	1993	27	XXVII	1 May	2030	-	30 April	2031	65	LXV
1 May	1993	-	30 April	1994	28	XXVIII	1 May	2031	-	30 April	2032	66	LXVI
1 May	1994	-	30 April	1995	29	XXIX	1 May	2032	-	30 April	2033	67	LXVII
1 May	1995	-	30 April	1996	30	XXX	1 May	2033	-	30 April	2034	68	LXVIII
1 May	1996	-	30 April	1997	31	XXXI	1 May	2034	-	30 April	2035	69	LXIX
1 May	1997	-	30 April	1998	32	XXXII	1 May	2035	-	30 April	2036	70	LXX
1 May	1998	-	30 April	1999	33	XXXIII	1 May	2036	-	30 April	2037	71	LXXI
1 May	1999	-	30 April	2000	34	XXXIV	1 May	2037	-	30 April	2038	72	LXXII
1 May	2000	-	30 April	2001	35	XXXV	1 May	2038	-	30 April	2039	73	LXXIII
1 May	2001	-	30 April	2002	36	XXXVI	1 May	2039	-	30 April	2040	74	LXXIV
1 May	2002	-	30 April	2003	37	XXXVII	1 May	2040	-	30 April	2041	75	LXXV
1 May	2003	-	30 April	2004	38	XXXVIII	1 May	2041	-	30 April	2042	76	LXXVI

Awards

Award of the Minotaur

Registered: April 2008.

Badge:



Blazon:

Per pale argent and gules, two bulls' heads couped respectant within a bordure embattled counterchanged. Registered August 1992 and associated with the name April 2008.

Award Description:

Given to those subjects of the barony who have distinguished themselves by their efforts on the heavy fighting field in defense of Stierbach. Formerly called the Order of Theseus.

Sample Award Texts:

With wondrous weaponry are the warriors of Stierbach endowed. One is now called to be awarded the Minotaur. For We, <name> and <name>, Baron and Baroness of Stierbach, seek to honor the worthy <name>. With their weaponry they are mighty to behold in the defense of Stierbach. And let all praise their excellence this day. Done this <number> day of <month> A.S. <year> at <place>.

Approval: Mika and Ursula
Wordsmith: Unknown

As William Shakespeare says, "Cowards die many times before their deaths; the valiant never taste of death but once." Today, We, <name> and <name>, Baron and Baroness of Stierbach, recognize <name> for [his/her] valiant heavy fighting skills on the field of battle. [He/She] embodies ferocity and strength of the Bull, which is the symbol of Our Lands. For this we bestow upon <name> the Award of the Minotaur. Done this <number> day of <month>, Anno Societatis <year in Roman numerals>.

Approval: Valgard and Esperanza
Wordsmith: Amie Sparrow

Order of Saint Roch

Registered: July 2007.

Badge:



Blazon:

Per fess embattled argent and gules, a bull's head erased sable collared argent. Registered April 2000.

Award Description:

Given to those subjects who have distinguished themselves by their service to the Barony. Converted from the original Holy Cow award where it was said "Holy Cow, you have done a lot of work!"

Sample Award Texts:

Let it be known that We, <name> and <name>, Baron and Baroness of Stierbach, have heard of the great service that <name> has accomplished in this barony. Thus do We proclaim to the populace that We give honor to [him/her] for [his/her] great deeds and dedication to the Barony of Stierbach by awarding [him/her] the Order of Saint Roch. Done this <number> day of <month> A.S. <year> at <place>.

Approval: Mika and Ursula

Wordsmith: Unknown

We, <name> and <name>, Baron and Baroness of Stierbach, live by the words of the Bard "Love all, trust a few, do wrong to none." Therefore, we feel that we have indeed done wrong to not recognize a particular member of the populace. To right this wrong, we wish to call before us <name> and make [him/her] a member of the Order of Saint Roch for <specific service>. Done this <number> day of <month> [A.S./Anno Societatis] <year in Roman numerals> at <event>.

Approval: Valgard and Esperanza

Wordsmith: Amie Sparrow

Award of the Silver Axe

Registered: n/a.

Badge:



Blazon:

In fess an axe conjoined to another reversed and inverted argent, both entwined by a vine vert.
Registered November 2001.

Award Description:

Given to those subjects of the barony who have distinguished themselves by their efforts on the thrown weapons fighting field in defense of Stierbach. Formerly called the Order of the Dueling Axe.

Sample Award Texts:

The accuracy and skill of the axes, knives, and spears in the hands of the warriors of Stierbach strike fear into the hearts of our enemies. Be it known that We, <name> and <name>, Baron and Baroness of Stierbach, proclaim at this time that <name> has earned the right and privilege to be awarded the Silver Axe through [his/her] expertise with thrown weapons. Done this <number> day of <month> A.S. <year> at <place>.

Approval: Colum and Briana
Wordsmith: Unknown

Shakespeare says, "Some are born great, some achieve greatness, and some have greatness thrust upon them." Those of you with proficiency in thrown weapons know also that sometimes you have a thrown weapon thrust upon you! To honor one among you that has vaunted prowess in Thrown Weapons, We, <name> and <name >, Baron and Baroness of Stierbach, award the Silver Axe to <name> whose skill with it is renown. We hope that <name> continues to instill fear in our enemies and envy among our friends. Done this <number> day of <month> A.S. <year in Roman numerals> at <specific site or event>.

Approval: Valgard and Esperanza
Wordsmith: Amie Sparrow

Award of the Silver Bow

Registered: April 2008.

Badge:



Blazon:

A bow fesswise argent, the stock entwined of an ivy vine vert. Registered April 2000 and associated with the name April 2008.

Award Description:

Given to those subjects who have distinguished themselves by their skill with bow and arrow, either target or combat. It recognizes also their leadership in furthering combat or target archery education and techniques, and their honorable deportment on and off the field. Formerly called the Order of the Vined Bow.

Sample Award Texts:

Let it be known of an archer's ability and knowledge in the lands of Stierbach. For we, <name> and <name>, Baron and Baroness of Stierbach, have heard of an archer that teaches archery to one and all, and displays the might and accuracy of the Stierbach Archers. Thus do we grant <name> the Award of the Silver Bow. Done this <number> day of <month> A.S. <year> at <place>.

Approval: Mika and Ursula
Wordsmith: Unknown

Draw nigh and hear the words of <name> and <name>, Baron and Baroness of mighty Stierbach. Great are the ranks of Stierbach Archers who strike fear in our enemies with the presence of their bows and the gleam of their arrows. We have seen and heard of the great skill our <name> has shown in the art of archery and wish to recognize [him/her] with our award of the Silver Bow. Done this <number> day of <month> A.S. <year> at <place>.

Wordsmith: Rhonwen verch Tudor

Unto all gentles present, pray attend the words of <name> and <name>, Baron and Baroness of fair Stierbach. The ranks of our archers are mighty and strong with the skills and cunning that grow from the hunt in our woods, rivers, and mountains. It is our right and privilege to recognize archers into our corps who have shown skill and cunning with the bow and thus do we award <name> with our Silver Bow. Done this <number> day of <month> A.S. <year> at <place>.

Wordsmith: Rhonwen verch Tudor

To paraphrase William Shakespeare, "The field is empty and all the archers are here." It is now time to recognize a person who has made many ghosts on the field of battle. <He/She> handles a bow with deadly effectiveness. <His/Her> skills involve many a wellshot arrow. In as much as <name> has distinguished [himself/herself] as an archer of great renown and has strengthened Our Barony through the teaching of this skill to many others, We, <Baron's name> and <Baroness's name>, Baron and Baroness of Stierbach, choose to bestow the award of the Silver Bow to <name>. May your bowstring be ever supple! Done this <day> day of <month> A.S. <year in Roman numerals> at <specific site or event>.

Approval: Valgard and Esperanza

Wordsmith: Amie Sparrow

Award of the Silver Compass

Registered: April 2008.

Badge:



Blazon:

Per bend gules and argent, a compass rose and a bull salient within a bordure embattled counterchanged. Registered November 2001 and associated with the name April 2008.

Award Description:

Given to those subjects of the barony who have distinguished themselves by their efforts and willingness to teach others the arts and sciences of the period, and/or those who have achieved excellence in the arts and sciences of the period. Formerly called the Northern Star Award.

Sample Award Texts:

Of what glories and beauties may a barony boast? Beauty and glory comes from the hands and hearts of the people of the barony. Thus do We, <name> and <name>, Baron and Baroness of Stierbach, must praise the work of our servant <name>. [His/Her] displayed skills and the teaching of those skills enrich the splendor of our fair barony. Done this <number> day of <month> A.S. <year> at <place>.

Approval: Mika and Ursula

Wordsmith: Unknown

To paraphrase the Bard William Shakespeare, Artistry sought is good, but given unsought, is better. <Name> has produced countless pieces of <particular art> and We, <Baron's name> & <Baroness's name>, Baron and Baroness of Stierbach, feel that the Barony has been made richer by <Name's> work. Therefore, it is with great pleasure and appreciation that we do award the Silver Compass to <Name> in recognition of <his/her> artistic prowess in our lands. Done this <date> day of <month>, A.S. <year in Roman numerals> at <event>.

Approval: Valgard and Esperanza

Wordsmith: Amie Sparrow

Award of the Silver Glove

Registered: April 2008.

Badge:



Blazon:

Per pale wavy gules and argent, a glove and a bull's head within a bordure embattled counterchanged. Registered December 2001 and associated with the name April 2008.

Award Description:

Given to those subjects of the barony who have distinguished themselves by their efforts on the rapier fighting field in defense of Stierbach. Formerly called the Order of the Argent Glove.

Sample Award Texts:

The rapier fighters of Stierbach with their flashing blades of steel are renowned for striking fear into the hearts of the enemy. We, <name> and <name>, Baron and Baroness of Stierbach, have witnessed the great skill, ferocity, and honor of one such fighter. Thus do we enter <name> into the Order of the Silver Glove for <his/her> might in the defense of the Barony of Stierbach. Done this <number> day of <month> A.S. <year> at <place>.

Approval: Colum and Brianna
Wordsmith: Unknown

"If you prick us do we not bleed? If you tickle us do we not laugh? If you poison us do we not die? And if you wrong us shall we not revenge?" Such are the words of William Shakespeare and such are the beliefs of rapiers in this land. We, <Baron> and <Baroness>, Baron and Baroness of Stierbach, in keeping with the beliefs of Our Rapiers, recognize a citizen of Stierbach who has used sharp, pointy metal on the field and occasionally speaks of revenge. We do hereby award the Silver Glove to <name> and hope that <he/she> will continue to use <his/her> skills to enrich and defend the Barony of Stierbach for many years to come. Done this <day> day of <month> A.S. <year in Roman numerals> at <specific site or event>.

Approval: Valgard and Esperanza
Wordsmith: Amie Sparrow

Award of the Silver Heart

Registered: n/a.

Badge:



Blazon:

Gules, on a heart argent a bull's head cabossed gules. Registered: December 2001.

Award Description:

Given to those subjects of the barony who have distinguished themselves far and above the ordinary in service to the barony. Formerly called the Heart of Stierbach.

Sample Award Texts:

Proclaim to all nobles and gentles of the Barony of Stierbach that We, <name> and <name>, Baron and Baroness of Stierbach, give you greetings. We hereby award our subject <name> the Silver Heart. For that [he/she] has served this barony in many and diverse ways. [His/Her] service to the barony has exceeded expectations far and above the normal. And for which cause do We publicly commend. Hence with do We publicly acknowledge on this <number> day of <month> A.S. <year> at <place>.

Approval: Mika and Ursula

Wordsmith: Unknown

The Bard William Shakespeare says, "Listen to many, speak to a few." To those words, We add, "Award those that are worthy." We, <name> and <name>, Baron and Baroness of Stierbach, wish to induct a very worthy citizen into the Order of the Silver Heart. It has come to our attention that for some time <name> has served the Barony of Stierbach far and above the normal expectation, especially in <area of service>, for which cause We do publicly commend [him/her]. Done this <number> day of <month> A.S. <year in Roman numerals> at <specific site or event>.

Approval: Valgard and Esperanza

Wordsmith: Amie Sparrow

Award of the Bull and the Crescent

Registered: April 2008.

Badge:



Blazon:

Per bend argent and gules, a bull salient and a decrescent within a bordure embattled counterchanged.

Registered: August 1992 and associated with the name April 2008.

Award Description:

Given to those children of the barony who have distinguished themselves far and above the ordinary in service to the barony. Formerly called the Promise of Stierbach, and briefly the Silver Moon.

Sample Award Texts:

Proclaim to all the lands for We, <name> and <name>, Baron and Baroness of Stierbach, have heard of a child that has given great service to our great Barony of Stierbach far and above the ordinary. The children are the promise of the future thus do We proclaim that <name> has earned the right to be awarded the Bull and the Crescent. Done this <number> day of <month> A.S. <year> at <place>.

Approval: Mika and Ursula

Wordsmith: Unknown

To quote the Bard William Shakespeare, "How far that little candle throws its beams! So shines a good deed in a naughty world." So it is that the children of Stierbach bring joy into Our hearts. They are the future of the Barony and their actions enrich us all. Today, it is Our desire to reward the good deeds done by a young citizen of Our Barony. We, <name> and <name>, Baron and Baroness of Stierbach, therefore award the Bull & Crescent to <name> for services above and beyond those expected of the youngest of our lands. Done this <number> day of <month> A.S. <year in Roman numerals> at <specific site or event>.

Approval: Valgard and Esperanza

Wordsmith: Amie Sparrow

Mix and Match Scroll Texts

(Copied from the Atlantian Scribes Handbook)

Most scrolls are composed of the same set of key phrases. Each of these phrases has a variety of equivalents, many of which are listed below. These may be interchanged to suit your own style, specific requirements of the award, or available space.

I. ADDRESS:

- All shall know that We...
- Be it known to all that We...
- Come forward all, and know that We...
- Do ye all hear and tell others; We...
- Due commendations and greetings...
- For as much as We...
- Greetings unto all to whom these presents come; We...
- Hear ye all these presents; We...
- It shall be known to all that We...
- Know ye all to whom these presents come; We...
- Let it be known that We...
- May it be known to all...
- Now let it be known to all...
- Pray let all know that We...
- Proclaim unto all that We...
- Salutations to all unto whom these presents come...
- To all unto whom these presents come, greetings.
- Whereas We...
- Unto all to whom these presents come...
- Verily, We...
- We,...
- Ye all shall know that We,...

II. INTITULATION: Remember, use the first names only!

- We, <Baron's name> and <Baroness's name>, Baron and Baroness of Stierbach...
- We, <Baron's name> and <Baroness's name>, Baron and Baroness of all Stierbach's lands...
- We, <Baron's name>, Baron of Stierbach and <Baroness's name> Our Baroness...

III. NOTIFICATION and EXPOSITION: This is composed of two parts: the lead-in phrase and the reason. In some instances a specific reason will be provided to the scribe, in others a generic "for service to Our Barony" sort of phrase will suffice.

Lead-ins:

- ..., find that <awardee's full name>...
- ..., finding Ourselves in receipt of many good reports of <awardee's full name>...

- ..., having heard much good of <awardee's full name>...
- ..., having observed the many good works and labors of <awardee's full name>...
- ..., having weighed well the works and labors of <awardee's full name>...

Reasons:

- ..., having greatly improved the lot of Our subjects [by/through] <specific reason>...
- ..., who has greatly benefitted Our Barony by [his/her] <specific reason>...
- ..., who has labored long and hard in Our Lands...
- ..., who has made [him/her]self worthy of advancement by <specific reason>...
- ..., who has distinguished [him/her]self by <specific reason>...
- ..., having given greatly and unstintingly of [his/her] skills and energies

- IV. CORROBORATION and DATE:** Corroboration consists of a phrase confirming that the award has been given by the Baron and Baroness. It includes the date of the presentation and may, additionally, note the place and/or occasion of the award.

By way of general example (with options):

- ... In witness whereof We set Our hand and seal this seventeenth day of June, Anno Societatis XXVII (, being 1991 Gregorian,) (in Our Canton of Abhainn Iarthair) (during the celebration of Stierbach's Baronial Birthday).

Alternate opening phrases:

- ... Awarded ...
- ... Done ...
- ... Given ...

Followed by (A.S. years in Roman numerals):

- ... by Our Hands (date and options) ...
- ... under Our Hand and Seal (date and options) ...
- ... by Us (date and options) ...

Resources:

Kingdom of Atlantia Scriptorium: <http://scribe.atlantia.sca.org/scriptorium/>

Kingdom of Atlantia Scribes handbook:
http://scribe.atlantia.sca.org/resources/Atlantian_Scribes_Handbook_2016.pdf

Kingdom of Atlantia Order of Precedence: <http://op.atlantia.sca.org/awards.php>