

Stierbach  
Scribes  
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**

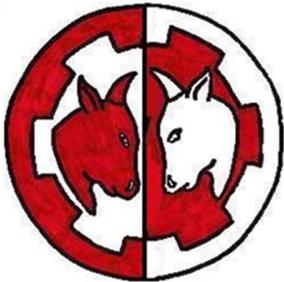
Common Era				Anno Societatis	Common Era				Anno Societatis
1 May 1966	-	30 April 1967		1 I	1 May 2004	-	30 April 2005	39 XXXIX	
1 May 1967	-	30 April 1968		2 II	1 May 2005	-	30 April 2006	40 XL	
1 May 1968	-	30 April 1969		3 III	1 May 2006	-	30 April 2007	41 XLI	
1 May 1969	-	30 April 1970		4 IV	1 May 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	
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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

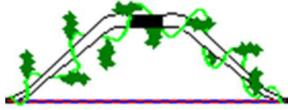
Shakespeare says, "Some are born great, some achieve greatness, and some have greatness thrust upon them." Those of you with proficiency in thrown weapons know also that sometimes you have a thrown weapon thrust upon you! To honor one among you that has vaunted prowess in Thrown Weapons, We, <name> and <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 command. 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](http://scribe.atlantia.sca.org/resources/Atlantian_Scribes_Handbook_2016.pdf)

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