

BARONY OF STIERBACH

The Bull



Baronial Newsletter September 2024

[September Business Meeting Minutes](#)

by Geneve Wolfelin

October 6, 2024

Officers in attendance:

- Baron – Dunstan Stonehill
- Baroness – Cynthia Anne of Silver Lakes
- Deputy Seneschal – Jenefer de Winter
- Exchequer -Gökhan ibn Saruhkan
- Chatelaine – Aygül bint Umur Bey al-Aydin
- Chronicler – Geneve Wölfelin
- Knights Marshal – James of Carinthia
- Minister of Arts & Science – Arielle de Pontoise
- Deputy MoAS – Rita Die Perle Von Der Wetterau
- Webminister – Richard Wymarc
- Deputy Webminister – Gaius Marius Valerius

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by our Seneschal.

Welcome back from Pennsic to everyone who went!

From their Excellencies:

Hello! Welcome to this month's meeting. Last month was pretty busy! We are almost unpacked from Pennsic and hope that you are too. Her Excellency attended Battle on the Bay last weekend and got to enjoy the horses. Stierbach was very well represented on the rapier field. It was a wonderful event and very very fun.

His Excellency made an appearance at the Battle Barn. It was a great practice! His Excellency also made it Grimm's Field for the Labor Day practice.

A Progress has been posted for the next six months. Please come see us and say "Hi" when you do.

Populace Questions and Notes

N/A

Officer Reports:

Seneschal: There was an accident at Sacred Stone Baronial Birthday involving a propane leak. A member of Atlantia was burned badly and is still hospitalized. There will be new propane detectors installed in the showers before War of the Wings.

QuarterMaster: Nothing new to report! We are planning to meet at the storage locker on Thursday to grab some things for Baronial Birthday. Most of the things that were pulled for Pennsic are still out and about. We do need to schedule an inventory this fall. Magnus will check his availability and post something to the Baronial Facebook page.

Exchequer: The check for Holiday Faire deposit has cleared.

Chatelaine: Not in attendance.

Knights Marshall: S.O.A.P. continues. We have had two new transfers into the Barony who are regularly attending our practices. Siege practice is coming up! There will be siege at Baronial Birthday. If you are ready to come authorize – please come out!

Minister of the list: Nothing new to report.

MOAS: September 19th will be Parasols Part 2 where you can finish what was started at the last class. Our next equestrian practice is the 15th of September – look for more details. A goat cheese class will be a Zoom class in October. An in person class is also scheduled for October on Burgandian clothing. November's in person class will be on wood burning. Lots of great stuff going on! Most classes have drawn in 10 to 12 people (a good turnout!). Look for more details about A&S at Baronial Birthday.

Just a reminder the in person classes are generally held at Bethel Lutheran Church (room B7) 8712 Plantation Ln, Manassas, VA 20110.

New Herald: Nothing new to report.

Chronicler: Concerns about making sure that our newsletters are going to the Kingdom and that we are in compliance. Geneve will reach out to make sure that we are caught up.

WebMinister: Master Richard thanks the Baronage for posting their progress for the next six months A&S is also doing a great job keeping us updated on the classes we have been holding. For our Baronial newsletter, Master Richard is grabbing the posts from our Baronial Blog and compiling it into a monthly newsletter. He requests a list of required items that need to be included.

Event Updates:

Baronial Birthday – We are on track and everything seems to be well organized. We may not have Thrown Weapons at our event and lunch will not be served – so bring some food and water! Registration on Scores is at 54 people. A few last minute details were finalized.

We will need volunteers for set-up and tear down. Set-up will begin Friday at 2 pm at the site. Tear down will take place at the end of the event. Please help pack us up!

Jen is working on a schedule. Morning court is at 10 AM and afternoon court at 5 pm. Look for a final schedule to be posted.

Holiday Faire updates – Our deposit check has been cashed. Scores registration is open and people are using it! The site has also reached out to ask us if we want to come back next year. Runa, Jen, and Geneve will not be autocrating this event next year (or Baronial Birthday) – if you are interested in running events for the Barony please volunteer and reach out.

Closing Remarks from their Excellencies

We are very excited for Baronial Birthday! We are looking forward to seeing everyone. If His Excellencies boss shows up, please let him know how much a dictator His Excellency is.

We will be at WoW and camping with Storvik. There is space if you still want to register.

Please make sure you are checking out our progress – we want to see you all!

PLEASE SUBMIT REWARD RECOMMENDATIONS! We accept emails, messages, and award recommendations through the esp. Send us stuff and tell us all the great things that are going on!

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm.

[Return of the Moo!](#)

by Richard Wymarc

September 18, 2024

The old Stierbach discussion list had serious problems with bounced mail and has not been used in over a year. I'm happy to announce that the new and shiny Official Stierbach Discussion list is now up and running at:

stierbach@group.atlantia.sca.org

It is hosted by Google Groups, so no more issues with spam filters.

If you wish to be added to the group, please email webminister+moo@stierbach.atlantia.sca.org with your SCA name, email address, and whether you want individual emails or a daily digest.

I have the old Moo archives backed up if there is a need to get dig anything up.

Richard Wymarc

Webminister, Stierbach

[A&S Classes for November and December](#)

by Richard Wymarc

September 17, 2024

A&S ZOOM class: Saints

(by William)

What did saints do in medieval times?

Their lives were full of examples of resistance to temptation and evil, and heroic faith and virtue which could teach, encourage, and inspire. The saints could petition for the spiritual and physical needs of their devotees.

The activity will be held on November 07, 2024 from

7:00 pm to 9:00 pm at

Bethel Lutheran Church (room B7)

8712 Plantation Ln, Manassas, VA 20110

A&S Class: Pyrography

(by Rita Die Perle Von Der Wetterau)

Pyrography is an art practiced by disparate cultures worldwide for thousands of years, including ancient societies in China, Rome, and Egypt. Pyrography comes from the Greek word “pyro” – meaning “fire” – and “graphos” – meaning “writing”. It essentially refers to anything written or carved on a surface using fire or heat and translates broadly into “writing with fire”. The term “woodburning” is often used as a synonym for the art, as wood is the most common medium used.

The activity will be held on November 21, 2024, from

7:00 pm to 9:00 pm at

Bethel Lutheran Church (room B7)

8712 Plantation Ln, Manassas, VA 20110

A&S ZOOM Class: How to create an event.

(by Lady Jenefer de Winter)

The SCA community has thousands of members in kingdoms around the world. Our participants learn about the arts, skills, and culture of the Middle Ages in an atmosphere of fun, through tournaments, courts, festivities such as feasts, dancing, classes, workshops and more. To have fun at those events we need members of individuals to create an event whether it is small or grand. You don't have to be afraid. I have been in the SCA for a long time, and I attended many events and I catch my self-saying well I would do this or that. So, to make a difference I helped with different events and eventually I gave my first event. I must say very gratifying. No one can do it by itself and if you have a group that works well with each other I know we can come up with so wonderful events. Looking forward to next year.

The activity will be held on December 12, 2024, from
7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

A&S Class: End of the Year 2024 POTLUCK

(by Natalie Henderson Baird & Rita Die Perle Von Der Wetterau)

The term "potluck" first appeared in print in the 15th century and was used to describe what an unexpected guest ate, or whatever was being cooked that night. Simply sharing the space of eating nurtures, a sense of community and togetherness. I hope I will see you and if not, I do wish you a wonderful ending of 2024.

The activity will be held on December 19, 2024, from
7:00 pm to 9:00 pm at
Bethel Lutheran Church (room B7)
8712 Plantation Ln, Manassas, VA 20110

[From the the Writing Desk of Her Excellency – It's Our Birthday!](#)

by Genefer Wolfelin
September 2, 2024



For this week's blog entry – we gratefully pass the pen to the Baroness Stierbach.

This year, the Best Barony turns 26! It is time to bring out your red, or your Classical Clothing (or, maybe, your Classical Red Clothing :D), and be inspired by the Nine Muses at our celebration on Saturday, September 14, at Mountain Run Winery in Culpeper, Virginia.

(Here is a link to more information about our Birthday Celebrations:

<https://baronialbirthday.stierbach.atlantia.sca.org/>)

If you have ever wondered about our barony, here are some facts about us, taken from the Atlantia Wiki page:

The Barony was founded in A.S. 32, and our founding Baron and Baroness were Ivan Ivanovich and Rowan Berran McDowell. His Excellency Ivan currently lives in the Barony of Bright Hills, where Countess Rowan also resides.

Stierbach is a large territory! Our lands include the counties of Loudoun, Prince William, Fauquier, Rappahannock, Culpeper, Warren, Clark, and Stafford, as well as the cities of Manassas, Chantilly, Clarke County, Frederick County, Shenandoah County, Warren County, the city of Winchester, and Centreville. Our [Canton of Sudentorre](#) encompasses

Caroline County, King George County, Spotsylvania County, Stafford County, and Fredericksburg.

Our Baronial arms are a wonderful pun: we have three bulls *courant*, which in heraldic terms means that they are running. The field is divided in half horizontally (*per fess*) by an *embattlement*.

This makes our arms, heraldically, the Battle of Bull Run, which was fought near Bull Run Creek, which is in the City of Manassas – the area of Stierbach in which we were founded.

We have had, so far, nine Barons and Baronesses:

Baron Ivan Ivanovich & Baroness Rowan Berran McDowell

A.S. 32 – A.S. 34

Baron Dafydd Sean ap Hywel & Baroness Morgan Catriona Bruce

A.S. 34 – A.S. 35

Baron Mika Longbow & Baroness Ursula d’Arcy

A.S. 35 – A.S. 38

Baron Colum Maxwell & Baroness Briana Malukas

A.S. 38 – A.S.42

Baron Flaithri Cearnaigh & Baroness Rhowen verch Tudor

A.S. 42 – A.S. 47

Baron Valgard av Mors & Baroness Esperanza Susanna Flecha

A.S. 47 – A.S. 52

Baron Dietrich Saphir zum Drache & Baroness Karin Taylor de Cameron

A.S. 52 – A.S. 56

Baron Wulff Nuremberger & Baroness Geneve Wolfelin

A.S. 56 – A.S. 58

Baron Dunstan Stonehill & Baroness Cynthia Anne of Silver Lakes

A.S. 58 – Present

We have amazing people in this, the Best Barony! Here are our Baronial awards.

***Don't forget that YOU can recommend members of our Barony for any of these awards using this link: <https://polling.atlantia.sca.org/index.php> ***

Order of Saint Roch

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!"

Award of the Silver Bow

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.

Award of the Minotaur

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.

Award of the Silver Glove

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.

Award of the Silver Axe

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.

Award of the Silver Compass

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.

Order of the Silver Heart

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.

Award of the Bull and the Crescent

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.

Holder of the Dreamer's Cup

Token acknowledging an individual who has best embodied the spirit of the Society during a Baronial event. Selected by the Autocrat, Seneschal, Baroness, and current holder for the Cup. (Baron will act as a tiebreaker.) The recipient has the privilege of carrying the cup at all events he/she attends until the next Baronial event when a successor is selected, and the cup is passed on.

Award of the Silver Stirrup

Silver Stirrup of Stierbach, Award of the This order name was registered to Stierbach, Barony of in November of 2015 (via Atlantia).

Award of the Silver Horns

Given to those in the Barony who have distinguished themselves by service to the Barony. May be received more than once.

Award of the Bull and Arrow

Given to those children of the Barony who have distinguished themselves far and above in Archery.

*If you do not currently have an ESP account, there is a link on this page that will take you to a PDF that will show you how to do so:



https://polling.atlantia.sca.org/guides/Getting_Started-v2.pdf

*If you have ever wondered whether or not someone already has an award that you think that they deserve, you can look them up in the Atlantia Kingdom Order of Precedence search page, found here: <https://op.atlantia.sca.org/search.php>

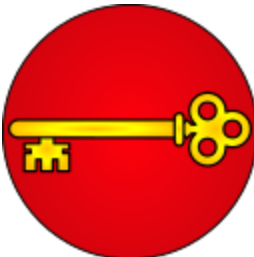
Thank you Your Excellency for this most Excellent history lesson!

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Meetings, Practices, and Workshops

Meetings:**Baronial Business Meeting:**

Meets: Second Tuesday of the month. Starts at 7:00 p.m.

Location: Online

Contact the seneschal@stierbach.atlantia.sca.org for more information.

ALL Are Welcome!

Newcomers Meetings:

New to the Barony? We have some meetings and activities to help introduce you to the SCA.

Contact chatelaine@stierbach.atlantia.sca.org for more information.

Workshops:

Upcoming A&S Classes

19 September: A&S Class: Painting Parasols II

Parasol comes from the Latin “para-“, to shield or protect, and “sol” which means “sun.” The parasol is generally smaller than the umbrella in size and considered meant to protect skin from the sun.

The activity will be held on September 19, 2024, from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm at Bethel Lutheran Church (room B7)
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3 October: A&S ZOOM Class: Making Goat Cheese

(by Lady Vincetta De of Greyhold, Kingdom of the Outland)

The activity will be held on October 03, 2024, from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

23 October: A&S Class: Burgundian dress making.

(by Rignach Argyll) European fashion north of the Alps was dominated by the glittering court of the Duchy of Burgundy, especially under the fashion-conscious power-broker Philip the Good (ruled 1419–1469). Having added Holland and Flanders to their dominion, the Dukes of Burgundy had access to the latest fabrics of Italy and the East and to English wool exports through the great trading cities of Bruges and Antwerp. Burgundian dress is a type of loose court outer gown with fitted sleeves which overlap the palms of a wearer.

The activity will be held on October 24, 2024, from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm at Bethel Lutheran Church (room B7)
8712 Plantation Ln, Manassas, VA 20110

November and December:

<https://stierbach.atlantia.sca.org/2024/09/17/as-classes-for-november-and-december/>

Practices:

Baronial fighter Practice:

Meets: Every Wednesday, weather allowing, 6:30-9:00

Location: 26 Richland Rd. Fredericksburg, VA, 22406

Please contact knight-marshall@stierbach.atlantia.sca.org for more information on heavy weapons and fencing practices.

Fencing Practice:

Meets: Every Tuesday and Thursday, 8-10 pm

Now that school is back in session, the rapier practice held in Fredericksburg will be moving back to the auxiliary gym at the University of Mary Washington. Starting on September 3, we will be meeting from 8-10 PM on Tuesdays and Thursdays. I know it's quite late for many people, but we would love to see you there!

As always, no experience is required to attend! We love teaching newcomers and there is plenty of loaner equipment.

Stierbach Equestrian Practice Schedule

The 2024 dates are: 3/17, 5/19, 7/14, 9/22 and 11/03

Location: 4603 James Madison Hwy, Haymarket, VA 20169

Brief Description:

Join us at James Long park in Haymarket VA for our first Northern Cavalry Practice! Set up from 10am to 11 am, and riding and/or driving from 11am to about 1pm. After we pack up the equipment, we'll share snacks and fellowship from 1pm to 2pm.

Archery Practice – Grimmsfield

Every Monday from 1700 to 1930 (or light or enthusiasm fades) from now until the end of Daylight Savings Time (? November 3) at 16132 Crusade Ct, Haymarket, VA 20169 Grimmsfield is free , open to all. There is ample loaner equipment and instruction, plus a variety of targets from 10m to 70m.

Parking has changed is that Master Grimm would prefer that we park inside the fence (previously many of us parked on the driveway.). We just completed a work day to clear enough space for parking.

Baronial Calendar

Barony of Stierbach

Today

September 2024

Print Week Month Agenda

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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Events shown in time zone: Eastern Time - New York

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