

# BARONY OF STIERBACH

## The Bull



Baronial Newsletter February 2025

### [From our Deputy A&S Minister](#)

by Geneve Wolfelin

February 24, 2025



Greetings Medieval Readers,

This week we gratefully pass the pen to Lady Rita Die Perle Von Der Wetterau. Lady Rita joined our Barony just a few years ago and has been faithfully serving the Arts & Sciences community here in the BEST Barony of Stierbach ever since. She has held numerous competitions and displays AND works hard with our Minister of Arts and Sciences to make sure we have classes or meetings all year long.

Thank YOU for your efforts Lady Rita. Take it away!

“My Lords and Ladies,

We had a great year 2024 for The Barony of Stierbach A&S on zoom and in person.

I would like to thank everyone that participated in taking the classes and the ones that taught weaving, hand sewing, scroll covers, painting parasols, illumination scrolls, woodburning, Burgundian dress making, and so many other classes. One of the highlights was the making of goat cheese on zoom, where we invited Lady Vincetta De of Greyhold, from the Kingdom of the Outlands. We closed the year with a wonderful potluck which was one of the only times we wore our garb!

I am looking forward to this year. I have already posted a calendar of potential classes for 2025. I greatly appreciate any input for potential activities!

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A&S Deputy: Rita Die Perle Von Der Wetterau”

You can contact Lady Rita at [acr2j2m6@yahoo.com](mailto:acr2j2m6@yahoo.com)

### [February Business Meeting Minutes](#)

by Genefe Wolfelin

February 12, 2025

Officers in attendance:

- Baron – Dunstan Stonehill
- Baroness – Cynthia Anne of Silver Lakes

- Seneschal – Thorgrimr Kraka
- Deputy Seneschal – Jenefer de Winter
- Exchequer -Ceridywn ferch Rhys ap Michael
- 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

### **From their Excellencies:**

Hello from Their Excellencies! We hope everyone is enjoying the snowy weather and that you are all staying safe. Defending the Gate is coming up. It is going to be a lot of fun and we hope to see you there!

Please keep sharing when you are going out and doing cool things. Lady Arielle was a part of an Equestrian track at Atlantia University and did a wonderful job.

Stay connected in these times! Many of us are under extra stress right now.

### **Populace Questions and Notes**

Porfina dropped by from the Shire of Isenfir. Isenfir is hosting a demo June 20/21 and she wanted to loop us in. This is a free event from people to attend. There are two 10x10 spaces reserved. There will also be space outside for martial activities. This could be a great way to add some new faces to the group. There is a demo Facebook group if you are interested in being a part of this! Master Richard will try to get some more information on our Baronial webpage.

### **Officer Reports:**

**Seneschal:** This is my last meeting as your Seneschal. Thank you everyone for your support.

**QuarterMaster:** Everything from Holiday Faire is now returned to the storage locker. We could use some new covers for the five gallon water coolers. It was suggested that this could be an A&S project. We tentatively planned an inventory for April.

**Exchequer:** Mistress Ceridwen is now our acting Exchequer. She has been working with Kingdom to get our accounts and expenses in order. There are still some expenses to pay out for Holiday Faire. The profit total will be revised once these are paid.

We also need to pay for the site for Armored Practice this past Sunday. A detailed report is coming from Mistress Ceridwen..

Expect to approve the budget from this coming year at our March business meeting.

The following expenses were re-approved for the 2025 budget year:

- Trailer insurance for the next year
- Reimbursement for the cost of lunch at Holiday Faire (Included in the event budget previously approved)
- City of Fredericksburg Vendor Business Fee (Included in the event budget previously approved)
- One refund that was requested in a timely matter from Holiday Faire
- Reimbursing Lady Rita for the cost of A&S space (this was previously approved but the check had not yet been delivered)

**Chatelaine:** Vacant position.

**Knights Marshall:** No report.

**Minister of the list:** No report.

**MOAS:**

The A&S schedule has been planned and posted. Last Thursday was an on-line class to learn how to play the recorder. It was great and many thanks to those who attended! There is a documentation class coming up in person at the Church and our new Seneschal will be teaching a class later this month on how to autocrat.

If you are heading to KASF – have fun!

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

**New Herald:** The Known World Herald and Scribal Symposium was a great time! Lady Katherine will be running a consult table at the Celebration Babur in Caer Mear this weekend.

**Chronicler:** Genefe will reconnect with Kingdom to make sure the backlog of Baronial Newsletters is taken care of. Please send Genefe content for the blog ([mpruitt085@gmail.com](mailto:mpruitt085@gmail.com)).

**WebMinister:** We are caught up on newsletters. The website is moving along very nicely. Everything is patched and up to date! If anything interesting is going on – please make sure to let it be known.

### Closing Remarks from their Excellencies

Defending the Gate is coming! The Canton is hosting an event in March. We will be at the same site that we used just about 10 years ago at the Izaak Walton League. We are looking for some event staff – please consider helping out with parking, acting as Field Steward, or extra hands at Troll. Many hands make light work! Please come help out.

There will be an A&S challenge from our own Baroness. The theme is Bees and/or Agincourt. There is a working apiary on-site and the possibility of a short presentation on beekeeping.

We are also looking for award recommendations for this event. Please please let us know what our wonderful people are up to.

PLEASE SUBMIT REWARD RECOMMENDATIONS! We accept emails, messages, and award recommendations through the esp. The esp is really the best way to get us info but we will take what we can get! Send us stuff and tell us all the great things that are going on! Thank you to those who are sending us messages 😊

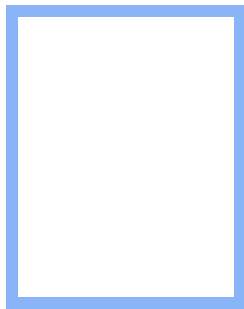
### **From our New Seneschal:**

We are also looking for an event steward for Baronial Birthday. We are accepting bids at the March business meeting. We are also looking for an autocrat for Holiday Faire next November. Our new Seneschal Lady Jenefer is an excellent resource for anyone who would like to learn more about autocrating.

Lady Jenefer is looking forward to working with all of us.


Many thanks to Thorgrmir for his dedication and hard-work as our Seneschal!

Meeting adjourned at 7:53 pm.



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**Exchequer's Report – February 2025 (A.S. LIX)**

Financial Committee Actions:

- Reconfirm the following actions:
  - Trailer insurance payment to Lil
  - Holiday Lunch reimbursement f
  - Holiday Vendor license paymen
  - Holiday Faire refund NTE \$43 A
  - Rita McDowell \$100 for 2024 A
  - Rita McDowell \$150 2025 A&S

New Bank Account Activities:

- NMR checks for Baronial Birthday and
- Deposited the SCORES check for Holid

Events:

- Holiday Faire final profit will need to be
- Regional Fighter Practice; need to writ

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### [Dates for Equestrian Practices](#)

by Richard Wymarc

February 11, 2025

6/8/25: Equestrian Practice at James Long Park, Haymarket, VA (10 to 2pm)

9/28/25: Equestrian Practice at James Long Park, Haymarket, VA (10 to 2pm)

10/26/25: Equestrian Practice at James Long Park, Haymarket, VA (10 to 2pm)

### [Meet Our New Seneschal](#)

by Genefe Wolfelin

February 7, 2025



The symbol of the Seneschal's office is a key.  
Traditionally, this position was the chief steward of a noble household.

Greetings Medieval Readers,

You may (or may not) be aware that the leading administrator of the best Barony has been replaced – but NOT due to any delicious scandal. Dróttin Þorgrímur kráka has completed his term as our Seneschal and Lady Jenefer de Winter has been selected by Thier Excellencies to fill this vital role.

Lady Jenefer has served in many roles here in Stierbach, most recently as the Autocrat of Baronial Birthday and part of the Autocrat team that organized Holiday Faire. She has been a reliable presence in the Barony for quite some time.

Yours truly had the chance to ask a few questions of our busy Seneschal and here are her responses in our first ever edition of “Get to Know Your Seneschal.”

**What brought you to the SCA?**



“I was already SCA-adjacent because of the number of friends I had who were already involved in the SCA. At the time I began attending events regularly it was because I had the available time, and I was excited to indulge my inner-history nerd.”

**What keeps you coming back?**

“Simple, the people. I’ve made some amazing new friends since I began playing as well as the fact I get to spend more time with a lot of my old friends.”

**What advice would you give to someone thinking of joining the SCA here in Stierbach?**



“Come on out and join us! We have some of the most helpful and friendly folks who are happy to show any newcomer the ropes, answer questions, and help them get involved in our activities. It’s one of the things I love most about Stierbach!”

Thank you Lady Jenefer for sharing your time and your thoughts. This particular member of the Best Barony predicts only good things under your tenure!

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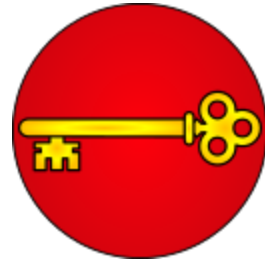
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# Meetings, Practices, and Workshops

## 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)  
8712 Plantation Ln, Manassas, VA 20110

#### **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-marshal@stierbach.atlantia.sca.org](mailto:knight-marshal@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  
Suspended Until Spring

# Baronial Calendar

Today < > March 2025   Month 

SUN 23	MON 24	TUE 25	WED 26	THU 27	FRI 28	SAT Mar 1
		Fencing Practi	Baronial Fighte	Fencing Practi		Kingdom Arts a
2	3	4 Fencing Practi	5 Baronial Fighte	6 Fencing Practi	7	8
9	10	11 2 more	12 Baronial Fighte	13 Fencing Practi	14	15
16	17	18 Fencing Practi	19 Baronial Fighte	20 2 more	21	22
23	24	25 Fencing Practi	26 Baronial Fighte	27 Fencing Practi	28	29 Defending the
30	31	Apr 1 Fencing Practi	2 Baronial Fighte	3 Fencing Practi	4	5 Coronation

## Barony of Stierbach

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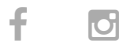
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