

BARONY OF STIERBACH

The Bull



Baronial Newsletter December 2025

2026 A&S Class Schedule

by Richard Wymarc

January 16, 2026

A&S Zoom classes are held online, links will be distributed via email and social media.

A&S classes are held at the Bethel Lutheran Church, 8712 Plantation Ln, Manassas, VA 20110, USA 7 PM

January 8, 2026	A&S ZOOM	MoAS A&S discussion for events and competitions 2026
January 22, 2026	A&S CLASS	Largess -Needle Books (By Lady Rita)
February 5, 2026	A&S ZOOM	Heraldry 101 (by Crane Herald Iacobo ibn Daoud)

February 19, 2026	A&S CLASS	Medieval Hoods (by Lady Arielle)
March 5, 2026	A&S ZOOM	(TENTATIVE) Pottery
March 19, 2026	A&S CLASS	(TENTATIVE) Illumination or Scroll Covers (By Lady Rita)
April 8, 2026	A&S ZOOM	(TENTATIVE) Fiber Dying
April 22, 2026	A&S CLASS	(TENTATIVE) Jewelry
May 7, 2026	A&S ZOOM	(TENTATIVE) Bardic (Songs / Story telling)
May 21, 2026	A&S CLASS	Cup covers (By Lady Rita)
June 04, 2026	A&S ZOOM	Hennins (by Lady Arielle)
Jun 18, 2026	A&S CLASS	Greek/Roman chiton construction and draping
July 9, 2026	A&S ZOOM	Prep for Pennsic (w/ Camp stewards, their excellencies)
July 23, 2026	A&S CLASS	Pennsic Party – Open sewing / crafting / potluck
August 6, 2026	A&S ZOOM	TBD
August 20, 2026	A&S CLASS	Beginning Drawing a Celtic knot (by Lady Rita)
September 3, 2026	A&S ZOOM	(TENTATIVE) History of embroidery or tapestries

September 17, 2026	A&S CLASS	Embroidery or Knitting (w/ Special Guest Anne Decker)
October 8, 2026	A&S ZOOM	(TENTATIVE) Things that go Bump in the Night / Folklore
October 22, 2026	A&S CLASS	Potteries (create animal whistle) (by Lady Rita)
November 5, 2026	A&S ZOOM	(TENTATIVE) Book binding
November 19, 2026	A&S CLASS	Hand-painted ceramic tiles (by Lady Rita)
December 3, 2026	A&S ZOOM	(TENTATIVE) Music and Dance
December 17, 2026	A&S CLASS	Potluck

December Business Meeting Minutes

by Genefe Wolfelin

January 11, 2026

Baronial Officers:

- Baron – Dunstan Stonehill
- Baroness – Cynthia Anne of Silver Lakes
- Seneschal – Jenefer de WinterThorgrimr Kraka
- Deputy Seneschal – Thorgrimr Kraka
- Exchequer -Ceridwen ferch Rhys ap Michael
- Chronicler – Genefe Wölfelin
- Herald – Katherine Ravenshill
- Chatalaine – Runa Skoggasdottir
- Knights Marshal – Baru le Batallier

- 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 7:02 pm

The meeting was recorded 😊

From their Excellencies:

It's been a quiet month for their Excellencies. We had a great time at Holiday Faire. There was also some good discussion at UnEvent. We have a new updated ESP. It is a slick new streamlined system! This is a great tool to recommend awards. Paid members should take a moment to check in with the new system and make sure all their information is up to date.

Updates from the Seneschal:

The Seneschal's meeting at UnEvent was also a great discussion. Some updates include making sure that Youth Activities take place front and center!

We are still looking for a Social Media Officer. A quick reminder that absolutely no AI generated content should be posted in any of our official media accounts.

Updated general insurance forms will be available soon for our Autocrats. Please make sure to file your quarterly reports on time! For future pollings – we will need to make sure to stick to the established timelines.

A note on Elchenberg castle: The Board of Directors will not allow official events to take place at this site.

Our Kingdom Seneschal will be stepping down in May. An announcement will go out requesting Letters of Intent for this position in January. If you are interested in serving in this capacity – reach out to our current Kingdom Seneschal Master Cian.
(seneschal@officer.atlantia.sca.org)

Officer Reports:**QuarterMaster:****Exchequer:**

Checks were cut for Holiday Faire. We need to update our signatory card with the banks. Congratulations to Gaius for stepping up to be the Deputy Exchequer!

We are waiting for the SCORES check for Baronial Birthday. We are waiting for the PayPal check for Holiday Faire.

Updates from UnEvent: Society is mandating that all of our deposits from events should be deposited within 48 hours of the end of the event or receiving the check in the mail. Please make sure that Mistress Ceridwen is listed as reservationist for Baronial Events moving forward.

Knights Marshall:

Sir Bumi reports that we are having great turnout at our official practices including a slew of Mary Washington Students. We have three new fighters with full new kits of their own. Sir Bumi also plans on offering workshop time to allow fighters to continue to customize their equipment.

Minister of the list:

Updates from UnEvent – The button on our on-line system for fighters to renew their warrants is going away on December 23rd. Beyond that date, any fighter who wishes to renew will have to re-authorize in person.

There were also some changes to some of the forms that are required, but they are small changes.

MOAS:

Updates from UnEvent – There was a great discussion about encouraging A&S competition and modifications to the Populace Vote. There was also a great discussion on including

MakerSpaces into our events where artisans would have a chance to work on their crafts and answer questions. Lady Rita also talked about including our surrounding baronies in our activities.

Herald: Lady Katherine is digging back into some Heraldry submissions.

From UnEvent – We are working on revamping our Heraldry website.

Chronicler: The blog continues. Newsletters are being sent to Kingdom as they are published 😊 Send Genefe content for the blog please.

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Updates from UnEvent include an updated list of who should be receiving our newsletter and a recommendation that we include mundane contact information to make contact easier for newcomers.

If you are looking for a way to get involved – Genefe would love a deputy.

Chatelaine: Absent. No report.

WebMinister:

Updates from UnEvent – The restrictions regarding AI are based on generative AI. No official website or social media account should contain any generative AI content. In addition, every one with access to edit our website should be warranted by the Kingdom Web Minister. Genefe will need to go through the warranting process.

QuarterMaster: Magnus did not receive a list of items that were taken for Holiday Faire so cannot vouch for what was taken or what was returned. This is a great reminder for all of our Event Stewards and Autocrats to make a list of what is borrowed and what it is returned and directly communicate this information to Magnus. This communication is important for keeping track of the Barony's property.

Old Business:

Holiday Faire Wrap-up:

Holiday Faire went well! Mistress Ceridwen presented a rough draft of the financial report. It is not finalized yet but it seems as though this event was not as profitable as previous years. Once the report is finalized, it will be released.

New Business:

Winter Melee practice updates:

The \$500 deposit was made at the Fredericksburg Fairgrounds for a Northern Regional Melee Practice on Sunday February 2nd from about 10 AM to 3 PM.

Genefe put forth a proposal to vote on Sir Bumi's request for loaner armor and equipment in the amount of \$1200.00. The proposal was seconded by Norbert. A vote was taken and the motion passed unopposed.

Coronation Updates:

We were able to get an agreement from the Fredericksburg Fairgrounds to host Coronation. We made a \$500 deposit but have not received a contract yet; however, the Kingdom Bid Committee has requested a bid and a budget. Lady Jenefer would like to get that information to Kingdom as soon as possible,

Lady Katherine noted that the Barony is consistently requesting additional pop-ups for local events. Our Barony currently has one 10x10 pop-up. Would the Barony be interested in purchasing two additional pop-ups for \$106.00? A lively discussion followed. A motion was put forward to vote for the purchase of these two pop-ups. The motion passed with a vote of 8 to 1.

Populace Comments:

From Arielle in regards to equine insurance – the cost of equine insurance is going up for events to \$600.00 The Equestrian community is working diligently to figure out how to make our funds go the furthest. For more details, please contact Arielle.

Lady Rita brought up the cost of the A&S at the church. The financial committee voted to pay \$150 to reserve Bethel Lutheran Church for January through June.

Closing Remarks from their Excellencies

Their Excellencies will be there on Thursday for the Roman Potluck. A Big THANK YOU to Lady Katherine for Autocrat-ing Holiday Faire! We also plan on attending Twelfth Night. Please let us know if you will be there too and we will plan to meet up! Have a wonderful holiday to everyone 😊

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 😊

Meeting adjourned at 8:34 pm

Hail the Traveler

by Genefe Wolfelin

December 10, 2025

Greetings Medieval Readers,

It is with great sorrow that we report the passing of Countess Rowan Berran McDowell, one time Queen of Atlantia and the first Baroness Stierbach. Her Excellency was also a member of the Order of the Laurel and a member of the Great Dark Horde.

I first met Countess Rowan over a decade ago. She picked me out of a crowd to compliment my garb. I did not know her and she did not know me, but she chose to share a few kind words with me that day and many more days after that. Since her passing on December 8th, many other good gentles have shared similar stories describing her words of encouragement and mischievous spirit.

Your dear chronicler has heard no details yet of a funeral, but a memorial gathering is currently being planned for May 2026.



Countess Rowan Berran McDowell, the first Baroness of Stierbach.

End-Of-Year Potluck

by Genefe Wolfelin

December 2, 2025



Since we had lots of Roman events and classes this year, let's make it a Roman inspired dish!

Curious about the food of ancient Rome? Author Crystal King shares details about apiculus, vomitorium, garum, fried dormice, and ancient Roman cuisine.

Find out more at <https://www.crystalking.com/thefoodofancientrome>

Bring a dish large enough for 4 to 6 people and a list of ingredients that is served. Be creative! Populous will vote for the most favorable dish.

If you can bring a toy for largess, you will be entered in the Holiday gift drawing. Also don't forget this is the only time we are in Garb!

The activity will be held on December 18, 2025, from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

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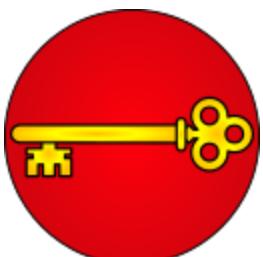
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Meetings, Practices, and Workshops

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

[Upcoming Classes](#)

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

Meets: Every Monday, 5pm to dusk

Runs from the first Monday after Spring Daylight Savings change until Fall Daylight Savings change. (In winter we switch to A&S. 6PM until 9PM.)

No experience necessary. Newcomers welcome. Loaner gear (and coaching) are available!

Baronial Calendar

Today		<	>	January 2026	▼				Month	▼
SUN	28	MON	29	TUE	30	WED	31	THU	Jan 1	FRI
		Archery Practic	Fencing Practic	Baronial Fighte	Fencing Practic			2		3
4		5		6		7		8		9
		Archery Practic	Fencing Practic	Baronial Fighte	2 more				10	Kingdom 12th
11		12		13		14		15		16
		Archery Practic	2 more	Baronial Fighte	Fencing Practic					17
18		19		20		21		22		23
		Archery Practic	Fencing Practic	Baronial Fighte	2 more					24
25		26		27		28		29		30
		Archery Practic	Fencing Practic	Baronial Fighte	Fencing Practic					31

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