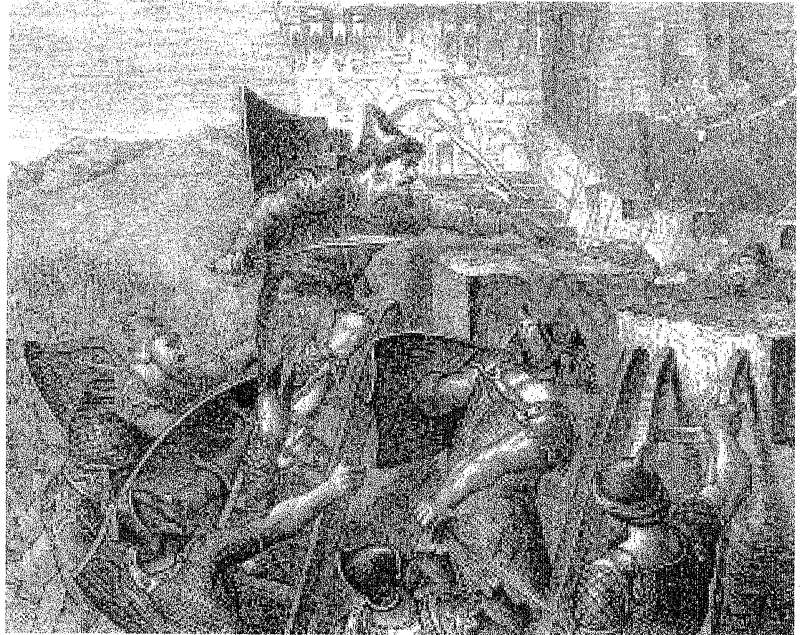


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Her Excellency's Message

Greetings to the good People of Storvik, and all those who hear my words, from Meisterin Johanna von Sudeborn, Baroness of Storvik

I thank all of you who made Yule Revel such a delightful day, most particularly Lady Tirzah and her staff. The food, the gaming, the dancing, and the company was mixed in judicious portions to a fine end result - what fun we have together.

The snows are falling, blocking the roads at time, but Storvik is busy with new projects and plans for the upcoming investiture of Lord Sean and Lady Elizabeth as Baron and Baroness of Storvik. I call on you all to support Their Majesties choice. And it is good for me to know that Storvik will lead by two who love this Barony well.

Many Storviki have opened their homes to new activities to fill the winter hours, and I encourage you to seek out these gatherings. This is the time, before the spring tourney season arrives, to refurbish our wardrobes and armory, teach our crafts and learn new skills, and plan for the tourneys, wars and faires to come.

I will not be at home this month, but will be traveling to the home of Kim and James for the Newcomer's meeting on the 25th of February. Please join us there.

Until I see you again, on the field or in the hall, I remain yours, in Service to Storvik and Atlantia-

Johanna

Attending Citizens of Storvik:

Ryryd ap Gwerstan, Anna de Brabant, Pedro de Alcazar, Johanna von Sudeborn, Arbogast of Diedenhofen, Margaret of Hollingford, Serena de la Mar, Beatrix von Leipzig, Janina Krakowska z Cambion, Rorik Fredericsson, Sean de la Mer, Kim of Wolfshaven, James Griffin, Elizabeth Harlyn, Graham Flessas, Ysar, Samara Caitlyn of Elfwyne, Ariana, Magnus McKinley, Cearnic Finogdaleign (sp?), Henry West, Patricia of Trokai

(Please note--some notes are missing; minutes begin in mid-officers' reports)

Officers' Reports:

Baroness: Will be in close contact with Elizabeth & Sean (our Baron & Baroness elects), but expect that things will change.

Arts & Sciences: Brewing this month will be cordials.

Castellan: Stepping down; has interested party.

Chronicler: No report.

Event Reports:

Yule Revel: 56 paid attendees. Did not break even; apx. \$200 in the hole. We need to work on pre-registering and (perhaps) better planning. Maybe we should change the day for this event in the future.

Upcoming Events:

Investiture: Working on Hall decorations.

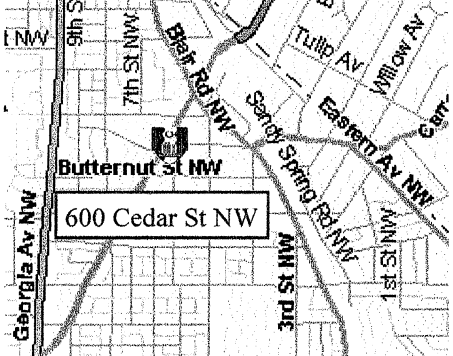
Novice Tournament/Baronial Birthday: (July 8-10) Discussion as to size plan (how big do we want to try to have this event?). Why not bring back "unbelted" as well as Novice? Letting people know the prizes in advance can add attendees.

Still working on do we want a feast; requires major logistical effort, so why not a buffet. Investigations, discussion to occur with a report in February.

Croom taken care of.

Dun Carraig has event planned the same weekend; Northern Regional Seneschal to be contacted. We want a week's break between ur event and a major fighting event (Kingdom Crusades).

Barony Meeting	Baronial At Home
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Upcoming Events (Continued):

Post Pennsic Revel: Johanna will be in touch with Ceara, the autocrat. Do we want another site, as the church's fees have risen steeply? Will we have a co-autocrat who is an actual Storvik resident?

Old Business:

Storage: (see report at end of minutes) Spoke to Kingdom Exchequer. Free storage available within Storvik. Anna strongly recommends against trailer. Questions given to Tirzah & Frederick. Stuff currently stored can stay that way for a while; loaner stuff can be added to this. Try for as large a space as possible (10' x 15' minimum). How will we store (shelves, etc.)? Note: Inventory of Storvik Stuff needs to be done.

Coronets: Nothing new.

Drekkar: Last chance to pay.

New Business:

Financial Policy: To be updated.

Loaner Garb: Sell excess at events, on lists, eBay; try to set this up at Investiture as a merchant. Moved to committee--James & Ceara.

New Business For February Meeting: Storvik encampments during the summer at various events.

Overheard and Unattributed (to protect the guilty):

"It was bird residue...."

"It involves free food."

Baronial Storage Options

1) Public Storage Unit: The preferred method stated by the Atlantian Kingdom Exchequer is that the group secure a public storage facility. The kingdom has found a company, which provides the storage unit at no cost for a tax write-off. At Twelfth Night, Erin requested that the Kingdom Chatelain be contacted and that this course of action be pursued.

2) Trailer: The BOD strongly recommends against our owning & using trailers on the road. If groups decide to own/purchase a trailer, the BOD has raised the following points for consideration:

Baronial Storage Options (Continued)

--An organization, not an individual, will own the trailer; therefore, it must be registered under the corporate name, not a personal name.

--This then leads to require insurance being purchased by the SCA in Milpitas at a commercial rate, not at a personal rate.

--Insurance covers only the trailer and its contents, NOT the driver nor the driver's vehicle.

--In case of an accident, the SCA may be forced to take legal action against the person driving the towing vehicle.

--The trailer may be used only for SCA business and cannot be used for personal trips; NO exceptions.

--It also requires that state laws be researched and compliance met for EVERY STATE IN WHICH THE TRAILER IS ON THE ROAD.

--Some states require that the towing vehicle be driven by someone with a commercial (Class C) license.

--The group must determine who within the group is authorized to use the trailer and for what events.

--If weight limits are surpassed for the trailer, the insurance coverage may be considered void.

--All safety regulations must be met. That is, safety chains, correct hitch and hookup, and all signaling wires must be in proper condition.

--Hazardous materials include propane tanks and kerosene (standard camping equipment within the SCA); this may influence the availability and cost of insurance, since this will be viewed as corporate/business level use.

--Problems can occur with determining liability in case of an accident; if the accident is the driver's fault (e.g. trailer improperly hitched or signal light not working leads to rear-end collision).

--Contents of trailer must be insured separately (not covered by auto insurance).

3) A Fixed Location Storage Building

--Theft insurance is lower than for a movable trailer.

--The contents can be insured by the Group through Renter's Insurance.

Directions to Baronial Activity Sites

Archery Practice

SATURDAY: 10 am to noon (weather and events permitting) at Adelphi Park. Adelphi Park is in Adelphi, Maryland (near College Park). The Archery Range is off HWY 193 (University Blvd) between Riggs Road and Adelphi Road. Please call Storvik's Archery Marshall (Ryryd ap Gwerstan) at (301) 464-2209 or e-mail rcfavans@comcast.net. Please, no calls after 9 pm.

SUNDAY: 10 am to noon (weather permitting) at Rock Creek Park near Lake Needwood. Take Rt. 355-Rockville Pike to Redland Rd. (If you went south on 355, take a Left onto Redland, if you went north on 355 to get there, take a right onto Redland Rd). From Redland Rd. going North (which runs past Shady Grove Metro) take a right onto Needwood Rd. (traffic light) to the entrance to Lake Needwood on the right (just after going over a bridge, look for the brown park sign). From the road the archery range is down to the left and parking is on the right. Please call Storvik's Archery Marshall (Rhryd ap Gwerstan) at (301) 464-2209 or e-mail rcfavans@comcast.net. Please, no calls after 9 pm.

Armoring Session

FOURTH SUNDAY: 2pm at Finn's (finn67@yahoo.com) or William's (wstanton@bellatlantic.net) abode..

Bardic Night

THIRD WEDNESDAY: 7:00pm—Contact Teleri Barod at (301)-982-3363 for details and directions.

Baronial At Home ~~CANCELLED THIS MONTH~~

FOURTH FRIDAY: 7:30pm—Baroness Johanna is "At Home." Directions from I-495: Take New Hampshire Ave South. Turn right at 1st light (Oakview Dr). After about 1/2 mile turn right onto Hedin Dr; go to 9821. (See map, inside cover). Phone: 301-434-4414. ALLERGY ALERT—One Cat in residence!

BARONY MEETING FOR THE GLORIOUS BARONY OF STORVIK

SECOND SUNDAY: 7:00pm—At the Ancestral Baronial Keep (600 Cedar St, NW, Washington, DC); phone—(202) 291-3562. Directions: I-495 to Exit 29 (University Blvd) east. Right at Piney Branch Rd. Follow into DC; Cedar St is first left. (See map, inside cover.)

Brewing

THIRD FRIDAY: 7:00pm at Rhiryd & Anna's (rcfavans@comcast.net) abode - 12309 Rambling Lane; Bowie, MD 20715. Phone: (301) 464-2209 or contact Lord Michel von Schonsee (doppelganger@runbox.com)

Calligraphy & Illumination

SECOND & FOURTH TUESDAYS: 7:00pm Karl Haraldsson's (dragonship_red@yahoo.com), 4602 Weldon Drive, Temple Hills, MD 20748.

Embroidery & Gaming

EVERY OTHER THURSDAY: 7:00pm to 10:00pm at Janina's and Rorik's (ggoose@radix.net) abode, Lakeford Lane, Bowie, MD. Please contact Janina by e-mail or (301) 262-5253 for more information. The embroidery portion of the evening concerns a service project. The Atlantian Embroidery Guild has a Treasure Box project to make favours and tokens for the Queen or Crown Princess to present to the populace as prizes, recognitions, or largesse.

Fighter Practice (Rapier Practice on Mondays when possible)

SUNDAY: 2:00pm—Heavy Weapons/Rapier practice at Tysons-Pimmit Library, Falls Church, VA. E-mail L. Erich von Kleinfeld (Dexter Guptill) at dguptill@aol.com

MONDAY: 7:00pm—Heavy Fighting/Fencing practice at the St. Andrews Episcopal Church, College Park, MD. Directions: From I-495 in Maryland take Rte 1 South. Take a left onto College Ave (MD book exchange is on left). Proceed two blocks. The Church is on the left. The fighter practice is in the hall up the metal steps.

Needlework

THIRD TUESDAY: 7:00PM at Samara's (dragonship_red@yahoo.com), 4602 Weldon Drive, Temple Hills, MD 20748. Phone: (301) 702-2948

Newcomers' Meeting/Arts & Sciences Social

SECOND FRIDAY: 7pm-10pm - Contact James Griffin at jamesgriffinsca@yahoo.com for information on Newcomers or Kim of Wolfshaven at kim_wolfshavensca@yahoo.com for information on A&S for that evening. Held at their abode - 9362 Northgate Rd, Laurel, MD 20723. Information and directions posted regularly to the Storvik list..

Sewing and/or Weaving

WEDNESDAY: 7:00pm—at the home of Megan O'Donnely in Bowie. Call (301) 464-8375 for directions.

THURSDAY: 7:00pm—Call Baroness Brenna (202) 291-3562 to RSVP. Directions: See "Storvik Barony Meeting."

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Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

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Saturday

January 30 10:00am— Archery Practice 2:00pm—Heavy Weapons & Rapier Practice	January 31 7:00pm— Fighter Practice	1 7:00pm— Sewing/Weaving	2 7:00pm— Sewing/Weaving	3 7:00pm— Sewing/Weaving	4	5 10:00am— Archery Kingdom Twelfth Night (RP, HP)
6 10:00am— Archery Practice 2:00pm—Heavy Weapons & Rapier Practice	7 7:00pm— Fighter Practice	8 7:00— Calligraphy & Illumination	9 7:00pm— Sewing/Weaving	10 7:00pm— Sewing/Weaving 7:00pm— Embroidering & Gaming	11 7:00pm— Newcomers'/ A&S Social	12 10:00am— Archery Bright Hills— Baronial Birthday
13 10:00am— Archery Practice 2:00pm—Heavy Weapons & Rapier Practice 7:00—Barony Meeting	14 7:00pm— Fighter Practice	15 7:00pm— Needlework	16 7:00pm— Bardic Night 7:00pm— Sewing/Weaving	17 7:00pm— Sewing/Weaving	18 7:00pm— Brewing	19 10:00am— Archery Practice Ponte Alto— Performers' and Dance Symposium
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27 10:00am— Archery Practice 2:00pm—Heavy Weapons & Rapier Practice; Armoring	28 7:00pm— Fighter Practice	March 1	March 2 7:00pm— Sewing/Weaving	March 3 7:00pm— Sewing/Weaving	March 4	March 5 10:00am— Archery Practice Windmasters Hill—Kingdom A&S Festival
March 6 10:00am— Archery Practice 2:00pm—Heavy Weapons & Rapier Practice	March 7 7:00pm— Fighter Practice	March 8	March 9 7:00pm— Sewing/Weaving	March 10 7:00pm— Sewing/Weaving 7:00pm— Embroidering & Gaming	March 11	March 12 10:00am— Archery Practice Kingdom of Meridies—Gulf Wars

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Baronial Storage Options (Continued)

--Insurance on a storage building is borne by the owner who rents the storage space to the group.

--If the "Landlord" is made an officer (Inventory Officer) of the Group, then the contents can be insured through a Rider on his/her Homeowner's Insurance. Because of the SCA's charitable status, this Rider usually amounts to no more than \$20 per year.

--Contents suffer less wear and tear (since only the items needed are taken in transport).

--Items can be transported by multiple persons at different times or the same time.

--Everyone in the Group knows where to find the storage building; it doesn't move around.

--Contents can be stored in a more organized and accessible fashion (on shelves, labeled containers, etc.)

Recommendations for Setting up the Use of a Fixed Storage Building

Frederick and Tirzah have offered space on their property for a building that would be purchased by the Group of Storvik and used to store the Storvik inventory.

Putative Rental Fees can be offset by allowing the "Landlords" to purchase the storage structure over time (recommendation: a 10 year period). Effectively, Storvik would hold a 10-year contract on the building, so that if the Landlords sold their home prior to 10 years, full ownership of the storage building would revert back to the Group and arrangements could be made for the building to be moved elsewhere.

Yes, under this system, if the Landlords sold their home after 10 years, the building would convey to the new owners unless the Landlord donated the building back to Storvik.

Why do it this way? Because if the building clearly "belongs" to the Landlords then the building is covered by their Homeowner's Insurance, AND the contents can be insured under a very inexpensive rider. This is in contrast to what insuring the contents would cost the Group of Storvik.

Considerations for Choosing the Type of Fixed Storage Building

--Insurance; The sturdier the building, the lower the insurance fees & deductibles.

Baronial Storage Options (Continued)

Durability: Again, sturdier is better. While we do not need a climate-controlled storage area, it is important to prevent wind, rain, and other weather damage such as MOLD. The structure should be sturdy enough to last at least 10 years before replacement is needed.

Size and Ease of Entry: The advantages over time of being able to stand up straight and find items easily strongly outweighs any small savings at time the of purchase.

Organization: It is much easier to install pegboard and adjustable shelving in a wooden structure than in one with metal sides.

Theft Resistant: The building should be able to take a padlock (multiple officers can have keys) and be sturdy enough to prevent easy entry (not plastic or thin siding).

February 12, Bright Hills: Baronial Birthday

Come celebrate with us as we honor the best of the Barony. It will be cold outside, but the hearts of those in Bright Hills are warm and welcoming. We will revisit moments of the Barony's history and offer some of the activities planned for the original day of investiture. There will be classes and dancing and a feast prepared by the renowned Bright Hills Cooks Guild, featuring many of your favorite dishes! If the weather permits, there will be fighting, as well.

The following Arts & Sciences activities are planned. (1) The best original song, story, poem, etc., describing an event, person, or theme related to the Barony of Bright Hills; (2) Two garb competitions for the best Children's garb for ages 0-2 years and for ages 2-4 years [Documentation is required]; (3) Calligraphy: this can be a scroll, a scroll blank, or an unrelated piece of calligraphy in a period hand. This competition is sponsored by the autocrat and Baron Temur has donated a wonderful prize; (4) Lady Martel von Charlottenberg will sponsor a competition for the Best Decorated Item in Black and White. Documentation is suggested but not required.

We also plan two displays. The first will encourage everyone to bring something to show and tell. Have you perfected a new embroidery stitch or completed a leather project? Did you make new garb for 12th Night? Share them with us!

We have also asked the Laurels in the Barony to bring one of their first Arts & Sciences projects, as well as a recent one, to show how skills develop over time.

There will be several classes provided, including one for newcomers on how to recognize crowns, coronets, etc., and how to address those who wear them. For the amusement of the Populace, there will be other activities, including a Trivia Contest. Dancing is planned for after the feast

Cost: (Note: Cost structure looks inaccurate, so I have not put it here)

The only reservation is a paid reservation. Please add \$1.00 to the Site Fee and \$1.00 to the Feast Fee for any reservations RECEIVED after 1/31/2005.

Site: Hampstead Volunteer Fire Company Hall, 1341 North Main St, Hampstead, MD. Restrictions: No pets., wine and beer only; no original containers. The site opens at 10:30 AM and closes at 10:30 PM.

Feast: The Cooks' Guild will present a sumptuous winter feast of 3 courses. It is fashioned after the feast that was planned for the original investiture event. The feast is planned for 125. Get your reservations in early!

Merchants are welcome, at no additional fee! Contact our merchant coordinator, Lady Reyne Telarius at Reyne_Telarius@hotmail.com

Autocrat / Reservations: Jeanne Tenneur de Bec, OL (Becky Ritterhouse), Box 235, Hampstead, MD 21074. (410) 239-8794, email: britterhouse@labdaq.com

Directions: Take your best route to the Baltimore Beltway (695), Take the North-west Expressway (795). Follow this road to the end. Turn North (left) onto Maryland Route 30 (watch for the signs to Hampstead). Hampstead is about 10 miles north. In Hampstead, go through 4 traffic lights. The Fire Hall will be about 0.3 miles past the fourth light, on the east (right) side of the road. (NOTE: If you get to the light at Route 482, you have gone too far). Take the first right past the Fire

February 19, Ponte Alto: Performers' and Dance Symposium

Classes: For a current list of classes and further information, visit the event website at pontealto.atlantia.sca.org/symposium.php.

The Children's Theater class will perform at 1pm. All instrumentalists are encouraged to bring their instruments. Baroness Arianna Morgan will be coordinating the Group Choral Rehearsal and music will be available prior to the event. Anyone interested in auditioning for the Known World Players. Macbeth, to be performed at Pennsic, should visit www.dracontius.net/macbeth for more info.

The site is the King of Kings Lutheran Church, 4025 Kings Way, Fairfax, VA, at the south west side of the intersection of Routes 50 and 7100. The event opens at 9am and closes at 11pm. Registration begins at 9am and classes begin at 10am. The evening activities begin at 7:30pm. This site is DRY.

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