

The Starkhafn Baronial Banner

Baronial Newsletter 2021 2nd Quarter



*Miscellany on the life of St. Edmund
England, Bury St Edmunds, ca. 1130
The Morgan Library & Museum*

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The Baronial Address

Baron Robartach and Baroness Gyda



Glad Sommar Starkhafn!

Thor has finally bestowed some thunderous weather and replenishing rains to quench our parched land during these last of the dog days of summer. The restorative waters signal hope and a boon to the spirits of our dauntless populace who have been holding the line throughout this long fought battle against unseen forces. We made it through the dark night and can see a light struggling its way to breakthrough. Take courage, the end to the long battle is no longer just ether, mere dreams, it is finally a tangible substance. As we emerge from this first foray, we know there may yet be more battles to face but Starkhafn can and will stand strong and endure!

During this plague, we have been reminded time and again how much we value each and every one of our Starkhafn skuldalið. We continue to be inspired by your courage, your resiliency and your enthusiasm to help each other and help us all to persevere. We'd like to take a moment to share our gratitude and thanks to the many folks whose efforts in creating, organizing, hosting and participating in various activities virtual and in person (when possible). Your works have helped support and uplift us all throughout this past year plus.

It comes as no surprise that Scadians have seized this opportunity to create affirmation from challenge, optimism from pessimism, and possibility from improbability. This unique time has given us new ways to stay connected and share many aspects of the Dream we all love. Not a week has gone by that we haven't had someone comment on how they have been able to not only learn new things but also make new friendships and create new bonds across the Known World with people they likely would have never had the chance to meet in the before times.

Looking toward the future, we hope to incorporate various forms of virtual participation in events and activities. It could be very helpful for Monthly meetings and Poll Order Meetings at Yule. We plan on continuing to hold the weekly Starkhafn Virtual Social to allow folks to visit, hangout, discuss projects or whatever as long as it's wanted. We also plan to include a Zoom component to Officer & Populace meetings which will allow more folks to attend.

We are delighted our Heirs, Lord Thomas & Tjfl Catlyn, have been able to attend events and practices as things are beginning to open back up again. They graciously represented Starkhafn at the Coronation of TRMs Pansa and Katherine. We are so thankful for their efforts to support and represent the Barony and its populace. When they step up to don the mantle of Starkhafn Baronage next Anniversary, we know we will be leaving the Barony in very capable hands and hearts. If you are looking for a way to assist them in that journey, they are looking for helpful hands as they assemble a Court and Guard.

We are looking forward to joining you soon at our first in-person Tournament on August 29th, named aptly by Sir Athanaric, "Show Us What You Got." This will be a wonderful opportunity for Armored and Rapier fighters, Artisans and Archers to show us all what they've been working on over these past months. As of this writing the location is being confirmed. It will be announced on the Baronial Calendar <https://starkhafn.sca-caid.org/events/> as well as the Facebook Group <https://www.facebook.com/groups/Starkhafn>.

As we begin to have in-person events, practices and meetings, please be considerate of others' comfort levels with physical space and contact. We all want that big, warm hug from friends we've missed so very much, but we do want to make sure they are comfortable with it too. We can show we care by simply asking if someone is comfortable with a hug or a high-five or prefer to keep their distance.

The landscape of this plague time is ever-changing and still very fluid. The SCA is To keep up with the latest guidelines and event schedules, see SCA News & Events: <https://www.sca.org/news-events/> & <https://www.facebook.com/SocietyForCreativeAnachronism>, Caïd News: <https://wp.sca-caid.org/news/> & <https://www.facebook.com/groups/3533625108/>.

Recently, we read with great sadness the announcement that after much consideration, Estrella War is no longer sustainable and is officially cancelled. Estrella has given so many special memories, we will truly miss this War; mud and all. Happily, our Atenveldt Cousins are exploring options to create other event ideas that will once again allow us to share fun and make new memories with our neighbors. Whatever the outcome, there will always be a Starkhafn Swim Team!

We are looking forward to Highland's Not Quite a War on September 4th and of course Great Western War. Highland this year will be a one day event at a new location at Helendale Community Park, 15425 Wild Rd, Helendale, CA 92342. If you are planning on attending, you will need to register ahead. There is no payment required at the time of registration. Register with this simple form: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1YGGWiC1PoHjNtVE3VMeb18HeQwSm2OfdbxS1uuwhXgo/edit>

Two of the most important, positive updates over the past year-plus have been the official establishment of The Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Office and the passing of the new Code of Conduct. Both are positive moves to help us all continue to strive to create an environment in which we all can pursue the Dream and find our happy place.

To learn more about what Office of DEI does, find helpful classes and resources see:

<https://www.sca.org/resources/dei-office/>

To learn more about the Conduct & Behavior in the SCA see:

<https://www.sca.org/news/new-conduct-behavior-in-the-sca-page/>

Starkhafn Officers, we want to thank all of you that have hung in there throughout this past year. We appreciate your dedication and support! As we weren't able to hold the normal office change-overs at Anniversary this year and if you are ready to take your well-earned rest, let us and our Seneschal, Tjfl Elinor Assheycombe know and we will help with that when you are ready. A special heartfelt Thank You to Eibhlin inghean Laisre for her years of dedication as Starkhafn's Seneschal. Being the Seneschal is more than just making sure the business part of the Barony runs smoothly, it takes someone who really cares about keeping the Barony growing strong together. You have more than earned your retirement! Tusan tak to Tjfl Elinor Assheycombe, for stepping up to take on the responsibility. Your dedication and support have been amazing and we know you will continue to be awesome! (DFTBA)

We will soon announce open offices on the Baronial Facebook group <https://www.facebook.com/groups/Starkhafn>. If you would like to volunteer to help Starkhafn getting up and running full-steam again, please let us know where you'd like to help.

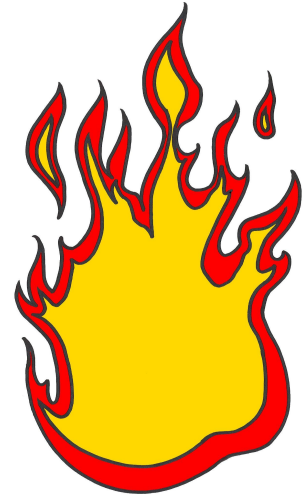
As always, if you have any questions, concerns, ideas or thoughts you'd like to share, please don't hesitate to reach out to us, we want to hear your input.

We look forward to seeing you. Stay safe, stay strong and we will once again meet in person.

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ROBARTACH AND GYDA

The Reeves' Address

Reeve Thomas and Reeve Catlyn



Lord Thomas and The Honorable Lady Catlyn do send greetings.

The first wave of the plague is behind us and the valiant warriors of the barony are out rebuilding the defenses! Although the war is not yet over, we can hopefully see the enemy is being pushed back (at least to the point where most of us can be together in person again and travel to our allies with needed supplies and hugs!). Our wonderful Baron and Baroness have valiantly held the fort and kept communications up and running, serving our Barony and Kingdom well beyond the term of service asked of them. As their heirs we are so very grateful to have them stay on and serve as a shining example of grace and service.

Attending the coronation of our new King Pansa and Queen Katherine was a thrilling event for us. Not only because it marked the first official "in person" event post plague but also as it was the first event where we had the privilege of representing the Barony of Starkhafn during court. Thank you to all who contributed to the awesome display of largess at the largess derby as well as those who contributed to the largess basket for our new Royals. The talent displayed by the populace here in Starkhafn is phenomenal and it is so very humbling to have the privilege to be a part of it.

Currently we are working on scheduling local in person events and keeping up with the rapidly changing guidelines for those. We are looking forward to restarting the monthly tourneys and have been working on building new relationships with the park service so we can have more sites to work with. Several of the officers who have been serving an extra-long term are ready to hand over the reins to new officers and we have so many new fighters and participants at practices that we are very much looking forward to getting to meet live rather than through a screen. The first monthly tourney on August 29th will be a great day for Starkhafn! Please bring a mask and stay safe, but please come out and show your lovely faces.

We are looking forward to stepping up as Baron and Baroness next April at an in person Anniversary and are currently looking for people who would like to serve on the court. Anyone interested please come speak with us as well as the current court officials and let us know how you would like to help make this Dream we all share a reality. We both look forward to seeing everyone safe and healthy very soon.

If the glory of our victories is measured by the strength of our foes then our victory over this plague is mighty indeed. And so we say Vae Victus! Long live Starkhafn!

**In service to the Dream,
Thomas and Catlyn
Reeves of Starkhafn**

Attention Starkhafn: Seeking a New Chronicler



Looking for a way to become more active and involved in the inner-workings of Starkhafn? Is editing your “thing”? Do you identify with Lois Lane? If so, there is an opening for a creative individual who enjoys learning on the fly, loves asking questions, and discovering new topics of interest to share with others.

I have been involved in the office of the Chronicler as lead, deputy, or a team member since 2015. The time has come for me to step back and allow another member of the populace to bring fresh ideas and enthusiasm to the office. This is an amazing opportunity for someone who wants to meet people, enjoys writing, collaborating, and exploring new ways of reaching the populace. The position is vital to the Barony, as a newsletter must be published at least quarterly to keep us current.

We are using Google Docs to edit and publish The Baronial Banner. Experience with desktop publishing is helpful, however not necessary. My desire is to step down at the Barony’s next Anniversary in 2022. This will give the next Chronicler ample time to work with us as we publish the next three issues, and to answer all questions.

If you have any queries, or want more information please do not hesitate to contact me, THL Alexandra Sinclair: chronicler@starkhafn.org, Seneschal THL Elinor Assheycombe: seneschal@starkhafn.org, or Baroness Gyda Magnusdotter: baroness@starkhafn.org.

Upcoming Events and Meetings

Live-In Person Events

- ❖ 29 Aug 2021: Starkhafn - Show Us What You Got Tourney
- ❖ Festival of the Rose (Naevehjem) <https://www.facebook.com/events/369109607942137>
- ❖ 4 Sep 2021: Highland Not-Quite-a-War <https://www.facebook.com/events/492133041853670/>
- ❖ 5-11 2021: Great Western War XXXIII <http://www.caid-gww.org/>

Upcoming Virtual Events

- ❖ 19 Aug 2021: Starkhafn Populace/Officer mtg (Zoom link to be posted on Facebook)
- ❖ Sept 10-12, 2021 Knowne World Cooks & Bards: <http://tilted-windmill.com/kwcb2021/index.html>

Ongoing Virtual Events

- ❖ Known World Entertainment Guide: <https://www.facebook.com/KWEGuide>
Lists lots of Knowne World events including Interviews, Bardic & Fighter events. Some events recur on a regular schedule.
- ❖ Consolidated Caid online events schedule: <https://wp.sca-caid.org/on-line-news/>
- ❖ Calendars for All Kingdoms: <https://www.sca.org/events/view-all-kingdoms-event-calendars/>
- ❖ Mondays 7pm : LIVE from Caid <https://www.youtube.com/c/KingdomofCaid>
- ❖ Thursdays 6pm - 8pm : Starkhafn Virtual Social (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/Starkhafn/>)



Genghis Khan attacked and captured the Jin capital of Zhongdu (now Beijing, China) in 1215
(Sayf al-Vâhidî, Wikimedia Commons)

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Dates for 2021/2022 Wars Announced

Highland Not-Quite-a-War (al-Sahid, Caið) : Sep 4, 2021

<https://www.facebook.com/events/492133041853670/>

Great Western War XXXII (Wintermist, Caið) : October 5-11, 2021

<http://www.caið-gww.org/>

Gulf Wars XXX (Gleann Abhann) : October 2-10, 2021 “A War with no Enemies”

<https://www.gulfwars.org/>

Potrero War (Calafia, Caið) : May 26-30, 2022

<https://www.facebook.com/PotreroWar/>

<https://wp.potrerowar.org/>

Gulf Wars XXXI (Gleann Abhann) : March 12 - 20 2022

<http://www.gulfwars.org/>

Pennsic 49 (Æthelmearc) : July 29 - August 14, 2022

<http://www.pennsicwar.org/>

Event Calendars for All Kingdoms are linked from here

<https://www.sca.org/events/view-all-kingdoms-event-calendars/>

Baronial Resources on The Book of Many Faces

Barony of Starkhafn (Official)

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/Starkhafn/>

For official announcements

Starkhafn Officers

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/104961526259093/>

For the Baronial officers

Barony of Starkhafn (Unofficial)

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/76434610880/>

For discussions amongst the populace and announcements

Starkhafn Arts & Sciences (Unofficial)

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/543894915763841/>

For discussions, planning and announcements regarding Arts & Sciences topics and events

Starkhafn Archers

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/297538950299416/>

For discussions, planning and announcements regarding Archery topics and events

Starkhafn Levy

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/167286519990922/>

For discussions, planning and announcements regarding Armored Combat topics and events

Starkhafn School of Fence

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/226349494451932/>

For discussions, planning and announcements regarding Rapier topics and events

Starkhafn Scriptorium

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/874094372695951/>

For discussions, planning and announcements regarding Scriptorium topics and events

Starkhafn Skalds

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/148869775176910/>

For discussions, planning and announcements regarding Skaldic topics and events

The Most Excellent Brewers Guild Of Starkhafn (Unofficial)

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/302740049828607/>

For discussions, planning and announcements regarding Brewing topics and events

Starkhafn Demos

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/249688865455479/>

For discussions, planning, suggestions and announcements regarding demos

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