



**Baronial Newsletter 2020 Fourth Quarter**

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# The Baronial Address

## Baron Robartach and Baroness Gyða



*God Fortsättning!*

*As we set pen to paper to write our last Jultíde letter, our foremost hope is that all our Starkhafn Skuldalið and their loved ones are well sheltered and in good health. Many of you have heard us use the term Skuldalið over the past few years and provide the translation of the word as “family.” This is an oversimplification of a very meaningful word. At this time of Midwinter, which inevitably brings a time of deep reflection and the recognition of the power of the flame to ward off the darkness, we’d like to share what it means to us. The first part of the word, skulda(r), translates as debt or something owed. The second part, lið (related to the word hjún) can be defined as members of a household. Modern Icelandic defines the word as “team.” A household of the Viking-age would include all of the extended family who shared their homestead. Even long before the Hávamál was written down, the ideal of hospitality was extolled as a virtue.*

*Hávamál – stanza 3*

*Elðs er þörf þeims inn er kominn*

*He hath need of fire, who now is come,*

*ok á kyé kalinn.*

*numbed with cold to the knee;*

*Matar ok váða er manni þörf,*

*food and clothing the wanderer craves*

*þeim er hefr um fjall farit.*

*who has fared o'er the rimy fell.*

*Sharing one’s hearth and hospitality can be even more vital at this time of year. Because Winter can be brutal and unforgiving, one’s household might also include guests who may have fallen on hard times or are unable to return home due to harsh weather or distance. In essence, creating a Skuldalið, a household of people who depend on each other for survival.*

*We consider Starkhafn as our Skuldalið, the community to which we owe a debt of hospitality and support. Most might define a debt as something negative, but for us not only is this debt a positive, it is an honour to be indebted, to share our hospitality with the amazing group of people who have chosen to support each other.*

*While we are much relieved to finally reach the close of this most vexing and difficult year, we feel blessed to have been witness to the giving spirit and caring legacy of this Skuldalið.*

*This past year has presented trials/adversities of varying degrees for us all. The inability to find our normal respite from the day-to-day hurdles/difficulties has only been compounded by the lack of in person events. We all have missed the magic of sitting around the Sumbl fire on a chilly evening at war boasting & toasting each other’s feats of the day, going on walkabout and running into old friends as they go about their revelries, falling asleep to the sound of drums and laughter in the distance, being awoken by the morning cry, enjoying a*

*delicacy prepared and shared by a neighbor, perusing the extraordinary arts entries, making new friends and having long discussions about their esoteric interests and so many more wonderful moments that nourish our souls and feed our minds.*

*In an effort to lessen the isolation felt by so many of us there were those who stepped forth to offer their virtual resources and create some very ingenious ways to keep our community connected. While the virtual world has its limitations, it has allowed us to build new memories and make new friends, not just locally, but across the Knowne Worlde. We would like to thank everyone who stepped up to create and support virtual get-togethers not just for Starkhafn but also shared their time and talents with other groups. Tusen tack to Aldgytha of Ashwood, Jerusha a'Laon, Bernadette de Costa Tempestad, Krestia Ivanovna, Mary Dedwydd verch Gwallter, Kathryn de Bezier, Catylyn verch Morgant ap Llewellyn, Thomas Chisholm, members of Dragon Watch. Thank you to our Heralds, Elinor Assheycombe & Almoðr Harðfari for jumping in with both feet to navigate the very different and challenging format of virtual courts. Our sincerest apologies if we missed anyone. Know we are truly thankful for all of you and your efforts!*

*We'd like to send a message to all our Starkhafn frontline professionals, essential workers and everyone supporting the effort to keep us all safe and healthy. Although we know you do not get up every day (or night) and do what you do because you are seeking accolades or expect laudatory recognition in return for your labours, we want you to know that we are truly grateful for you. We send our heartfelt thanks for everything you're doing to guide us through this time of plague. To all of their friends and loved ones, we acknowledge and appreciate the care and support you have provided to help them continue and carry on.*

*We are looking forward with hopefulness to the New Year with delightful and interesting events that lie ahead. We hope you will be able to join us as the next and final chapter of our adventurous journey unfolds.*

*Have a joyous and safe holiday season. We wish you all a warm hearth, delicious culinary delights, a horn of mjöðr and loving companions to share it with even if it can only be shared in the æther. May the New Year bring us all peace, well-being, health and prosperity. We are eagerly awaiting that first glorious day when we can all once again gather together in person. If you feel like being social or just need an understanding listener, we are still here with open ears and hearts. When it is safe to do so again, open arms and big hugs!*

*Please remember to check the Baronial website's Google Calendar and check the Barony's Facebook group for Starkhafn, Kingdom and Known World virtual activities.*

*Gott Nytt År och God Fortsättning!*

**ROBARTACH AND GYDA**

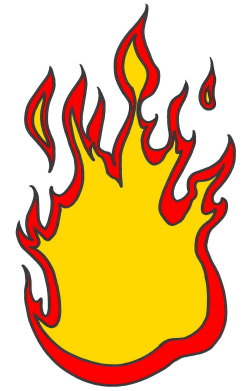
# The Reeves Address

*Lord Thomas and Tŷŷ Catylŷn*

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Lord Thomas and The Honorable Lady Catylŷn do send greetings.

We are overwhelmed with gratitude for the trust in us to carry on the amazing service demonstrated by their Excellencies, Robartach and Gŷda. We will do our best to live up to their training and have a wonderful example to follow.



This year has been filled with many new challenges and has tested our ability to adapt. Some we were able to work through while others we worked around. The Zoom events have been a lot of fun and we are both so impressed with the ingenuity we've seen with the online games and "tournaments" as well as the beautiful artwork that's getting done while everyone is battling or "quarantining from" this plague. We've actually found it very helpful that Zoom has an automatic name tag attached to each person so we can start putting faces to names of people outside our Barony whom we will be working with often. We can finally see a light at the end of the tunnel and soon we will share the company of so many friends we have sorely missed.

As we look forward to this next year and our eventual stepping up we ask that anyone interested in continuing on or learning to fill positions in both the court and the officer corps to please get in touch with us. Now is the perfect time to learn the backstage bookwork e.g. "lines" for all positions and to get fully prepared for when we can have in person events again.

We are also still working on scriptorium (albeit at a distance). If anyone would like some supplies or a commission for an award that has been given this year please let us know so you can work at home. As Reeves we would love to do the delivery service! All the scrolls will be photographed and posted on the baronial Facebook page as they are finished and delivered for the entire populace to enjoy. Starkhafn is full of so many talented artisans and it is our pleasure to display and promote such wonderful work!

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 Victis! Long live Starkhafn!

In service to the Dream  
Thomas and Catylŷn  
OReeves of Starkhafn

## Upcoming Events and Meetings

**The Resolution to Suspend In-Person SCA Activity until January 31, 2021, has been extended to May 31, 2021.** Per the update from the Board of Directors for the Society for Creative Anachronism (SCA) on 4 December, 2021. In lieu of in person events there are many opportunities to participate in virtual events all across the Knowne World.\*

- ❖ **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 Caið online events schedule:** <https://wp.sca-caid.org/on-line-news/>
- ❖ **Mondays 7pm : LIVE from Caið** <https://www.youtube.com/c/KingdomofCaid>
- ❖ **Thursdays 6pm - 8pm : Starkhafn Virtual Social**  
(<https://www.facebook.com/groups/Starkhafn/>)
- ❖ **Saturdays (bi-monthly) 11am -3pm : Jerusha's Embroidery Salon**  
(<https://www.facebook.com/events/634907713797637/>)
- ❖ **9 Jan 21 at 1300 PST - Caið Virtual Court/TRJs Ascension- shared virtual event**  
<https://www.facebook.com/events/309032250463329>
- ❖ **16 Jan 21 :0800-2000 MST - Atenveldt 50 Year Virtual Anniversary**  
<https://www.atenveldt.org/50-year/>

\*<https://www.sca.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/2020-12-04-Resolution-Continuation-Letter.pdf>

# Tentative Dates for 2021/2022 Wars Announced

**Pennsic 49 - July/Aug 2021**

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

**Great Western War XXXIII - October 5-11, 2021**

<http://www.caid-gww.org/>

**Gulf Wars XXX - October 2-10, 2021**

**Gulf Wars XXXI - March 2022**

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

**Estrella XXXVII - November 2-8 2021**

<http://estrellawar.org/>

# SCA Policy Updates

## ***SCA Newsletter Update***

Kingdom Newsletters are now available to everyone who wishes to read them regardless of whether or not a membership has been paid for. Now everyone can explore and enjoy news and articles from all over The Known World. Please click the link below for more information.

<https://members.sca.org/apps/#Newsletters>

## **SCA Fundraising Policy Addendum**

According to SCA Corporate Financial Policy, Section XIV, Subsection A, RAFFLES and ONLINE AUCTIONS have been prohibited as a means of fundraising within the SCA. Activities where the participants get something for their donations, such as bake sales, T-shirt sales, or car washes, are allowed. Of course cash and material donations are always accepted and there is a donation letter available that the Exchequer can supply to the donor for their records.

<https://www.sca.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/SocietyFinancialPolicy.pdf>

December 2020

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
		1	2	3 6pm-8pm Starkhafn Social	4	5
6	7 7pm Live from Caid	8	9	10 6pm-8pm Starkhafn Social	11	12
13	14 7pm Live from Caid	15	16	17 6pm-8pm Starkhafn Social	18	19 Starkhafn Yule 1PM-7PM 11am-3pm Jerusha's Embroidery Salon
20	21 7pm Live from Caid Winter Solstice	22	23	24 6pm-8pm Starkhafn Social Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day	26 Boxing Day
27 4pm-6pm Silk Painting Chat	28 7pm Live from Caid	29	30	31 6pm-8pm Starkhafn Social New Year's Eve		

January 2021

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
					1 New Year's Day	2 11am-3pm Jerusha's Embroidery Salon
3	4 7pm Live from Caid	5	6	7 6pm-8pm Starkhafn Social	8	9 Caid Court TRMs Ascension 1 PM PST
10	11 7pm Live from Caid	12	13	14 6pm-8pm Starkhafn Social	15	16 Atenveldt 50 Year Virtual Anniversary 8 AM - 8 PM MST 11am-3pm Jerusha's Embroidery Salon
17	18 7pm Live from Caid	19	20	21 6pm-8pm Starkhafn Social	22	23
24	25	26	27	28 6pm-8pm Starkhafn Social	29	30
31 4pm-6pm Silk Painting Chat	7pm Live from Caid					



## February 2021

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
	1	2	3	4 6pm-8pm Starkhafn Social	5	6 11am-3pm Jerusha's Embroidery Salon
7	8	9		11 6pm-8pm Starkhafn Social	12	13
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28 4pm-6pm Silk Painting Chat						

## March 2021

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	1 7pm Live from Caid	2	3	4 6pm-8pm Starkhafn Social	5	6 11am-3pm Jerusha's Embroidery Salon
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# 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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