

# The Starkhafn Baronial Banner

**Baronial Newsletter 2022 Winter**



Detail from "December" in a Flemish Book of Hours, ca. 1510  
<https://art.thewalters.org/detail/31305/snowball-fight-2/>

# The Baronial Address

## **Baron Thomas and Baroness Catylyn**

Greetings from Baron Thomas and Baroness Catylyn,

We want to thank everyone who made this past year such a success. It's been a dizzying year from the start: opening up post-plague, stepping up as Baron and Baroness, local events, traveling around the Kingdom, as well as a few very fun wars. We also enjoyed a most wonderful Yule celebration with our beloved Barony, family, and friends from across the Knowne World. We are humbled and honored with all of the gracious gifts and selfless work that so many people contributed, making 2022 a year to remember!



Please be sure to check the calendar and our progress to note all of the exciting activities going on here in Starkhafn as well as Kingdom events. We will be jumping right in with Coronation followed by our own Althingi event in the first weeks of January, before gearing up for the Phoenix War in Atenveldt, and Red Star Rapier War here in Caid following in February. Please contact our courageous Campmaster, Robartach, as soon as possible to notify him that you will be attending either of these camping events.

March brings a new camping opportunity close to home. Starkhafn is teaming up with the Shire of Windale to 'fan the flames of friendship' hosting an "Art of War" event right across the river in Fort Mohave. This site will enable us to have a variety of Practicum classes in the fighting arts including: Archery, Thrown Weapons, and even Siege Engines! Since it's a camping event there will be plenty of time to enjoy the Arts and Sciences and guild demonstrations with a Bardic Circle around the campfire in the evening. We look forward to seeing many newcomers as well as old friends at that event.

Anniversary returns in April, and my, how time flies! We are certain there will still be dust from last year's Anniversary event in our trailer! The Barony is actively recruiting new officers to step up and get involved in day-to-day dealings involved in running our group. If you've ever wanted to volunteer, or "see how the magic is made", we could really use your help! All of our officer positions are in need of deputies to lighten the load, and many of the positions are in need of someone to take over the office soon. Starkhafn traditionally changes the officers during Anniversary however, learning the position and what it requires may start at any time. Please contact the Baronial Seneschal's office, or us detailing what office you are interested in serving, and in what capacity. Many hands make light work!

Starkhafn has the privilege of hosting Crown tourney in September, and although it seems like a long way off, planning has already begun. Events are always in need of volunteers, who are necessary to make sure the event runs as planned. In addition, there are also opportunities to learn and/or fine-tune your autocrat skills with Cèilidh in August, followed by Yule next December. Please consider becoming involved, and come socialize with the Barony during monthly tourneys. Fresh ideas and sage advice with the voice of experience are always appreciated!

We love our chosen family here in Starkhafn and are very excited for 2023! May it be the best year yet!

Vae Victus! Long live Starkhafn!

Baron Thomas and Baroness Catylyn

## **New Caid Armored Combat Marshalling Guideline**

Greetings unto the populace of Caid from your New Earl Marshal. I look forward to seeing you as we enter into our 2023 Tournament season.

One of my goals is to help restore fighter trust. Both with each other and the populace.

In an effort to increase and normalize honest and open discussions between the fighters I am instituting the following policy for Armored Combat, effective at Consort's Champion and continuing through 2023.

At the end of each fight the Marshal will ask the fighters to separate and stand to the side. The Marshals will meet in the middle of the Eric and discuss the fight to see if there were any questionable blows. The fighters will be brought to the center of the Eric with the marshals and asked if there were any blows in question and are you satisfied with the fight. If there were questionable blows, the marshals will facilitate a discussion to determine the following.

1. In the opinion of the fighter who threw the blow. Was the blow an effective and telling blow. Meaning throwing with appropriate orientation, not impeded and landed with sufficient force.
2. The Marshals agree that the blow landed cleanly and with good orientation that it should have been a telling blow.
3. Based on the discussion would the fighters wish to refight the fight or let the outcome stand.

Note: There needs to be a balance between providing input and not interfering with the natural flow of the fight.

If there are clear any obvious concerns about the acknowledgment of blows that are a clear violation of the Rules of the Lists or the Conventions of Combat. The Marshal should stop the fight in progress to express their concerns. The fighters may be encouraged to perform a quick re-calibration prior to the fight continuing.

In the finals, usually a best of three.

We will have a strategic pause between fights to give the fighters a chance to catch their breaths, re-focus, and work through the process as previously described.

I am not suggesting determinate marshaling. I am asking that all fighters have trust in each other and help us normalize discussion and calibration across the Kingdom.

I am in discussions with the Crown and members of the Chivalry to put in place a policy, if the fighters are unable to resolve the issues and additional intervention is needed.

It is my sincerest hope that the additional policy will not be necessary and through open and honest discussions we can restore trust in each other and live up to the conventions of combat that our Society was founded on.

Yours in Service,

Davin Kinnaird MacAilean, KSCA, Kingdom Earl Marshal - Caid

Unto the Populace of Caid,

Does the Order of the Chivalry of Caid send greetings and this message -

We have heard the concerns of the Populace and in response to these concerns have agreed as an Order to adopt a Standard Operating Procedure that will be the basis of change moving forward. The ideals of Chivalry upon which our Society is based must never be forgotten. The Knight Peerage is based on the chivalrous arts upon the tourney and war field. This S.O.P. is our bond and will be a valuable asset in deterring unchivalrous behavior on any field of combat.

Baron Jamal Damien Marcus OL, KSCA

Chivalry Liaison - HG Wilhelm Skallagrimsson, KSCA

## MARSHALING GUIDANCE AND SOP FOR INTERACTIONS WITH HEAVY COMBAT FIGHTERS

### **Situation/Background Information:**

There have been many fighters on the field who, despite the agreements of fighting chivalrously, are not doing so. They refuse to take what others observe to be justified blows.

In the past those who have been confronted after the fight have sometimes agreed that they didn't fight "clean", and will "do better" or simply, "sorry." Most are willing to let bygones be bygones and will be more chivalrous, self-correct and do better next time. Others use these as excuses, as demonstrated in later fights, as the same behaviors are repeated without any changes. This SOP and guidance is for the fighters who are unable to self-correct.

This has brought about complaints and notice from the populace. The introduction of this guide is meant as a background to the procedure/SOP that will set in place a method to curtail issues with combatants the instant it happens, on the field and before one combatant is declared victorious over the other. This is a challenging task but necessary if we are going to balance martial competition and the Arthurian dream of the SCA.

Localized scenario-based training to include knights and Marshals is highly encouraged. This will help those monitoring combat be prepared to react to situations more quickly. Assigning a scribe for the day could assist in quick collection of documentation should an incident occur.

Note that from the Marshals handbook "**Effectiveness of a blow may not be judged by the opposing combatant, the marshal on the field, or other observers.**" However, this is the important caveat to the above statement: "**Judging the effects of blows is left to the honor of the combatant being struck by the weapon, unless he or she relinquishes this responsibility, with the exception of clear violations of the Rules of the Lists or the Conventions of Combat.**"

### **PURPOSE:**

To facilitate immediate solutions and resolution if issues arise between combatants during a tournament. Combatants must communicate clearly, calmly and concisely to each other as to the effectiveness of their blows.

The Marshal(s) on the field are the first line of interaction if the fighters are not communicating. Every effort shall be given to facilitate the communication and discussion between fighters. The marshals are an active part of the communication, as per the Marshals handbook - "**Information unavailable to the combatant being struck may be supplied by the opposing combatant or the marshal, including blade orientation upon impact, apparent force transmitted, or apparent location and angle of the blow's impact based upon the observer's angle of observation.**"

If the Marshal(s) is unable to resolve the issue on the field the Marshal in Charge (MIC) shall immediately be notified of the situation. Any Knight witnessing the events should come to the field to assist the MIC.

### **ACTION:**

- I. When any knight sees effective blows with sufficient force being ignored or not being acknowledged, and they are happening too frequently or a clear violation of the Rules of the list or the Conventions of Combat, it is their duty to raise a hand, call “hold” and step onto the field at that moment.
- II. The knight will then approach the fighters and the marshal. Other knights who feel the same should join without delay. The MIC should be notified and brought to the field.
- III. The conversation should include telling the fighter(s) in question what is being seen and give the combatants the opportunity to respond, explain, acknowledge, or accept what has been witnessed.
- IV. Rank, skill, or peerage does not exclude any combatant from this process.
- V. If they continue to be unable/unwilling to acknowledge blows that are effective and delivered with sufficient force, the process may take place again. No more than two (2) warnings will be allowed.
- VI. If the issue continues to a third hold in the combat the Marshals and Knight(s) shall expedite the decision to remove the fighter from the tournament to the Marshal in Charge and present Royal(s)
- VII. VII. Issues should be communicated and settled before the combatants leave the field. If the outcome of the fight will not be changed or a significant delay will occur the discussion should be moved off the field to be resolved. A Knight should remain present on the field if necessary.

If a fighter is removed from combat or forced to cede the fight this event shall result in adverse event report being written. The report will include the following:

- A description of the event and the fighter’s account of the event.
- Witness statements. Fighter(s) impacted area. (Physical description)
- The combatant(s) gear, armor or other items that may need to be addressed.
- The number of times the combat was stopped is to be included.

This also allows for tangible data to be collected, trends tracked, and recorded. This report shall be sent to the Earl Marshal and the Chivalry and currently seated Royals. A report should also be written if a fighter is having repeated issues that do not result in their removal or cede a fight. The report will be available to the fighter in questions for their awareness and self-correction. This also allows for tangible data to be collected, trends tracked, and recorded.

### **CONCLUSION:**

The Knights should be prepared at any time to negate unchivalrous conduct on the field. This means being vigilant, balanced, and analytical as appropriate. Training and understanding of the “who, what, when, why, and where” will be vital to quick and strong conflict resolution. Spectators are always encouraged to approach members of the Chivalry to ask questions regarding combat that is occurring on the field but should be aware that they may be focused on the current fighting. Remember, these discussions can be difficult if both parties did not witness the combat. Remember, the goal is to **NOT** have to enact determinate marshaling.

## The William Blackfox Awards – A.S. 56

Master William Blackfox was the author and illustrator of the cartoon Warthaven. He gave generously of his time and talents, and was very supportive of the Kingdom Chroniclers until his untimely death.



To honor his memory, the Office of the Society Chronicler sponsors the annual Master William Blackfox Awards to recognize excellence in the work of Chroniclers and newsletter contributors. Newsletters provide a valuable resource and communication tool for SCA members around the world!

Congratulations are in order for one of Starkhafn's own Poets, Lady Lucia Traveler, upon being awarded the William Blackfox award in the category of 'Best Poetry or Short Fiction' for her "365 Days of Sonnets", published in the Baronial Banner Spring 2022 which can be read here: <https://starkhafn.sca-caid.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/Baronial-Banner-2022-Spring.pdf>

To whet your poetic appetite, here are a mere taste of her poetic offerings

### Sonnet #147

We four intrepid pilgrims journeyed forth  
From distant Caid to this marshy land.  
Seeking enlightenment here in the North  
Alone, here in this far off, distant land.  
Then at a moment that was opportune,  
We did behold Pavilions: blue and white,  
And crosses made of four Caidan moons  
On banners. They made a most welcome sight.  
We had not left CAID at home, it seemed,  
We weren't the only pilgrims to this place.  
The welcome was far more than e'er we dreamed  
Met by a smile on each Caidan face.  
And now I know the CAID moons shine bright  
Here in the sky o'er Pennsic on this night.

### Sonnet#148

The story of Starkhafn's patron Saint,  
The tale of which I only heard today,  
It is a story not fit for the faint,  
So heed you all what I'm about to say.  
Our Baron's reign had come unto its end,  
Yet he with puns refused his throne to secede.  
And so a band of murd'ers they did send,  
To drag him off his throne, a deadly deed.  
Our third Baron, who yet refused to die,  
Crept back in court still tied to branch with rope.  
"I'm now Exchequer!" His defiant cry,  
A miracle to give the people hope.  
Now in this land we venerate his branch,  
The great prick of its splinter we've all felt,  
And still his puns have pow'r to make us blanch,  
His saintly words have not all yet been dealt.  
So if you are in need of a great pun,  
Petition Saint Antonius of Starkhafn

2022 William Blackfox nominees and winners:

<https://www.sca.org/the-william-blackfox-awards-a-s-56/>

If you want to know more about the William Blackfox Awards see

<https://www.sca.org/the-william-blackfox-awards/>

To read more of Lady Lucia's Sonnets:

<https://www.facebook.com/hashtag/365daysofsonnets>

## **Congratulations to:**

Congratulations to all those recognized at Starkhafn Yule (2022)

### **Baronial Awards at Yule 2022:**

Bernadeta Costa Tempest  
Muirenn ingen meic Martain  
Astrid of Starkhafn  
Jon of Starkhafn  
Aiden Ó Cuinn  
Bartholomew Reynold Codlin  
Sigvaldr Bjarnarson  
Osgar Eoforwic  
Yonatan vom Schwartzfleck

Nightshade of Starkhafn  
Nightshade of Starkhafn  
Sparkes of Starkhafn  
Sparkes of Starkhafn  
Steinn of Starkhafn  
Steinn of Starkhafn  
Steinn of Starkhafn  
Stjarna of Starkhafn  
Stjarna of Starkhafn

### **Caid Kingdom Awards at Yule 2022:**

Jerusha a'Laon  
Ylaria Thriepland  
Myna Bird  
Osgar Eoforwic  
Jon of Starkhafn  
Gyda Magnusdotter

Lux Caidis  
Court Barony  
Award of Arms  
Award of Arms  
Acorn (Youth award)  
Order of the Pelican

On vigil for the Companion of the Order of Chivalry at Yule  
Vigilant Siegfried von Aschaffenburg (Elevation at January Coronation)

### **To read more about what awards represent:**

Kingdom of Caid Awards: <https://wp.sca-caid.org/all-awards/>  
Barony of Starkhafn Awards: <https://starkhafn.sca-caid.org/awards/>

### **To nominate someone for an award:**

Kingdom of Caid Award Recommendation: <https://wp.sca-caid.org/all-awards/>  
Barony of Starkhafn Award Recommendation:  
<https://starkhafn.sca-caid.org/award-recommendations/>

**You do not need to be a paid member to nominate others nor must a nominee be a paid member to be awarded.**

# Upcoming Events and Meetings

## Starkbafn In-Person & Virtual Happenings

For all local events see the Barony of Starkbafn Events Calendar <https://starkbafn.sca-caid.org/events/>

- ❖ **Thursdays 6pm-8pm: Starkbafn Virtual Social**
- ❖ **4th Thursdays Monthly 6pm-8pm: Starkbafn (combined) Financial Committee Mtg and Officer/Population Mtg** Zoom links for the Starkbafn virtual events can be found:  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/Starkbafn/>
- ❖ **2nd Tuesdays Monthly: Cooking Guild**
- ❖ **Every other Tuesday Monthly: Scriptorium**
- ❖ **3rd or 4th Sundays 10am: Monthly Tourney (Armored & Rapier tourneys, this is a garbed event)**
- ❖ **Garb & Gab: various days (usually on the weekend)**
- ❖ **Fiber Guild: various days (usually on the weekend)**  
  
More information on Arts and Science activities: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/543894915763841>
- ❖ **Weekly Fighter Practice (Wednesdays & Sundays)**  
  
More information <https://www.facebook.com/groups/167286519990922>
- ❖ **Weekly Archery Practice (Sundays)** <https://www.facebook.com/groups/297538950299416>  
  
Whitney Ranch Recreation Center Archery Range - 1575 W Galleria Dr, Henderson, NV 89014

## Known World Virtual Happenings

- ❖ **Kingdom of Caïd Events Calendar** <https://wp.sca-caid.org/events/>
- ❖ **Barony of Starkbafn Events Calendar** <https://starkbafn.sca-caid.org/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 Caïd online events schedule:** <https://wp.sca-caid.org/on-line-news/>



# Upcoming Kingdom Events

## ❖ Kingdom of Caïd Events Calendar

- **Jan 7-8 : Caïd Coronation & Privy Council (Dreiburgen)**
- **Jan 14 : Starkhafn Alþingi**
- **Jan 28: Unbelted Tournament (Gyldenholt)**
- **Feb 1-5: War of the Phoenix (Kingdom of Atenveldt)**
- **Feb 11: Festival of the Rose (Naevehjem)**
- **Feb 17-20: Red Star Rapier War (Wintermist)**
- **Mar 4: Crown (Angels)**
- **Mar 17-19: Practicum of War (Kingdom of Atenveldt)**

## 1st Quarter Calendar

January 2023

| Su   | Mo | Tu                    | We   | Th   | F4r | Sa  |
|--|----|-----------------------|--|--|-----|---|
| 1  | 2  | 3<br>6pm Scriptorium  | 4<br>6pm Starkhafn<br>Fighter & /Rapier<br>Practice  | 5  | 6   | 7<br>9am Starkhafn<br>Archery Practice                                  |
| 8<br>9am Starkhafn<br>Fighter & /Rapier<br>Practice  | 9  | 10                    | 11<br>6pm Starkhafn<br>Fighter & /Rapier<br>Practice | 12   | 13  | 14<br>9am Starkhafn<br>Alþingi & Monthly<br>Tourney                     |
| 15<br>9am Starkhafn<br>Fighter & /Rapier<br>Practice | 16 | 17<br>6pm Scriptorium | 18<br>6pm Starkhafn<br>Fighter & /Rapier<br>Practice | 19   | 20  | 21<br>9am Starkhafn<br>Archery Practice                                 |
| 22<br>9am Starkhafn<br>Fighter & /Rapier<br>Practice | 23 | 24                    | 25<br>6pm Starkhafn<br>Fighter & /Rapier<br>Practice | 26<br>6 pm Starkhafn<br>Council<br>Mtg<br>(Zoom) | 27  | 28<br>9am Starkhafn<br>Archery Practice<br><br>Unbelted<br>(Gyldenholt) |
| 29<br>9am Starkhafn<br>Fighter & /Rapier<br>Practice | 31 | 31                    |  |  |     |   |

## February 2023

| Su  | Mo  | Tu                    | We   | Th   | Fr   | Sa   |
|---|---|-----------------------|--|--|--|--|
|   |   |                       | 1<br>War of the Phoenix<br>(Kingdom of<br>Atenveldt) | 2<br>War of the Phoenix<br>(Kingdom of<br>Atenveldt) | 3<br>War of the Phoenix<br>(Kingdom of<br>Atenveldt) | 4<br>War of the Phoenix<br>(Kingdom of<br>Atenveldt)                               |
| 5<br>War of the Phoenix<br>(Kingdom of<br>Atenveldt)  | 6   | 7<br>6pm Scriptorium  | 8<br>6pm Starkhafn<br>Fighter & /Rapier<br>Practice  | 9  | 10   | 11<br>9am Starkhafn<br>Archery Practice<br><br>Festival of the Rose<br>(Naevehjem) |
| 12<br>9am Starkhafn<br>Fighter & /Rapier<br>Practice  | 13  | 14                    | 15<br>6pm Starkhafn<br>Fighter & /Rapier<br>Practice | 16   | 17<br>Red Star Rapier War<br>(Wintermist)            | 18<br>9am Starkhafn<br>Archery Practice<br><br>Red Star Rapier War<br>(Wintermist) |
| 19<br>9am Starkhafn<br>Fighter & /Rapier<br>Practice<br><br>Red Star Rapier War<br>(Wintermist) | 20<br>Red Star Rapier War<br>(Wintermist) | 21<br>6pm Scriptorium | 22<br>6pm Starkhafn<br>Fighter & /Rapier<br>Practice | 23<br>6pm Starkhafn<br>Council<br>Mtg<br>(Zoom)      | 24   | 25<br>9am Starkhafn<br>Archery Practice  |
| 26  | 27  | 28                    |  |  |  |  |

## March 2023

| Su   | Mo | Tu                    | We   | Th  | F4r   | Sa   |
|--|----|-----------------------|--|---|---|--|
|  |    |                       | 1<br>6pm Starkhafn<br>Fighter & /Rapier<br>Practice  | 2   | 3   | 4<br>9am Starkhafn<br>Archery Practice<br><br>Crown Tourney<br>(Angels)            |
| 5<br>9am Starkhafn<br>Fighter & /Rapier<br>Practice  | 6  | 7<br>6pm Scriptorium  | 8<br>6pm Starkhafn<br>Fighter & /Rapier<br>Practice  | 9   | 10  | 11<br>9am Starkhafn<br>Archery Practice<br><br>Festival of the Rose<br>(Naevehjem) |
| 12<br>9am Starkhafn<br>Fighter & /Rapier<br>Practice | 13 | 14                    | 15<br>6pm Starkhafn<br>Fighter & /Rapier<br>Practice | 16  | 17<br>Practicum of War<br>(Kingdom of<br>Atenveldt) | 18<br>Practicum of War<br>(Kingdom of<br>Atenveldt)                                |
| 19<br>Practicum of War<br>(Kingdom of<br>Atenveldt)  | 20 | 21<br>6pm Scriptorium | 22<br>6pm Starkhafn<br>Fighter & /Rapier<br>Practice | 23<br>6pm Starkhafn<br>Council<br>Mtg<br>(Zoom) | 24  | 25<br>9am Starkhafn<br>Archery Practice  |
| 26<br>9am Starkhafn<br>Fighter & /Rapier<br>Practice | 27 | 28                    | 29<br>6pm Starkhafn<br>Fighter & /Rapier<br>Practice | 30  | 31  |  |

# **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) aka Vae Vicits Lounge**

<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 Bardic**

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/659530714933033>

This group was set up to share Bardic performances and information on Bardic events for Starkhafn and other groups.

## **The Most Excellent Brewers Guild Of Starkhafn (Unofficial)**

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

For discussions, planning and announcements regarding Brewing topics and events

**[Join Starkhafn now on Discord](https://discord.gg/AcMxpz6QzJ)**

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