

# The Starkhafn Baronial Banner

**Baronial Newsletter 2023**



Starkhafn Anniversary Dragon Cake created by Lady Lucia Traveler

# The Baronial Address

## *Baron Thomas and Baroness Catylyn*

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Greetings from Baron Thomas and Baroness Catylyn,

Wow! Our first year as B&B is complete! Thank you to all who worked so hard and gave of your time and talents to make this Anniversary the great day that it was.

We welcome the new Seneschal, The Honorable Lady Alexandra Sinclair, to the officer team. We know she will lead us all in a positive direction over the next couple of years. We also want to welcome Baron Robartach mac Lochlainn into the dual roles of Chronicler as well as Deputy Exchequer. That's a lot on one plate but we have every confidence that he and his deputies have a handle on it and will do both jobs well. Thank you to all the people who have worked so hard to keep this Barony beautiful and welcoming to visitors. This populace is a truly amazing group of diverse friends and families that cannot be compared to anywhere else in the world. We are honored to have become a part of this "barren home" called Starkhafn.

We are looking forward to the events of the year both within and outside of the Barony. The Cynagua Mists War is next on our progress in just over a week where we will bring a little of Starkhafn to our northern neighbors. Should anyone wish to join in the journey or send greetings up with us, we welcome you to contact us directly. Potrero War is also fast approaching and we hope all of Starkhafn will join us. It will be an exciting event as always as our new Warlord, Ástríðr Elínudóttir, leads the Levy onto the field of battle. We both look forward to watching the newest Starkhafn Champions test their prowess against the foes arrayed upon the rapier, archery and thrown weapons fields as well. And of course it will be a wonderful time to experience all the Arts and Sciences the Southern borders of Caid has to offer. Get your camp info in to Baron Robartach ASAP so he can design a well-run camp for everyone.

Starkhafn will be hosting the Fall Crown Tournament and although it seems like September is a long way out it comes faster than you think. Let's start getting ready to host one of the most important events in Caid and show our fellow Caidans what Starkhafn hospitality is all about. Much help will be needed in all areas so come prepared to work together to make this Dream we all share a memorable reality for all.

We are still looking for autocrats for Yule this year so please consider volunteering to help make this year's feast the best ever.

There are many experienced people that would gladly lend a hand and share the load. Many hands make light work and this Barony is full of wonderfully creative ideas that need to be realized.

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

*Vae Victis! Long live Starkhafn!*

*Baron Thomas and Baroness Catylyn*



# Starkhafn Anniversary

## New Baronial Champions!

Starkhafn Anniversary saw new Champions win the day. Congratulations to the newest Starkhafn Baronial Champions! Huzzah!

Armored:	Duke Adam Makandro
Rapier:	Lord Yehoshua ben Abram
Archery:	THL Paul Stoddard
Spark Artisan:	Lady Symonne du Charme (People's Choice Arts & Sciences)
Flame Artisan:	Lady Blissot Larke

The title of Flame Artisan is granted to the Artisan chosen at the Flame Artisan Contest held at Starkhafn Anniversary. The creation of the Flame Artisan was brought to life by Mistress Melisande de Frayne to provide a forum for Artisans to display not just one or two entries, but showcase their body of work across a variety of Arts and Sciences categories. Both unfinished and completed works are displayed. This allows the Artisans to exhibit the breadth of their interests and skills. The Flame Artisan is chosen by a team of judges that consist of the previous Flame Artisans, the Baron and Baroness and visiting Royals.

Flame Brewer:	Lady Lucia Traveler
Bard of Starkhafn:	Lady Lucia Traveler
Chess:	Lord Michael of Starkhafn
Youth Artisan:	Jon of the Spring Hills
Youth Quintivium:	Thorsen of the Black Seas
Quintivium:	THL Kazetani Taurou Noritatsu

In order to vie for the Quintivium Cup, entrants must compete in five different Baronial championships held at Starkhafn's Anniversary. When this competition was first created, the five areas were Arts and Sciences, Archery, Armored, Rapier and Equestrian competitions. In recent years, Starkhafn no longer has Equestrian. The categories for Quintivium now include Thrown Weapons. The winner is the competitor who scored or placed the highest overall in the five areas combined.

Warlord: Ástríðr Elínudóttir



The Warlord Tournament was one of, if not the longest ever, in the history of this event. In the beginning there were approximately 30 contenders fighting for the honor of leading the Starkhafn Levy on the battlefield. Many exceptional fighters stepped onto the field to brave the challenge. All combatants brought their fiercest fight and hardest defenses. The most determined faced a continuous barrage of qualified fighters, equally committed to winning the day. After many battles, one champion arose above the others. Ástríðr Elínudóttir seized the honor of representing Starkhafn, and was presented with the Warlord's Axe.

The legendary hours-long warrior vs warrior tourney to vie for the title, Starkhafn Warlord, debuted at Talon Crescent War II at the behest of Baron Robartach & Baroness Gyda. Since then it has been

held annually at Starkhafn's Anniversary, after the Baronial Armored Champion Tourney, and can only be entered by combatants who have competed in that Tourney. The entrants fight one on one until only one warrior is left standing, and is anointed the Warlord. The Warlord leads the Starkhafn Levy on the field of battle in the stead of the Baron, if he is unable to take the field, or next to His Excellency when they are both on the battlefield.

### New Starkhafn Armored Champion Regalia Sword



Starkhafn Baronial Champion Sword held by Baron Thomas

House Meadwolf commissioned Sir Niccolo d'Angelo to forge a custom Viking sword for the Baronial Armored Champion, as part of their Regalia, bearing the words "Vae Victis" on one side and "Starkhafn" on the other as a gift to the Barony. The sword was presented to Baron Thomas at Anniversary.



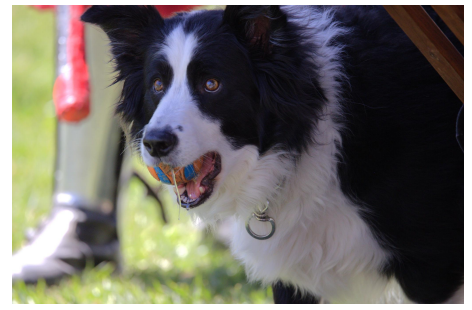
Many thanks to Her Grace, Duchess Tsyra tsheere Nanoup for taking amazing pictures on the day. To see more of her impressive photographic skills, check out her post on the Kingdom Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/kingdomofcaid/permalink/10167529471325109>



Combatants in line for the Warlord Fights



Baron Fergus horsing around



"Life is ball" says Smalls



Enjoying good company



It's all about the mechanics



Sharing good conversation



Lord Yehoshua & Lord Bartholomew as Rapier Finalists



Duke Adam & Duke Sven as Armored Finalists



The Dragon has been slain by Armored Champion, Duke Adam



THL Paul is the new Archery Champion



Lady Blissot is the new Flame Artisan



Puppies!

## New Polling Order Members

The Barony has five polling orders, bestowed by the Baron and Baroness based on votes from members of the different Orders. Members of the Orders are polled at Starkhafn Yule to determine those individuals who may be worthy of recognition. New members of the Orders are traditionally elevated at Starkhafn Anniversary. The four original polling orders were created by the 3rd Baron and Baroness, Antonius and Créd. The newest order, the Order of the Rangers of Starkhafn was created by the 8th Baron and Baroness, Robartach and Gyda.

Congratulations to the new Starkhafn Polling Orders members at Anniversary!



### Order of the Flame of Starkhafn

Graf Athanaric Thaurismunths sunus  
Lord Juan de Aranda y Cueto

Members of this Order are chosen for their superior service to the Barony over a span of years.



### Order of the Commanders of the Flame of Starkhafn

THL Kazetani Kiyotara  
THL Kazetani Taurou Noritatsu

Members of this Order are chosen from the members of the Order of the Flame for their continued exemplary service and dedication to the Barony.



### Order of Saint Illuminatus

Master Antonius Tesel  
The Honorable Jon Ó Faoláin

Formerly known as "Order of the Illumination," Starkhafn's Arts and Sciences Members are chosen for "excellence in a particular art or scientific endeavor, teaching, mentoring, and sharing that art or science with others."



### Order of the Defenders of the Flame of Starkhafn

Lord Juan de Aranda y Cueto  
Lady Ástríðr Elinudóttir

Members of the Order of Starkhafn's Baronial martial arts polling order are chosen as those who have brought honor to themselves and the Barony through continued excellence in one or more martial arts forms.



### Order of the Rangers of the Flame of Starkhafn

THL Kazetani Kiyotara  
Lord Bartholomew Reynold Codlin

Members of this Order are individuals chosen who have displayed excellence in Ranged Weapons.

The Premiers of each Order by date of award:

#### Order of St Illuminatus

Gerand Lushnicov 1983-10-22

#### Order of the Flame

Diana Alyse de Fay 1984-10-20  
Keradwc an Cai 1984-10-20

#### Order of the Defenders

Antonius Tesel (Rapier) 1998-06-27  
Margaret of Starkhafn (Archery) 1998-06-27  
Richard of Black Iron (Armored) 1998-06-30

#### Order of the Commanders

Antonius Tesel 2000-03-25  
Aonarrach Faol MagUidhir 2000-03-25  
Créd Mongfind Örnardóttir 2000-03-25

#### Order of the Rangers

Paul Stoddard (Archery) 2020-10-31  
Symonne du Charme (TW) 2020-10-31

If you would like to see the lists of all current Polling Order members, see the Caid OP or the Caid Wiki.  
Caid Order of Precedence, Starkhafn page <http://heralds.sca-caid.org/op/people.php?GroupID=121>  
Caid Wiki, Starkhafn page [https://caidwiki.org/index.php?title=Starkhafn#Starkhafn\\_Polling\\_Orders](https://caidwiki.org/index.php?title=Starkhafn#Starkhafn_Polling_Orders)

## Awards and Recognitions

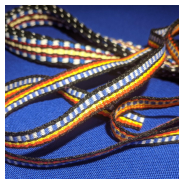
Congratulations to the recipients of these notable recognitions and awards at Anniversary:



### **The Order of the Sparkes of Starkhafn**

Sigwulf of Starkhafn  
Violet Ingrid Newcastle

The Order of the Sparkes of Starkhafn is a youth award bestowed by the Baronage of Starkhafn. The symbol of the Order is a spark-covered field; "for as a spark can ignite a great fire, so will such children kindle the productive flames of tomorrow's Barony and Society."



### **Order of the Bearer of the Flame of Starkhafn (Ambassador)**

Sir Sigvaldr Bjarnarson  
THL Ástríðr Elínudóttir

The Bearer of the Flame of Starkhafn (Ambassador) is an award bestowed by the Baronage of Starkhafn. Its symbol is a ribbon in the Colours of the Barony; Argent, Sable, and Azure. Recipients of this award are known as an Ambassador of Courtesy, a Bearer of the Flame of Starkhafn. This award was formerly called the Ambassador of Starkhafn.



### **Order of the Steinn of Starkhafn**

Lady Lucia Traveler

The Order of the Steinn (Stone) of Starkhafn is an award bestowed by the Baronage of Starkhafn. Its symbol is a yellow stone dependant from a cord; with subsequent awards being signified by the addition of yellow beads upon the dependant cord, one for each subsequent awarding.



### **Eldr ok Hjarta (Heart of Fire)**

Lord Yehoshua ben Abram

Order of the Eldr ok Hjarta (Heart of Fire) of Starkhafn is an award bestowed by the Baronage of Starkhafn. The Eldr ok Hjarta is awarded to those individuals who have shown exceptional skill in the Art of Rapier and have endeavored to share that skill by teaching others. This award was originally called the Hjarta Bruni.



### **Order of the Stjarna of Starkhafn (Star)**

Baron Robartach mac Lochlainn

The Order of the Stjarna (Star) of Starkhafn is an award bestowed by the Baronage of Starkhafn. Its symbol is a green star dependant from a cord; with subsequent awards being signified by the addition of green beads upon the dependant cord, one for each subsequent awarding.

To submit someone for a Baronial award use this convenient online form found here:

<https://starkhafn.sca-caid.org/award-recommendations/>

To see what awards a person has, you can look them up on the Caid OP here:

<http://heralds.sca-caid.org/op/>

For more information on the various Starkhafn awards see the Caid Wiki and the Award page on the Starkhafn website:

<https://caidwiki.org/index.php?title=Starkhafn>

<https://starkhafn.sca-caid.org/awards/>

# Upcoming Events and Meetings

## Starkhafn In-Person & Virtual Happenings

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

For all Arts and Science activities see the Facebook Group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/543894915763841>

- ❖ Weekly Fighter Practice (Wednesdays & Sundays)

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

- ❖ Starkhafn Virtual Social: Thursdays 6pm-8pm

- ❖ Archery Practice (Saturdays) <https://www.facebook.com/groups/297538950299416>

Whitney Ranch Recreation Center Archery Range - 1575 W Galleria Dr, Henderson, NV 89014

- ❖ Youth Rapier & Boffer training: Sundays (Alternates between Combat & Rapier at 9:30am)

- ❖ Starkhafn Council Mtg (Financial Committee/Officer/Populace): 4th Thursdays, Monthly

6pm-8pm. Zoom links for the Starkhafn virtual events can be found:

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

- ❖ Monthly Tourney: 3rd or 4th Sundays 10am (Armored & Rapier tourneys, this is a garbed event)

- ❖ Alchemists & Herbalists of Starkhafn: 1st Thursday, Monthly. See the Facebook Event page for details <https://fb.me/e/2SB5GQVrJ> or under the Starkhafn Discord in

#gardening\_alchemists-herbalists-guild

- ❖ Scriptorium: 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, Monthly

- ❖ Cooks Guild: once monthly on Wednesday (usually the 2nd or 3rd Wednesday)

- ❖ Garb & Gab: various days (usually on the weekend)

- ❖ Arts and Sciences Social, Monthly, various days. More information on Arts and Science activities: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/543894915763841>

- ❖ Fiber Guild: various days (usually on the weekend) More information on Arts and Science activities: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/543894915763841>

- ❖ Vae Victis Film Night: 3rd Thursdays 6:30pm-9pm (currently on Zoom movies start at 7pm)



# Upcoming Kingdom (& outside) Events

## ❖ Kingdom of Caïd Events Calendar

- May 4-8: Cynagua-Mists War (Kingdom of the West, Red Bluff, CA)
- May 13: Altavia Anniversary & Investiture (Altavia)
- May 25 -29: Potrero War (Calafia)
- Jun 10: Collegium Caïdis (Gyldenholt)
- Jun 8-10: Atenveldt Highlands War (Kingdom of Atenveldt, Payson, AZ)
- Jun 24: Gyldenholt Anniversary (Gyldenholt)
- Jun 30- Jul 2: St Corrigan's Day (Dreiburgen)

## Known World Virtual Happenings

- ❖ Kingdom of Caïd Events Calendar <https://wp.sca-caid.org/events/>
- ❖ Barony of Starkhafn Events Calendar <https://starkhafn.sca-caid.org/events/>
- ❖ Known World Entertainment Guide: <https://www.facebook.com/KWEGuide>

Lists lots of Known 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/>

## 2nd Quarter Calendar

May 2023

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
	1	2	3 6pm Starkhafn Fighter & /Rapier Practice	4	5 Cynagua-Mists War	6 Cynagua-Mists War
7 9am Starkhafn Fighter & Rapier Practice 9:30a Youth Rapier & Boffer	8 Cynagua-Mists War	9 6pm Scriptorium	10 6pm Starkhafn Fighter & /Rapier Practice	11	12	13 9am Starkhafn Archery Practice Altavia Anniversary
14 9am Starkhafn Fighter & /Rapier Practice	15	16	17 6pm Starkhafn Fighter & /Rapier Practice	18 6pm Starkhafn Council Mtg (Zoom)	19	20 9am Starkhafn Archery Practice
21 10am Starkhafn Monthly Tourney Youth Combat Tourney	22	23 6pm Scriptorium	24 6pm Starkhafn Fighter & /Rapier Practice	25 Potrero War	26 Potrero War	27 Potrero War
28 Potrero War	29 Potrero War	30	31			

June 2023

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	F4r	Sa
				1	2	3 9am Starkhafn Archery Practice
4 9am Starkhafn Fighter & Rapier Practice 9:30aYouth Rapier	5	6 6pm Scriptorium	7 6pm Starkhafn Fighter & /Rapier Practice	8	9	10 9am Starkhafn Archery Practice Collegium Caidis
11 9am Starkhafn Fighter & /Rapier Practice Collegium Caidis	12	13	14 6pm Starkhafn Fighter & /Rapier Practice	15 7pm Vae Victis Film Night (Zoom)	16	17 9am Starkhafn Archery Practice
18 10am Starkhafn Monthly Tourney	19	20 6pm Scriptorium	21 6pm Starkhafn Fighter & /Rapier Practice	22 6pm Starkhafn Council Mtg (Zoom)	23	24 9am Starkhafn Archery Practice Gyldenholt Anniv
25 9am Starkhafn Fighter & /Rapier Practice 9:30aYouth Combat	26	27	28 6pm Starkhafn Fighter & /Rapier Practice	29	30 St Corrigan's "Day"	St Corrigan's "Day"

## Their Excellencies Progress May - July 2023

2023 Event Dates	Date	Location	Event Type	Baron Thomas	Baroness Catylyn
Cynagua-Mists War	5-8 May 23	West Kingdom	Camping	Y	Y
Altavia Anniversary	13-May-23	Altavia	Day	Y	Y
<b>Starkhafn Monthly Council Meeting</b>	<b>18-May-23</b>	<b>Starkhafn</b>	<b>Zoom</b>	Y	Y
<b>Starkhafn Monthly Tourney</b>	<b>21-May-23</b>	<b>Starkhafn</b>	<b>Day</b>	Y	Y
Potrero War	25-29 May 23	Calafia	Camping	Y	Y
Collegium Caidis	10-11 Jun 23	TBA	Wknd	?	?
Atenveldt Highland's War	8-11 Jun 23	Atenveldt	Camping	Y	?
<b>Starkhafn Monthly Council Meeting</b>	<b>22-Jun-23</b>	<b>Starkhafn</b>	<b>Zoom</b>	Y	Y
Gyldenholt Anniversary	24-Jun-23	Gyldenholt	Day	Y	Y
<b>Starkhafn Monthly Tourney</b>	<b>25-Jun-23</b>	<b>Starkhafn</b>	<b>Day</b>	Y	Y
St. Corrigan's "Day"	30 Jun-2 Jul 23	Dreiburgen	Camping	Y	Y
Coronation	8-Jul-23	Calafia	Hotel	Y	Y
Privy Council	10-Jul-22	Calafia	Hotel	Y	Y
Consort's Champion (Martial)	15-Jul-23	Shire of the Isles	Day	Y	?
<b>Starkhafn Monthly Tourney</b>	<b>23-Jul-23</b>	<b>Starkhafn</b>	<b>Day</b>	Y	Y
<b>Starkhafn Monthly Council Meeting</b>	<b>27-Jul-23</b>	<b>Starkhafn</b>	<b>Zoom</b>	Y	Y

# 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 Victis 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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