

# The Starkhafn Baronial Banner

## Baronial Newsletter 2020 Third Quarter



*Illustration showing two witches brewing up a bewitching concoction to heal all ills of the soul and body. Woodcut from an alchemy book, "De Lamiis et Phitonicis Melierbus", published in 1487 by Ulrich Molitor.*

# The Baronial Address

## *Baron Robartach and Baroness Gyda*

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Greetings Starkhafn!

As we begin this Autumnal season and the hopefulness of change lingers in the air, we hope you all are faring well during this strange and challenging time. The year has brought challenges most of us never could have fathomed. Both in our real lives and in this Dream we share. So many days have passed without the events and activities we all enjoy so much. So many days without being able to share a hug, a smile, a laugh with many of our Starkhafn and extended Caidan family.



As we are all trying to find our way through these uncharted waters, it's important that we work at staying connected to the Starkhafn family where its fires light the way to the safe harbor of home. We have seen and heard about so many wonderful gestures of caring and assistance demonstrated by members of our Starkhafn family in support of each other as well as others throughout the world. Whether it has been in the form of running errands for those who are unable to go out, sewing numerous masks, sharing supplies, checking in on each other, helping create and support virtual activities or just lending a needed ear. You all continue to make us proud to be a part of the Starkhafn family.

It's ok if you haven't managed to learn new things or haven't been particularly social but have only been able to survive from day to day. Perhaps you haven't had the spare time or have time but not the needed motivation. We feel your struggle. Know you are cared for and we are grateful for your courage to persist. During this time when so much can feel not normal and difficult, if you are in need, whether it be physically, mentally or emotionally please remember that we are here and will endeavour to help in any way we are able. Just reach out. We know at times it can be difficult to ask for help. However, know that you are not alone and we ALL need support from time to time. As we head into the end of the year and the promise of better times ahead we are planning a virtual Cèilidh on October 31<sup>st</sup>. Plans are being made to hold our Baronial Chess Championship, host an arts display, bardic, games and various sorts of craic. Later in the evening for those who want to hang out after, a Baronial movie night is planned. Most importantly, since we were unable to do so at our Baronial Anniversary, which should have occurred in April, we want to take this opportunity to officially install our Heirs, Lord Thomas and Tjfl Catylyn as our Reeves. We hope you will join us in this joyous occasion!

We're also in the beginning stages of planning for a virtual Yule where we can hold our Polling Order meetings, host virtual tourneys, have storytime, bardic fun and more. If you have any ideas, suggestions or want to assist with either event, please contact us. We're always open to new fun ideas!

We hope you've been able to take advantage of the many opportunities for virtual classes, events and socials. There are listings of links to schedules for some of those events later in this newsletter. Starkhafn hosts a virtual social on Thursday nights from 6pm - 8pm through Zoom, details are posted on the Baronial Facebook Group <https://www.facebook.com/groups/Starkhafn/>.

We miss being able to be with you all and sharing your company. We are looking forward to the time when we can all gather together again, and when we do, what a joyous time that will be! While we are all eagerly awaiting that day, take care of yourselves and each other. Remember, set aside a bit of time to do something that feeds your flame, ignites your interests, and delights your intellect.

May you all be safe and well until again we meet!

**ROBARTACH AND GYDA**

# Upcoming Events and Meetings

**All In-Person** SCA Activity has been suspended through **January 31, 2021** per the Resolution from Board of Directors for the Society for Creative Anachronism (SCA) on July 28, 2020. 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/>)
- ❖ **24 Oct 20 - Altavia Agincourt & Dreiburgen Anniversary - *shared virtual event***
- ❖ **31 Oct 20 - Starkhafn Cèilidh - (event link will be posted on Facebook)**

## **\*Resolution to Suspend In-Person Events from the Board of Directors**

During the July 28, 2020, Ad Hoc meeting of the Board of Directors for the Society for Creative Anachronism, the following Resolution was passed by a unanimous vote and made effective immediately:

Resolution to Suspend In-Person SCA Activity until January 31st, 2021

I. Whereas, the COVID-19 Global Pandemic has created an unparalleled challenge for the administration of the Society for Creative Anachronism. The Board of Directors acknowledges the health and well-being of the membership and participants of the SCA are of utmost importance;

II. Whereas, the Crowns of the vast majority of North American Kingdoms have petitioned the board to suspend in-person SCA events in North America until January 31st, 2021;

III. Whereas, following consultation with the Kingdom Seneschals of the North American Kingdoms, it appears that this petition is generally supported;

IV. Therefore Now Be It Resolved, The SCA Board of Directors suspends all SCA in-person events in North America until January 31st, 2021;

V. Resolved, Small local gatherings including, but not limited to, archery practice, guild meetings, officer meetings, and local martial activities shall remain at the discretion of the Crown and Kingdom Seneschal, in accordance with CDC, State, Provincial, and local health guidelines and recommendations. Virtual events as alternatives continue to be a viable option;

VI. Resolved, The SCA Board of Directors directs the Society Seneschal to grant a blanket variance to Corpora waiving any required events such as Crown List and Coronation until January 31st, 2021, as well as extending all current reigns until a royal list can be held to determine suitable Heirs;

VII. Resolved, If a Crown or Coronet steps down without Heirs for a Kingdom or Principality, a Regent shall be installed until such time as a royal list may be held to find suitable Heirs and a Coronation or Investiture held. This regent should be installed according to the Kingdom or Principality laws that govern the appointment of Regents, after consultation with the Society Seneschal. If the Kingdom or Principality has no such law, the Kingdom Seneschal (and Principality Seneschal when appropriate) must consult with the Society Seneschal and Society President to determine an appropriate selection method for a Regent;

VIII. Resolved, the SCA Board of Directors invites Kingdoms who have determined that it is safe to host in-person events before January 31st, 2021, to request a variance from the Society Seneschal to be able to do so. The Society Seneschal shall have the authority to grant or deny these requests. These requests will be reviewed by the Board using the same review method used for variances to Corpora;

IX. Resolved, the SCA Board of Directors commends the officers, royalty, hard-working membership, and participants who have made it possible for the SCA to continue activities during these trying times. Any commentary regarding this matter should be addressed to [sca-comments@lists.sca.org](mailto:sca-comments@lists.sca.org). Please use the title "Resolution" in the subject line.

NOTE: Please use the body of the email for commentary.

Attachments will cause your message to be marked as spam, and it will bounce.

In lieu of email, commentary may be sent by US Mail, Postage-Prepaid, to:  
Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc.  
RE: Resolution  
P.O. Box 360789  
Milpitas, CA 95036-0789

<https://www.sca.org/news/resolution-to-suspend-in-person-sca-activity-until-january-31st-2021/>

Comments are strongly encouraged and can be sent to:  
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You may also email [sca-comments@lists.sca.org](mailto:sca-comments@lists.sca.org)

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*Folio 51 recto : Bat (Vespertilio) Aberdeen Bestiary 12th C.*

– HÁVAMÁL 34

IT'S A LONG AND CROOKED WALK

TO A BAD FRIEND,

EVEN IF HE LIVES NEARBY.

BUT IT'S AN EASY ROAD

TO A GOOD FRIEND,

NO MATTER HOW LONG THE JOURNEY.

October 2020

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
				1 6pm-8pm Starkhafn Social	2	3
4	5 7pm Live from Caid	6	7	8 6pm-8pm Starkhafn Social	9	10 11am-3pm Jerusha's Embroidery Salon
11	12 7pm Live from Caid	13	14 Battle of Hastings 1066	15 6pm-8pm Starkhafn Social	16	17
18	19 7pm Live from Caid	20	21	22 6pm-8pm Starkhafn Social	23	24 Altavia Agincourt & Dreiburgen Anniversary
25 4pm-6pm Silk Painting Chat	26 7pm Live from Caid	27	28	29 6pm-8pm Starkhafn Social	30	31 Starkhafn Céilidh Halloween

November 2020

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
1 Daylight Saving Ends	2 7pm Live from Caid	3	4	5 6pm-8pm Starkhafn Social	6	7
8	9 7pm Live from Caid	10	11	12 6pm-8pm Starkhafn Social	13	14 11am-3pm Jerusha's Embroidery Salon
15	16 7pm Live from Caid	17	18	19 6pm-8pm Starkhafn Social	20	21
22	23 7pm Live from Caid	24	25	26 6pm-8pm Starkhafn Social	27	28 11am-3pm Jerusha's Embroidery Salon
29 4pm-6pm Silk Painting Chat	30 7pm Live from Caid					

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 Starkhafn Yule
13	14 7pm Live from Caid	15	16	17 6pm-8pm Starkhafn Social	18	19
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
3	4 7pm Live from Caid	5	6	7 6pm-8pm Starkhafn Social	8	9
10	11 7pm Live from Caid	12	13	14 6pm-8pm Starkhafn Social	15	16
17	18 7pm Live from Caid	19	20	21 6pm-8pm Starkhafn Social	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	7pm Live from Caid			6pm-8pm Starkhafn Social		

# 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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