

The Barony Of
Unser Hafen
The Gatekeeper

November 2019



Baronial Buzz

Felicitations to the Stone Wolves of Unser Hafen,

At the end of September, we ran our annual Newcomer's event. Lady Vigdis, Lord Ulric, and their event staff did an amazing job of coordinating the event. There were over 260 attendees, 40 key tokens were given out to people who had played less than a year, and no less than 27 newcomers claimed a mug from Their Royal Majesties in court as a memento of their first event!

We welcomed these friends to Our Home and showed them the famous hospitality of the Stone Wolves! One of the highlights of the day was the bardic contest. We had the most entrants that we've had for many years. It made our hearts swell to see the ranks of performers. There were so many talented entrants that we were hard put to decide on a winner and needed to have a "poetry battle" to decide the winner between Lady Allie, Lady Fionnghuala, and Lord Aodhan. They passed around a spur-of-the-moment poem with the prompt "the blush on our newcomers' cheeks". In the end, there could be only one Pencerdd Bard.

The choice was difficult, and in the end the cloak fell to Lord Aodhan. We are certain that his time as Pencerdd Bard will be memorable. There was so much fun had that we asked Lord Aodhan to start the "Bardic Brigade of Unser Hafen". If you enjoy bardic arts please join us on the Book of Faces group.

(<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2484603428438758/>). We also hope to see more Bardic at future events, and at our Sunday practices!

The evening was capped off with a sumptuous feast and more merry entertainment. There was everything from dancing to plays and songs.

Just as quickly, we hosted Kingdom Arts and Sciences Collegium at the end of October, held in conjunction with Rams Keep on the CSU campus. His Majesty encouraged us to study the seven sciences of Aristotle, while the Kingdom Seneschal encouraged the court to study the ancient science of necromancy. His Majesty is wise and encouraged that we do not. Your Baron had the joy of teaching one class and co-teaching two other classes. Commedia dell'Arte is a passion of his, and it gave him time to share. We will also be working with those interested in theatre to start a Commedia troupe!

He was far from the only teacher, and many, many Stone Wolves participated and taught throughout the day. Stone Wolf teachers included: Countess Kitta, Earl Mika, Her Honor Safiyya, Mistress Agnes, Mistress Rossilin, THL Cecilia, Don Justin, THL Perryn, Lord Ulric, and Lady Vigdis. We are very proud to see you all taking moments to share what you learned with others, and we hope to see the classes continue throughout the year - for truly, our goal in the SCA is to learn and teach others about the medieval arts and sciences.

In November, our plan is to head to the very South to attend the Coronation of the heirs of the Outlands - dearest friends of Unser Hafen, Duke Bela and Mistress Nerissa. If you wish to join the caravan, please let us know.

We are Unser Hafen, a Home that plays together, stays together. Stone Wolves have each other's back! So to our dearest Stone Wolves: know you are our pack; you are supported; you are cherished, and you are loved.

In love and service,

Aegeon & Miriam

Baron & Baroness of Unser Hafen

Senschel's Sentiments

Greetings Fellow Stonewolves!

A new season is upon us. The weather is turning blustery and its unpredictability has forced us to migrate indoors for our weekly fighter practices. It is a time to hone our skills, all our skills. I encourage you all to attend these fighter practices, most especially if you are a person who does not fight. This is not just a time to improve skills with weaponry, but also an opportunity for our pack to come together, share and socialize. It is a chance to connect with others and use them as sounding boards for: that stance you can't figure out, the song lyrics you know but not the melody, the sewing project you don't know how begin, etc. Bring your projects, your songs, your thoughts, your quiet/loud observations. Let us strengthen our pack through the time we spend together outside of events. I shall see you there!

Lady Vigdis Knarrarbringa

Herald's Call

Congratulations are in order for the following gentles of Unser Hafen whose names and/or devices have been approved through the College of Heraldry!

~ Lady Gráinne inghean uí Uilliam. - Name accepted

~Our own Knight Marshall, Uchtred Liefsson. Name and device accepted.
Argent, on three bird's wings conjoined in pall sable a bird's skull affronty argent.



How much is too much? A note on Complexity:

There is a limit to how complex a device can be. In general, the total number of tinctures plus the number of types of charges cannot exceed 8. Remember, the more items packed onto a device, the smaller they will have to be, thus making them more difficult to identify from across a battlefield (and thus we lose the original intent!)

Let's look at my device as an example.

Vert, a sea-lion Or and in chief three seeblatter argent, a ford proper.



Green, white, blue and yellow make a count of 4 tinctures. The seeblatter (water lily leaves), the sea-lion and the ford are the charges which have a count of three bringing my device to a complexity count of 7 - just within the limit. I could have probably pushed it and had the sea-lion maintaining or holding a sword OR I could have split my field so it was green and purple on either side to reach a count of 8 but I attempted both I would have risked my device being sent back for complexity issues. It's good to note that the seeblatter, while there are three of them, are considered 1 "type" of charge and are only counted once. Also the ford, blue and white wavy lined representation of water, is considered a singular charge, also giving it a count of 1. It's important to keep the complexity limits in mind when considering a submission to avoid an unnecessary return by the College of Arms.

Baroness Safiyya
Barbican Pursuivant

Artistic Musings

Location Location Location!

We are in need of ideas for a location to hold A&S Night, Scribal Guild and Embroidery Guild! This subject was discussed at the October Business Meeting, but nothing was determined at that time. If you have any ideas for locations, please contact [The Honourable Lady Anne Elizabeth Morley](#).

Updates (if any) will appear on the Unser Hafen website and/or on the Book of Faces.

Yours in Service,

Lady Euphemia
Chronicler

Policy Changes

Marijuana Policy

The Board of Directors has removed the 2013 Marijuana Policy Interpretation from the Seneschal's handbook. The SCA will alternatively utilize the following language located within Corpora in section I. A. 2.

Despite the use of the word "law" to describe the operating documents of its regional branches, the Society recognizes the absolute precedence of law issued by civil authorities over any of its internal rules. The SCA, Inc. as a corporate person, along with all of its members as citizens, must obey the law of whatever jurisdictions apply to them in exactly the same fashion as all other corporations or citizens in those jurisdictions.

Where marijuana consumption is legal for recreational use, all local and/or state laws should be followed and its usage should be treated similarly to alcohol and tobacco. Additionally, where marijuana consumption is legal for medical use, all local and/or state laws should be followed to conform to those regulations as well. Participants within the SCA should always observe courtesy with their use of any product that produces smoke or vapor. Both tobacco and marijuana smoke can be harmful to others and exposure to second-hand smoke is a health risk we should not impose on others.

Anyone having any questions regarding this policy should contact the Society Seneschal for more information.

Comments are strongly encouraged and can be sent to:

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You may also email comments@lists.sca.org.

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Rapier Combat Proposed Revised Rule Set

From the Office of the Baronial Rapier Marshall:

Greetings to the great populace of Unser Hafen! Recently there has been published a rule revision for the Rapier Fighters. This rule revision is out for review and can be read [HERE](#). Please comment on the rule revisions through the link that is provided on the document.

If you have not read your current Rule book, there is a revision that came out in 2018 at the Society level. You can read it [HERE](#).

Oyez! Oyez!

Stone Wolves Get Recognized

Awards given at Newcomers and Kingdom A&S Collegium by the Baron and Baroness of Unser Hafen:

Lord Marcus Goltz - Golden Ring

Lord Lohengrin Heier - Keeper of the Portcullis

Lady Bryngerðr Þiðreksdóttir - Skipping Stone

Mistress Richenda de la Selva - Golden Ring

Katie of Unser Hafen - Noble's Gratitude

Awards given by Their Royal Majesties:

Ainsley Quinn - Award of Arms

Marc of Unser Hafen - Award of Arms

Euphemia de Argyll - Award of Arms

Are you ready for WAR Season?

Upcoming War Practices will be held on the following dates and locations:

November 10th Coronation War Practice

December 1st Unser Hafen War Practice

December 14th Al Barran War Practice

January 4th Caerthe War Practice

January 11th Aarquelle War Practice

January 18th & 19th Citadel War College

January 25th Dragonspine War Practice

February 1st St. Golias War Practice

February 18th - 24th ESTRELLA WAR XXXVI

Even if you do not plan to attend Estrella, please come out to fight at War practices so that the warriors who are attending have someone to fight against!

Yours in Service,

Marcus Goltz

Unser Hafen Baronial Rapier Marshall

Tidbits and Translations

How Do People Get Chosen For Awards?

By Baron Aegeon & Baroness Miriam

Firstly, they must have a membership and secondly, “show up” and do things; but how do they get noticed by The Crown? For a great many gentles they are brought to the Crown’s attention via award recommendations from other members of the Society. When the Crown does not personally know a gentle who has been recommended to them it often takes recommendations from several people for an individual to be granted an award so every recommendation counts.

If the Crown needs to receive recommendations, who can send them in? Anyone! Gentles making recommendations don’t even need to have a membership of their own. You can recommend any person with a membership for any award that you believe they deserve to receive. You can even recommend someone for a peerage if you believe they have put in enough work and merit the recognition. You can see what awards a gentle already has by going to <http://wimble.outlandsheralds.org/> and looking them up under their name. You can find a list of all the kingdom level awards at http://wimble.outlandsheralds.org/awards_group.php?GroupID=96

To make a recommendation go to <https://www.outlands.org/> and click the “login/logout” link in the upper right-hand corner. If you have not yet made a login you can do so there, otherwise login to your account. After that click “Award Recommendations” under “Quick Links” on the right-hand side. Next, click “Submit an Award Recommendation” from the menu on the left-hand side. From there, you simply fill in the form with as much information as you have. Having the person’s membership number is not necessary. Their Royal Majesties have ways of finding that information out on their own.

When you get to “Their Good Works”, tell Their Royal Majesties what makes the gentle you are recommending shine. Do they have helping hands? Do they teach? Do they spread joy in their wake? Did they do you a personal service by helping you load/unload, save you from an impending flood or other dire circumstances? There are many ways in which a member of the pack may shine in The Dream, and all are worthy of note.

Please share the warmth of your gratitude and admiration with Their Royal Majesties and recommend those gentles who have brightened your day, helped out, or shined brightly on their own merits. The Crown cannot be in all places or see all things and They need your eyes and ears to bring Them news of the good deeds of those around you.

What's Going on in our Barony?

Armoured and Fencing Practice

Sundays 2:00-5:00 PM

CSU Fieldhouse

Fort Collins, CO 80525

[Click for Map](#)

Visit the [Website](#) for more info, directions and any changes to the schedule.

Archery Practice (Indoors)

- NOVEMBER

Saturday 11/2 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Saturday 11/16 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

- DECEMBER

Saturday 12/14 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Rocky Mountain Archery

4518 Innovation Dr

Fort Collins, Colorado

<https://unserhafen.wixsite.com/unserhafen/archery-winter>

Or, find us in the "Unser Hafen Archers" group on Facebook!

Equestrian Practice

Contact: Lady Cecelia O'Connor

970-420-6652

Rams Keep Fencing Practice

ALL ARE WELCOME

Mondays, 6:30-9:00 PM

Newsom Hall

CSU Campus

Fort Collins, CO 80521

[Click for Map](#)

Dance

On hold until further notice

Scribal Guild

On hold until November - check the UH website or Facebook for updates

Embroidery Guild

On hold until November - check the UH website or Facebook for updates

A&S Gathering

On hold until November - check the UH website or Facebook for updates

Calligraphy &/or Illumination

Contact: The Honorable Lady Anne Elizabeth Morley

970-227-9273

Baronial Business Meeting

Business meetings have been moved to the third Wednesday of the month, 6pm. The November meeting location is still TBD. Please check the Unser Hafen [website](#) or the Populace [Facebook page](#) for updates.



Kingdom Calendar

Date	Group	Event	Royal Progress	Autocrat
November 2019				
2-3	Barony of Caer Galen	Arne Koets Historical Horsemanship & Sword Combat		Estefania
2	College of Saint Goliass	Feast of St. Goliass		Gregor de Junger
9-10	Barony of the Citadel of the Southern Pass	<u>Coronation</u>	K/Q/P/P	Julia Alexandria
23	Barony of al-Barran	<u>Day of Arts & Sciences</u>	K	Gwenlyn Aldwyn
23	Barony of Caerthe	Caerthe Yule	Q	Grace Dooley
24	Barony of al-Barran	Toys for Tots Tournament		Cristin Sheibhleain
December 2019				
7	Barony of Caer Galen	<u>Caer Galen Midwinter</u>	K/Q	Vanozza & Veyla
14	Barony of al-Barran	<u>Al-Barran Midwinter</u>	K/Q	Frosti Grimmeron
15	Barony of al-Barran	Al-Barran Midwinter War Practice	K/Q	Frosti Grimmeron
19	Barony of Dragonsspine	Dragonsspine Gypsy Christmas		Hrafn Corvin
January 2020				
4	Barony of Fontaine dans Sable	Fontaine 12th Night & War Practice		Mistress Alamanda
4-5	Barony of Caerthe	<u>Caerthe 12th Night & War Practice</u>	K/Q	Arndis Kyntir
11	Barony of Aarquelle	<u>Viking Vinter Vunderlandt VI</u>	K/Q	Teigr & Haven
24	Barony of Unser Hafen	Unser Hafen Yule Revel	K	Saffiya
25	Barony of Dragonsspine	Candlemas	K/Q	Jeannette Delecroix
February 2020				
18-24	Kingdom of Atenveldt	<u>Estrella War</u>	K/Q	
29	Kingdom of Calontir	Calontir War Manuvers		HE Gyda kennara
29	Barony of Caerthe	Tri-Baronial	K/Q	Crestina
July 2020				
1-5	Kingdom of the Outlands	Battlemoor XI		

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Pencerdd Bard - Lord Aodhan Kincaid

Barbican Persuivant - Baroness Safiyya bint Faris al Dani

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