

The Seagirt Book of Scribe

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Introduction

This version of the Barony of Seagirt's Book of Scribe started in Office365 by Vémundr Syvursson in October 2018 as a resource for the scribal arts in Seagirt. It will be a living document, continually updated as much as possible. None of this would exist if not for the hard work of many previous Seagirt Baronial Scribal Officers!

Award descriptions (*in italics*) originally from the An Tir OP as of October AS 53/2018 CE. Some annotations, additions, or questions marked "- V" are added by myself.

Updates, proofreading, additional resources, and comments can be sent to seagirt.scribe@tirrigh.org.

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Yours In Service,

Vémundr Syvursson, Seagirt Baronial Scribe

Standard/Suggested Wordings

None of these are set in stone but are prompts and suggestions from previous editions of our Book of Scribe, other scribal resources, or previous awards.

Major departures from these suggested wordings should be sent back to the Seagirt Scribe for approval by the Coronets before being committed to an award.

The Barony of Seagirt website also has some information on each of these awards:

<http://seagirt.tirrigh.org/awards/>

Orca

Introductory award to encourage new members. Charter. New words and design coming - V. (A previous version of the Orca was a service award.)

Silent Harp

Arts (and science? -V) award. Award insignia is a pewter harp without strings.

The fruits of artful endeavours and skilled hands bring beauty to our Barony. One whose undoubted talents have long enhanced the lustre of Seagirt is _____. At this (EVENT) (MONTH) (DAY) Anno Societatis (YEAR A.S.), we _____ and _____ Baron and Baroness of Seagirt recognize his/her/their many skills and award him/her/them the Silent Harp.

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Be it known to all gathered here this day that _____ has constantly demonstrated such undeniable skill and excellents in the Arts that we, _____ and _____, Baron and Baroness of Seagirt are please to award him/her/them a Silent Harp and ask that he/she/they continue to share his/her/their abilities with our Barony. Done at (EVENT) this (DAY) day of (MONTH), Anno Societatis (YEAR A.S.).

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The repute of Seagirt for accomplishment in the arts is not the work of one person. Over long years the devotion of many skills hands have contributed to such renown.

In time past such citizens have been recognized for their achievements; this day do we _____ and _____, Baron and Baroness of Seagirt add to their august membership and recognize (NAME) with the Silent Harp. Given at (EVENT) this (DATE) day of (MONTH), (YEAR A.S.).

Order of the Seagull

For long-term service to the barony. Given out by the Baron and Baroness by recommendation and in consultation with the current holders of the award. The award is in the form of a pewter seagull on a beaded necklace.

Be it known to all before whom these letters come that _____, having served Our Fair Barony of Seagirt most outstandingly, does greatly deserve recognition and reward. Therefore we _____ and _____ Baron and Baroness of Seagirt, are minded to admit him/her/them unto the Order of the Seagull at (EVENT). In acknowledgement whereof we set our hands this (DATE) day of (MONTH), Anno Societatis (YEAR A.S.).

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Let the people of Seagirt know that for many fine summers and harsh winters _____ has constantly given gracious service to our Barony. Such dedication deserves acknowledgement, therefore we, _____ and _____ Baron and Baroness of Seagirt gladly award our subject the Order of the Seagull, given this (DATE) day of (MONTH), Anno Societatis (YEAR A.S.).

Rock

An award given for an act of service to the Barony. Can be earned multiple times.

Let the people of Seagirt know that _____ has given fine service to the great benefit of our Barony. Right pleased are we with such dedication that we, _____ and _____, Baron and Baroness of Seagirt gladly award him/her/them with a Rock this (DATE) day of (MONTH), A.S. (YEAR A.S.).

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Be it known to all before whom these letters come that the works of (NAME) are most laudable and deserving of recognition therefore we, _____ and _____ Baron and Baroness of Seagirt are most pleased to bestow on you a Rock this (DAY) day of (MONTH) Anno Societatis (YEAR A.S.).

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All shall know that we, _____ and _____, Baron and Baroness of Seagirt are greatly pleased with the distinguished efforts of (NAME), our well-beloved subject. We wish to recognize his/her/their true and faithful service by bestowing upon him/her/them a Rock at this (EVENT) upon the (DAY) of (MONTH), Anno Societatis (YEAR A.S.).

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Those who give of themselves in service form the bedrock of our Barony and their noble labours and deeds provide the foundations upon which we build and grow.

(NAME), you have served and strengthened our Barony. Therefore in recognition, do we, _____
and _____, Baron and Baroness of Seagirt, award unto you a Rock. Done at (EVENT) this (DAY) day of
(MONTH) Anno Societatis (YEAR A.S.).

Spirit of Violante

*In memory of Sergeant Myrranda de Medici who lived to dance. This award is given for excellence in dance, for example, teaching, performance ability or attending demos. The insignia is: a Dragonfly
Instituted by: Baron James Llewellyn ap Gruffydd and Barweness Tangwystl verch Glyn.*

(Thanks to Athelina Grey for sharing the wording of her two Violante awards, as the previous edition of our Book of Scribe had no suggestions at all for this award! - V)

Harken unto these words. Know that (NAME) has been most steadfast in his/her/their support of dance and is hereby awarded a Spirit of Violante at this (EVENT) on this (MONTH) (DAY) Anno Societatis (YEAR A.S) by _____ and _____, Baron and Baroness of Seagirt.

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The spirit of dance brings joy to Our Barony. One whose spirit shines forth and has enhanced the lustre of Seagirt is (NAME). At this (EVENT) on the (DAY) of (MONTH), Anno Societatis (YEAR A.S.) do we, _____ and _____, Baron and Baroness of Seagirt, recognize and award him/her/them with the Spirit of Violante.

Beacon of Insula Magna

*This award is presented to individuals who exemplified the ideals of the combined Insula Magna branches on the island. It is a consulting order, and candidates' names are presented to the Baron and Baroness for consideration. The insignia is: a blue arm sash with red fringe and a signal beacon.
Instituted by: Baron James Llewellyn ap Gruffydd and Barweness Tangwystl verch Glyn.*

As the light doth shine from the sun so does the light shine from _____. Let all present know that we, _____ and _____ Baron and Baroness of Seagirt do confer upon him/her/them a Beacon of Insula Magna for his/her/their unceasing encouragement of unity on our Fair Isle. Give this (DATE) day of (MONTH) at (EVENT), A.S. (YEAR A.S.).

Silent Hammer

Science counterpart to the Silent Harp.

to do? (no words in previous version of the Book of Scribe, last awarded 2012. Kingdom OP says "Has now become the award of the Harp and Hammer." so might not officially exist anymore? - V)

Black Bear/Golden Bear/Silver Bear (Youth)

This order is for the adolescent gentles in Seagirt. Members are selected by recommendation to Their Excellencies. The Black Bear is for martial prowess and skill, Golden Bear is for service, Silver Bear is for Arts & Sciences. The insignia of the Order is: a necklace with a bear of the appropriate colour. Instituted by: Baron Sir William mac Brennan and Voevoda Nadezdha Toranova.

The Order of the Black Bear is awarded to a young person who exhibits outstanding skill and prowess in the martial arts. One who meets and exceeds these criteria is (NAME). As Baron and Baroness of Seagirt, we _____ and _____ take great pleasure this day in awarding the Black Bear at (EVENT) upon (DAY) of (MONTH), Anno Societatis (YEAR A.S.).

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The Order of the Golden Bear is awarded to a young person who has given fine service to the great benefit of Our Barony. One who exceeds this criteria is (NAME). As Baron and Baroness of Seagirt, we _____ and _____ take great pleasure in recognizing him/her/them for dedication and awarding them the Golden Bear. Given this (DAY) of (MONTH) Anno Societatis (YEAR A.S.).

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As the Polestar lies within Ursa Minor and has been the guiding light for travellers since ancient times, so have you been a shining example of all that is best in these lands. Through your diligence in service you help to sustain us all. As a youth of Seagirt know that you not only bear our hopes for the future, you support us through your worthy deeds in the here and now. Their Excellencies _____ and _____ delight in awarding you, (NAME), with the Order of the Golden Bear of Seagirt. We challenge you to continue as a stellar example to others through your noble service. Awarded this (DAY) day of (MONTH) Anno Societatis (YEAR A.S.).

(the previous example is from James Llewellyn's Golden Bear and is included as an example only.)

Sea Otter (Children)

For children 12 and under for either service or achievement in the Arts & Sciences. Last awarded 2011.

<https://op.antirheralds.org/index.php?ward=532>

No suggested wording at this time. *(If anyone has one of these awards, or one of their children does, and a transcription of the words could be sent to me, I would be grateful – V)*

Narwhal

Given to fighters (heavy, rapier and archery) for excellence in at least two of the following martial qualities: fighting, teaching, armouring, chivalry, and leadership.

Know all that by these present letters that we, _____ and _____ Baron and Baroness of Seagirt, are right pleased with the devotion of (NAME) to the Martial Arts bot hin tourneys and in war and by the leadership that he/she/they exhibit upon the battlefield and in training. Therefore we are minded to award him/her/them with the Narwhal on this (DAY) of (MONTH) at (EVENT) in (YEAR A.S.) Anno Societatis.

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Many are the skills of one who is worthy of a Narwhal. It is not enough that he/she/they be skilled in arms but he/she/they must also seek to share his/her/their knowledge of the fighter's arts and must act with chivalry and honour and encourage others to do likewise. Let it be known far and wide that we, _____ and _____ Baron and Baroness of Seagirt find that (NAME) is such a warrior and do award him/her/them the Narwhal at (EVENT) upon the (DAY) of (MONTH), Anno Societatis (YEAR A.S.)

Resources & Links

An Tir Order of Precedence (OP), aka *do they already have that award?*

<https://op.antirheralds.org/index.php>

This section is very much a work in progress and will never really be “complete”. Suggestions for additional resources gratefully received – V.

The An Tir College of Scribes: <http://scribes.antir.sca.org/>

An Tir CoS Award Charter Guidebook: fantastic resource, everyone involved in scribal should have a copy of this even if you don't intend to product charter blanks!

<http://scribes.antir.sca.org/Scribes/CharterGuidebook.pdf>

An Tir CoS Resources for Award Design: <http://scribes.antir.sca.org/Scribes/scrolls.php>

An Tir Royal Scribe's Guidebook: extended job description and resources for an An Tir Royal Scribe.

<http://scribes.antir.sca.org/Guides/RoyalScribeGuidebook.pdf>

The Tir Righ College of Scribes – our Principality CoS has a few articles on paint and some useful links.

<http://scribe.tirrigh.org/>

Avacal College of Scribes and Illuminators - Our counterparts over in Avacal have some good stuff too.

Their main page: <http://www.avacal.org/scribes/SitePages/Home.aspx>

Avacal Scribal Handbook – lots of extra hands and details our An Tir book doesn't have.

<http://www.avacal.org/scribes/Shared%20Documents/Kingdom%20of%20Avacal%20Scribal%20Handbook.pdf>

Elsewhere (Elseweb?)

The Gutenberg School of Scribes – an older website with a really good basic set of illumination lessons.

<http://gutenbergscribes.chivalrysports.com/index.shtml>

Fantastic collection of stuff on Google Drive:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1U40jy_cKPGFHcb5kTXlvmMI_TUZr7DMH

Wording, Dates, &c

Rather useful little Anno Societatis/Gregorian calculator: <http://midrealm.org/herald/asyear/>

Toward a More Period Text (this is the Lochac College of Scribes website – also well worth checking out the rest of it) - https://www.sca.org.au/scribe/articles/period_text.htm

Saint's days and other Church-related calendar items are frequently cited on period charters and documents.

MCS 14th C Saint's days &c: <http://www.themcs.org/calendar.htm>

Online Calendar of Saint's Days, as of c.1500 or so: <http://medievalist.net/calendar/home.htm>

Historical Sources

The Göttinger Musterbuch - <http://www.gutenbergdigital.de/musterbuch.html>

Award Design

<https://www.facebook.com/TheVerdantQuill/>

From Brother Thomas the Green (the person behind the Verdant Quill), a whole pile of “bored boarders”:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1XLvsSDnQPLEwGe2W_zzMWi8ISw15tP320PS4QZf0hZY/edit?fbclid=IwAR2cY9fQ4Dt00FC_Jiwk9uUfJqP94WjtanGRB5St42AfVWyFcvbQJg5sNYk

Calligraphy

Patricia Lovett – good basic videos, a few years old but very nicely done.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIyaTAKUVL5ewCxazjytNw/videos>