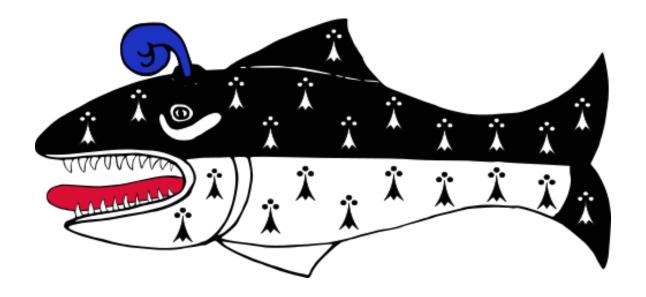
The Seagirt Book of Scribe

57 AS Edition

Incorporating all the excellent HERALDRY lately registered

By the Barony of Seagirt



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Introduction

This version of the Seagirt Book of Scribe was started late in AS 54 (spring 2020) after the Barony's successful registration of official names and badges for almost all of the Awards & Orders used by the Barony. It builds on previous editions of the Book in various formats, and would not exist at all if not for the work and enthusiasm of the Barony's scribal and heraldic community.

This edition incorporates all of the formally registered award names and award badges that Seagirt registered in 2019/2020. The registered formal name of each award or order is given first, and followed by common names or former names, where those are different from the formal registered name.

It is a living document and will be updated as needed.

Award descriptions (*in italics*) originally from the An Tir Order of Precedence (OP) as of (new date – check stuff!). 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.

This version of Seagirt's Book of Scribe was converted to PDF on 10 January 2023.

Yours in Service,

Vémundr Syvursson Seagirt Baronial Scribe & Signet

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 information on each of these awards: http://seagirt.tirrigh.org/awards/

Gender Inclusivity & Pronouns

It is both AS 57 and 2022 CE as I write this and we would be remiss not to address this. Just as we take pains to include the preferred spelling of someone's SCA name on their awards, and incorporate meaningful symbols from their persona, heraldry or chosen background, so do we need to take pains to include their pronouns on awards created for them. "He/she/they" has been used most places throughout the Suggested Wordings here and should be swapped as appropriate.

"Baron & Baroness" has been used throughout as it matches the chosen style of our current Coronets, but "the Coronets", "the Coronets of Seagirt", "the Baronage", "Baron and Baron", or "Baroness and Baroness" might be used in the future by new holders of the Coronets of Seagirt and award wording should be adapted as needed.

The Baronial Seals



At the start of 2020 Seagirt commissioned a pair of bronze seals from Kings Wax, a local business. We now have a 2" wide Great Seal and a 1" wide Lesser Seal to put on the awards, charters, warrants, and other paperwork that our Coronets might see fit to issue.

If you are a scribe working on something that will have a Seal attached, remember to leave space for either the Great or Lesser Seal.

For the Lesser Seal, leave a roughly circular area **1.25**" wide.

For the Greater Seal, leave a roughly circular area **2.25 to 2.5"** wide.

It is also possible to do various sorts of pendant seals hanging off the bottom of an award or warrant. This is historically accurate for much of our period, looks great, and is not hard to do but does make the award more fragile and can complicate framing. Talk to the Baronial Scribe ahead of time if you want to do this.



Kings Wax is a local Victoria business that specializes in sealing wax, seals, and accessories. The owner, James Cole, is great to work with. The vivid blue wax in the photos above is his Process Blue flexible glue gun wax, which is a grand "Seagirt blue".

Email: order@kingswax.com https://kingswax.ca/

https://www.kingswax.com/

The Orca Newcomer's Award Order of the Orca of Seagirt (the Orca)

Introductory award to encourage new members. Charter currently available in two versions, to be painted and calligraphed by newcomers as part of the process. Words included here for completeness. - V. (A previous version of the Orca was a service award.)

An Tir OP for the Orca (many of these are for the previous version of the Orca –V):

https://op.antirheralds.org/index.php?ward2=43

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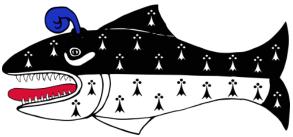
Current Wording of the Charter:

Seagirt's strength is built upon a solid foundation: the people of this fair barony. Today

becomes a part of that foundation.

Let all know that this day Seagirt is made stronger, for a new Orca parts the sea.

By our hands and seal this (DATE) day of (MONTH), (YEAR A.S.) A.S.



The Orca award uses the Seagirt Populace Badge as an insignia. Blazon: (Fieldless) An orca naiant per fess counter-ermine and ermine.

Service Awards

Award of the Rocke of Seagirt (the Rock)

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

An Tir OP entry for the Rock: https://op.antirheralds.org/index.php?ward2=43
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Sample Words

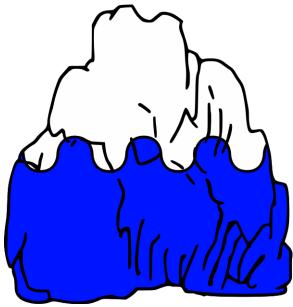
Let the people of Seagirt know that ______ has given fine service to the great benefit of our Barony. Right pleased are we with such dedication that we, ______ and _____, Baron and Baroness of Seagirt gladly award him/her/them with a Rock this (DATE) day of (MONTH), A.S. (YEAR A.S.).

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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.).



Rocke badge. Blazon: (Fieldless) A rock per fess wavy argent and azure.

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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.).

Order of the Seagull (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.

An Tir OP for the Order of the Seagull: https://op.antirheralds.org/index.php?ward2=43
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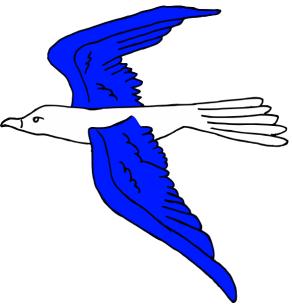
Sample Words

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.).

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.).



Seagull badge. Blazon: (Fieldless) a seagull volant argent winged azure

Order of the Beacon de Insula Magna (Beacon of Insula Maga, the Beacon)

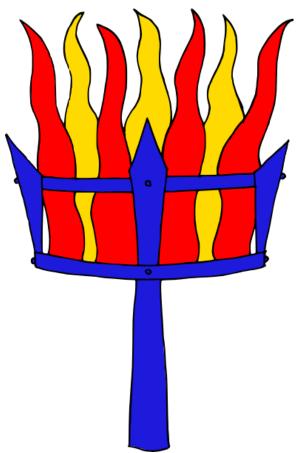
This award is presented to individuals who exemplified the ideals of the combined Insula Magna branches on the island. It is a consulting order, and candidates' names are presented to the Baron and Baroness for consideration. The insignia a blue arm sash with red fringe and the badge is a signal beacon.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

An Tir OP for the Beacon:

https://op.antirheralds.org/index.php?ward2=14
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Sample Words

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.).



Beacon badge. Blazon: (Fieldless) A cresset azure enflamed proper.

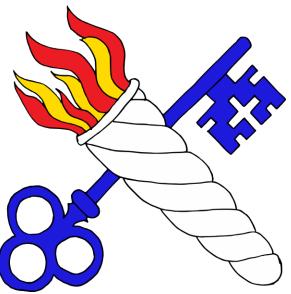
Award of the Torch and Key

This award is given to those members of the populace who go out of their way to help newcomers.

An Tir OP for the Torch & Key: https://op.antirheralds.org/index.php?ward2=17
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Sample Words:

New members are the lifeblood of our Society. There are those who consistently strive to welcome, encourage, give direction, and light the way for our newcomers. We, ______ and ______, Baron and Baroness of Seagirt take great pleasure in recognizing ______ and awarding him/her/them the Torch and Key, given this (DAY) day of (MONTH), Anno Societatis (YEAR A.S.).



Torch & Key badge. Blazon: (Fieldless) In saltire a torch argent enflamed proper and a key azure.

Arts & Science Awards

Award of the Harp and Hammer (the Silent Harp, the Harp)

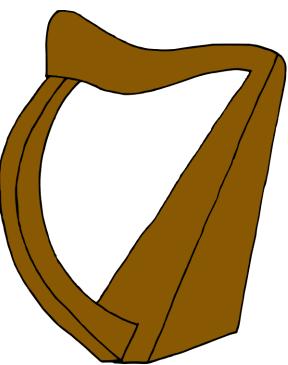
Arts award. Award insignia is a pewter harp without strings. These two awards are now part of a combined award, the Harp & Hammer. The Silent Harp is the Arts side, Silent Hammer is the Sciences side. Each is awarded separately, however.

An Tir OP for the Silent Harp: https://op.antirheralds.org/index.php?ward2=45
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Sample Words:

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.

Be it known to all gathered here this day that _____ has constantly demonstrated such undeniable skill and excellence in the Arts that we, ____ and ____, Baron and Baroness of Seagirt are pleased 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.).



Harp badge. Blazon: (Fieldless) An unstrung harp proper.

contributed to such renown.

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

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.).

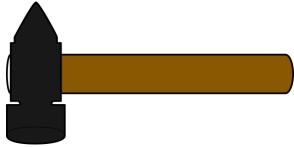
Award of the Harp and Hammer (the Silent Hammer, the Hammer)

Science counterpart to the Silent Harp. These two awards are now part of a combined award, the Harp & Hammer. The Silent Harp is the Arts side, Silent Hammer is the Sciences side. Each is awarded separately, however.

An Tir OP for the Silent Hammer: https://op.antirheralds.org/index.php?ward2=43

Sample Words:

The Hammer has no specific sample words available; adapted Harp wording works well.



Hammer badge. Blazon: (Fieldless) A hammer fesswise proper.

Award of Santa Violante (Spirit of Violante, the 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.

(To get the award name passed, the Barony decided to make Myrranda into a Saint. I never met her, but everyone who knew her says she would find this elevation absolutely hilarious. — V)

An Tir OP for the Violante:

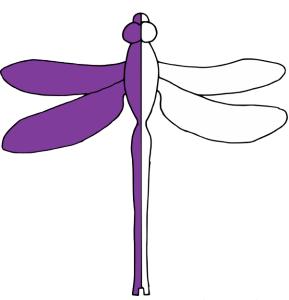
https://op.antirheralds.org/index.php?chosenAward=1595

Sample Words:

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.



Santa Violante badge. Blazon: (Fieldless) A dragonfly per pale purpure and argent.

Order of the Silver Whale (the Silver Whale)

Token for the successful completion of a persona development competition.

Only six people have ever won this award; last awarded in 2008. At present I have no idea if there has ever been anything like standard words or even a physical award/scroll give out for this one -V.

An Tir OP for the Silver Whale:

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None at this time.



Silver Whale badge. Blazon: (Fieldless) A whale niant argent.

Combat & Target Awards Order of the Narwhal of Seagirt (the 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.

An Tir OP for the Narwhal:

https://op.antirheralds.org/index.php?ward=449

Sample Words:

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 both in 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.)

Narwhal badge. Blazon: (Fieldless) A narwhal's tusk fesswise argent.

Child & Youth Awards

Award of the Sea-Otter (the Sea Otter)

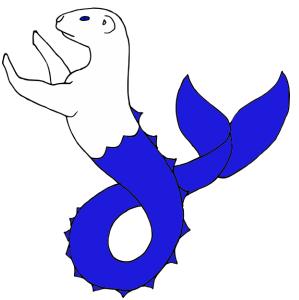
For children 12 and under for either Service or achievement in the Arts & Sciences. Last awarded 2011.

An Tir OP for the Sea Otter:

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

Sample Words:

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)



Sea-otter badge. Blazon: (Fieldless) A sea-otter argent tailed azure.

Order of the Black Bear of Seagirt Order of the Golden Bear of Seagirt Order of the Silver Bear of Seagirt (the Silver/Gold/Black Bear)

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.

An Tir OP for the Black Bear:

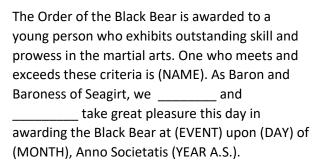
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An Tir OP for the Golden Bear:

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An Tir OP for the Silver Bear:

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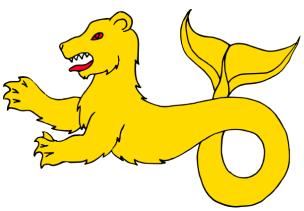


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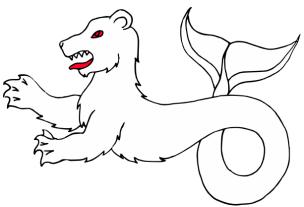
The Order of the Golden Bear is awarded to a young person who has given fine service to the great benefit of Our Barony. One who exceeds this criteria is (NAME). As Baron and Baroness of Seagirt, we _____ and ____ take great pleasure in recognizing him/her/them for dedication and awarding them the Golden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



Black Bear for martial prowess and skill. Blazon: (Fieldless) A sea-bear naiant sable.



Golden Bear for service. Blazon: (Fieldless) A seabear naiant Or.



Silver Bear for A&S. Blazon: (Fieldless) A sea-bear naiant argent.

Given this (DAY) of (MONTH) Anno Societatis (YEAR A.S.).

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The Order of the Silver Bear is awarded to a young person who has shown outstanding skill in the arts and sciences. 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.).

Sergeants, Scholars, Courtiers, and Foresters

People earning the ranks of Sergeants, Scholars, Courtiers, or Foresters from the Coronets of Seagirt will usually have an award scroll of some sort created in recognition of the achievement.

For reference, the badges of these four groups are included here.

The Sergeantry traditionally swear fealty to the Baroness, and provide escort, protection, and advice as requested.

The Scholars traditionally swear fealty to the Baron, and provide counsel and advice as requested.

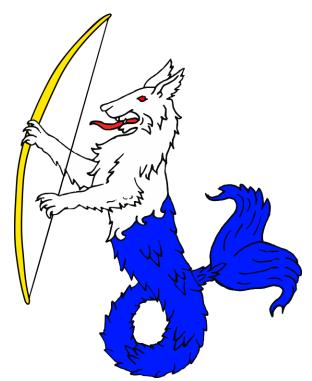
Both the Courtiers and Foresters are new to Seagirt, with no sworn members at this time, and traditions around these orders remain to be created.



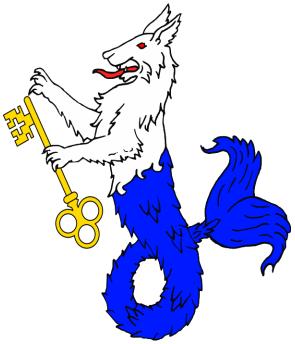
Badge of the Seagirt Scholars. Blazon: (Fieldless)
A sea-wolf argent tailed azure maintaining a
lantern Or paned argent.



Badge of the Seagirt Sergeants. Blazon: (Fieldless)
A sea-wolf argent tailed azure maintaining a
trident Or.



Badge of the Seagirt Foresters. Blazon: (Fieldless) A sea-wolf argent tailed azure maintaining a bow Or.



Badge of the Seagirt Courtiers. Blazon: (Fieldless) A sea-wolf argent tailed azure maintaining a key Or.

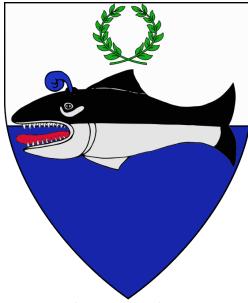
The Heraldry of Seagirt

The Baronial arms can be included on an award if desired, as the award comes from the Baron & Baroness of Seagirt, who have the right to display the arms of Seagirt while they are B&B.

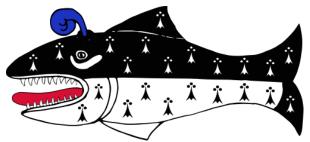
The Ancient Arms are no longer in common use but are still registered to the Barony. They might be appropriate to include on a backlog or replacement scroll for an award given prior to 2019, when the "wiggly whale" was still the arms of the Barony.

The populace badge can be used by anyone resident in or associated with Seagirt and can always be used on an award.

The populace ensign is really intended as a flag, but could be used as part of the decoration of an award.



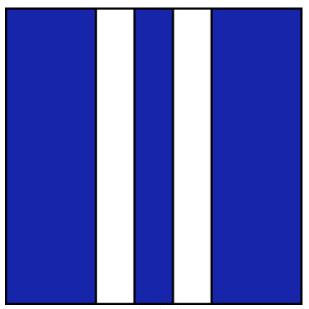
The Arms of the Barony of Seagirt. Blazon: Per fess argent and azure, an orca naiant counterchanged sable and argent, in chief a laurel wreath vert.



The populace badge of the Barony of Seagirt. Blazon: (Fieldless) An orca naiant per fess counter-ermine and ermine.



The Ancient Arms of the Barony of Seagirt.
Blazon: Per fess argent and azure, an orca naiant embowed counterembowed proper in chief a laurel wreath vert.



The populace ensign (flag) of the Barony of Seagirt. Blazon: Azure, two pallets argent.

The Duties, Responsibilities, and Privileges of the Baronial Scribe & Signet

You DO not have to be any sort of calligraphic or scribal master to fill this position, but skill with herding scribes and artists and a certain level of organization is needed. Thankfully our Barony has a thriving scribal community to tap!

Broadly, the duties of the Baronial Scribe are:

- Arrange the creation of such awards, charters, and warrants as Their Excellencies Seagirt
 request of you. This usually means connecting with the B&B six weeks or so before an event to
 get names and awards from them, connecting to your scribal group (we have a private FB chat
 group) to find calligraphers and artists, and arranging for everything to be signed and sealed at
 or before the event in question. This includes having custody of the two Baronial Seals, which is
 the Signet part of the job.
- 2. Arrange for charter blanks to come in from Kingdom and Principality, go out to painters, and go back up to Kingdom and Principality painted and ready to be awarded.
- 3. Encouragement and nourishment of the various scribal arts so that the previous two points are easier and more fun for everyone!

As with other officers, you must be a paid SCA member to hold this position.

It is a Baronial retinue position in fealty to Their Excellencies Seagirt. Close coordination before and during events with Their Excellencies, the Court Coordinating Herald, the Baronial Court Herald, and other members of the Baronial retinue is essential.

You do NOT have to be a paid member to be Deputy Scribe, as far as I know. As with all officers, the Baronial Scribe may take deputies and define their roles as they wish, subject to the approval of the Coronets & Baronial Council/Curia.

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, feast 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 (dead link?)

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

The Yale University "Travelling Scriptorium" teaching kit has fantastic resources on historical inks and much else besides - https://travelingscriptorium.library.yale.edu/inks-and-pigments/

Award Design

Brother Thomas the Green is an SCA scribe who does an enourmous amount of work simplifying historical sources and making them wonderfully accessible.

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

https://verdantquill.blogspot.com/

His huge Google Drive stash:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/0B0QCzr1Bt1cPNUxPUkgwN0dCSHc

Calligraphy

Patricia Lovett – good basic videos, a few years old but very nicely done. https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIyaTAkUVL5ewCxazjaytNw/videos

PAScribe – huge ongoing series of videos on all sorts of calligraphic styles, both period and modern.