

Baronial Business Meeting

April 5, 2018

Officer reports are verbatim, meeting notes are paraphrased.

Baron and Baroness

Baron & Baroness Report
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Greetings unto the mighty populace of Dragon's Laire! Your Proconsul and Proconsula by the hand of the Lion's Throne of An Tir call their beloved populace to attend our words.

The season of war is now upon us. We call all combatants to hone your weapons, and ready your gear to bring gory glory on the fields of battle in the name of our Barony and in the name of our Kingdom.

We call the artisans of Dragon's Laire to ply their hard won skills and enter their own fields of battle in Arts & Sciences. We know this too is a battlefield fraught with dangers, and appreciate the risks you dare to body and soul in Our service.

We call the Populace of Dragon's Laire to lend aid and comfort to those who dare risk the fields of battle. Your service and indeed your very presence is a much appreciated comfort.

The decision for moving our Heavy, Rapier, Thrown Weapons, and Archery Champion Tournaments will be decided at the April Business Meeting. Calendar restraints and site availability have forced the Barony to make changes to our traditional event list. All effort will be made to give deference to our current Champions.

Our progress for the next couple of months is as follows.

Baroness War: April 6-8

Dragon's Laire A&S Day Camp: April 14

Art of War: April 19-22

Embers & Ambrosia: April 28-29

Maypole: May: 4-6

Mayfair: May: 11-13

June Faire: June 1-3

Boars Hunt: June 8-10

An Tir West War: July 4-8

In Joyful Service to the Honorable Barony of Dragon's Laire and the Kingdom of An Tir.

Baron Conchobar MacEoin Proconsul

Baroness Eilidh Keldelth Proconsula

Baroness

In all I gave out 28 tokens to those representing Dragon's Lair at Baronesses War. The forces of Aquaterra graciously fought under our banner. We were a force not to be ignored. I was absolutely giddy with joy as Dragon's Lair's numbers began to congregate under the baronial pavilion.

I would like to thank His Excellency for providing food and beverages for our populace. It really helped galvanize the Baronial community to have a place of welcome with food and comfort to call home for the day. This is what a healthy Barony looks like. This is what a prosperous Barony looks like. This is what a happy Barony looks like. I am so fiercely proud of this Barony.

I would like to personally thank everyone who made the trip over the pass to stand with us, to march under our banners, and to show your support for Dragon's Lair. This event would be nothing if I went alone. The presence of every populace member of Dragon's Lair at Baronesses War filled my heart with gratitude. Thank you for heeding the call of your Baroness. You humble me with your support, companionship, and enthusiasm.

Dragon's Lair was on the winning side of battle 3 out of 5 times. Our archers were feared and dreaded. The culinary team for Siege Cooking absolutely blew the judges minds with their skills and abilities.

Lastly, His Excellency and I appropriate greatly the many hands that helped set up and tear down the Baronial pavilion. You make Our work lighter with your willing and glad service to Us. Thank you.

In Joyful Service to the Mighty Barony of Dragon's Lair
Baroness Eilidh Keldelth Proconsula

From the meeting:

Kloe will be the Dragon's Lair camp wrangler for ATWW. "Dragon's Lair" is the camp name for prereg if you want to camp with the Barony. We need one or two more for prereg so we can get preferential treatment for land.

OFFICER REPORTS

Seneschal

THL Ciar ingen Fiachnae

Greetings Busy Barony!

END of first quarter! If you submit a quarterly report to your Kingdom Officer, your reports are due March 1st (unless they've set a different date, then follow that). Per the Kingdom Seneschal, please remember to CC me on them as well.

Officer positions: We have them! Lists, Arts & Sciences, Golden Dragon Pursuivant (Baronial Herald), and Chief Archer are open or getting ready to transition. We have received a letter of interest for one position so far. If you are interested in serving the Barony as an Officer, or would like to serve as a Deputy in order to assist or just try this whole thing out, please speak with me or Their Excellencies.

EVENTS - We're busy! Their Excellencies and our Populace attend many events. If an event is mentioned and you aren't familiar with it, your best resource is the Kingdom Events Calendar <http://www.antir.sca.org/Upcoming/>

Safe travels this weekend whether you're staying local or journeying to Baroness' War!

Ciar ingen Fiachnae
Seneschal

From the meeting:

Please continue to communicate with others about attending events so we can coordinate and carpool.

Also, comments in some social media groups have been snippy lately, so please remember to be polite.

Marshallate

Baronial

Lord Stuart of House Awry

Greetings mighty Barony,

Our weekly fight practice continues to pick up steam as the preparations for war season continue. starting with Baroness War this coming weekend. Sadly, we were unable to get an armor repair day together, but everyone seems to have taken care of that on their own. We are trying to get something together post June Faire, which is coming up, and once more we will be primarily

doing war scenarios with a tourney or two and some other fun stuff thrown in. Now is the time to bust out your kit and knock off the rust for event season. Hope to see you out!

YIS Stuart of House Awry, Marshal of Dragon's Lair

From the meeting:

We have loaner gear, and the inventory posted online, but we desperately need arms, demi gauntlets and legs.

Rapier

No separate report at this time.

Archer

Lord Stephen of House Awry

Practice continued to be on Sundays in March. As of April 1, we have moved over to Wednesdays, 5:30-7:30. In the event that there is no Last Chance event, I will be stepping down at the end of the shooting year, October 31st.

IS,
HL Stephen of House Awry, OGGs
Chief Archer or Dragon's Lair

From the meeting:

We have been asked by the hall to park across the street on the first two Wednesdays of the month for archery since the hall is rented to someone else.

Thrown Weapons

No separate report at this time.

Siege

No separate report at this time.

Equestrian

On hiatus. No separate report at this time.

Arts & Sciences

Countess Elisabeth de Rossignol

A&S classes continue on Tuesday nights at Fighter Practice. On March 13 we had a "What is Largess" class, and discussed what good largess donations look like, and how to prepare largess for delivery to Crown or Coronet. Then March 20 we had a "Largess Creation" class, and started

making various items of largess. March 27, we continued to work on Largess, with some really creative items being produced.

On April 3 we will have a “Camping Roundtable”, to talk about what to expect at an SCA camping event.

April 10 we continue with the camping theme, and discuss “Pagentry at Your Campsite”.

April 17 we will take a break from classes, and there will be a June Faire populace meeting.

Saturday, April 14, will be the Spring Arts & Sciences Day Camp at the Eagles Hall in Port Orchard.

Fighter Practice classes in May will include an embroidery class and a satchel making discussion.

Embers and Ambrosia is coming up in Blatha An Oir, April 27 to 29. Several DL folks will be giving classes and demos. We are planning a cooking demo, so come by and see us on the Saturday of the event.

The June Faire A&S Village is well into planning. We have the same space as last year, with a little extra room. There will be lots of demonstrations of a variety of arts. It will be a lot of fun!

Submitted by Gwen the Potter, for Countess Elisabeth

Chronicler
THL Sayako Enoki

I have nothing new to report. I am still Chronicler-ing, I still have not had time to develop a formal “Flames”, and modern life is still big and demanding. *sigh* However, my household and I are greatly looking forward to Junefaire, and I hope to see you all there!

YIS,
THL Sayako Enoki

Herald/Golden Dragon Pursuivant
Murakami Tsuruko Sensei

Greetings,

As of last month (March 2018) I have served as Baronial Herald for three years. The term limits for the office is two years with an optional one-year extension so it is time for me to step down. My resignation would be effective on the first of July so I could handle the heraldic duties at June Faire. Interested parties should apply to Their Excellencies and the Seneschale.

Speaking of June Faire, it will be here in a few short months. As always help is needed with field heraldry and court heraldry. If you are interested please contact me. Training is available.

Countess Elisabeth is available for heraldic consultation at most fight practices.

YIS,

Murakami Tsuruko

Golden Dragon Pursuivant

Chatelaine
Isemy MaKenze

March flew by with 4 emails of interest and a few of them attending Fight Practice and catching the Dragons Laire excitement of War season.

Planning creative ideas for the Chatelaine site at June Faire and working on May 19th parades in Bremerton and Poulsbo, anyone interested in participating please contact my Deputy Lady Jess or myself.

No Demos at this time.

Yours in Service,
Isemy MaKenze
DL Chatelaine

Exchequer
Gabrielle de Cameron

The Barony's bank balances are as follows:

Checking: \$31,402.65

Savings: \$24,285.55

CD: \$10,235.89

Gabrielle de Cameron

From the meeting:

The final report from Candlemas is in progress. Intake from the event was approximately \$1654. We will know what the profit from the event was when the receipts are finalized.

Steward
Master Arontius of Bygelswade

Nothing to report at this time.

Gamesmaster

Position open

No separate report at this time.

Lists

Position open

No separate report at this time.

Webminister

Máenach na Cailled

Another moon passes over our great Barony! Much is brewing in the realm of our web site.

Office 365:

The Kingdom of An Tir has offered to provide our officers with Office 365 / emails accounts as an optional service to us. I mentioned this in my last report but didn't yet have much detail; since then I have investigated and I think this is a good idea. Also, the gradual increase in the frequency and intensity with which the Kingdom team remind me of this offer leads me to believe that, in the long run, it will turn out that this service is "optional" only in the "voluntold" sense.

The general idea with the Office 365 accounts is:

- all Kingdom and branch officers will have these accounts (assuming they all opt in eventually)
- office-related email will go to this account instead of your personal email
- when a new person takes office, the account will be handed over along with a password change
- these accounts also provide access to online Office products like Word and Excel, as well as cloud storage with OneDrive.

All together, the intent is to improve communication and collaboration across the Kingdom. We will know which email address to use to contact any officer in the Kingdom, even if we're not sure who holds the office. We will be able to store records, forms, etc. in a place tied to the Barony and the Kingdom rather than someone's personal Google Drive, home computer, or stack-of-papers-that-fell-behind-the-desk. We'll be able to share these documents with anyone in the Kingdom without having to worry about attachment size limits or whether or not you'll ever see your thumb drive again. And so on...

Officers of Dragon's Laire: what say you? Let me know if you have thoughts, feelings, questions, concerns, or cookies.

Update from Business meeting: the consensus among the officers present at the meeting was that we should go ahead with this. Officers, look for an email from me later this month to set up the details.

Web Hosting:

The Kingdom has also offered to provide us with space to host our web site. Our current provider, DreamHost, had treated us well but it's hard to beat the price tag of the free hosting that the Kingdom is offering us. It's not just a computer in someone's basement, either: the Kingdom hosts sites using Amazon's cloud platform, which drives a significant portion of the web today.

The way I see it, this would be a small cost saving measure for us. I don't think there would be any other major benefits or drawbacks.

Again, let me know if you have thoughts or concerns about this. I don't believe this would have any noticeable impact on anyone but the baronial web minister, so unless I hear screams soon I will begin arranging this with the Kingdom IT team.

Web Site Facelift:

If you read my reports each month you know I've been waffling over which template or component package(s) to use on our web site. After much experimentation I have settled on React. I have already started experimenting with it on the test version of our site and I'm very happy with it so far. I believe this will allow me to more quickly implement a new design incrementally where some of the other approaches would have been an all-at-once kind of thing.

Work this in mind, I have decided to give myself a specific goal: I intend to give our home page and basic site navigation a facelift before June Faire. If you have opinions on what should or shouldn't be on the front page, or what parts of the navigation should be prioritized, let me know ASAP so I can consider your input!

Social media

No separate report at this time.

YACs

Position open

No separate report at this time.

Scribe
Rhiannon of Eaglesflight

February-March 2018

Not really anything to report. I will be making charter copies soon and will be hoping that the illustrious scribal members of our Barony can find the time to paint charters for June Faire/Championships.

YIS,

Rhiannon of Eaglesflight
Baronial Scribe

Librarian
Lady Ela Pennayth y Ynis Dewi

No separate report at this time.

YAFSA

On hiatus.

GUILDS

Bardic

No separate report at this time.

Culinary & Spiritmakers THL Ciar ingen Fiachnae

Greetings Mighty Barony!

Four of the Culinary and Spirit-Makers Guild braved the chilly wet weather on March 22 for the meeting.

We had a good discussion about the YAFA culinary modules, transferring over guild property for use at JF, June Faire, and the spring/summer schedule.

Ciar ingen Fiachnae
Apprentice unto Maitre Renart le fox de berwyk, OP

Costumers THL Jess of the Roving Irishmen

No separate report at this time.

Scribal Maitre Renart le Fox de Berwyk

Maitre Renart was unable to attend the meeting, but the plan is to have scriptoriums monthly, and we will be doing another pigment grinding soon.

Textile

On hiatus. No separate report at this time.

DRAGON'S LAIRE EVENTS

Candlemas (February)

Baronial Championships for Arts & Sciences, Scholars, and Bardic

Nothing to report at this time.

Arts & Sciences Day Camp (Spring)

Nothing to report at this time.

Junefaire (First Weekend of June)

Annual Flagship Event, Open to the Public

Event Steward: Kloe of Thira

We have received instructions on how to do PayPal invoicing. We will begin deploying PayPal once we have learned it really well.

We need to get started on signs.

Fliers for signs for Baroness War are ready, and Embers and Ambrosia. The QR code doesn't work because the print quality wasn't good enough.

All merchants are lined up.

The Junefaire public meeting is at the social on 3rd Tuesday in April.

If you need supplies for Junefaire (Chatelaine booth, etc.), please let us know.

Champions are working on their scenarios.

His Excellency:

We don't yet have confirmation about what champions want, but it's in the works.

There is no bid, space, or date for last chance. Having the championships on the Sunday Junefaire is the plan that we are moving forward with. This means that the current champions would be robbed of three months of being champion, so changeover to the new champions will happen at Yule so that the whole champion term may be served by the present champions. New champions will be slightly shorted on time since championship may be Junefaire again next year. Our intention is to honor the champions by making sure their full time is honored.

Last Chance (September/October)

Baronial Martial Championships

See Junefaire. The Kingdom calendar for August and September are full and would present local and Kingdom event conflicts in addition to our difficulty in finding an available site.

Arts & Sciences Day Camp (Autumn)

Nothing to report at this time.

Yule (December)

Annual Baronial Feast

See proposals. We have volunteers for wrangling feast service and for cooking. We have tokens, and will have painting parties for the tokens during the summer. We will need someone to do decorating. This should be an easy event.

OTHER EVENTS

September Crown (September 2018)

Tournament to Determine the Next King & Queen of An Tir

Master Arontius of Bygelswade

We are still laying out the map. There will be some changes from old Junefaire layout. It will be different, but there will be enough land for everything. Contracts are rolling.

PROPOSALS, OTHER, and Oh-By-The-Way's

Proposals

Proposal for the Financial Committee

Proposal/Bid for Yule Feast

Dame Gwen the Potter

The proposed bid for Yule Feast is to hold it at the Port Orchard Eagles Club on December 1, 2018. This is the first Saturday in December, which is different than the anticipated date of the second Saturday in December. The Eagles Club was not available on the second Saturday. We would have both the upper and lower hall. The upper hall has an occupancy of 160, and the lower hall has an occupancy of 213. The lower hall is there we would set up for the feast. The upper hall would be for court, classes, gathering, and displays.

Countess E will head the feast team.

The site cost is \$575 for both halls, with projected expenses of about \$800 for food, \$100 for decorations, \$200 for lunch, and \$10 for a banquet permit. The banquet permit will allow people to bring their own alcohol. There is a bar available at the club after 5pm, but you must be a member of the club to purchase drinks, hence the banquet permit.

The expected fees will be a \$10 site discounted site fee for members, the regular site fee for nonmembers, and the feast fee. The event is expected to draw around 150 attendees.

Lunch will be \$5 in addition to the evening feast. Projected income is expected to be about \$2750, with an estimated profit of about \$1055.

We will need decorations to dress up the halls. We do not yet know who the Crown will be, and if They plan to attend.

Proposal/Bid for Spring A&S Day Camp.

Dame Gwen the Potter

A&S Day Camp will be on 4/14 at the Port Orchard Eagles Club in the upper floor hall. Site fee is a donation only since it is not an event. There will be classes and a cold potluck. There is room outside for fight practice if anyone is interested.

Need More Knowne World Handbooks

More Knowne World Handbooks are being requested by the Chatelaine in time for Junefaire. They will be about \$25 each.

Largess Class

Dame Gwen the Potter

We have had great turnout for largess classes, and we have largess to turn in to the Barony! We have needle cases, pottery, bags, and other cool things.

VFW Hall Rental

THL Ciar

We met with the Quarter Master for VFW hall, and he was delighted to receive our check. He has given Ciar his card, so now we have good contact information. We also re-extended our offer to fix the front door. He will run it through his next meeting.

Open Officer Positions

Arts & Sciences Minister

Golden Dragon Pursuivant (Baronial Herald)

Chief Archer

Lists Master/Mistress

Games Master/Mistress

*Youth Armored Combat (YACs)** – this position requires a background check.

*Youth and Family Activities (Yafa)** – We are putting this position into abeyance. Dragon's Laire youth and children are mostly preteens and young children. The lack of age diversity means that it is very difficult to plan activities for age groups, and then engage them in those activities.

We will still plan for youth and family activities, but they will no longer be coordinated through a designated officer.

** Positions that work with youth must meet additional requirements, including a background check and additional supervision. Adult participation in youth activities must meet the "Two Deep" rule, meaning that two adults must be present for youth activities. The second adult need not participate, but instead may simply be present, and must not be of the same household as the first adult, nor be the parent of the child. For more information on youth requirements, please contact the Seneschal.*