**Baronial Business Meeting**

**January 3, 2019**

*Officer reports are verbatim, meeting notes are paraphrased.*

**Baron and Baroness**

Baron & Baroness Report, January 2019

Greetings unto the greatest Barony of An Tir!

It is the beginning of a New Year, and the feeling of great things to come permeates the ether as the sun begins to return to the Lands of An Tir. We have so much to look forward to in the coming year. The elevation of our own Thandbrand into the Order of the Laurel at 12th Night. Dragon’s Laire’s Candlemas and Our Bardic and Arts & Sciences Champion competition are rapidly approaching. The return of the camping season is just around the corner. The Barony will be stepping up preparations for June Fair. His Excellency will be eagerly looking forward to An Tir West War and will be encouraging the forces of the Barony to prepare for WAR!! We hope you all look forward to the coming year as much as We do.

We encourage all those who are interested in participating with a Scholar's paper, or to become a Champion of Dragon’s Laire to get their Letter of Intent to Ourselves and Our Arts & Science Minister Murakami Tsuruko before the deadline of Kingdom 12th Night.

Have you seen the new baronial banner!!!! It is beautiful and we are so very grateful to Her Ladyship Rhiannon of Eagle’s Flight for putting her nimble fingers and formidable skills to work for the glory of Dragon’s Laire. We cannot adequately express our appreciation and gratitude for replacing our venerable banner with such a glorious work of art. We thank you with the deepest respect and sincerity.

Award recommendations for both Baronial and Kingdom awards are always welcome. We depend on the people of Dragon’s Laire to help us make sure no one goes unappreciated, and to recognized Our amazing populace.

After hosting September Crown and a busy feasting season, our largess stash has been well and truly depleted. Donations would be greatly appreciated. Dame Gwen has once again offered to spearhead these efforts. Please speak to her or Ourselves if you have questions about what is appropriate. Largess is not so much about filling the coffers of Royalty but about highlighting the art and skill that you have. Often Largess finds its way across the Kingdom and even the knowne world. Someone in the East Kingdom may be very happy to be wearing socks you made or someone in Oertha is loving the bag you embroidered or someone at Ursalmas may be thrilled to be drinking a warm beverage from a cup you made. You never know where your art may go.

We are in the final two years of our tenure as Baron & Baroness of this amazing Barony. While we will not be stepping down till the Fall of 2020, it is time to start encouraging interest in the process of bringing in a new era of leadership for Dragon’s Laire. Her Ladyship Ciar, Seneschal of Dragon’s Laire is organizing an informal Question & Answer session on Tuesday January 8th at the weekly Social, with past and current Baron and Baronesses of Dragon’s Laire. This is your chance to learn what really goes into being Baron & Baroness of this fine Barony. Time, travel, expenses, Kingdom commitments, reports, and a lot more go into the job. This is your chance to learn more.

As always, in joyful services to the Nobel Barony of Dragon’s Laire.

Baron Conchobar Proconsul Augusti & Baroness Eilidh Proconsula.

**OFFICER REPORTS**

**Seneschal**

**THL Ciar ingen Fiachnae**

Greetings Good Barony!

Happy New Year to all!

YAY Candlemas is coming up! Look for information about June Faire and ways to volunteer in the next few months!

On to business!

All Baronial officers, regardless of greater or lesser "status" are required to submit monthly reports, including martial deputies. If you are deputy or a deputy to a deputy (martial, Gold Key etc) you can pass your information to your "supervising" officer who can include it in their report. Even if your report is, "nothing to report." This allows us to keep the members of the Barony informed about the goings on in!

Event Stewards are also required to submit monthly reports even if there is no update.

By tradition the Barony also requests monthly or quarterly updates from Baronial Guilds and Groups that meet and due activities.

Kingdom Reports

Quarter 4 2018 reports are due to corresponding Kingdom Officers on February 1st (January 31st for Chatelaine). If you're unsure who you report to/if you report to someone, please talk to me!

Ciar ingen Fiachnae

Seneschal

**Marshallate**

**Baronial**

**Lord Stuart of House Awry**

Monthly Marshals report, we continue to hold practice despite a brief brake for the holidays we're back to the weekly grind, I hope to see more fighters decide to start knocking the off season rust off in the coming weeks.

YIS, Stuart of House Awry

**Rapier**

No separate report at this time.

**Archer**

**Lord Stephen of House Awry**

Archery practice was unable to be held throughout December due to rain and swampy grounds. Hopefully next month will fare better for us.

YIS,

Lady Artunis of Dragon's Laire

Chief Archer of Dragon's Laire

Arcuarius and man-at-arms to Sir Andras Truemark, OGGS

**Thrown Weapons**

It was wet, nothing happened. That is all.

**Siege**

No separate report at this time.

**Equestrian**

On hiatus. No separate report at this time.

**Arts & Sciences**

**Murakami Tsuruko-Sensei**

Greetings all,

The Baronial Arts & Sciences and Bardic Championships and the Scholar’s challenge will take place at Candlemas on February 2, 2019. Deadline for intent to enter the Championships and challenge for Scholar is 12th Night (January 13, 2019). Documentation will be due 2 weeks before the event (January 19, 2019) to allow the judges time to read through it. It should be at least 85% complete/finalized. Competition format will be similar to last years except Their Excellencies would like two bardic presentations. Please contact Maestra Aelianora for Scholars and myself or Dame Gwen for A&S and Bardic.

The class schedule so far:

January 15 – Coptic Bookbinding part 2 with Dame Madrun.

January 22 – Cheesemaking Theory with Maestra Aelianora

February 12 - Cloaks and Coats patterning class with THL Kassandra. This includes a woman's floor length cloak with hood, a man’s cloak 60", and a Norse style coat.

March 12 – Ethiopian Bookbinding Part 1 with Dame Madrun. Similar to Coptic but uses an edge wooden board.

April 16 - Ethiopian Bookbinding Part 2 with Dame Madrun

Our Gamesminister, Lady Chyrsalis usually holds gaming sessions at weekly fighter practice. Please contact her if you are interested in period games.

If you would like to teach a class or have a topic you’d like to see taught please get in touch with me or one of my deputies Countess Elisabeth or Dame Gwen.

YIS,

Murakami Tsuruko

**Chronicler**

**THL Sayako Enoki**

No separate report at this time.

**Herald/Golden Dragon Pursuivant**

**Countess Elisabeth de Rossignol**

No separate report at this time.

**Chatelaine**

**Isemy MaKenze**

Greetings

The month of December was quiet. No new members and no demos. Great classes being given during Social and Fighter Practice.

YIS. HL Isemay MaKenze

**Exchequer**

**Master Arontius of Bygelswade**

No separate report at this time.

**Steward**

**THL Kloe of Thira**

Good Morning Dragon's Laire,

We have stuff, some of it left for yule, all that left came back.

Now for the real business. We have to get a basic inventory turned in soon. So I need help from all the officers.

We can get by with a general inventory for now, for example, We have \_\_\_\_ number of books in the library, we have \_\_\_ bins of culinary bins, we have \_\_\_\_ in loaner armor, We have \_\_\_ Arrows, Bows, etc..., we have \_\_\_ boxes of embroidery thread.

That being said, I need this BASIC inventory by the 26th of January so that I have enough time to compile my report. I would like a more detailed inventory by the 31st of March.

I have already received detailed inventory from the Culinary Guild and Archery Community and a basic inventory from the thrown weapons community, plus my basic inventory of the storage unit.

If you need help completing the basic inventory tell me ASAP. I will make arrangements to help with the more detailed inventories starting in February.

Thank you all.

**Gamesmistress**

**Chrysallis**

Haven't been able to show up because of illness, but I plan to attend Fighter Practice in the future.

**Lists**

***Position open***

**Webminister**

**Máenach na Cailled**

No separate report at this time.

**Social media**

**Kosem of House Awry**

No separate report at this time.

**YACs**

***Position open***

No separate report at this time.

**Scribe**

**Rhiannon of EaglesFlight**

Sorry all, I've been one day off all week. Nothing to report since Yule.

Rhiannon of EaglesFlight

Baronial Scribe

**Librarian**

**Lady Ela Pennayth y Ynis Dewi**

No separate report at this time.

**YAFA**

On hiatus.

**GUILDS**

**Bardic**

No separate report at this time.

**Culinary & Spiritmakers**

**THL Ciar ingen Fiachnae**

We pickled beets and eggs in December. M'Lady Lucy has also been experimenting with smoking various meats. Members of the Guild racked the three mead types as well.

The January Meeting has been scheduled for January 17th and will include the first half of the Intro to Sourdough Class. For those able to attend, the second half of the class will be January 18th from 10-12 (can be pushed to 12-2 based on interest).

Ciar ingen Fiachnae

Guild Mistress

**Costumers**

**THL Jess of the Roving Irishmen**

No separate report at this time.

**Scribal**

**Maitre Renart le Fox de Berwyk**

Unto Their Excellencies Conchobar and Eilidh and the populace of the Barony!

Your Scribal Guild has been keeping busy, doing what they love to do, paint, calligraph and paint some more. We had scheduled a scriptorium early in December (9th to be exact) but were routed by the plague at our host site and by the fact that a good many people were involved in other various holiday functions and so we cancellend. We are scheduled for our next Scriptorium on the 27th of January at HL Kloe's house in Bremerton. If you are interested in learning more about the Scribal Arts, please join us on the DL-Scribes book of faces page or see me at most of the Tuesday socials. We have loaner gear available for new folks to use, don't be shy, come and join us!

**Textiles**

No separate report at this time

**DRAGON’S LAIRE EVENTS**

**Candlemas (February)**

***Baronial Championships for Arts & Sciences, Scholars, and Bardic***

Nothing to report.

**Arts & Sciences Day Camp (Spring)**

Nothing to report.

**Junefaire (First Weekend of June)**

*Annual Flagship Event, Open to the Public*

**Event Steward: Maitre Renart le Fox de Berwyk**

Unto Their Most Excellent Excellencies Conchobar and Eilidh and the populace of the Barony!

All things are moving along, albeit slowly in planning for the event. Not a great deal of things to report at this point of the process. Mistress Luaithrend, who lives above the border north (beyond the wall) like myself has kindly taken on the position of Royal Liaison for the event and will certainly do a splendid job. Volunteers are always needed, if you would like to offer to help with the operation of the event, please message me, or catch me at social!

Renart

**Last Chance (September/October)**

*Baronial Martial Championships*

Nothing to report.

**Arts & Sciences Day Camp (Autumn)**

**Event Steward: Dame Gwen the Potter**

Nothing to report.

**Yule (December)**

*Annual Baronial Feast*

**Event Steward: Dame Gwen the Potter**

Nothing to report.

**PROPOSALS, OTHER, and Oh-By-The-Way’s**

**Proposals**

**Proposal for the Financial Committee**

Nothing to report.

**Oh-by-the-Way’s**

Nothing to report.

**Open Officer Positions**

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

*\* 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.*