

Dragon's Laire: June and July Business Meeting Report and Notes

Reports are as submitted

'From the meeting' and 'Oh by the way' notes are paraphrased

Baron Connor and Baroness Eilidh:

Proconsul Augusti Conchobar Mac Eoin and Proconsula Eilidh Keldeleth, Baron & Baroness to the mighty populace of Dragon's Laire nobilem populum salutat.

It is with glad heart that we welcome all our newcomers to Our Great Barony. We sincerely hope that we have here the seeds of new life for the SCA sowed and look forward to the blossoming of each new flower that June Faire has brought us. Welcome! And SCA Veterans please remember to be generous and careful with your time as we foster these new friends and family.

June Faire was an awesome success. The new format was brilliant and there were several modern guests who camped there on the edge of the field to just watch all day. In conversations with the merchants it seems they too were pleased with the new way of doing things and it seemed like a fantastic event. Praise belongs where it is merited and the event staff are certainly praiseworthy. Well done! We will be having follow up meetings as well as reconvening the June Faire advisory committee soon as well.

We, as we said at court at June Faire, will be submitting Ourselves to the Baronial polling process. It has been our great pleasure to serve this Barony as Coronets and we would be honored to continue to do so in the future. It truly is an honor to serve and we have had so many amazing experiences. Her Ladyship Ciar has all the details and our hands must, by necessity, be light in the polling process. We would just like to say that we are very enthusiastic about the chance to serve as your Baron and Baroness and please do not hesitate to come to us with your ideas and suggestions for the future of the barony. The polling will be held at fight practice July 18th.

We will be attending An Tir West War and look forward to spending time with members of the populace who can attend. Honey War is the big war for us and it would be great to see as many fighters of the Laire on the field as well as competing in other events at the site such as archery, thrown weapons and arts and sciences. We must defend our lands as we have been accused of falsehoods, villainy and slander by the war mongering populace and Baron Dunstan, who does not even have the courtesy to remain baron long enough to fight his own war. We look forward to allying with Blatha An Oir to crush our enemies.

The new Customary has been submitted and there is a specific process in place for bidding for events. If you are interested in submitting an event bid please consult with Her Ladyship Ciar and follow the process which is laid out in the customary. We also need bids for the June Faire board for next year and for Candlemas and Yule. Something new in the customary is that if we do not have bids in for events within 3 months of the event we will cancel the event. For June Faire the window is decidedly longer and we will entertain bids as soon as now.

We will not be in Kingdom for the better part of August and will be attending an event in the Outlands. We would like to bring some exemplar largess to disperse in The Outlands as a show of the amazing art work of An Tir and this mighty Barony. If you would like to donate please see Her Excellency or His Excellency. This means we will not be attending Sport of Kings, which makes His Excellency very sad.

Yours in Joyous service

Officer Reports:

Seneschal – Lady Ciar ingen Fiachnae

Greetings!

I apologize in advance for the length as there are a variety of things happening and many of them are interesting!

Youth Armored Combat officer wanted! The Barony is looking for a YAC Officer as we have 15-20 youths of various ages VERY interested in combat and we'd like to keep them. YAC Officers are required to have a background check. For more information on this position, please consult the Society YAC Handbook:

<http://www.sca.org/officers/marshal/youthcombat/docs/SocietyYCRules.pdf> and the An Tir YAC Handbook: <http://antir.sca.org/Pubs/YouthCombat2008.pdf>. If you are interested, please send a "letter of interest" to Their Excellencies at coronets@dragonslaire.org, and me at seneschal@dragonslaire.org so decisions can be made and the ball rolling!

If you would like to assist with the YAC program or any other youth activities, whether you are the officer or otherwise, and would like to start the process of getting a background check, please email me.

We will be conducting a Baronial Confidence Polling on July 18th during the regularly scheduled Social and Fight Practice. In order to participate in the polling, you must be an SCA member you're your membership card has not arrived by the polling date, the email confirmation they send you is an acceptable substitute. This type of polling is relatively quick. If you will not be able to attend, I do have absentee ballots that can be sent and returned via email, you need to CONTACT ME by July 11th. Officers, including Champions, from outside the Barony, are allowed and requested to participate in the polling, you will just need to write your position on the form.

Event Stewards! We are always looking for Event Stewards. Candlemas 2018 has received no bids. And while we know everyone is still shaking the dust of June Faire out of their garb and off their pavilions, now is the time to start pondering on next year. (There's not a lot of work for JF in the next 6 months, other than things like the site and some of the other contracts. It's not as scary as it sounds 😊)

Photographer releases! If you are one of our wonderful event photographers and want to post pictures to our Baronial Facebook, please get a photographer release to me. Blanks were laid out for access and will be available at request during Social. They can also be found <http://antir.sca.org/Blogs/webminister/2012/01/14/permission-forms-revisited/> which has both the printable and fill in the blank options.

Customary! We are down to the 9 days of the Customary comment period. The Customary contains the traditions and policies of the Barony, it acts as a guideline rather than a set of laws. The current draft is available at <http://dragonslaire.org/docs/DLCustomaryRoughDraftJune2017.pdf>. Comments should be sent to seneschal@dragonslaire.org and will then be forwarded to the Committee members.

The plan is to review and comments and have the final draft accepted at the August business meeting.

Report form! We have a Business Meeting report form, formerly referred to as the Officer report form, on the Dragon's Lair webpage http://dragonslaire.org/admin/report_submission.php We are asking everyone to submit their report through this form which will then forward it to the Seneschal and the Chronicler for inclusion in the monthly reports. Monthly reports will be available on the webpage http://dragonslaire.org/admin/baronial_news.php under Business Meeting Report and then eventually on their own page (along with the Flames archives). Reports may also be posted on the Baronial Facebook or e-list but are not required.

I will be traveling from June 29 to July 2 and for July Coronation from July 14-16. My internet access will likely be spotty but I will still be checking email and messages as I can.

Exchequer – Lady Gabrielle

Checking: \$54,005.74

Savings: \$24,283.53

CD: \$10,228.22

June Faire numbers are not quite in yet but we had about the same number of SCA participants and 700 or more adult moderns in attendance!

Golden Dragon Pursuivant (Herald) – Sensei Tsuruko

Greetings,

We survived June Faire! There was court and the report published on the Dragon's Lair Facebook Page. The OP updates have been submitted. The Kingdom Heraldic & Scribal Symposium will be the weekend of September 9th in the Barony of Three Mountains.

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

Court Report Dragon's Lair June Faire

June 3, 2017 (AS LII [52])

Morning Court

There was a brief morning court on the war field to welcome everyone to June Faire and remind all that everyone is a chatelaine to our modern visitors.

They also announced a brief tax court would take place during evening Baronial court.

Evening Court

The following announcements were made:

The usual Event Steward comments

HE Bjorn Ulfsson had words about the upcoming event Dragon's Down in Fire Mountain Keep

A representative from Aquaterra had an announcement for Boar's Hunt in Aquaterra

There was an announcement about Dame Brigid's spaghetti dinner for the volunteers

Dame Gwen the Potter announced information about Tsuruko's party after court

THL Alaricus Simmons announced the results of last night's archery shoot and had information pertaining to the following day's shoot

There was an announcement pertaining to lost & found

THL Alaricus Simmons received medallions for excellence in archery from Their Excellencies

THL Arqai Ne'urin was awarded the Honored Marshal Staff

The Myrmidons presented "proof" that it was not BaO who destroyed our ship at Yule, but Glymm Mere who has been housing and feeding a Kraken and it's young, raiding up and down the coasts of both Baronies.

Per Her Majesty's request the hours of the Silent Auction were extended until the conclusion of court.

There was a brief tax court"

Dame Madrun y Gwehyddes donated handmade books

Damnit donated necklaces

Magister Arion the Wanderer donated coins

Dame Gwen the Potter donated pottery

The following awards were given:

Snapdragon: THL Ciar ingen Fiachnae

Bumblebee: THL Milo of House Awry

THL Amber of House Awry

Lord Thomas of Salisbury

Baroness' Favor: THL Kloe of Thira

Drake's Shepherd: Dame Angharad Albanes (dtd Feb 11, 2017 [AS LI])

Chronicler – Lady Sayako Enoki

Our Chronicler position will be filled by Lady Sayako Enoki and her deputy will be KT Arthur. Their current plan is to revive the Flames so keep a look out this fall! Lady Sayako has been part of the SCA for many years and is not only an active member of the Quivers and Quarrels archery group but does their quarterly newsletter as well.

Welcome!

Minister of Arts and Sciences – Countess Elisabeth de Rossignol

The big news in the arts and sciences this month was, of course, June Faire. Demos were presented on pottery, coin striking, weaving, spinning, flax processing, cookery, wood working, garment construction, scribal arts, Roman customs and life, posaments, dance, instrumental music, and games. The modern crowds were very engaged, and those working the demos had a great time. Thank you, everyone!

Since it's never too early for next year, please contact me directly if you have suggestions or ideas about what might work well for the A&S village next year. I want to hear your ideas.

On one last June Faire note, I would like to once again thank the members of House Awry and other young and sturdy folk who helped with all the putting up and tearing down in A&S. My heartfelt gratitude to you all.

As usual, we are now entering into the summer series of classes specifically aimed at newcomers, but open to everyone who would like a refresher or to learn something new. I have already received requests for an introduction to making fitted garments, and glass bead making. What A&S areas would you like to see covered? Again, please contact me directly.

Lord Máenach and the Hon. Lady Ciar attended Embers and Ambrosia. Lady Ciar attended 3 classes (Flemish bow string making, Intro to Medieval Gardens, and Bow inspection) while Lord Máenach attended 1 (Intro to SCA knots)

On June 21, 6 people attended an introductory gouache painting class taught by Maitre Renart and the Hon. Lady Rhiannon.

June 22 was Culinary Guild night out. They talked over plans for July and August, and ate Napoleonic food (pizza!).

Gamesmaster – Lord Emil Paulus

Had Games available at Junefaire including 2 lawn games, Bocce and Hunkerhauser. No takers for Bocce, but had a few tried Hunkerhauser both kids and adults.

Have games ready for Last Chance.

Marshal – Lord Stuart of House Awry

Greetings mighty Barony the last 2 months have been crazy we had June Faire and Newcomers Night and our regular practices oh my!

June Faire was fantastic we had a tournament the Friday of the event followed by war scenarios on Saturday and our mighty King hosted a fight practice on Sunday morning.

Newcomers Night happened and was well attended and many who attended have continued to attend our weekly fight practice it has been excellent to have so many new fighters armoring up for the first time. In the interest of getting as many new fighters on the field as possible, if you are a fighter with old gear that you no longer use laying about taking up space please consider donating it to the baronial loaner gear.

Thrown weapons has finally restarted weekly practice so if you are interested in that please come out and attend.

Siege practices have been regular and decently attended with a crew from the summits coming up for the June practice with a new machine that they are planning to have completed for An Tir / West War

Rapier has had steady attendance and attracted several new players coming out of Newcomers Night

Thank you fighters for your continuing attendance.

Chief Archer – Lord Stephen of House Awry, OGGS

Greetings mighty Barony,

A few things have happened in the last 2 months. The weather has FINALLY started cooperating and we have been able to have consistent archery practices. June Faire came and we were reunited with friends and loved ones on the range. The short range has been open again to newcomers and youth every week since June Faire.

Many thanks to Archos Alaricus Simmonds for running the archery range at June Faire, HL Kloe of Thira and Magister Arion the Wanderer for running practices when I am unable to out there and all of the TAMs (who are too numerous to properly thank) who help keep not only the long range but the short range as well running as smoothly as possible.

Thrown Weapons – Lord Marcel Boutet

Greetings Mighty Barony!

We have had a wonderful few months! June Faire is behind us and the demo did a wonderful job of bringing in newcomers to practice! Thrown Weapons practice has started back up as the weather improved and we have had new throwers on the line each week.

We will continue to hold weekly practice concurrent with Heavy practice at the VFW hall on Tuesdays.

Chatelaine – Lady Jess of the Roving Irishmen

May brought many preparations for June Faire including Parade Day. I'd like to thank Sarah, Michael, and Kjersten for walking with me in the Bremerton Armed Forces Day Parade. Lucy of Smithshall joined us in Poulsbo to hand out JF flyers along the Viking Fest Parade route. I received one email request for information from a woman who has played in Texas. She was informed about June Faire, however, I do not know if she attended or not. Ciar and I went through several bins of Gold Key and reduced what we are keeping down to three bins that are currently stored in my garage.

I had many people stop by the Chatelaine tent at June Faire and ask about NCN. I couldn't have manned the tent without Genevra, Isemay, and Kassandra who helped our modern guests when I was pulled away to deal with gate issues or needed a break. Isemay enjoyed herself so much she has expressed interest in becoming Chatelaine.

NCN was held the Tuesday following JF and was well attended. I had printed out 30 contact forms and we ran out! The top areas of interest broke down as follows:

3 Armor/Armored Combat

5 Archery

3 Culinary Arts

4 Costuming

4 Scribal Arts

2 Music/Dancing

2 Spinning/Weaving

8 No top area specified, however, 7 had some form of Martial Activity as a potential area of interest

The following week Arontius held a SCA 101 class that had 23 new comers in attendance!

Kjersten and I assisted Lord Sigmund of BAO at the Washington Homeschooler Organization conference held at the Puyallup Fairgrounds the weekend after JF. The SCA was given 10 tables, all of which were fill by members of BAO, WW, Madrone, and more. It was a great demo and I hope that more from DL will be able to assist with it next year.

The Gold Key sale went very well. We made \$252 and reduced the extra Gold Key from 15 bins to 4. Arontius found an additional 4 bins in the back of the storage unit that I will go through in the coming weeks and Ciar and I will discuss a second sale for the end of summer or early fall.

Isemay has agreed to come on as a second deputy and will take over the office in the fall or winter. I will stay on as her deputy, along with Genevra, to help ease the transition.

Looking forward, a local church has requested a demo for their VBS on August 9th. I will be sending out an email asking for volunteers. The contact person from the church will be coming by a fight practice to see if they would like a fighting demo along with various A&S demos.

Scribe – Lady Rhiannon of Eagle’s Flight

Gentles All:

May was fairly quiet on the Scribal front. We finished preparations for June Faire and successfully provided all requested charters.

June Faire was amazing. We had people stacked deep around the Scribal pavilion and generated a large amount of interest. Several of these people have started coming to the social with interests in illumination and calligraphy. YAY!

HL Ela provided an ongoing demo for much of the day on making reed pens and using them to do calligraphy of names. It was a mad success with people lining up to participate.

Also a HUGE thanks to Rae from Wyewood (I don't remember her full SCA name) for her help all day at June Faire answering questions and providing illumination demos.

Now looking forward to Last Chance charters!

Steward – Master Arontius

1. Usual Note - If you need items out of the Storage Unit, please give me as much notice as possible so I can make the time to pull things out of the way as necessary to get to the items you need. With all Baronial owned assets in one storage space, there is limited room for movement and it takes a while sometimes to move everything to accommodate. Contact me at arontius@comcast.net if you need access or if you have any questions. Either myself or the Steward Deputy (Dame Madrun) can meet with you at the Storage Unit depending on schedule.

2. The Gold Key clothing sale was a great success, which greatly increases storage space inside the Baronial Storage Unit. The remaining inventory will be in the control of THL Jess (Baronial

Chatelaine). Please contact her in regards to Gold Key needs. If access to the Storage Unit is needed for Gold Key, THL Jess will make arrangements through the Baronial Steward. Some of the Gold Key Storage Racks will be placed for sale, when all the separate parts are gathered, organized, and missing parts replaced/repared as needed. More to follow on this as soon as details are known.

3. As always, before adding 'stuff' to the Baronial Inventory, please speak to the Steward so we can judge how much room new material will take up and how much room is actually available to hold it in the Unit.

4. Next Event: Last Chance: Please contact THL Andramacha on your Storage Unit needs in support of Last Chance Marshallate Championships as soon as possible so that we do not leave what you need behind in the pack-out. We could definitely use help in the pack-up in support of that event, and then the delivery back to the Storage Unit after the event. When dates are finalized, the Steward will put out a general call on lists and Facebook Page.

Librarian – Lady Ela Pennayth

Greetings!

Our library inventory is under way again! I will have two database formats for populace use, a link to a PDF and a live inventory on LibraryThing website. We have a new book on history of barbarians having the audacity to attack the great Roman Empire. Unfortunately I am filing this at our local free wifi while sipping cold-brew, so I will have to post the title at a later time :)

Please contact me if you would like to visit our Baronial Library or have a research topic you'd like help with. I am happy to bring books of interest from our library to you at our fight practices elaynisdewi@gmail.com

Web minister – Magistre Aelianora de Wyntringham

Greetings!

The website continues on; with not much to report. Work to get everything ready for the transfer to a new webminister is almost done. Updates continue as needed. The website will soon have a password locked page for posting of business meeting matters.

A new temporary user will be set up on the server in the next couple of days so that those interested in becoming webminister can have a look around. I would suggest that anyone interested go to dreamhost.com and start reading a bit about what they have to offer, including a new click to edit website builder called Remixer.

(Added after the meeting): Lord Máenach has agreed to step up as Web minister with Lady Kosem as his deputy. The names and contact information for those who have expressed interest or interest in helping with the position have been passed on to him.

Family Activities – Lord Emil Paulus

I helped Glymm Mere's Mayfaire with Family Activities since theirs was busy being the Autocrat. Had about 10 kids made necklaces, and had two kids completing Lapidary Division I plus one completed Games Division I.

At Junefaire, I had helped from Kat of House Awry with her Heraldry Class. I taught a class in Division I Lapidary which two completed, but had 8 kids make necklaces and one a bracelet. Did have one local kid start Cooking Division 1, but his mother left shortly after starting- cause of YAFA Two Deep Rule, we stopped cause no other adults nearby to supervise. Aquaterra's Family Activities Coordinator did help with the Lapidary Class.

Went to Aquaterra's Boars Hunt. When I arrived, found out they had me down for a 13:00 Lapidary Division I Class that I was unaware of, but no kids were around. Been asked by the Family Activities Coordinator of Glymm Mere to run classes at Honey War. Looks like having classes in Divisions 1 & 2 Arms & Armor, Division I Cooking and Divisions 1-3 Lapidary.

Trying to get hold of the Barony of Stromguard Autocrat for the Game of Thrones and Stormgods to see if I could help with Family Activities or YAFA Classes.

Guilds:

Costumers – Lady Jess of the Roving Irishmen

Nothing to report.

Culinary/Spirit-makers – Lady Rycheza and Lord Mateusz

Our Guild Leaders are out of town at the moment. We had our June Night Out at Bruciato on Bainbridge Island with 7 people in attendance. Our next meeting is on July 19th, location and focus to be announced!

Scribal – Lady Ela

Will be holding an Intro to Illumination class on July 18th starting at 6:30. Lots of time to go to the polling and then work on some worksheets and get advice as needed in the painting corner.

This is also a good time to work on calligraphy!

Textile – Dame Madrun

Textiles has been on hold but now that we are post-June Faire we are getting back to it. Look for an update on plans on the Baronial Facebook.

Events:

Last Chance – Lady Andromacha

Last Chance will be held on October 14th and the Longbranch Improvement Club. We are leasing the grounds only, not the hall. There is no water onsite and no charcoal or wood fires (propane appears to be okay.)

This is our Martial champion event, please come out to support our archery, heavy, rapier, and thrown weapon competitors. Look for more information soon!

June Faire – Master Arion

Paraphrase: Took a risk on changing up the format of the event and, in general, the event went well! Some bugs to work out but overall quite pleased. Big thank you to the Barony and the team for their support!

New Business:

Social Media Deputy – Lady Kosem of House Awry

Proposes a PR officer to help keep newcomers interested and also cross-coordinating with Chatelaine, Chronicler, and Web minister on things that are happening, information, sharing, etc. The Barony is supportive of the idea and we've agreed to a trial start with Social Media Deputy attached to the Chatelaine.

Oh by the ways

Andromacha's bardic nights – July 13th for discussion of research and documentation. July 20th for getting together to do performances etc. Address and times will be announced on the Facebook.

Lady Ela is missing a woven copper mat mounted on a wooden frame. It is used for paper making and she may have loaned it to someone for a demo. If you have it or think you may remember seeing it, please let her know.

Lost and Found - The lost and found items from June Faire will be moved to the Baronial Storage unit sometime soon.

If you are an Event Steward, or bystander, with Lost and Found items from previous events, please bring them to Social or make other arrangements to get them to Master Arontius to be stored in the storage unit.

Kingdom Charters – If you have Kingdom Charters: painted, unpainted, partially painted... and would like to get them turned in, please get them to me by July 13th! ALSO the Royal Scribe for the next reign, Jadwiga Radomyskowa, is looking for designs! This is a great time to show off your skills if you are into the design aspect or the wordsmithing! Their Highness' have requested designs from early, middle, and later period, which is 20 or more designs! If you are interested in participating, please join the An Tir Scribes Facebook group <https://www.facebook.com/groups/353807238084984/> for more information.

No Archery on July 5th

No Social or Fight Practice on July 4th

Enjoy the holiday and we will see you again on July 11th!