

## **Baronial Business Meeting**

**March 1, 2018**

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

Greetings Beloved Barony. Baron Conchobar and Baroness Eilidh send greetings and most sincere wishes for your good health and happiness.

As the sun slowly begins to return to the lands of An Tir to warm Her countenance and urge Her towards the blooming of Her beauty in Spring. It is time for the Populace of Dragon's Lair to shake off the deep sleep of Winter and begin preparing for the Season to come.

There are many events rapidly approaching and We would like to urge Our populace to get out and stretch their wings. It is time to try something new. Attend a class, or go to an event you have not yet attended in the past. It is time to dust off or hone old skills. Offer to teach a class in that which gives you joy or purpose. Event Stewards are often looking for one such as You.

The Barony is already a buzz of activity with the planning of June Faire. Get involved and make solid commitments. While the offer of "I'll help, just ask me" is a sincere one, it lacks direction. Her Ladyship Kloe needs to know what You are willing and capable of doing. This will make Her job easier, and much less frustrating for You.

The season of winter feasts has begun to slow, and We begin to turn Our focus on more energetic and perhaps even pointy pursuits. There are several events We would attend, and hope to encourage You, the talented, wily, enthusiastic, and perhaps just a bit mischievous Populace of Dragon's Lair to join us. It will be a fabulous romp to be sure.

Speaking of enthusiastic, wily, and mischievous... BARONESS WAR IS COMING!! Your "Wise & Benevolent" Baroness wishes to run amuck. Baroness Eilidh would like to see Dragon's Lair "do all the things". Dragon's Lair on the fields of Battle. Dragon's Lair dominating archery and thrown weapons. Dragon's Lair on the equestrian field. Dragon's Lair owning Siege Cooking. Dragon's Lair taking Arts & Sciences classes. Dragon's Lair EVERYWHERE. We will invade in a flood of the darkest black, the most dazzling gold, and the grimmest of bloody red! Your Baroness calls You to battle!!

Our expected progress as it stands:

Kingdom A&S

War at the Oasis March 10

Madrone A&S March 24

Baroness War April 6-9

Art of War April 19-22

Embers & Ambrosia April 27-29

In Service to the Honorable Barony of Dragon's Lair  
Proconsul Conchobar MacEoin & Proconsula Eilidh Keldelet

## OFFICER REPORTS

**Seneschal**

**THL Ciar ingen Fiachnae**

Greetings Mighty Barony!

I hope all are making progress toward recovering from the various ill humours that beset upon the Barony in the months of January and February.

Officers! We looking to fill several positions including Lists, Youth Armored Combat, Chief Archer, and Arts & Sciences Minister. If you are interested in any of these positions, please speak with the current officer, Their Excellencies, or myself for more information about the actual work involved. To apply, please submit a letter of interest detailing why you are interested in that position and what SCA and/or mundane skills you feel would assist you in it. Letters should be submitted to the current officer, Their Excellencies, and the Seneschal.

Busy work! Do you need some? I'm looking to flesh out a database of event locations in the Barony of Dragon's Laire. This includes listing places that just won't work due to size, cost, or contract requirements so that we have this information. The task requires time spent on the internet tracking down locations and then inputting information into a collaborative google sheet. If you're interested in helping out with this project, please email [ciar.ingen.fiachnae@gmail.com](mailto:ciar.ingen.fiachnae@gmail.com).

Ciar ingen Fiachnae

Seneschal

Apprentice unto Maitre Renart le fox de berwyk, OP

From the meeting:

Regarding the size of donation to the Kingdom, we found that the VFW hall has not solicited rent from the Barony in a while. According to their records, we last made a donation to the hall in 2014. Traditionally, we have paid \$1200 per year, and in conversation with financial committee, we should pay the back three years, and then set up a regular payment in July. We have also offered to fix the door that does not latch. The three years that we are missing will be a \$3600 check, which has been accepted by the populace. Nonpayment has been verified by exchequer. The VFW hall also has a new treasurer, which should facilitate better recordkeeping of "rents", which is paid by us as a "donation".

Our use of the VFW Hall is Every Tuesday, the first Thursday, and then outside for archery. Using the hall outside of these times is an additional fee of about \$100.

\$3600 will bring us current through July of this year, and then we will pay the next year's rent in August for August 2018 - July 2019.

## **Marshallate**

### **Baronial Lord Stuart of House Awry**

Greetings mighty Barony,

We continue to hold our weekly practice, and within the next few weeks, we should be no longer using the lights. Attendance seems to be more or less constant and I expect it to pick up as our light and (hopefully) weather improve. We are also trying to organize an armor inspection and limited construction day before Baroness War at the start of April. I hope to continue to see all of our mighty warriors back on the field and preparing for the upcoming war and tournament seasons.

YIS, Stuart of House Awry

### **Rapier**

No separate report at this time.

### **Archer Lord Stephen of House Awry**

February proceeded better than I had expected. Practice was only canceled once due to weather (and not because of the snow). Scores continue to be submitted and people still turn out. We had 2 new participants last week and will hopefully have a couple more this week.

New target faces and line paint have been procured as we had realized both had been exhausted on the same day. Next step will be spray adhesive.

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

### **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**

This month at Candlemas we chose our new baronial A&S and Bardic champions, from a small but very qualified group of competitors. Also, new Scholars of Dragon's Laire were recognized.

We had two entrants for the first Novice Tourney at Baronial A&S. Both novices and the judges enjoyed the experience. There is talk of having this at Yule instead of Candlemas, so that there is more time, and less distractions.

Our weekly classes an A&S related topics have continued throughout February.

Feb 6 - Post Baronial A&S Roundtable

With Candlemas and the A&S and Bardic Champions chosen, here is an opportunity to ask questions about the event and procedures.

Feb 13 – Autocratting 102, with Master Arontius

Learn about stewarding Kingdom Level events from a Master Arontius.

Feb 20 – Practium day...bring your projects and get help from experienced artisans.

Feb 27 – Kingdom A&S Roundtable

Here is an opportunity to learn what to expect, what to do, what you will see, at a Kingdom Arts & Sciences Competition.

Upcoming activities include plans for A&S Day Camp in April, and ongoing plans for the artisans village at June Faire.

## **Chronicler**

### **THL Sayako Enoki**

Greetings Mighty Barony!

Chronicler-ing continues, but so does modern life, unfortunately. I have yet to be able to spend time on creating a new Flames other than these basic meeting notes. I otherwise have nothing new to report. Enjoy the coming spring, and hopefully I will see all of you at Junefaire!

YIS,  
THL Sayako Enoki

**Herald/Golden Dragon Pursuivant  
Murakami Tsuruko Sensei**

Greetings,

Baronial court was held at Candlemas and the court report was published to the Dragon's Lair Facebook page. OP updates were submitted.

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

YIS,

Murakami Tsuruko

Golden Dragon Pursuivant

**Chatelaine  
THL Jess of the Roving Irishmen**

The month of February was quiet, a few emails answered on interest of the SCA. Request submitted for items need for June Faire 2018.

Isemay MaKenze - Chatelaine - Dragons Lair

**Exchequer  
Gabrielle de Cameron**

The Barony's bank balances are as follows:

Checking: \$35,300.45

Savings: \$24,285.35

CD: \$10,234.00

In Service,  
Gabrielle de Cameron

**Steward  
Master Arontius of Bygelswade**

No separate 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**

How is it March already?

This month I made updates to the web site for Candlemas and June Faire and continued working toward a web page redesign. Web developers: I'm currently trying to decide between using the "webcomponents-lite" polyfill (since it's "the future") or using the Twig template engine (since we already make heavy use of PHP). If you have experience with either or both, please share your thoughts with me at [webminister@dragonslaire.org](mailto:webminister@dragonslaire.org) :)

I have heard from a few members of the Populace that they'd like to see certain sections of the web page re-added; the most recent request was for some of the heraldry information. As I understand it, many of the removed pages were taken down specifically because the information was out of date. I will see if I can bring some of these pages back from the dead, but I may need some help in order to update the information. Also, I will likely delay these efforts until I have a firm plan for the redesign.

Finally, an offer has arrived from the Kingdom web team. It seems that the Kingdom has settled on Office 365 for email, document storage, and tools, and they would like branches within the Kingdom to join them. They are offering us accounts for all officers. This would mean a few things:

- All officers would have access to the online Office 365 tools, such as Word and Excel, along with Skype for Business (formerly known as Lync).
- All officers would have access to 1 TB of storage on OneDrive.
- Files can be shared with all officers, such as the Customary or other governing documents.
- Files can be kept private to a specific officer or a few specific officers, such as incident reports or other sensitive info.
- For the purposes of documents, spreadsheets, and even regular digital photos, 1 TB is practically infinite storage.
- Officer email accounts would be hosted with Office 365 and would no longer simply forward to a personal account.
- Checking officer email would involve logging into a separate server/account.
- When a new person steps up to an office, they would "inherit" the existing account and change the password.
- Keeping SCA officer business out of your personal email account may have legal benefits. For example, it may decrease the chances that your personal email account would be subpoenaed in

the event of an SCA-related lawsuit. (I'm not a lawyer! Please check with a lawyer before relying on this information.)

- We can keep our @dragonslaire.org email addresses - they would just forward to the new accounts.

- This has no impact on the web site.

At this time, the Office 365 accounts would only be for officers -- not for event staff. They're actively working on figuring out a way to handle event staff, though.

Officers & current, former, or future event staff: please let me know your thoughts on this at [webminister@dragonslaire.org](mailto:webminister@dragonslaire.org)! If there's enough interest or concern, I'd be happy to schedule a time for deeper discussion.

Aww YIS,

Máenach na Cailled

Detailed web site change list:

2018-02-01: c4ff1b4 Add preliminary Candlemas schedule

2018-02-01: 5c56b62 Add rough draft object judging form in HTML

2018-02-02: 73694b5 Replace default styling on <figure> with class  
This means we can use <figure> and <figcaption> in other ways on other pages

2018-02-02: 35ccbfe Add Candlemas schedule and meal info

2018-02-02: bd3dbf8 Add rough draft performance judging form in HTML

2018-02-02: 4d9b660 Link HTML judging forms to competitions page

2018-02-03: 8f771ab Update Candlemas schedule

2018-02-06: 10a8f48 Update June Faire page

2018-02-14: 1892f84 Update sidebar for June Faire

### **Social media**

Busy wrapping up the Medieval Faire and Junefaire sites.

**YACs**

*Position open*

No separate report at this time.

**Scribe**

**Rhiannon of Eaglesflight**

We painted things, handed out things at Candlemas, if you have painted things, turn them in.

**Librarian**

**Lady Ela Pennayth y Ynis Dewi**

Greetings!

Please contact me if you would like to check out a book from our baronial library, elaynisdewi@gmail.com I am happy to search the shelves on a subject for you and bring the books to Tuesday FP. If you would like to help with a June Faire Baronial Library display send me a note :)

In Service,  
Ela Pennayth y Ynis Dewi  
Baronial Librarian

**YAFA**

On hiatus.



# GUILDS

## **Bardic**

No separate report at this time.

## **Culinary & Spiritmakers THL Ciar ingen Fiachnae**

Greetings Barony!

We had a great February guild meeting. Food was tried and found tasty. We discussed the June Faire Culinary display and what changes we might make given available attendees and current interests. Some polls/discussion posts will be up in the next few days to further expand on plans.

Our next meeting is March 22nd to complete the JF discussion. Location TBD.

Ciar ingen Fiachnae  
Culinary & Spiritmakers Guild Cat herder  
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**

The Scribal Guild of Dragon's Laire

To all whom wish to learn the Scribal Arts please join us in our on-line FB group (DL-Scribes). There will be a scriptorium held at the house on the Sunday the 17th of March, we shall be painting, painting, oh and painting, we will also be working on planning for the scribal display/booth for our upcoming June Faire. There will also be work done on the schedule for upcoming meetings, classes and scriptoriums. Loaner equipment(s) will be available for those not having their own.

If you have never been to the farm and need directions to attend the scriptorium, please take a look at the post in the DL-Scribes book of faces group.

In Service to Crown and Coronet,

Maitre Renart le Fox de Berwyk  
Scribal Guildmaster

## **Textile**

No separate report at this time.

## **DRAGON'S LAIRE EVENTS**

### **Candlemas (February)**

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

No separate report at this time.

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

No separate report at this time.

### **Junefaire (First Weekend of June)**

*Annual Flagship Event, Open to the Public*

**Event Steward: Kloe of Thira**

June Faire Report for March

Greetings all,

June Faire is moving along nicely. Merchants have been selected and contracts sent. We have also secured the ATM for 2018! As it sits we have 7 food related merchants and 29 wares merchants. Several of the Site related contracts are done. The artwork for this year is nearing completion and advertising has begun on a small scale. A&S selections are coming along.

If you wish to demo at June Faire please contact Countess Elizabeth so she knows of your interest.

At the March Business Meeting I put forth a request that has been tabled to hear from more of the populace and current champions of Dragon's Laire. With the difficulty finding a Steward, Site, and Date (though if anyone wishes they still can) for Last Chance, and with us also hosting September Crown, I have asked that it be considered that the Dragons Laire Martiallete Championships be held on Sunday at June Faire for this year. While it was well received at the meeting, there was very few in attendance again and we would rather there is more input from Dragons Laire. I welcome the feedback of the Populace and the Champions on this matter.

Thank you!

THL Kloe of THira  
Event Steward  
June Faire 2018

From the meeting:

Slightly insane idea – with us holding crown and not really having a slot for Last Chance, maybe do Dragon's Laire heavy, rapier, archery, and thrown championships on Junefaire Sunday? Sunday will be open, but not advertised, but will be sensory Sunday. This tentatively sounds like

a good idea, but we talk about it more next month and mention it at practices. THL Stuart offered that we should talk to champions since they are the ones that need to come up with tournament format.

### **Last Chance (September/October)**

*Baronial Martial Championships*

September Crown conflicts with Last Chance, as well as the busy the Kingdom calendar in general during that time of year (Honey War moved to August). If we were to have a separate Last Chance, it could be in July (July in the Kingdom calendar is dead), or in October. We could have the equestrian championship at September Crown.

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

No separate report at this time.

### **Yule (December)**

*Annual Baronial Feast*

No bids yet, but please bid! Maybe a novice tourney at Yule?

## **OTHER EVENTS**

### **September Crown (September 2018)**

*Tournament to Determine the Next King & Queen of An Tir*

**Master Arontius of Bygelswade**

Planning is going well. We met at Port Gamble to talk to the grounds rental manager. They are excited to have us back, and we can bring food merchants and horses. The BBQ place has been replaced by another food business. It is possible for Junefaire to return to the Port Gamble site for one more year, but then we would lose the current site and the Port Gamble site when it becomes unavailable again.

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

### **Proposals**

#### **Proposal for the Financial Committee**

No proposals for the Financial Committee

## Open Officer Positions

*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.*