**Baronial Business Meeting**

**March 7, 2019**

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

**Baron and Baroness**

Greetings unto the ‘bestest’ Barony in the Known World!!

It is that time again. A time when the cold, bleak winter has grown tiresome, and We yearn for amusements, and diversions. A time when your Baroness grows restless, and her heart turns towards mischief, mayhem, and impish troublemaking. Yes, dear populace, Baroness’s War is coming. As you well know, the forces of Dragon’s Laire typically take the righteous, ‘NAY!’ virtuous position of opposing our dear Cousins of Vulcanfeldt. This year however, nature's whimsy has taken hold of your Baroness and it has been decided to join our forces with Vulcanfeldt. After all, righteous virtue is in the eye of the beholder is it not? Besides, no matter what end of the field We are facing, Dragon’s Laire is always on the side of right. There are so many opportunities at Baroness’s War for you to demonstrate the power and glorious talents of Dragon’s Laire. There will be competitions in Heavy, Rapier, Cut & Thrust, Archery, Thrown Weapons, Siege Cooking, Youth Combat, Equestrian, Scribal Team, and A&S Champion. If that dear Barony is not enough for you, there will be a Baroness’s Tea, a Unicorn Tea (assuming this is a youth activity), and classes. If you are incapable of finding diversion from your Winter blues at this event, you dear populace have Our deepest sympathies. Please check out the event page for specifics. Ourselves will be residing in a local establishment, but there are those hearty souls who will be camping. Please come join in the fun! You know you want to.

June will be upon us sooner than we like to think. I know Master Renart is still in dire need of a RV Coordinator, and as always there will be many other June Faire opportunities to volunteer your time and effort for the glory of your Barony. Also, Your Baroness is coordinating donations for the Volunteer Raffle at June Faire. We feel it is only fitting to reward the hard work and dedication of those without whom this event would have no chance of success. Please consider turning your skilled hands to crafting a fitting gift to a hard-working volunteer. A few yards of linen is always a needful thing. Trim, leather goods, anything you can think of that would help enrich your fellow SCA companions experience would be a fitting donation.

As Summer approaches We are considering Our progress and would love to see Dragon’s Laire out and about in the Kingdom. There will be a baronial encampment at An Tir/West War. Please Contact Her Ladyship Kloe if you would like to camp with the Barony. As always, wherever We are, there is always a place for you in the Baronial encampment. As Our term of service nears its end please be assured that we will be particularly mindful of this invitation and make double sure we can share our fun with you. If you are new to the Barony, all you need do is ask and you are always welcome.

In Joyful Service

Baron Conchobar Mac Eoin Proconsul

Baroness Eilidh Proconsula

**OFFICER REPORTS**

**Seneschal**

**THL Ciar ingen Fiachnae**

Greetings Good Barony,

I hope everyone is doing well as Winter demonstrates her domain until March 20th. Just a reminder, if it's NOT SAFE to drive then, while we will miss your presence, STAY HOME.

I would like to thank m'Lord Titan Octavius Corvinus, Lord Kettil Cedricson, THL Ermanrich "Morgan" Goutman, and Sir Andras Truemark as well as all of the Youth and Parents who participated in the YAC marshal training as well as Lady Sarah Pixie as well m'Lord Steven for coming across the water. A good training was had and the end result was two new Youth Armored Combat Marshals. For those interested in participating, a Q&A session will be scheduled for March (still to be approved by the Calendar Deputy) and the first practice soon!

Looking for Officers!

Lady Isemay would like another Deputy or two. Do you enjoy meeting new people and talking about the SCA? DO you go to June Faire and then wander around looking for something to do on Saturday? Do you attend Social on a semi-regular basis and want an excuse to introduce yourself to people? Do you prefer to hide in the shadows but have decided that it's lonely there and you'd like to find other shadow dwellers to hang out with? Consider being a Chatelaine Deputy! If you're interested, please speak with Lady Isemay, THL Jess, Their Excellencies, or myself! (You do not need to be an outgoing and bubbly person to be Chatelaine or Deputy, sometimes the quiet person who is willing to say a simple hello and point out the tea setup is all that's needed :)

BARONIAL SCRIBE: THL Rhiannon of Eagle's Flight is looking for a Succession Deputy. Her Ladyship's term draws near completion and she is looking for one or more people to step up and assist Their Excellencies with Their MIGHTY Task of awarding and recognizing the Populace of Dragon's Laire (and our friends). The Scribe is tasked with organizing the creation of and then production of charters and original scrolls. THEY DO NOT HAVE TO HAVE ALL THE SKILLS THEMSELVES. Yes, many of our Baronial Scribes have also been calligraphers, illuminators, and wordsmiths but the primary task of the Scribe is to be organized and know people. And if you don't know all of the people, well Rhiannon and I would be happy to point them out to you ;) For more information on the role of the Baronial Scribe, please speak with

THL Rhiannon or THL Ela

BARONIAL MARSHAL: The Baronial Marshal requires a person to be mildly organized and able to works with others! The Baronial Marshal has a whole host of Deputies who run the individual practices and works with those deputies to make sure that the appropriate waivers are signed, scores are submitted, and also works to make sure that event activities are appropriately covered, and all quarterly and event reports are submitted. I can guarantee I don't know all of the details of the position so if you are interested, please speak with THL Stuart for more information!

Officer Job Descriptions! One of the slow points of finishing the second go-round of Customary re-write is a request to have all the job descriptions for all Officers (and the SCA/An Tir handbooks and manuals that contain that information i.e. as much as I bet Herald and Scribe libraries are AMAZING I do not want to list your reference library in the Customary). If you are currently an Officer, please email me the details so I can get the section done. I'll put what you send in appropriate format and email you a copy to confirm accuracy. DragonsLaire.Seneschal@antir.org. If you have recently served as an Officer and feel your description could assist, please do so.

Events! Have an idea for a new event? Want to revive a one-off or retired event? Thinking about Yule or Candlemas? The time to start event planning is now! The first several steps for planning event involve conversations with the Exchequer and Seneschal, finding a site and developing a budget before gathering a crew and making the bid(s). If you are thinking about Event Stewarding or have some ideas, please come talk to me or send me an email!

Ciar ingen Fiachnae

Seneschal

**Marshallate**

**Baronial**

**Lord Stuart of House Awry**

Monthly Marshal's report for February, we had a bit of a strange month with snow blocking our practice on week, but we never the less continue to fight in the increasing light in preparation for the defense of our barony and our allies I hope to see more fighters out in the coming weeks as well as move back to the field as soon as possible

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

**Rapier**

No separate report at this time.

**Archer**

**Lady Artunis of Dragon’s Laire**

Archery has gone a bit better this month in that it hasn't been totally canceled. On the last Sunday in February, we thumbed our noses at the puddles in the field and open the range so we could all shoot the SSAC again and get some scores in.

We've also had some interest from some new archers, and the following practice (at which the field was dry, solid ground again, finally) there were a lot of people there happy to shoot things again. Moving forward, I can only hope the temperatures keep raising, the snow remains a temporary aberration, and we can hold practice more regularly again.

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**

No separate report at this time.

**Siege**

No separate report at this time.

**Equestrian**

On hiatus. No separate report at this time.

**Arts & Sciences**

**Murakami Tsuruko-Sensei**

Greetings all,

The spring Arts & Sciences Day Camp is set for March 30th at Our Savior’s Lutheran Church, 1015 Veneta Ave in Bremerton. Hours are 10am - 5pm. The event is FRAGRANCE FREE. There will be several classes available including Tassel Making, Embroidery Stitching, Medieval Recipes, and Patternmaking. Details are on the event’s Facebook page under “Arts & Sciences Day Camp”.

The class schedule for the rest of the month at this time is:

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

Additionally, the Research Corpus will be meeting on Wednesday, March 13th. Please contact Maestra Aelianora for details.

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**

This month, although a couple of meetings were missed on account of weather, saw eight new consultations and follow up on two previous ones. I would remind the populace to \*please let me know\* when they send in a name, device, or badge for submission, and preferably to give me a copy of their paperwork. This allows me to follow their submissions on OSCAR and let them know the results just as soon as the decision is made.

I have a heraldry class scheduled for the social on April 23rd. I would like to get suggestions from the populace as to anything topics they would especially like to learn more about.

Lastly, I am shortly taking on a job on the Kingdom heraldic submissions staff, which has educational potential both for me and for any interested persons who would like to learn more about heraldry.

Let me know if you'd like to get involved.

Countess E

**Chatelaine**

**Isemy MaKenze**

Greetings

We had one Demo in Shelton - Boy Scouts Blue and Gold, Thank You Deputy Lady Jess and Sir Gavon (Robert Blackett) Mathias (Matt Suchyta), Octavius ( Christopher Raiford) and Lord Loki. I was informed that it was a great success!

I received and answered 2 emails, guiding one to Culinary and to scribal.

Met a gentleman at social from one of the emails, he was well received and many questions answered.

YIS Isemay MaKenze DL Chatelaine

**Exchequer**

**Master Arontius of Bygelswade**

Checking: $49623.82

Savings: $24289.20

CD: $10251.33

Junefaire paypal is set up. We are rolling up the profit/loss for Candlemas. The event is on the losing side, but not by much.

**Steward**

**THL Kloe of Thira**

We have lots of stuff! If you need stuff, let me know!

**Gamesmistress**

**Chrysallis**

No separate report at this time.

**Lists**

***Position open***

**Webminister**

**Máenach na Cailled**

Not a lot has happened this past month. There were some updates for events, and I am working on a calendar solution so that others have access to update it.

**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**

Greetings! Nothing new to report this month with the weather shutting down several socials. Still looking for someone to become a deputy and step up to the Scribe position next year. Also, please consider submitting a recommendation to Their Excellencies so that a deserving person can be recognized at June Faire!

YIS,

Rhiannon of EaglesFlight

Baronial Scribe

**Librarian**

**Lady Ela Pennayth y Ynis Dewi**

No separate report at this time.

**YAFA**

No separate report at this time.

**GUILDS**

**Bardic**

No separate report at this time.

**Culinary & Spiritmakers**

**THL Ciar ingen Fiachnae**

Greetings!

We had a great February meeting discussing the "odd" dishes that were made in period including Dormouse, tongue, and various dishes made with the bits and pieces many moderns don't use today. (Side note: a lot of other cultures and even some regions of the US still use a lot of those bits and bobs. Dormouse = large flying squirrel = still eaten in various parts of the south. Although possibly not prepared in the same manner)

We discussed the request from Druim Doineann to participate at their public demo held on May 4th during Maypole. Guild response is positive so we're are planning to participate. If you would like to join the guild please let me know, another set of hands/cooks are always welcome. Logistics for any coordinated menus, scullery, and dishes will be worked out in March.

June Faire was also discussed and we're planning to focus on a Roman theme to the food as the source material has been translated many times and there are a plethora of modern works to draw from, works well with the June Faire weather and adapts well if there are fire ban issues. We are not requiring anyone make new garb although there may be a tunica (chiton/peplos) creation day if people are interested.

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**

Greetings unto Their Excellencies Conchobar and Eilidh, Baron and Baroness of Dragon’s Laire and the populace of these great lands.

Great cataclysm and strife struck the Scribal Guild in the month of February as most of the scribes in the local area succumb to that magical sickness that keeps some people from work. We will strive to do better in March and continue to learn as we work.

Any and all that would like to learn the Scribal Arts can contact me (renartlefox@gmail.com) to get yourself involved with the guild.

Renart

**Textiles**

No separate report at this time.

**DRAGON’S LAIRE EVENTS**

**Candlemas (February)**

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

Still working on the data, so the final report is coming.

**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**

Greetings unto Their Dread Excellencies Baron Conchobar and Baroness Eilidh and the populace of the Grand Barony of Dragon’s Laire!

Here in the past month of February, and now the early days of March, those dedicated to the event team are quietly working diligently to lay the ground work for the coming months. Working with the Office of the Bremerton Fire Marshal to get ourselves up to code is Master Arontius, HL Ciar and Master Arion. With research in hand and kid gloves, they have kept us out of the frying pan. Master Andras and Master Cedric our Marshal Coordinators have been busy laying out their evil plans for death upon the great field of war for the event, much to the happiness of all the muggles.

News will soon reach your ears of Equestrian activities for June Faire! The joust! More information will come soon.

Volunteers! Our June Faire event could not happen without all of the vast amounts of help from everyone. We thank you and hope that everyone will help in some way. Many hands make light work and if you wish to be a part, please let HL Kosem know.

I would like to thank each and everyone of the team for all that they do, it is a great deal of work and I definitely could not do it without you.

If you have questions please feel free to send me a email or msg me.

Maitre Renart le fox de berwyk, OP

Event Coordinator

June Faire 2019

**Last Chance (September/October)**

*Baronial Martial Championships*

Nothing to report.

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

**Event Steward: TBA**

Nothing to report.

**Yule (December)**

*Annual Baronial Feast*

**Event Steward: TBA**

Nothing to report.

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

**Proposals**

**Proposal for the Financial Committee**

We want to buy a few good bows for the Barony for loaner gear. Requesting about $150 per bow, give or take, and the archer can buy bow from Barony if they like it. There needs to be a limit to how long one person can have the bow in their possession. They can use loaner gear 6 times, and then you have to be making steps to get your own stuff. Current loaner bows are not more than 25 pounds. Arion has been financing this himself, but the Barony may finance loaner bows instead. The new archer would start investing funds into purchasing the loaner at 6 weeks or 7 weeks, then buy the bow or move on at 3 months. This is not feasible during the winter because we may not have practices consistently during the winter. So perhaps start with 6 loaner sessions and see how it works? Then the person can contract to make payments on the bow (with a contract) and the bow stays with the Barony until it is paid in full. Arion will buy the loaner bows and then be reimbursed, about $450-ish for three bows?

Junefaire, is the CERT gratuity $500 okay? Does it need to be approved? Four groups get gratuity – modern gate, boy scouts $500 each troop, CERT $500. $2000 max gratuity.

Regarding the poof da – Riveroak Baronial equipment was not hit by the fires. The Barony in Eureka requested poof da, as they were significantly hit by 2017 fires.

**Oh-by-the-Way’s**

**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.*