

Baronial Business Meeting

November 2, 2017

Officer reports are verbatim, meeting notes are paraphrased.

Proconsul Augusti, Conchobar Mac Eoin, Baron of Dragon's Laire and Proconsula Eilidh Keldeleth to the Noble and amazing populace of the Barony of Dragon's Laire, optimus baroniain partibus terrarum, Nobilim populum salutat.

As winter descends upon us it is a perfect time to make, do or teach. Arts and Sciences are our core in the society and what better way to learn about history and your persona and new skills than to do them. The amazing artists in this Barony are ready to teach and are happy to do so. There have been some good seeds planted by the wonderful teachers and demonstrators from the Arts and Sciences day camp, which was brilliant, and this is the perfect time to let them grow. As we are trapped in our homes by the rains why not research and do? You will likely be quite pleased with the results.

Please remember we are seeking replacements and augmentations to our Baronial regalia. Several members have taken it upon themselves to modify or replace champion regalia with spectacular results and so we encourage our members to contribute and try your hand. We are in particular need for indoor and outdoor Baronial banners. This is a chance for you to contribute to the legacy of the barony.

The martial arts will continue though there may be some interruptions in locations and times from what we are used to. Depending on the conversation we will have tonight at the business meeting there may be some changes of venues and times but nothing will be decided upon unilaterally without input from the populace. There is a possibility of an indoor site for relatively cheap that can be used for fighting, thrown weapons and archery but it will need to be discussed.

A bit of formal business: Please remember that there is a procedure and a chain of command for just about everything official in the Barony and according to Kingdom and Corporate law. Please remember to discuss with local people first before taking anything to Kingdom or Corporate. This causes confusion and ill will. There is a grievance process and a chain of communication. Please follow it. Please follow the procedure to bid events or expenditures. Please remember that if you want to run an event that incorporates another office's duties, please consult with that office. And if you want to recommend people for awards please fill out the forms and if you want to suggest people for kingdom awards please let The Baron and Baroness know so we can add our voice of approval to those recommendations.

The winter months are a perfect chance to visit our neighbors and to attend Kingdom level events. Every branch has some sort of winter feast coming up between now through January. We encourage you to step out of your comfort zone and visit a neighboring barony's feast event. The Kingdom is hosting Collegium and 12th Night. Both excellent events to learn something new and socialize with your fellow An Tirians. We all depend on each other for the success and support of our events, and it is a good chance to meet new people and learn new things.

As always, in joyful service to the Honorable Barony of Dragon's Laire and the Kingdom of An Tir.

Baron Conchobar Mac Eoin Proconsul
Baroness Eilidh Keldelath Proconsula

Meeting Notes:

There is a large warehouse in Indianola that used to be a commercial mill. The warehouse is empty, and the owner of the warehouse is willing to rent it to the Barony for \$150 a month as long as we take care of the facility and help to maintain the bathroom. It may be hard to find because it is in a residential area, but it would be a great place for us to have indoor fight practice when the weather is wet. There is enough room in the warehouse to also have a sort archery range, maybe 30 yards. We can put up a screen to catch arrows safely, and we can also hold thrown weapons practice indoors if we can solve the issue of thrown weapons falling on a concrete floor.

This building can also be used for the social, arts and sciences, and the like. The building is not warm, but it is dry and indoors.

We are not suggesting that the warehouse replace the VFW hall. The status of the VFW hall will not change. If we decide to rent the warehouse, it will serve as an alternate site for the outdoor activities in the winter when the weather is bad.

It may be possible to buy ¼ inch rubber horse stall mats to line the concrete floor for thrown weapons. The mats are 4x6 feet, and are about \$6 each at Tractor Supply. However, they may be heavy and difficult to move around.

We need to have a conversation about whether the warehouse will be useful for thrown weapons and archery, and if the fighters would want to use this space. To begin this conversation, we will need to arrange a walk-through of the warehouse, and start a dialogue in the Facebook group.

OFFICER REPORTS

Seneschal
Ciar ingen Fiachnae

No separate report at this time.

Meeting notes:

Not much to report. The customary was sent off to Kingdom, but we don't expect to hear anything until December.

Marshallate

Baronial Stuart of House Awry

Greeting mighty barony,

We continue to hold fight practice every Tuesday, and thanks to Andromacha, we have lights once more so that we can continue our practices outside. We also have a new heavy champion, Posiedonious of the Hoplitodromoi, who won the excellent multi-weapon tourney at Last Chance that our previous year's champion Gavinus Britannicus decided upon.

I hope to continue to see many fighters come out each week as we continue to hold practice.

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

Rapier

No separate report at this time.

Archer Stephen of House Awry

Archery practices continue on throughout the Fall/Winter on Sundays.

Last Chance was held and we have a new Champion. There were 5 contenders and m'Lady Artunis proved to be victor.

Please keep an eye on the Dragon's Lair and DL Archers Facebook pages on days of inclement weather to see if we will still be shooting.

IS,

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

Thrown Weapons

Salutations Most Noble of Baronies,

Last Chance went well and a new champion has emerged victorious! Congratulations to [Amber Boutet](#) for becoming the first female Thrown Weapons Champion of Dragon's Lair! We look forward to seeing your skill on the range soon!

Which is all well and good seeing as the thrown weapons range is officially closed until it gets light enough out to safely lob steel around. Assume that no news is good news until next year.

-YIS

Marcel Boutet

Thrown Weapons Office

Barony of Dragon's Lair

Siege

No separate report at this time.

Equestrian

On Hiatus. No separate report at this time.

Arts & Sciences

Countess Elisabeth de Rossignol

October saw the continuation of Tuesday night arts and sciences-related classes. We have had classes on Flat-Felled Seams by Dame Gwen, Making your Seams Pretty by Magistra Alianora, Inkle-Weaving 101 by Dame Gwen and Marquessa Laurellen, and Intro to A&S Competitions by Dame Gwen. Attendance and participation have been fair to good.

The semi-annual A&S Day Camp took place on October 28. About 35 people attended, with visitors from Blatha an Oir, Glymm Mere, Aquaterra, and Druim Doinnan. Magistra Alianora taught Advanced Research, Marquessa Laurellen taught about the Lengberg Bra, Sir Andras taught an arrowmaking class, and there was an informal demonstration of period cookery taught by me. An enjoyable time was had by all.

Upcoming A&S activities include the period dance instruction and ball to be held at Yule, with live music, an edible heraldry competition, and a display of original scrolls belonging to Dragon's Lair folk. Longer range plans are being made for the baronial A&S and Bardic championships to be held at Candlemas in February.

Overall, A&S activity in the barony remains consistent at a fair to good level.

Chronicler

THL Sayako Enoki

Greetings Mighty Barony,

My deputy (m'Lady Kristiana Barron) has joyously returned from her extended expeditions in Drachenwald. Since her return, she and I have had some conversation about The Flames and

about chronicler-ing for our mighty Barony. Now that I have had a few months on my own to get my feet wet, I have a better idea about how to manage my time and what tasks I can delegate to my deputy. M'Lady Kristiana is fairly new to the Society, having played with our household for a few years now. Her perspective as a reasonably inexperienced SCAdian proved to be very valuable during our conversation.

I have always envisioned The Flames as a portal for newcomers, as well as a one-stop-shop for seasoned players. Newsletters are a valuable internal and external communications tool for organizations, and Dragon's Laire is no different. M'Lady Kristiana and I talked about ways that we can make The Flames a hub of information for newcomers and seasoned players alike, in a way that compliments the active media that the Barony already has in place.

What I don't know, and where her perspective has been valuable, is what information newcomers want or need to see in our newsletter. M'Lady Kristiana and I talked about hosting a sort of focus group with newcomers and less experienced SCAdians of the Barony. It would help me tremendously to know what information newcomers would like to have had easily available as they began their pursuit of the Dream, and what information would be continuously useful. Whether we host such a group remains to be seen as my schedule is quite spoken for until well after the New Year, but stay tuned. We will flesh out our ideas before we make any concrete plans.

As always, if you would like to make a submission to The Flames, please feel free to contact me.

YIS,
THL Sayako Enoki

**Herald/Golden Dragon Pursuivant
Murakami Tsuruko**

Greetings,

Congratulations to our new champions chosen at Last Chance in October! The court report was submitted and the OP updates sent to Dexter Gauntlet. Thank you to THL Ciar who helped me during evening court. Next up is Yule Feast in December which will include a Royal court. If you are interested in helping out with heraldry please contact me. Countess Elisabeth is available for heraldic consultation at most fight practices. Also check out the links to heraldic information that she's posting to the Baronial FB page.

YIS,
Murakami Tsuruko
Golden Dragon Pursuivant

Chatelaine

No separate report at this time.

Meeting notes:

It has been a quiet month. Isthmay will take over reports in February.

Exchequer Gabrielle de Cameron

The Barony's bank balances are as follows:

Checking: \$46,234.11

Savings: \$24,284.55

CD: \$10,232.09

Meeting notes:

Have not yet looked into the purchase of another CD.

There is no report yet for Last Chance. I am waiting to be sure that there are no final expenses.

Steward Arontius of Bygelswade

No separate report at this time.

Meeting notes:

If you need anything for Yule, please contact Renart so we can make a plan to get it out of storage.

Gamesmaster Emil Paulus

Nothing new to report. I'm hoping to make a couple of Tafl Boards before Yule. Wanting to step down as Gamemaster soon for lack of interest in games.

Emil Paulus

Lists

No separate report at this time.

We are still looking for a replacement. There are not a lot of responsibilities as far as commitments to events. Please contact Amber (NEED EMAIL) for more information.

Webminister Maenach

General corrections and updates to the DL web site continue; this month much of the activity was related to Last Chance, A&S Day, Yule, and Candlemas. I also added the schedule plans for the next several Tuesday evening classes.

I also did some work on the Award Recommendations page, including lots of behind-the-scenes tweaking and replacing the "are you a robot?" test. I didn't hear any complaints after swapping the robot test on the reports submission page so I'm optimistic that it will go smoothly here, too.

I continue to update the way that monthly reports are sent. The mailing list is very particular about the messages it receives, and it turns out that many of the monthly reports are being flagged for manual approval. I hope to resolve this before the next round of monthly reports, and before Ralg gets fed up with manually approving these messages...

As a reminder: if you'd like to add something to the web site, please send webminister@dragonslaire.org an email. I use that inbox as my "to do" list so sending to it is the most reliable way to make sure something gets done.

The system I use to help myself keep track of my work on the DL web site also makes it easy for me to generate a detailed report on the work I did over the past month. You can check it out below... let me know whether or not you find this useful or interesting!

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This report was generated by the command: git log --reverse
--date=short --format="%cd: %h %s%n%b" --since=2017-10-01
--before=2017-11-01
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2017-10-01: 579e7a5 Fix Content-type error on officer report

2017-10-01: b28e059 Send reports to submitter & DL list

2017-10-01: 16565fb Further improvements to officer reports form

- Better error handling & reporting
- Simpler generation of the position selection menu
- Form fields use label elements which might help assistive tech

2017-10-01: cda6f3b Update June Faire event page with info from Kloe

2017-10-02: 5df2a23 Clean up CSS (no functional changes)

2017-10-01: 81f3a73 Update Candlemas page with Novice A&S tourney info

2017-10-02: 57e5113 Update officers, correct latest Honored Marshal

2017-10-12: febe85a Add info about Yule sock drive

2017-10-14: d38f1d4 Correct address for Last Chance 2017

2017-10-23: 88028aa Updated A&S Day page for Fall 2017

2017-10-23: 3312637 Update Yule page with schedule items from Gwen

2017-10-23: 0131e71 Update schedule with info from Ciar

2017-10-23: d0c6b3d Updated DL A&S page with class schedule from Gwen

2017-10-26: d0dceb6 Update champions from Last Chance 2017

2017-10-31: 868ecde Send reports to monthly_reports@dragonslaire.org
Instead of specifying the individual email addresses in the PHP code, just send to monthly_reports@dragonslaire.org which will be configured to forward to the relevant places.

2017-10-31: 8d09015 Reformat the award recs code, generate options

2017-10-31: 1ac71f8 Award Recs: Replace securimage.php with reCAPTCHA
also a few formatting tweaks, etc.

YAC's

We need a YAC's officer.
No separate report at this time.

Scribe

Rhiannon of Eaglesflight

It continues to be quiet for the Scribal community. The appropriate charters were provided for Last Chance, and more are being prepared for Yule. (Feel like painting? Contact me!)

Recommendations for awards are needed NOW for Yule! Please send to Their Excellencies.

I am usually available at the weekly Socials, and additionally on FB or the email list for questions or assistance.

Librarian

Greetings!

We have had several baronial library books checked out this month :) Please contact me if you would like to borrow or search for a book on medieval history, art and crafts, culinary or martial topics in our baronial library. You may come visit the tomes on Bainbridge Island or I am happy to search the stacks and bring you the books to our Tuesday baronial socials! You must have a current membership in SCA to check out a book, but you are welcome to review the books at our social if you do not have a membership card. You may reach me via our baronial Facebook Page, or elaynisdewi@gmail.com.

Yours in Service,
Ela Pennayth y Ynis Dewi
Dragon's Laire Baronial Librarian

YAFA Emil Paulus

Not the Deputy to the Kingdom Family Activities Coordinator anymore, but did let the Kingdom Seneschal know willing to step back into that position, if needed, when they get a permanent person.

Getting Family Activities and YAFA ready for Yule. Trying to get registered with the Society for being able to cover more YAFA Tokens.

Emil Paulus

GUILDS

Bardic

No separate report at this time.

Culinary & Spiritmakers

The Culinary guild meeting was held at m'lady Lucy's humble hobbit house on the 26th of October and a good time with great food and conversation was had by all in attendance. Topics of conversation ranged from the brewing of cider vinegar, what sugars were used in period and how they were acquired, then onto pie crusts with the age old conflict of lard versus butter! Other conversations were had on that upcoming event called June Faire and how the guild will interact with the event, what foods will be used for the demonstration, there will surely need to be more conversation on this topic.

M'Lady Lucy has once again come to the rescue and offered her lovely house for the November guild meeting, where we will do some of the preparation for the Yule Feast, butters and onion relish for example.

Renart

Costumers

No separate report at this time.

Scribal

Dragon's Laire Scribal Guild will host an Original Scroll Display at Yule. We have so many talented and generous members throughout our DL Lands, this is surely to be a grand display. What is an original scroll, you may ask? It is just as it sounds, an original work of illumination commemorating a high level award for great deeds and talents within our SCA Knowne World. Some of these are local awards, such as a DL Wyvern, Dragon's Pearl, Dragon's Heart, Drake's Shepard. Other Kingdom original scroll awards commemorate the elevation of an An Tir Artisan to Laurel or that of a selfless gentile, whose outstanding achievement in service to the Kingdom calls forth an award of The Order of the Pelican. Both Laurel and Pelicans are elevated to the pinnacle of Peerage and may carry a Patent of Arms. There are also Martial Awards commemorated with an original Scroll. Oftentimes an original work of art may be given in lieu of an original scroll. Other works of art (i.e. not an illumination), given in elevation to Peerage or an award such as Dragon's Laire Order of Pearl or Wyvern, will be displayed at Candlemas, so we would like original scrolls only at this time for our Yule display.

If you would like to display your award, please send me an email response to reserve your display space with your name, title of award and year. I will have table top easels worthy to support such works of art, or if you have your own easel, please let me know. We will have a table (or two) and corner for standing easels. I will need to know by December 1, to make ready for such a grand display!

Your Devoted Servant,
Ela Pennayth y Ynis Dewi
Dragon's Laire Scribal Guild Head
elaynisdewi@gmail.com

Textile

No separate report at this time.

EVENTS

Arts & Sciences Day Camp

Day camp went well, and thank you to everyone who came. Receipts have all been turned into the Exchequer. We took in \$139.30 in donations.

We are starting to look for an indoor site for April Arts & Sciences day camp.

Yule

Event Report November 2017

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Greetings unto all present!

Preparations for the event move ahead at full speed currently. The schedule is slowly being fleshed out with all the things that will be happening throughout the day. An open fight practice has been added to the schedule at 1pm at the request of His Excellency Conchobar, things are looking good for a fun day. Court proceedings will begin tentatively at 4:30pm and will continue until it is over, with the feast scheduled to begin at 6 pm.

The event staff will have access to the site for setup at 8AM, we will begin to clean up the site at 9PM, and then will need to be off-site by 10PM. This should be plenty of time. Aside from the event crew and those volunteers that have been assigned responsibilities, we will not be opening Gate until 10AM on the event morning.

I will be making the sojourn to the lands of the Three Mountains mid-month to pick up all the decorations from the An Tir decor team.

Advertising has been running smoothly and we are looking excellent on registrations.

Do not forget the sock drive, we want to show our best, and Dragon's Lair rocks.

Please direct any questions straight to me.

In service to Crown and Coronet,
Renart

Last Chance

Candlemas

Greetings, all,

As you've probably heard by now, at the Candlemas event on February 3, 2018, we will choose our new Baronial A&S and Bardic Champions, as well as new Baronial Scholars.

Those wishing to enter the Baronial A&S or Bardic Championships must send a Letter of Intent to the Baron and Baroness and to me no later than Twelfth Night (January 14, 2018.) The Letter of Intent must have the following information in it: Who you are, your contact information, what you are planning on entering (as much detail as possible will make it much easier for me to find

judges). If you have questions, please don't hesitate to let me know. When you send your Letter of Intent, I will send you a reply indicating that I have received it.

Please take note that the Bardic Championship this year will follow the new Kingdom format. That is, each entrant will perform during the feast at Candlemas, and the Baron and Baroness will make their decision based on this. This will require minimal documentation.

Those wishing to do a more research-oriented performance art entry may enter the A&S Championship if they so desire.

If you are interested in entering a paper to be considered for inclusion in the Scholars of Dragon's Laire, your letter of intent is also due at Twelfth Night and your paper is due by January 20, 2018, which is 2 weeks before Candlemas. This is to facilitate its reading and discussion by the current Scholars of Dragon's Laire. If you have any questions, please ask me or any of the current Scholars of Dragon's Laire.

Finally, if you don't feel ready yet for the Championship competition, but would like some detailed feedback on a current project, contact me. We will try to arrange this for you, depending on time and space constraints.

Countess Elisabeth de Rossignol, OP, OL, etc.
Dragon's Laire Arts and Sciences Minister

Junefaire

If you have June Faire Questions or concerns please let me know via email at:
kloeofthira@gmail.com

We look to flesh out the June Faire team, adjust some things, and hopefully have a first team meeting in the beginning of December.

Lots of ways to help, so please sign up!

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc8hX7OZGzZrmKGFNp5ynQjfgQksHyujjm5XpJ6_YWyk5wbPQ/viewform

Thank you all,
Kloe of Thira

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

General Business

Be sure to check the Order of Precedence (OP) to make sure that your information is correct, especially how your SCA name is listed and spelled. We use the OP as a reference and a cross reference, and the OP does contain errors, so please take a minute to verify your entry.

The Order of Precedence can be found here:

<https://op.antirheralds.org/index.php>

The OP is a database of awards and can be searched by Royal reign, branch, awards, or personae name. You will not have an entry in the OP if you have not received any awards, or have awards from less than a branch level (such as household awards). Awards from other kingdoms should appear in the OP, but may not.

If you have any corrections to make to your entry in the OP, email them to dexter-gauntlet@antir.sca.org