

## **Baronial Business Meeting**

**October 5, 2017**

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

Proconsul Augusti, Conchobar Mac Eoin, Baron of Dragon's Laire and Proconsula Eilidh Keldeleth, Baroness of Dragon's Laire to the most amazing barony in the knowne world. Tibi gratias ago nobilium multitudine.

What a delightful day! It was a small Last Chance but it was an awesome one. THL Andromacha Tou Lexvos and her team made the day seem effortless. We are mindful of all the work and time that went into getting this event done, but when the day came, you made it look easy. Thank you.

We would also like to thank all the many people who helped set up and take down. It went so quickly it was almost like fairy magic.

The competitions were fierce and as usual our outgoing champions created some challenging scenarios for the participants. It was a pleasure to be able to watch and participate in the trials people faced. The victors were truly champions and earned their new titles.

We would like to recognize Our outgoing Champions who all served us with honour and were examples of the best of Dragon's Laire. Thrown Weapons: Arcos Stephen of House Awry, Rapier: Gareth Hir, Heavy: His Lordship Centurio Decimus Marius Gavinus Brittanicus and Archery: Her Ladyship Khloe of Thira. It was an honour to have you all serve us and spread the word of the might, strength and skill of Dragon's Laire. You will be flames forever.

Our new Champions are equally as pleasing to Us. Congratulations to Her ladyship Kosem as Thrown Weapons Champion, Lord Poseidanus as Heavy Champion, Lord Ambrose as Rapier Champion, and wonder of wonders and very skilled surprise M'lady Arturis as Archery Champion. What a privilege it was to be able to witness their feats of skill.

A new piece of Champion regalia was unveiled this weekend. THL Andromacha took up the challenge to create a Champion's cloak for heavy. She incorporated the old and venerable baldric with all the names of past Champions and made a cloak worthy of the history of Dragon's Laire, and one ready to carry our traditions into the future.

A special thanks to Our Cousins Madrone, Baron Enzo and Baroness Spike. It was lovely seeing them and being able to enjoy their delightful presence.

Thanks to Maestra Laurellan for showing us her magnificent loom and grace our hands with the fruit of her labours. We will struggle to present this work to a worthy recipient.

Thank you to house Awry for their counsel. It will not go unheeded.

All in all, the day was mellow and pleasant, and it was lovely being able to just spend time with Our family.

Laetusque in servitatem humiliata  
Conchobar Mac Eoin and Eilidh Keldelath  
Baron and Baroness of Dragon's Laire

## OFFICER REPORTS

**Seneschal**  
**Ciar ingen Fiachnae**

Greetings Mighty Barony!

The final comments for the Customary have been accepted and the document will go to THL Sayako for final review before heading off to the Kingdom Seneschal for approval.

Thank you to everyone who has stepped up the Event Steward, all of our events through June Faire are assigned. If you are interested in joining a team, there are many positions, deputy positions, and volunteers needed for various events!

Also, Maitre Renart has agreed to teach an Event Steward class so if that's a path that you are interested in but would like more information, keep your eye on that joining the schedule in the next few months.

Volunteers! Volunteers! Volunteers! Candlemas is still looking for team members and helping hands. June Faire will be looking for many hands to make light work - there are definitely some cool things being developed for people to help on.

Lady Ciar ingen Fiachnae  
Seneschal

Notes for others:

Are you interested in a once a month sewing circle/garb creation meet up? Lucy of Smithshall and I (Ciar) are gauging interest.

LAST CHANCE FOR GARB - next Tuesday, October 10, the remaining items sorted from Gold Key will be available, if you or friends need garb here's your chance! We are accepting donations.

CLOSETS SALE - the Gold Key closets are for sale. \$10 each. On October 10 during Social

A&S Play Day - October 28

It's time again for Dragon's Laire Arts and Sciences Day Camp! Come join us for a fun, stress-free day of working on projects, learning something new, and generally getting your geek on!

New Site--We will be meeting on Saturday, October 28 from 9 to 5 at the Sheridan Park Community Center, 680 Lebo Blvd, Bremerton WA 98310. There will, as usual, be plenty of tables, chairs, and electric outlets.

Lunch will be potluck, so please bring something tasty to contribute. There is a kitchen so things can be warmed up, but bring your own pots and pans if needed. Disposable eating gear will be provided.

There will be some informal classes, schedule and instructors TBA. Interested in teaching something? Please get in touch.

Garb is not required. Come and go on your own schedule, bring a friend if you like. There is no site fee, but donations will be very welcome.

~Countess Elisabeth de Rossignol, Dragon's Laire Arts & Sciences Minister

Meeting notes:

All bids have been taken care of.

There is an event steward course coming soon. Please contact Master Renart for more details.

### **Marshallate**

#### **Baronial**

##### **Stephen of House Awry**

While we continue to have new archers on the range, it is nowhere near the numbers that we had after June Faire. The short range is open whenever we have people show up.

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Meeting notes:

Practices have been well attended, and the lights are up. Thrown weapons will be shutting down for the evening. Archery practice is now Sunday afternoons. We will be having York rounds every couple of months.

### **Rapier**

No separate report at this time.

## **Archer**

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## **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**

No separate report at this time.

## **Chronicler**

Greetings Mighty Barony,

Modern life has been merciless, and I am behind on all of my obligations. Many apologies to the populace for my tardiness. I expect smoother seas in the future, including the joyous return of my deputy from her expeditions to Drachenwald and the surrounding unknown lands. I will be able to become more timely with my chronicler-ing for our mighty Barony in the near future.

I had produced a simple version of The Flames for August that I had to abandon for lack of technical good juju's. I have since found a workaround to thwart the Adobe InDesign fairies and their thoughtless mischief, so all is not lost. I managed to salvage the August newsletter, and I have a workable solution for its fairy mischief going forward. Please take a look, even though most of the information is obsolete. There are links in blue that are meant to be clickable and the text is supposed to be searchable, but alas, they are not because of the process that I had to use to salvage the file. I may continue this simple format for the foreseeable future. It's fancier than a Word document, but less than what I envision. I will make design changes and develop themes as time permits. Realistically, that will probably be after the New Year.

If you have anything that you would like to submit for The Flames or if you have ideas for content, please feel free to contact me. I gladly welcome submissions.

YIS,  
THL Sayako Enoki

**Herald/Golden Dragon Pursuivant  
Murakami Tsuruko**

Greetings,  
Last Chance is coming! If you are interested in helping out with heraldry at the event 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**

Meeting notes:  
Lady Isthmay is our new Dragon's Laire Chatelaine! Jess will be remaining on as her deputy.

**Exchequer  
Gabrielle de Cameron**

The Barony's bank balances are as follows:

Checking: \$45,981.75  
Savings: \$24,284.35  
CD: \$10,232.10

Meeting notes:  
We are still researching the possibility of purchasing another CD.

**Steward  
Arontius of Bygelswade**

Steward Report.  
October, 2017.

1. Usual Notes - 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>](mailto: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. 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.

2. Remaining Gold Key garb located in the Baronial Storage Unit, as well as the Gold Key closets, will be made available at an upcoming Baronial Tuesday Social for sale. This is scheduled for the Social of Tuesday, October 10th.

3. If you are in charge of any function at Last Chance (on October 14th) for which you'll need Baronial assets stored in the Storage Unit, please contact me as soon as possible so we can pull the needed material in plenty of time to get it to you for Last Chance at the Longbranch Improvement Club (transportation help would be sincerely appreciated). Please also remember to coordinate your needs with the Last Chance Autocrat, Andramacha. The tentative plan at this time is to meet at the Storage Unit on Saturday, October 7th, to pull out whatever is needed in support of Last Chance.

4. If you are in charge of any function at Yule for which you might need Baronial assets; again, please get in touch with the Autocrat, Renart, so arrangements can be made to transport all the needed equipment to the event.

Meeting notes:

If you need things out of storage for Yule, please connect with Master Renart to make arrangements.

### **Gamesmaster Emil Paulus**

Nothing new to report, other than getting ready for Last Chance and Yule.

Emil

### **Lists**

No separate report at this time.

Meeting notes:

Heavy and rapier Lists will be at Last Chance.

We need volunteers for Lists for Junefaire.

### **Webminister Maenach**

The Dragon's Laire web site continues to improve! Highlights for this month:

- Updates to several event pages, with more to come. I hope to improve my response time on this kind of update going forward.

- There was a hiccup where I didn't have access to the DL calendar for a while. That has been resolved.
- The reports page has been improved in several ways:
  - The anti-spam check ("verify that you're human") should be easier to use in most cases.
  - I added tags which should make the form work better with assistive technology such as screen readers. If you use such technology, please let me know how it works for you by emailing me at [webminister@dragonslaire.com](mailto:webminister@dragonslaire.com) - good or bad, I'd like to hear it. I plan to make similar changes to other pages on the site.
  - I made some styling changes intended to make the page easier to use.
  - The form now automatically submits a copy to the DL email list.

#### Meeting notes:

Website has been updated, report submission forms updated. There has been positive feedback on the new format of sending reports to the email list and to the Chronicler, and we are working on posting reports to the Facebook group. We plan on making similar enhancements to the award recommendation list. The Officers' page has been updated.

We are trying to make the website more accessible to people who use assistive technologies., and have started with the report submission page. We are asking for advice from people who use those technologies for feedback on the pages and their usability.

#### **YAC's**

*We need a YAC's officer.*

No separate report at this time.

#### **Scribe**

**Rhiannon of Eaglesflight**

This past month has been quiet. We are prepping for Last Chance. I am unlikely to attend tonight but am available via the email list or FB or phone.

#### **Librarian**

Meeting notes:

We have books, come see THL Ela if you want them. She can help with research, and also help with modern libraries

#### **YAFA**

**Emil Paulus**

I helped with Family Activities at Banner War. Getting ready for Last Chance and Collegium, might be teach at Collegium.

Emil

# **GUILDS**

## **Bardic**

No separate report at this time.

## **Culinary**

No separate report at this time.

## **Spiritmakers**

Meeting notes:

There has been some participation this past month. The next meeting will be the fourth Thursday in October, please message for the address. Cider and that sort of thing will be the topic, and a general planning meeting. Facebook and email lists will get reminder posting.

\*\*\* THL Sayako has many, many empty bottles of all sizes, including beer bottles of various sizes, wine bottles of various shapes and colors (some of them may be champagne bottles, not sure), and growlers (clear growlers and brown growlers with screw caps). The clear growlers are brand new and still in their boxes. They are destined for the recycling unless they find a loving new home. Please contact Sayako if you are interested. They have been in the basement for some time, so all need a good wash and sanitizing.

## **Costumers**

No separate report at this time.

## **Scribal**

The guild has been quiet. We will be assisting decorators with stained glass windows. For A&S Day, we will work on windows.

We need award recommendations for the winter season so the scribal guild has stuff to paint.

## **Textile**

No separate report at this time.

## **EVENTS**

### **Yule**

Planning is going well. Socks are on the top of the site's list for emergency donations. The Feastocrat is testing recipes for the feast, and the testing is going well. Countess E is planning things for A&S, there will be dancing and music.

There will be a scroll display at Yule. Submit your scroll if you would like to display a scroll.

Her Majesty will be in attendance, but His Majesty is unfortunately unable to attend.

### **Last Chance**

Last Chance final planning is going smoothly.

Let Andromacha know by Friday if you need anything from the storage unit. Site opens at 9 am for the populace, 8am for set up. Propane fire dishes would be appreciated.

### **Candlemas**

We have site and feast coordinator. Dame Gwen has agreed to be Royal Liaison. We need volunteers for decorations, preregistration, gate, helping, etc.

### **Junefaire**

Event Stewards are not present at the meeting. A starter team is in place, but we always need more volunteers. Need volunteers for tour guides for the A&S area.

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

### **Their Excellencies**

We need award recommendations for the upcoming season, particularly Yule and Candlemas, and we need Kingdom award recommendations for Twelfth Night. Please let Barony know if you submit a Kingdom recommendation.

Regarding winter fight practice, there is the possibility of cheap indoor site (the mill in Indianola), but it is some distance away.

His Excellency would like to build a Saxon house as period-correct as possible in the backyard, and document the process on video. Please join if you're interested.