

# **Baronial Business Meeting**

## **September 12, 2017**

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

### **OFFICER REPORTS**

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

Report as submitted:

Greetings Mighty Barony!

We have had a busy summer and our word fame has spread throughout our Kingdom and into the Greater Known World, all due to your efforts! Huzzah!

Maitre Renart le fox has agreed to do a class/session on Event Stewarding and putting a bid together. Look for more information on that soon.

Slight bit of business, if you are an Officer that has recently renewed your SCA membership, please let me know your updated expiration date.

On a personal note, thank you to everyone for your patience and kindness this summer as I dealt with a busy schedule and the passing of my Grandfather. Many of you reached out with kind words, hugs, and offers of assistance and it was all greatly appreciated!

In Service,  
Lady Ciar ingen Fiachnae  
Seneschal

Meeting notes:

The customary is almost done. There are two things left to email out to customary committee, and then THL Sayako will do final edit and proofread.

**Marshallate**

**Baronial**  
**Stuart of House Awry**

Monthly Marshals report,

Greetings Mighty Barony, we have had a great year so far with well attended practices, lots of new fighters for all disciplines most of whom have found most of if not all of their own equipment, there was a thrown weapons tournament for new comers held in the last month that

went well. As we move into the dark and wet season we will pull out the lights and keep fighting as long as possible, keep training and repair our armor during the down times.

YIS, THL Stuart Mangold, Marshal of Dragon's Laire

Meeting notes:

We need YAC's officer, and we have the YAC armor back.

Archery is back to Sunday afternoons, 1:30pm - 3:30pm-ish

We may be hosting a York, look for more information to some

### **Rapier**

No separate report at this time.

### **Archer**

**Stephen of House Awry**

Greetings mighty Barony,

Archery activities have been going along smoothly over the past month. The short range has been quite popular, but its popularity has been dwindling as of late (as it does). There have been the full compliment of archers on the long range and only 1 canceled practice this summer.

Starting September 17th we will be moving to Sunday afternoon practice from 1:30-3:30 due to the dwindling light. Here is to hoping the fall/winter will not be as wet as it was last year and we will be able to hold more than 2 practices.

Please keep a look-out for a York announcement. We are planning one but need to coordinate and announce with enough time for it to be official and score-able.

IS,

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

### **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**

### **Elisabeth de Rossignol**

Because of other obligations, this has been a slow month for Arts and Sciences. However, now that September Crown is past, I would like to start a series of mostly weekly classes on Tuesday evenings, starting September 25. Subjects will be announced via the baronial Facebook page.

## **Chronicler**

No separate report at this time.

## **Herald/Golden Dragon Pursuivant**

### **Murakami Tsuruko**

Greetings,

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. All kinds of cool stuff there.

Thank you to my deputy THL Andromacha Tou Lesvos for helping out with court heraldry during evening court at September Crown.

YIS,

Murakami Tsuruko

Golden Dragon Pursuivant

## **Chatelaine**

### **Jess of the Roving Irishmen**

August continued to see many of our New Comers coming to fight practice. I didn't receive any email inquires, however, we did hold a demo for a local church. I'd like to thank the following people for giving up their free time and making the demo great despite the heat we were experiencing:

Jess: Life in the middle ages

Isemay: Book Binding

Ioin and Tom (whose SCA name is escaping me at the moment): Archery

Ciar: Culinary/Almond Milk

Theodoric: Brewing

Ela: Scribal Arts

Kassandra: Bobbin Lace

Diana: Chain Mail

Rhiannon: Embroidery and Scribal  
Leonard: Bardic Arts  
Leonard's Lady: Lucet Weaving  
Andras, Ketil, and Chris (new fighter whose SCA is escaping me at the moment): Fighting

In Service,  
THL Jess, Chatelaine

**Exchequer**  
**Gabrielle de Cameron**

The Barony's bank balances are as follows:

Checking: \$49,982.75  
Savings: \$24,284.15  
CD: \$10,230.16

Meeting notes:

We want to put \$10K, maybe \$15K in another CD so that it will earn more interest.

Ciar suggested that we have a line item budget and have 2 years worth of cash as liquid rather than invested since it can be difficult to get money out of a CD.

His Excellency also suggested that we need to have enough liquid cash to cover for catastrophic weather conditions and absorb losses if Dragon's Laire events must be unexpectedly cancelled.

**Steward**  
**Arontius of Bygelswade**

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>](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.

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. Please see the Seneschale's reminders for details.

3. If you are in charge of any function at Last Chance 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.

4. 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.

### **Gamesmaster**

No separate report at this time.

### **Lists**

If you are interested in helping with the Lists, please contact me!

### **Webminister**

#### **Maenach**

Greetings!

Recent updates to the web site include a few corrections to the officers page and initial updates for the Yule 2017 event page. I have also made a few changes behind the scenes to adapt things for how I like to work. KÃ¶sem and I have also begun discussing changes to the design of the web site, and in particular are discussing ways we might make it easier for KÃ¶sem and others to contribute.

Earlier in the month the web site was down for about a day -- in fact, all Dreamhost sites were down for that time. This outage was caused by an Anonymous attack in protest of a neo-Nazi / white supremacist site hosted by Dreamhost. Dreamhost has since banned the site. I don't feel that Dreamhost's actions in this case constitute reason for us to abandon Dreamhost as our provider; if you disagree I'm happy to discuss the matter.

Upcoming work:

- I have heard that the report submission page is hard to find; I'll try to make it more visible.
- I have heard reports that the Captcha code is tripping some people up. I've started looking into using a fancier version (specifically, Google's "CAPTCHA") which should make things easier for people using the submission forms.
- More updates & corrections on the officer's page.
- Continued discussions with KÃ¶sem on design, layout, and possibly back-end technologies.

YIS,  
Maenach na Cailled

Meeting notes:

Work on the website continues. Minor updates are complete, and the transition to the new webminister is complete.

Question for the meeting: It is possible to set it up for officer reports to automatically go to the email list and Facebook. Would the officers like that?

Officers love the idea.

Also, I will work on making a more obvious pathway to get to the reports page.

### **YAC's**

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

### **Scribe**

No separate report at this time.

### **Librarian**

No separate report at this time.

### **YAFA**

Emil

I ran family activities in Aquaterra last month, and had about 12 kids participate. I am ready for Last Chance, and will be going to Banner War this weekend to help with YAFA.

# GUILDS

## **Bardic**

No separate report at this time.

## **Culinary**

### **Master Renart le fox de berwyk**

August, had a decent crew of 8-9 people who went to HL Ella's house. We made some good food, and the mosquitos ate well too. We haven't decided what to do for the September meeting, which will be the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month.

## **Spiritmakers**

No separate report at this time.

## **Costumers**

### **Jess of the Roving Irishmen**

Nothing to report for August.

In Service,

THL Jess, Costumer's Guild Mistress

## **Scribal**

No separate report at this time.

## **Textile**

No separate report at this time.

# EVENTS

## **Last Chance Lady Kosem**

Planning is going smoothly. The biffies will be delivered two days early and will be locked until the event. Propane fire dishes are welcome, and there is a 50/50 chance for rain historically. Ground crew will begin setup at 8am (donuts provided), site opens to the populace at 9am, and we must be off site by 8pm.

## **Yule Renart le fox de berwyk Event Steward**

Greetings unto Their most excellent Excellencies Conchobar and Eilidh, Baron and Baroness of Dragon's Laire and to the Dread Seneschale Ciar ingen Fiachnae I do send greetings!

Concerning Your event Yule 2017! The site has been acquired and paid for, a good measure of the event team has made the lengthy sojourn across the borders to the north of the wall and had a tour of the site. Everyone is excited and event planning is in motion. Registration for the event along with advertising shall begin on the 15th of this month and we will get the ball rolling. Along with a most excellent feast brought to us by HL Ciar and crew, we will have lots of dancing mid-day with Countess Judith, music provided by the Camp Fromage party band. There is to be a display of original scrolls received by the peers of Dragon's Laire and a fun competition of edible heraldry, plan your entry now!

We will also be holding a "Sock Drive" that will benefit the Village Green Community Center Disaster Relief. All socks donated to the cause will then be given to the Community Center where we will be holding the event! Let's show them how we help support such a great cause.

Aside from the feast, the kitchen at the event will be offering soup and bread for lunch, this lunch is provided to all event attendees for a donation, please do so.

There is space outside (weather dependent) if there are hardy folks that wish to hold a fight practice/tournament the day of the event, if there is enough support for such a thing and you have someone willing to MiC the tourney/practice have them speak with me.

If you wish to volunteer to help, please see me and I will get you involved somewhere; many hands make light work and a happy event coordinator.

Renart

Meeting notes:

I did a walk-through of the site. Ideas for decorations are being conceptualized, and service for feast is being conceptualized. Countess E would like to have all the peers of the Barony bring



scrolls that they have received to do a display, and we would like to have an edible heraldry competition - make your heraldry into some edible design. We'd also like to invite bardic champions from local baronies.

Countess Judith will be running the dancing for the day.

### **September Crown 2018 Bid Master Aronitius**

The use of the Port Gamble is proposed. Dredging of bay will be done shortly. There will be enough parking for Crown. Smaller than Junefaire since it's not a public demo.

We'd be expecting about 800 people to attend. The cost estimates are higher since we are using Junefaire numbers, but costs will probably be lower. The projected profit margin should be about \$4000, but it will probably be higher.

The event will all be on one side of the road rather than on both sides of the road like Junefaire was. Equestrian in a possibility, but the question is where on the site can we have it. We would like to have the bowl, but there will be more than one wedding that weekend. It's possible to have equestrian where archery used to be on the south of the cemetery.

Port Gamble is glad to have us back since the merchants were missing the modern business traffic during Junefaire weekend.

Lionsgate and Hawksguard (on the Columbia River) are our competing bids for Crown. Loinsgate just had three crown events there, so they are unlikely to get the bid.

The closest hotels are in Poulsbo, none of the houses in Port Gamble will be available for rent. There are some accommodations in Kingston, and there is a bed and breakfast on site.

\$150 insurance will cover the main site, golf carts, and EQ.

### **Candlemas Bid THL Emil**

The proposed site is the Masonic Temple in Bremerton on 5<sup>th</sup> & Warren. It's on a bus line and close to the ferry. There is plenty of parking, and we have used this site before. The price is the "member" price at \$800 for the whole building. There will be rooms for classes, A&S, and bardic championship.

It will be an extra \$60 to use the dishwasher, but there is a full commercial kitchen.

We need a feast steward.

There would be a \$50 nonrefundable day use deposit for a wet site.

We expect a profit of about \$400

Bid is approved.

**Junefaire 2018**  
**Lady Kloe**

We have not had a full team meeting yet, but we will have one in the next 30 days.

**Arts & Sciences Day**

The VFW hall is not available on any Saturday, so A&S Day will be October 28<sup>th</sup>, at Sheridan Park Community Center on Lebo in Bremerton, from 9am to 5 pm. There is no site fee, you don't have to wear garb, it's just classes. Donations okay. The cost to rent the site is \$304. We are expecting 35-40 people, and we can advertise a class, especially if you want to teach. Talk to Countess E or Ciar if you are interested in teaching a class.

**OTHER BIDS**

**Bid for Archery Pavilion**  
**Magister Arion**

An 18x20 Panther pavilion with walls is about \$1200, however, I propose that we wait until Dec until Panther has their 20% off sale. The archery pavilion can be used for other stuff when not being used for archery.

There is a possible donation of a large pavilion. We need more information about the potential donation, but will move forward with the bid for a Panther in the meantime.

**Other Business and Oh-By-The-Way's**

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

Their Excellencies made the polling, and were offered good critiques that Their Excellencies' will take to heart. Please feel free to connect with Their Excellencies for anything, including positive or negative feedback. We humbly looking forward to the next 3 (or 4) years.

A note on etiquette – When on the eric, feel free to set your own chairs under the Baronial pavilion, but do not sit in the Baronial chairs. Only Their Excellencies or Their Majesties may sit in the Baronial chairs.