

Baronial Business Meeting September 6, 2018

Officer reports are verbatim, meeting notes are paraphrased.

Baron and Baroness

Greetings amazing Barony! Baron Conchobar Mac Eoin and Baroness Eilidh Keldelth hope this missive finds you basking in the glow of the satisfaction of yet another Kingdom event well done.

As we all recover from the hard work of putting on September Crown, let Us express our absolute respect for the hard work and preparation that went into planning the event, and all the near endless volunteer hours that were dedicated throughout the weekend to running EVERYTHING from set up to tear down and all that is required in between. As always We were humbled, amazed, inspired, and motivated by You, the populace of Dragon's Laire.

His Excellency will be going to Banner War the weekend of the 14th. All members of the populace are welcome to join in on the war effort. His Excellency and members of the Legion will be staying in a hotel and not camping on site. Please contact His Excellency if you have any questions or if you wish to join in on the fun

As summer winds down and the days grow shorter and cooler, it is time to turn our minds and hands to gentler tasks than war. It is time to take up the projects that have been set aside for a time. Mend the garb worn thin while on campaign. Learn a new skill or craft to keep idle hands busy through the coming winter. Our weekly Practice site is well suited for these endeavors. Please feel free to bring your projects, questions, or favorite resource material and take the opportunity to share your knowledge with or learn something new from a friend.

Here's to a short and sweet September report!

In Joyful Service

Baron Conchobar Mac Eoin Proconsul and Baroness Eilidh Keldelth Proconsula

OFFICER REPORTS

Seneschal

THL Ciar ingen Fiachnae

Greetings!

I realized that I had actually forgotten to submit my report... Apologies!

August and early September were incredibly busy with Crown prep and running! One of my primary tasks as Seneschal is to try and facilitate the smooth running of our events, which can not be done without our many volunteers. I hope I was able to thank each of you in person but if I missed you, thank you! We could not have done it without everyone who helped with

everything from planning and site lay out to stringing tokens, golf carts, and trash pick. Many thanks also for those that stepped up to talk about what we do with all the moderns who came by on Saturday and Sunday!

If you did not get a volunteer coin, from June Fair or September Crown, Amber and I both have a stash to share out.

The Populace of our Barony is always busy and we have a number of things coming up! We have our own Arts & Sciences Play Day and Yule (see A&S and event reports) as well as Arts Unframed in Wyewood (Kent), Kingdom Feast, and Collegium (several are teaching or coordinating tracks).

Candlemas: We do not yet have a solid bid

Interested in helping out on an event team? You are welcome to ask the Event Coordinator, Their Excellencies, or myself on how to get started!

NO new business. Plans in the future, to have a budget layout by November, based on several years expenses. Not only is this a requirement from Society but it will give us a better guide for spending in the future.

Marshallate

Baronial

Lord Stuart of House Awry

Greetings mighty barony,

We continue to hold a weekly fight practice even as the light starts to fade, soon we'll need to break out the lights as our quest for improvement continues even when the sun stops shining.

Also this past month we held an initial plastic armor construction workshop for some of our new fighters at which we built 4 sets of demi-gauntlets and gorgets, big thanks to his excellency for providing the plastic.

YIS, Stuart of House Awry

Rapier

No separate report at this time.

Archer

Lord Stephen of House Awry

No separate report at this time.

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 Artisan's Village at September Crown was a great success!! There were classes, bardic performances and artisans plying their crafts all weekend. There were many positive comments and the artisans enjoyed it. Thank you to everyone who made it such a success, especially Dame Gwen who did the bulk of the work managing it, using her mad Tetris skills to organize the layout in spite of some last-minute changes and for doing the set up. I threw my back out the week before the event and was minimally mobile during it and she really stepped up to make the Village happen. I can't thank her enough.

At fighter practice in August we held roundtable discussions on embroidery and culinary arts. Dragon's Laire participated in the Artisan's Village at Autumn War.

Thomas Staley will be teaching a 3-week bookbinding class using the case-bind technique at fight practice on September 18, October 2 and October 9, 2018. Class fee is \$30.00 and you must pre-register so he knows how many kits to order. Contact him at thomasstaley973@gmail.com.

There are additional classes planned for fall; I'll get the schedule out as soon as we figure out what and when.

Don't forget about the A&S play day on October 27th at the Eagle's Hall in Port Orchard. Hang out with your A&S peeps and work on projects in a relaxed environment.

Arts Unframed is happening on October 6th in Wyewood. It's a great place to get your A&S geek on with your friends. I highly recommend it.

YIS,

Murakami Tsuruko

Chronicler
THL Sayako Enoki

Modern life is attacking relentlessly, and I am unable to attend the business meeting. I'll see you next time.

Herald/Golden Dragon Pursuivant
Countess Elisabeth de Rossignol

Lots of heraldic activity in August! There were four name and four device consultations that were readied for submission this month, as well many interested questions. Because of a lot of requests I am planning a round table on court behavior, etiquette and protocol, date TBD. A couple of people have shown interest in learning more about heraldry, which I am very much looking forward to. The new procedure for scheduling consultation sessions on Tuesday nights seems to be working out well so far, and I intend to continue.

Chatelaine
Isemy MaKenze

Greetings Great Barony

August was busy with new members getting ready for their first Kingdom event.

The interest level was highly a success, beautiful Garb was made by the newcomers who enjoyed September Crown.

During this month a lot of ideas came up for classes, I will speak with our A&S and the rest of the Barony about bringing forth these classes.

We had a request for Demo in Shelton at their Farmers Market.

I brought it up at the last meeting and posted it on the Barony site the timing did not work out. I asked them to please keep us in mind for future dates.

YIS ~ Lady Isemay MaKenze ~ DL Chatelaine

Exchequer
Master Arontius of Bygelswade

Exchequer:
Checking \$42,102.35
Savings \$24,286.37
CD not available at this time.

Steward
THL Kloe of Thira

Greeting Dragon's Lair!

I have had a grand time as your new Baronial Steward. With September Crown came the perfect opportunity to organize the storage unit. Everything left our existing storage unit for Crown and was returned to a prepared New storage unit, complete with steal shelving and more room.

Next on the agenda is to build a pavilion pole rack, to contain all the poles and other long items in an organized fashion. With it will come color coding every single tent pole. That way when you want a pavilion you just grab the color coordinated everything. Makes life so much easier!

I will also be transferring almost everything into clear bins so that we can actually see what is inside.

Culinary will begin moving their mass of equipment into storage soon as well.

Once the pole rack has been completed the final push to remove all items from the old storage will happen. The sooner the better! We don't want to move in the fall rains. I may be looking for extra hands for that task.

Before the rains begin I hope to replace old poles and paint them to coordinate. I will be looking for assistance for this project, if we don't get them done before the rains then come spring it will become the focus of storage projects.

Future Storage Organization Projects:

Canvas Bags for all the pavilions – keeps the moisture down, right now everything has a bin
Color Coding Poles, Rope Dog Bones, and Stakes
Color Coded Stake Bags
Color Coded Rope Bags

Gamesmistress
Chrysallis

I am attending fighter practice each week that I can and teaching games. We will be making some game boards in the coming weeks.

I will not be able to attend the business meeting this week.

Lists
Position open

Webminister Máenach na Cailled

Welcome to September!

= Web site progress =

With my modern obligations returning to a normal pace and the Kingdom calendar experiencing some problems, September Crown offered the right crisi-tunity to accomplish quite a bit on the Baronial web site. Huzzah!!!(?)

Anyway, I have now laid all the groundwork necessary to build new pages, and rebuild existing pages, in the New Way (tm). For an example of this new way, check out the September Crown event page on the DL web site. The biggest signs that you're on a new-style page are the new font and the new navigation bar at the top. Note that the navigation bar is a work in progress: it's functional but I hope to improve the way it looks.

= Office 365 =

I would like to finish setting up Office 365 accounts this month; if you are an officer and do not yet have your account set up, please contact me so we can get it settled. I have tried to help a few people during social / fight practice but have had trouble with the hall's Internet connection; if this is what works for you then I'm happy to try, but it might be easier to email me from your existing email account so I can help you while you have a reliable Internet connection.

Office 365 setup instructions are linked from the Resources page on the DL web site. Here's a direct link:

<http://www.dragonslaire.org/admin/office365.php>

= Upcoming web site work =

Here are the next few pieces of web site work that I have in mind, roughly in order. Let me know if you'd like me to add anything to the list!

- Make images load faster on smaller screens (use responsive images / "srcset" attribute)
- Create & populate event page for Yule
- Yule team, please send me any info you'd like me to put on this page!
- Create a "person" component to make it easy to ensure that peoples' names are accurate, display personal devices, link to OP, etc.
- As time allows, continue converting more of the site over to the new framework

= The Kingdom Calendar & future event pages =

As many of you know, the Kingdom Calendar has been having some trouble lately. I understand that the Kingdom plan is to move event pages off of the calendar itself and host them elsewhere,

but we're not there yet. In the mean time I intend to continue mirroring event information on the DL event pages as we have done in the past.

Once the Kingdom moves detailed event pages out of the calendar, I hope to do the same on the DL site. My plan is to have general information ("What is Yule?" and the like) on the DL site, then allow event details (specific to Yule 2019, say) to reside on a separate page under the control of the event team. As the Kingdom settles their end of things I will try to match with our site, so that the Populace sees it as one overall transition instead of two. After the dust settles my hope is that accessing information about both Kingdom and Baronial events will "feel" similar.

= Changelist for August =

2018-08-05: 66c9adb Get Webpack basically working

2018-08-05: 3a167b5 Add babel-loader

2018-08-05: ea67c87 Add React and ReactDOM

2018-08-05: 2de4876 Move Babel config into Webpack config

2018-08-05: 7931916 Move React from runtime to Webpack's Babel

2018-08-05: 6b9f58a Use react-helmet to build head element

2018-08-12: 49bbbba Add deploy scripts to package.json

2018-08-12: 9e92831 Typo fixes on PDF links

2018-08-12: a588857 Add notes from June 26 business meeting

2018-08-12: 560d7ca Update champions

2018-08-13: 0604ab9 Stub September Crown page

2018-08-13: 7296585 Rename 'watch' script to 'start'

2018-08-13: 5776ebd Link September Crown page and add a bit of info

2018-08-14: a91e7f6 Configure eslint

2018-08-14: acb4b51 fix eslint errors

2018-08-21: 5e02fcd Link Office 365 Instructions from Resources page

2018-08-21: e7a93e4 Convert top banner to a component

2018-08-21: db3a27b Normalize page structure

2018-08-22: d4d205c Add component for event summary <aside> element

2018-08-22: 373c958 Rough first-pass NavBar component

2018-08-22: ffbc93c Initial rough import of September Crown copy

2018-08-23: 64b9f43 Add subdirectory support; move Sept. Crown page

2018-08-23: 22091b2 Add .editorconfig

2018-08-23: de45f44 Fix September Crown paragraphs & lists

2018-08-23: 1981a23 Fix apostrophes

2018-08-23: d3e3666 Sept Crown HTML entities & spelling fixes

2018-08-23: 3954569 Add Sept Crown images

2018-08-23: 3e264c0 Fix Sept Crown Sunday schedule order

2018-08-23: c173609 Add Sept Crown 'last updated' date

2018-08-28: 729e974 Add .jsx to extension list, normalize config

2018-08-28: 602336c Move pages into a pages/ subdirectory

2018-08-28: 668818c Convert to pure components

2018-08-28: 7a346bb Switch NavBar to use absolute paths

2018-08-28: 476fc87 Add and configure sass-loader

2018-08-28: 24f2d3f Convert Banner component to use SCSS

2018-08-28: e95b4b1 Convert EventSummary component to use SCSS

2018-08-28: 2e7f434 Convert Helmet component to use SCSS

2018-08-28: c401868 Convert Nav components to use SCSS

2018-08-28: 231c62b Move font from Helmet to shared CSS

2018-08-28: 694c3cf Fix & share nav styling

2018-08-28: c16390e Detect www.dragonslaire.org as production

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!

Not much to report this month. We will be starting to prepare for awards for Yule soon, so send in your recommendations! Our newest illuminator is showing significant dedication and skill and is designing new charters already.

YIS,

Rhiannon of EaglesFlight
Baronial Scribe

Librarian
Lady Ela Pennayth y Ynis Dewi

No separate report at this time.

YAFA

On hiatus.

GUILDS

Bardic

No separate report at this time.

Culinary & Spiritmakers
THL Ciar ingen Fiachnae

Greetings!

I apologize for the late posting!

The guild had a great meeting in August, harvesting and sorting and sifting lovage, rosemary, and sage (much thanks to Lucy and Ela!)

We hosted our culinary play area at September Crown, and while not as well attended as we would have hoped, food was made and enjoyed, our sekanjabin tasting was well-received, and we made some new friends. (Hi Eirny and Magnus!) The guild received several pottery donations as well.

We are meeting on Sept 27 at m'Lady Lucy's to start a mead, discuss Thangbrandr's vigil food, and maybe cook something :) All are welcome

Ciar

Costumers

THL Jess of the Roving Irishmen

Not much to report for the Costumer's Guild. I continue to be available at fight practice to assist people with garb questions. I will be holding a rectangular construction class in the upcoming weeks.

In Service,
THL Jess, Costumer's Guild Mistress

Scribal

Maitre Renart le Fox de Berwyk

My apologies for the lateness of my report.

The Scribes of this great Barony came together for a Scriptorium at the VFW (Social Hall) on the 26th of August, it was well attended and we all got some work done on the charters and scrolls we were painting at the time. HL Rhiannon has been working with the scribes each week at social and things have been going well.

Our next scriptorium is scheduled for Sunday the 16th of September and will be held at Foxdog Farm being the hall is unavailable for use for September and October.

Renart

Textiles

No separate report at this time

DRAGON'S LAIRE EVENTS

Candlemas (February)

Baronial Championships for Arts & Sciences, Scholars, and Bardic

Nothing to report.

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

Nothing to report.

Last Chance (September/October)

Baronial Martial Championships

Nothing to report.

Arts & Sciences Day Camp (Autumn)

Event Steward: Dame Gwen the Potter

Nothing to report.

Yule (December)

Annual Baronial Feast

Event Steward: Dame Gwen the Potter

Nothing to report.

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

Proposals

Proposal for the Financial Committee

Nothing to report.

Oh-by-the-Way's

Nothing to report.

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.*