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Baronial Business Meeting November 1, 2018

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Baron and Baroness

Proconsul Augusti Conchobar Mac Eoin and Proconsula Eilidh Keldelth, Baron and Baroness of Dragon's Laire to the most amazing Barony in the knowne world, Salve!

It is so refreshing to finally see the leaves turning the brilliant colors of Red and Yellow. It is lovely to have all that surrounds us painted in the colours of the Barony. This means that there will be plenty of feasts to attend this winter and that 12th Night, Candlemas, Kingdom Arts and Sciences and Queens Rapier Championship as well as Ours and many other Yule feasts are on their way and will be here sooner than we realize. 12th Night will be especially important for the Barony as our own Thangbrand will be elevated to the order of the Laurel. It would be wonderful if we could all be there to offer aid for the vigil and counsel and then witness his elevation.

As the winter days stretch on to the Solstice there are still many activities to partake in during Fight Practice and Social. There will be many classes being offered and many things to see and learn. Sensei Tsuruko, Baronial Arts and Sciences officer is organizing these classes so if you want to know what is coming up or want to teach please contact her.

Arts and Sciences day camp was as always a success and many thanks to Dame Gwen for her organization and effort on this. She already has our spring day set. It was wonderful to see so many people, new and veteran sitting and chatting, learning a new skill or working on projects. It was lots of fun.

Please consider entering to be Baronial Arts and Sciences Champion or Bardic Champion for the competition in February at Candlemas feast. Letters of intent are due to Ourselves and Sensei Tsuruko by 12th Night. Also, if scholarship and scholarly papers are more your bent, please consider submitting a research paper to be considered a scholar of Dragon's Laire. Format and requirement information can be found on the Baronial webpage.

As usual please remember to make award recommendations for either Kingdom awards or Baronial awards. We have Yule and Candlemas coming up and those are great opportunities for us to recognize people from the Barony with an award. But we can't see everything and everyone so please keep those recommendations coming.

We would like to extend a warm welcome to all the new faces and people we have seen coming to Social and Fight practice. We know it can be overwhelming with all the new people and things to do but this really is one of, if not THE most amazing Barony in the knowne world and as such we are very into our "thing" but that does not mean we don't want you to be part of a "thing". Please remember that we are all Chatelaines and we should all strive to be as welcoming and helpful as we can. And if you are one of the newcomers, please say hello and don't feel like you can't ask people about their "thing" be it fighting, scrolls, cooking, book making or whatever. Nothing ventured, nothing gained.

One of the best ways to get fully involved in a new group or activity is to volunteer for an event. We will need servers and crew for Yule and Candlemas as well as gate crew and general assistance and retinue. Please consider volunteering and speak to the event stewards for the event to get involved or talk to us whether you are a veteran or a newcomer. All one really has to do to get involved is offer to help. It really is that simple.

We remain, humbled and in awe of the beauty and strength of this Barony,
Baron Conchobar Mac Eoin
Baroness Eilidh Keldelath.

OFFICER REPORTS

Seneschal

THL Ciar ingen Fiachnae

Greetings!

October flew by. The Finance Committee has approved the bid for Candlemas, look for more news on the event in December.

A final reminder to Officers and Deputies, Q3 reports are due to the various Kingdom Officers by November 1st (unless instructed otherwise :)).

Youth Activities! Members of the Populace continue to strive to support more youth activities. We have two in the process of gaining their background checks as part of their work towards becoming Youth Armored Combat Marshals. The Culinary Guild is working to incorporate youth activities into the Yule Lunch prep and many of the Tuesday Social classes are youth friendly (age depending).

If you are doing an activity where youth of various ages would be welcome OR would like to teach a class or do an activity specifically aimed at youth, let's talk!

Ciar ingen Fiachnae
Seneschal

Marshallate

Baronial

Lord Stuart of House Awry

Greetings mighty Barony,

We continue to hold fight practice even as the light fades faster and faster, it has been excellent to see fighters both new, consistent and returning out each week, and much thanks is due to Andromacha Tou Lésvos for bringing lights out as often as she can it's my hope that I continue to see as many fighters as possible each week.

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

Rapier

No separate report at this time.

Archer

Lord Stephen of House Awry

October has brought with it the rains and practices will now begin to be more sporadic. As always, we will keep you up to date with whether practice will be happening or not. All the score sheets are being rounded up and entered as the scoring season ends on Oct 31.

I have officially transferred all the duties of Chief Archer to Artunis. I will be staying on as a Deputy.

IS,
HL Stephen of House Awry, OGGs
Former Chief Archer or 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

Murakami Tsuruko-Sensei

Greetings all,

Our A&S Day Camp on October 27th was a success. There was lots of learning and sharing of knowledge and resources. Several classes were taught both formal and informal on a variety of subjects. Thank you to those who taught classes:

Silk Fan Painting: Dame Elisabeth FitzWilliam
Head Wraps: Dame Gwen the Potter
Coffee Demo and Discussion: Nelson Ulfger i Jaren
Outdoor Brazier Cooking: DL Culinary Guild
Open Woodworking Shop: Master Raig

Fleece Processing: THL Cassandra
Feasts 101: THL Jess

Dragon's Belly Deli served a spaghetti lunch with proceeds to WildWise School, which was much appreciated. Planning for the spring Day Camp at the same site is in the works and if approved it will be in late March.

Arts and Sciences classes at Tuesday evening fight practice until the end of the year is as follows:

November 6 - Coptic Bookbinding Part 1 with Dame Madrun
November 13 - Embroidery with Magistre Aelianora
December 4 - Coptic Bookbinding Part 2 with Dame Madrun
December 11 - Seam Embellishment with Magistre Aelianora

There are other classes in the works that are yet to be scheduled including Cheese Making Theory with Magistre Aelianora and Carolingian book binding.

Our Gamesminister, Lady Chyrnalis 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 my deputy Dame Gwen.

In the near future Magistre Aelinaora will be starting a Research Guild. If you don't know how to do research or are rusty this is a great opportunity to learn from one of the best. Details to come.

An Tir Collegium will take place on Nov. 9-11 in the College of Cranehaven. An entire weekend of Arts & Sciences learning and geeking out! It's a wonderful event and although it's a bit of a drive to get there it's well worth it.

YIS,

Murakami Tsuruko

Chronicler
THL Sayako Enoki

No separate report at this time.

Herald/Golden Dragon Pursuivant
Countess Elisabeth de Rossignol

Heraldic activity continues, mostly in the form of consulting on names, devices, and badges. Interest continues high. There is a class scheduled for November on heraldic display, which I hope will be well attended.

Chatelaine
Isemy MaKenze

Greetings Barony,

Classes continue to be filled with high interest of learning, and many new friends have been made and families welcomed. We are all Chatelaines encouraging our new families it's great to see.

YIS Isemay MaKenze

Exchequer
Master Arontius of Bygelswade

No separate report at this time.

Steward
THL Kloe of Thira

No separate report at this time.

Gamesmistress
Chrysallis

No separate report at this time.

Lists
Position open

Webminister
Máenach na Cailled

Happy new year!

Monthly reminder: if you hold a Baronial position and don't have an Office 365 email account for that position, please talk to me about fixing that!

Highlights this month for the web site include:

- I converted the A&S Day Camp and Yule Feast event pages to the new system and updated them. (More updates coming soon for the Yule page.)

- I ran a spellchecker on every page on the entire site, correcting everything I could. There may still be spelling mistakes in names, but other than that I think I got everything. Let me know if you see anything I missed!
- I've begun making the web site "plain" HTML instead of PHP, where possible. This theoretically might make it a little bit faster on the server side, but the real benefit is that it means we're more independent of the software running on the server. If and when the Kingdom IT team starts talking again about moving our site to the Kingdom-provided Amazon hosting service, this should make that transition easier.
- I've changed some settings which should make the web pages download even more quickly, which should help when you're using phones and/or unreliable Internet service.

Upcoming work I'm thinking about:

- More Yule updates
- Converting the rest of the pages to the new system
- Converting more names to OP links
- Improvements to the award recommendation and monthly report forms

Detailed changelog:

2018-10-03: 01847cd Add make-log.sh

2018-10-09: 21c752f Simplify template.php

2018-10-09: 0bac825 Set up <EventSummary> to use <Person>

2018-10-10: ac8e82f Set up skeleton for Yule Feast 2018

2018-10-10: e4d97f7 Add Yule Feast 2018 event copy

2018-10-17: a6c1448 Spelling audit part 1/4

2018-10-17: 1005e89 Spelling audit part 2/4

2018-10-17: 72344f1 Spelling audit part 3/4

2018-10-17: 3eef0c6 Spelling audit part 4/4

2018-10-17: 1edf92e Merge branch 'spelling-audit'

2018-10-19: 674a484 Update A&S Day Camp event page

2018-10-19: b1079b8 Update next event sidebar for A&S Day Camp

2018-10-24: 4a52596 Build HTML instead of PHP when possible; split JS chunks

2018-10-24: 5f96453 Upgrade HtmlWebpackPlugin to improve split chunk loading

2018-10-24: 71e4c05 Exclude page JS from common chunk

2018-10-31: 660a440 Simplify chunk-splitting config

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 to report except the amazing ongoing efforts of Kyna to paint every charter that Dragon's Laire has available. We're counting up to Yule, so PLEASE submit recommendations for awards to Their Excellencies!

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!

The guild has been busy testing recipes for snacks that will be offered at THL Thangbrandr's vigil at 12th Night. It's been a great opportunity to explore Norse and Viking foods. The guild meeting on the 25th, with 8 attendees, pickled root veg using whey and prepped cod and pork for smoking. We also have 3 meads in process which will hopefully turn out!

Cooking also happened at the Arts & Sciences day camp, even given the weather. I'm told the setup with quite spiff and the food created smelled amazing.

As the November guild meeting is scheduled for Thanksgiving, we will likely reschedule for another night or a work day in December.

Ciar ingen Fiachnae

Costumers THL Jess of the Roving Irishmen

Nothing to report for October. I will be holding a Rectangular Construction class in the coming weeks. Dates TBD.

In Service,
THL Jess, Costumer's Guild Mistress

Scribal Maitre Renart le Fox de Berwyk

With Kingdom Feast and Bardic Celebration and Arts and Sciences Day and all the other things going on this month We as a Guild had decided to take October off. We have not yet decided on November being it is another busy month. Learning continues, we have several folks who have been busy painting charters for Kingdom, we have some new folks whom I met briefly at Arts and Sciences Day and cannot wait to get to know them, Welcome to those new to us from the West. Yes, their names escape me. Collegium comes quickly, there is to be a goodly scribal track, come get your learn on!

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

June Faire 2019

Team positions mostly filled, still looking for some secondary spots. First meeting completed. We will be scheduling another after Collegium. Some small but important things are being handled currently in advertising, merchants and contracts, all behind the scenes stuff. Things are moving along for 8 months out. Proper Prior Planning Prevents Piss Poor Performance ;)

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.*