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## Baronial Business Meeting December 6, 2018

Officer reports are verbatim, meeting notes are paraphrased.

#### **Baron and Baroness**

Greetings unto the greatest Barony of An Tir!

Once again Dragon's Laire your Baron and Baroness stand in proud awe of you. Another glorious Yule to your credit. An evening filled with friends, family, good food, and joy, and we have you all to thank for it.

As the feast season kicks off in earnest, and We find Ourselves visiting neighboring Cousins, We find the Baronial largess boxes growing empty. If you find yourself with more dark hours than light, and with idle hands, please consider setting your time and skills to helping refill the largess of Dragon's Laire. It is a wonderful way to hone skills and spread word fame as well as enrich the might of this Honorable Barony.

In the New Year, We will begin discussing our stepping down, and succession. The actual date will not be till around Fall of 2020, but it is soon to be time for interested persons to start thinking about the logistics of being Baron & Baroness. It is our personal belief that a longer commitment is best for the health of a barony overall, however there must be a balance between SCA obligations and harmony at home. Most importantly We would remind whomever becomes Our Baronial Heirs that you will represent the Crown of An Tir, and that you will be in service to the populace of Dragon's Laire. Look ahead for some informal meetings with the populace for Us and past Coronets to share some of their experience for those who are considering putting their names in for Baron and Baroness.

As always, In joyful service. Conchobar Proconsul & Eilidh Proconsula Baron & Baroness of Dragon?s Laire

## **OFFICER REPORTS**

## Seneschal THL Ciar ingen Fiachnae

Greetings unto the Might Dragon's Laire!

A very excellent Yule. I second all the kind works already posted and add an extra thank you to the Event Staff and Volunteers who made things run so smoothly.

Candlemas! Next up! As THL Stuart said in his report, more information coming soon! But we are excited as this is a new-to-us site.

As Their Excellencies mentioned, we will be having an open forum discussion during a Social/Fight practice with the current and former Coronets of Dragon's Laire. I've received some questions and requests about what the job actually is here in DL and in An Tir, versus, say the Kingdom of the East. Who best would know? Look for more information about date(s) soon.

There will be NO SOCIAL OR FIGHT PRACTICE ON DECEMBER 25! Please enjoy the day whether its work, family, or take out.

THERE WILL BE SOCIAL AND FIGHT PRACTICE ON JANUARY 1. Especially as most of the celebrating happens on the 31st.

Please stay safe and warm this month as the temps have dropped and are staying there with wet weather on the horizon. Travel safe and have a happy holiday season!

Ciar ingen Fiachnae Seneschal

#### Marshallate

## Baronial Lord Stuart of House Awry

Greetings Mighty Barony,

We continue to hold fight practice in spite of the weather and the light. I'd like to thank the fighters that continue to practice week after week, as well as those who have been bringing out lights.

YIS, Stuart of House Awry

#### Rapier

No separate report at this time.

#### Archer

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

I'm happy to report archery practice has continued uninterrupted. The weather, while cold, has cooperated. Attendance is spotty in the cold weather, but a core group has been steady in attendance.

Special thanks to Thomas of Salisbury for providing targets for the Kingdom SSAC and to Stephen the Sinister of House Awry for backup and helping to ease the transition of handing over the chief archer office.

YIS.

Lady Artunis of Dragon's Laire

Chief Archer of Dragon's Laire Arcuarius and man-at-arms to Sir Andras Truemark, OGGS

#### **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,

At Tuesday night fight practice in November Magistre Aelianora held an embroidery class that was well attended.

Also in November the Research Corpus group held its first meeting which was quite successful. If you are interested in research please contact Magistre Aelianora for the particulars.

In December classes at Tuesday night fight practice will be:

December 4 - Coptic Bookbinding Part 1 with Dame Madrun December 11 - Seam Embellishment with Magistre Aelianora

Part 2 of Dame Madrun?s Coptic bookbinding class will take place in January, date TBD. Classes for the rest of the month are still being planned.

On February 12th THL Kassandra will hold a Cloaks and Coats patterning class. This includes a woman's floor length cloak with hood, a man's cloak 60", and a Norse style coat.

The Baronial Arts & Sciences and Bardic Championships and the Scholar's challenge will take place at Candlemas on February 2, 2019. Deadline for intent to enter the Championships and challenge for Scholar is 12th Night 2019. Documentation must be turned in two weeks before Candlemas. Format will be similar to last years. Full details will be announced soon.

Our Gamesminister, Lady Chyrsalis 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.

YIS,

Murakami Tsuruko

Chronicler THL Sayako Enoki

No separate report at this time.

## Herald/Golden Dragon Pursuivant Countess Elisabeth de Rossignol

The herald has been very much occupied with modern life and travel this past month. I plan to start regular consultation at the socials again, subject to wi-fi access at the site. Other consulting arrangements may need to happen if that continues to be a problem.

Two names have just been registered at Laurel, Stephen the Sinister and Thandbrandr Slngvandbaugi (also known as Stephen of House Awry and Thangbrandr.) Congratulations!

Heralding duty at Yule baronial court was as ever ably performed by Tsuruko Sensei, who will be submitting the report.

The level of heraldic interest in the barony just now is really inspiring to me. More specialized Tuesday night classes will follow after the New Year.

## Chatelaine Isemy MaKenze

Greetings,

We have one newcomer the month of November. Several classes well met.

No Demos.

Holiday Greetings to the Barony, May the New Year Be A Good One.

YIS Lady 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

Greetings!

This month my Webminister work has largely been behind the scenes. The most notable of these changes is that attempting to visit a page that doesn't exist on our site will now display a friendly error message with links to our main page. This helps not just with typos but also when someone has a link to a page which has moved or been renamed. Such cases are more likely now that I've been converting some of our PHP pages into plain HTML & JS.

In addition to that I updated the Yule event page and converted the Arts and Sciences page to the new system.

Between holidays and impending work deadlines, our multi-year project is launching in early January! This month is likely to be a bit light in terms of web site work for me. I will prioritize work related to upcoming events like Candlemas, of course.

As always, please email me at DragonsLaire. Webminister@antir.org if you see anything wrong or missing on the web site.

YIS,

Maenach na Cailled

November change log:

2018-11-01: b4a4a1a Update next event to Yule Feast

2018-11-01: 1efd5de Use rimraf to ensure clean builds

2018-11-02: 20da8cf Run sort-package-json

2018-11-11: ae1310c Add August, September, and October biz meeting notes

2018-11-11: 593d15b Exclude .DS\_Store from rsync

2018-11-11: 2502c71 Add an error page for 404 Not Found

2018-11-11: 1e47bf2 Explicitly set UTF8 encoding in template.html

2018-11-11: 8d5f35b Update Yule Feast page

2018-11-11: 41209ca Create `static/` to hold non-legacy static files

2018-11-12: 88edd88 Convert and update Arts and Sciences main page

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

Gentles All;

Yule has come and gone, and the countdown for Candlemas begins. Keep an eye out for people deserving of recognition by our generous Excellencies. I am stocking up our charters (with Kyna's amazing help) in order to be ready to provide whatever is required.

Happy Holidays!

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!

November passed by in a slew of modern events. The December meeting is currently scheduled for the 27th although I may see about converting to a Saturday work day:)

The meads were allowed to continue doing their thing. Bottling shall happen on Monday the 12th at 6:30 at m'Lady Lucy's in Poulsbo.

Ciar ingen Fiachnae Guild Cat herder

#### **Costumers**

## THL Jess of the Roving Irishmen

I taught Rectangular Construction from measurement to pattern at Collegium. I discovered a couple mistakes in my handout that I need to revise/correct and I'll be ready to teach it again after the holidays. With the rapier fighters practicing inside I am looking into an alternative venue for the classes, most likely Michael's in Silverdale.

In Service, THL Jess, Costumer's Guild Mistress

## Scribal Maitre Renart le Fox de Berwyk

No separate report at this time.

#### **Textiles**

No separate report at this time

## DRAGON'S LAIRE EVENTS

#### **Candlemas (February)**

Baronial Championships for Arts & Sciences, Scholars, and Bardic

With Yule now over it's time once again to start gearing up for Candlemas!! We'll be rolling out more information in the next week or so for the A&S and Bardic Compositions as well as whatever else is decided on, but what I can say is we will be at Suquamish United Church of Christ, at 18732 Division Ave. NE Suquamish, WA 98392 on Feb.2 the doors will open at 10AM it will be a potluck feast with the Barony providing the meat.

Stuart of House Awry, Candlemas Co-Steward

**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** 

Yule was so much fun, and a real success, I think. The entire Barony helped in so many ways. My thank yous can be seen in the FB group.

We had fun dancing, a great A&S and Bardic Championship Round Table, a well attended table banner class, and a fabulous fashion show!

The lunch and feast was delicious, and was well attended.

Master Arontius has been collecting receipts, and should have a report on what we made before long. I am sure we made money on the lunch and feast.

One lesson learned...take before and after photographs. The site will not be giving us back our full deposit because the kitchen was not clean. However, I was last one out, and it looked better than when we found it. I believe it is a losing battle, and I leave it now to the Seneschal. The balance of the deposit will be mailed to Ciar from the Eagles Hall.

Thank you Dragon's Laire!

Gwen the Potter

# 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.