



The Flames of the Dragon

November, 2019

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Minutes of the Finance Committee for the
Branch of the Barony of Dragon's Laire
Kingdom of An Tir, SCA Inc.
November 7, 2019

Those in attendance:

THL Ciar ingen Fiachnae, Branch President
Master Arontius Bygelswade, Branch Treasurer
Baron Connor Mac Eoin, Finance Committee Member
Baroness Eilidh Keldeleth, Finance Committee Member

Checking Balance: \$51,978.80
Savings Balance: \$24,203.28
CD Balance: \$10,257.09

Bids:

- Sensei Tsuruko was contacted by a friend in Portland, OR who has 4 fiberglass bows, two boxes of arrows, and fletching supplies. Are we interested in purchasing? The friend offered \$100 a bow and the arrows and fletching free if all purchased. Discussion about how may be available to view the bows prior to the estate sale on December 4th. Agreement to pre-approve \$400 if the bows are worth purchase, with the idea that they would be added to the supply the baronial archery community uses for the lend-purchase program.
- THL Jess of the Roving Irishmen proposed a bid to purchase 500 buttons for attendees at Dragon's Laire, and potentially Kingdom events, that allow them to choose their preferred pronoun. The total purchase would be \$165, including shipping, and we would accept donations to cover costs (roughly \$0.28 per button). Approved.
- Lady Isemay bid for Candlemas on February 1, 2020. \$15 site fee (-\$5 for members) and \$10 feast fee. To be at the Lutheran Church in Bremerton. Site approved by A&S Minister for Championships. THL Jess is mentoring and Maitre Renart will do the feast. Approved.

Other stuff:

- Her Excellency, Eilidh, proved an update on the breast cancer fundraiser with the pink, hand dyed and stamped towels. \$100 has been turned into the Barony, covering costs, and HE continues to sell the remaining towels.

Ciar ingen Fiachnae
Submitted November 15, 2019
Seneschal

Baronial Business Meeting

November 7, 2019

Officer reports are verbatim, meeting notes are paraphrased.

Baron and Baroness

November 2019

Proconsul Augusti Conchobar Mac Eoin, Baron of Dragon's Laire and Proconsula Eilidh Keldelth, Baroness of Dragon's Laire to the noble and hardworking populace of Dragon's Laire Salvete Omnes!

It is amazing to think that the clock is ticking down on Our final year of service to this Barony as Baron and Baroness. We look forward to seeing what may come in the next year and look back on Our time with joy and appreciation for all the things that we were able to experience and witness. To that effect, if you are considering serving as Baron and Baroness please feel free to ask us questions and consult with us about this role and watch for more information about polling, question and answer sessions and the like. It will be here sooner than we may expect.

As feast season is now upon us, we hope to see as many of the populace at this year's Yule feast to be held on December 14th in Kingston. This might be Her Excellencies last Yule as Baroness and she is thrilled to be making special gifts for the attendees. There will be a special Heavy Tournament hosted by The Myrmidons during the day. And we encourage someone from the Rapier community to host a tourney as well. There will be classes, table decoration competition, and the usual amazing food and friendship that has come to be part of Dragon's Laire's Yule feast.

Her Excellency would like to extend a special thank you to all the members of the populace who are helping with the Dye it Pink Breast Cancer Research Fundraiser and for all the people who helped put their own special "stamp" on all the scarves. They all look so amazing and she wants to say how much fun she has had with everyone making them.

There are many amazing artisans in this Barony as well as many Laurels. If you are interested in learning a skill or art, winter is the best time to do so. His Excellency does woodcraft and leather work as well as sewing and armor. Her Excellency does Naalbinding and sewing and We both would be happy to share what we know. There are calligraphers and makers of Royal garb and fletchers and coin makers and book binders and any number of craft experts in the Barony ready to share their arts and teach. In fact, it is impossible not to find anyone who has some skill in something and would be delighted to share their knowledge.

We would like to express our sincere delight with all the new faces in Our barony. It is truly exciting to see the populace grow and thrive. Our gratitude goes to each and every one of you who have taken the time to introduce yourselves and do all you can to make these folks feel wanted, welcome, and a part of our community. Well done Dragon's Laire!

As always, in joyful service to Honorable Barony of Dragon's Laire.
Baron Conchobar Proconsul
Baroness Eilidh Proconsula

From the meeting:

We won't be attending 12th Night because of work. This is our last year, and might be the last yYule. We are looking forward to finishing term and enjoying everyone's company. If you are interested in running for Baron and Baroness, we will have a Q&A soon. Polling will probably be set after May cCown. Sept 2020 is our 6-year mark.

Also, be sure to get to know others, and remember to be welcoming for new people.

OFFICER REPORTS

Seneschal
THL Ciar ingen Fiachnae

Greetings Mighty Barony,

I apologize for the lateness of this posting! There is not much for me to report this month. Yule and Candlemas both have successful bids and the teams are both busy working. If you are interested in assisting, Yule is still looking for volunteers for setup, scullery, and tear down - speak with THL Jess of the Roving Irishmen. Candlemas is just starting to gather volunteers but you can speak with Lady Isemay MaKenze or THL Jess.

Officers! The Barony will be looking for several new officers in the next year and the current Officers are looking for step up deputies. If you have interests for Chronicler (THL Sayako will complete December 2019), Chatelaine (October 2020 but it's an excellent idea to go through June Faire), and Scribe (next 3-6 months), and the Games Officer is looking for a deputy/assistant who can make it to Social. Almost all officer positions are ready and able to work with those who may be interested in the position in the future or would like to assist but not fully step in.

I will not make Social on November 12th due to a meeting, but you can reach me via email or Facebook Messenger :)

From the meeting:

Yule is progressing, Candlemas just was bid, and we are entering feast season. There are 5 "Yule" events in An Tir this year.

Marshallate

Baronial

Lord Stuart of House Awry

From the meeting:

Second unofficial rapier class is running. Send them Ambrose's way.

Rapier

No separate report at this time.

Archer

Lady Artunis of Dragon's Lair

As October ends, so too does the scoring season for archery. But luckily many people continued to attend practice and get in many scores.

The start of October also was the start of our winter schedule, with practice being held 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Sundays. This also unfortunately harkens the season of rain and mud. We did have one rained out practice in October, but hopefully moving forward there won't be too many more.

YIS,

Lady Artunis

Chief Archer

Squire and Arcuarius to Sir Andras Truemark

Thrown Weapons

Telamon

From the meeting:

Practice has moved to Sunday. We have been having a moderate turnout, and we need throwing rounds. Everything is going well.

Siege

No separate report at this time.

Equestrian

On hiatus. No separate report at this time.

Arts & Sciences
Murakami Tsuruko-Sensei

Greetings all,

The Arts & Sciences Day Camp last month was a success. Despite the last-minute scramble for a site the Givens Community Center worked well for this type of event.

The Research Corpus continues to meet on a regular basis.

The Gamesminister's current work schedule doesn't allow her to regularly attend fighter practice so if you are interested in medieval games please contact her directly.

The guidelines for the Baronial A&S/Bardic competition and Scholar's presentations is out and has been posted on the Baronial Facebook page and on the Baronial website. If you have any questions please contact me or one of my deputies.

YIS,

Murakami Tsuruko

From the meeting:
Andromeca is the Kingdom bardic champion.

Chronicler
THL Sayako Enoki

Nothing to report. December will be my last month as Chronicler as I will be attending to escalating family needs beginning in January.

Herald/Golden Dragon Pursuivant
Countess Elisabeth de Rossignol

Things remain quiet in the herald's office. There have been fewer name and device consultations lately, so I am considering teaching some classes on heraldic subjects over the fall and winter months. Suggestions by the populace are welcome.

Congratulations to Lady Rhiannon, whose badge has recently passed!

Chatelaine
Isemy MaKenze

Greetings

October we received one email of interest. We welcomed one who has attended JuneFaire. The past couple years and has decided to become active. Visiting Baronies joining our Heavies for practice.

YIS. Isemay MaKenze

Exchequer
Master Arontius of Bygelswade

From the meeting:

Checking \$51979.80

Savings \$24293.28

CD \$10277.09

Need officer input for 2020 budget! Nobody exceeded budget except the steward this year, but we voted on the additional expenses.

A&S day camp had \$136 in donations, which is a bit of a loss, but we expected that.

Steward
THL Kloe of Thira

Canvas is ready to go, and I have pattern for bags. I will be putting out a call for sew-ers with good machines. We have 16 pavilions/tops/walls/etc.

Gamesmistress
Chrysallis

No separate report at this time.

Lists
Position open

No separate report at this time.

Webminister
Máenach na Cailled

Greetings, good gentles! Another month has passed. With Samhain passed and the weather turning, I hope we have all taken stock of our stores for the winter.

My works as Webminister have primarily focused on new forms for recommending awards and submitting monthly reports such as this one. After struggling with Office 365's Microsoft Forms

feature for some time — or more specifically, struggling with the system for handling the data collected by such forms, known as Microsoft Flow — I have decided to abandon that path and switch to a package associated with our web site package instead. These new forms don't quite work yet, but you can preview the forms at the following links:

- <https://dragonslaire.antir.org/test/resources/recommend-an-award/>
- <https://dragonslaire.antir.org/test/resources/submit-a-monthly-report/>

Please refrain from submitting these forms: the information will likely go nowhere but may be sent to me, potentially violating the privacy of your award recommendation. For now please continue using the old forms, linked from the old dragonslaire.org site and from the normal (non-test) version of the new site. I will let everyone know when the new forms are working correctly, and they will only be available through the test site until that time. I hope to resolve the remaining issues before the end of November.

In addition to work on the forms, I have updated the web site's information about Yule as well as the A&S, Bardic, and Scholars' activities planned for the coming Candlemas.

YIS,
Máenach na Cailled
Webminister, Dragon's Lair

Social media **Kosem of House Awry**

Looking for deputy and someone to hand junefaire off to her.

YACs *Position open*

No separate report at this time.

Scribe **Rhiannon of EaglesFlight**

Gentles all:

Your industrious scribes are completing charters for Yule. Think about recommendations for Candlemas! Also, I am looking for someone to step up as Baronial Scribe when Their Excellencies step down next year. You don't actually need to be a scribe, just be able to wrangle some!

YIS,
Rhiannon of EaglesFlight

Librarian
Lady Ela Pennayth y Ynis Dewi

No separate report at this time.

YAFA

No separate report at this time.

GUILDS

Bardic

No separate report at this time.

Culinary & Spiritmakers
THL Ciar ingen Fiachnae

Greetings!

A lovely October meeting was held at m'Lady Haldora's place in Poulsbo. We had a lovely meal on a very wet night and experimented with cordials.

Our next meeting will be on December 2nd at m'Lady Lucy's, also in Poulsbo. Because our November meeting lands on Thanksgiving and our December meeting is on Boxing Day. We will be doing a cordial tasting, a potluck, and possibly Yule Feast prep depending on how things go.

From the meeting: Met last month. Made cordials, and had dinner.
Joint nov and dev meeting since lands on holidays. Meeting on Dec 2

Costumers
THL Jess of the Roving Irishmen

No separate report at this time.

Scribal
Maitre Renart le Fox de Berwyk

Renart is looking for someone to hand it off to. Ella is stepping up in the meantime.

Textiles

No separate report at this time.

DRAGON'S LAIRE EVENTS

Candlemas (February)

Baronial Championships for Arts & Sciences, Scholars, and Bardic

Feb 1, 2020. 9am - 9pm at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Bremerton. \$10 per person (member gate), \$10 per feast. Est \$1600 income. Site cost is donation, figure \$500 – but this is the high end. Feast \$800, decorations \$100, printing \$50, etc – estimated expenses will be \$1450, with high estimate for site fee. Have coordination staff in place for feast and event promotion, admin, etc. Renart will have an Irish theme for meal.

\$500 is typical site fee for this church historically. Bid approved.

Junefaire (First Weekend of June)

Annual Flagship Event, Open to the Public

Event Steward: Sir Andreas Truemark

Junefaire is bid. Planning will commence in January.

We have a tentative meeting with the fairgrounds in a couple of weeks. Regarding the racetrack stuff – that site is still on. We will keep people posted as things develop. JF will be at Norseland this year, but who knows next year? Maybe go to racetrack next year, which is asphalt and grass, but flat.

Kickoff Junefaire planning meeting is this month.

Last Chance (September/October)

Baronial Martial Championships

No separate report at this time.

Arts & Sciences Day Camp (Autumn)

Event Steward: Dame Gwen the Potter

No separate report at this time.

Yule (December)

Annual Baronial Feast

Event Steward: THL Jess

Greetings mighty Barony,

Things for Yule are progressing nicely. The feast menu should be available shortly. Activities planned are:

Medieval to Modern A&S Display. We so often get to see what everyone makes with skills they've learned within the SCA. This display is to show off any modern items you have made

using your medieval skills. For example if you sew you can show off a modern garment. 3X5 cards will be available for you to write what you item is and what skills you used to make it.

A Santa Gauntlet Heavy Tourney. Do you have what it takes to deliver all of Santa's packages without them being crushed? This will be a blanket tourney so all fighter should bring a SCA related prize or have an artisan sponsor them.

A Rapier tourney of some type.

Table decorating contest. This year's theme is the Feast of Saturnalia with gold and burgundy as our color scheme.

Presentation(s) by our Research Corpus

Dancing (planned but not confirmed as of yet)

Family activities for our younger attendees.

And a hat, scarf, gloves, and hand warmer drive for the warming shelter at the community center.

We are still in need of set up, scullery, and clean up crews. If you'd like to volunteer please contact me or Ciar.

Please remember that due to space constraints Yule this year is by preregistration ONLY. Pre-Reg is open and will be until we either reach our max occupancy for the event or Dec 1st, whichever comes first. I will be at Fight Practice and Social collecting site and feast fees or you may mail in your fees. Information on how to register is on the Yule event page on the kingdom calendar, the Yule event page on Facebook, or by clicking the Events tab on the Baronial website. If you have specific questions regarding the event you may talk to me at FP or send me an email at allonsyjess@gmail.com

In Service,
THL Jess, Yule Event Steward

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

Proposals

Proposal for the Financial Committee

Tsuruko

This is a discussion rather than actual request.

I have a friend in the Portland area who had a death in the family. Her brother had a bunch of archery equipment – has 4 recurves, some wood, some resin laminate, fletched arrows and tools. She is asking \$100 per bow, throw in the arrows, and negotiate for the rest.

We need to get pictures, etc., and check for condition. I asked for price for the whole lot.

Ciar – DL archery “loan to buy program”? It is a chance for adults to try adult size/weight bows. We would like to help someone to in the SCA through this bow program to get more people into archery.

Preapproval for \$400 for all contingent on the suitability of the bows and equipment.

Jess

In an effort to be more inclusive, I am submitting a bid for “preferred pronoun” buttons (three choices on button, circle the preferred one). 2 2/14 inch round button \$137.50 for 500 buttons, free shipping. Event merchandise - get a button by donation. Cost is about \$0.28 per button. Good feedback for these buttons from the SCA LGBT community. Encourages accessibility and inclusion of marginalized populations. We can have these available at Junefaire and various Kingdom events. Would need to keep an inventory, etc.

Would be good to set an example given the size of our Barony. Bid approved.

Oh-by-the-Way's

Ciar

Cold weather policy – in CKSD is closed, there will be no business meeting or social. If power is off at your house and power is on here, please come, be warm, and use the kitchen. If you have hardship at home due to weather, you are not obligated to keep commitments to the Barony. There are many people who have keys to the building, and notices will be posted on Facebook.