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Dragon's Laire Finance and Business Meeting Notes

February 6, 2020. Compiled February 25, 2020.

Additional notes from the business meeting are summarized and indicated.

Ciar ingen Fiachnae, Seneschal

Finance Meeting Notes:

New Business:

- Master Arontius: 12th Night 2020 bid as conducted by Dragon's Laire. Already approved by the Kingdom. Approved.
- Master Arontius: 12th Night 2020 bid as a tri-baronial event – needs further discussion.
 - o Contributing money or human-power or both
 - o How are profits to be split? By volunteer hours? Who is considered a volunteer?
 - Her Excellency, Eilidh, feels that regardless of work invested, if we make this decision, all profits should be split equally.
 - o What is the gain for dividing the event? This is not a human intensive event the way June Faire is, the event teams are relatively small for 12th Night.
- Dame Gwen: Arts & Sciences Play Day (Spring) on March 21st from 10-4 (9-5) at the VFW Hall for \$100. Approved.
- THL Kloe of Thira for 3 more dining flies from Panther with center pole sleeves but poles to be done locally will be approximately \$1500. Approved.

For committee information:

- Lady Ela has the receipt to submit for the rectangular tablecloths purchased prior to Yule. They belong to the Barony. They should come from the decorations budget for 2019. Receipt and appropriate form to come.

Business Meeting Reports and Notes:

Baron and Baroness: Baron Conchobar Mac Eoin, Proconsul, and Baroness Eilidh Keldeleth, Proconsula

Greetings unto the most Noble Barony of Dragon's Laire. Proconsul Augusti, Conchobar Mac Eoin, by the hand of the Sable Lion, Baron of Dragon's Laire and Proconsula, Eilidh Keldeleth, likewise, Baroness of Dragon's Laire would address the People of Dragon's Laire.

We would first like to show our appreciation and deepest respects for all those who have made the feasting season a joy. Both Yule and Candlemas, though different in focus, were both run beautifully. As is always the case with this wonderful Barony, many hands lightened the work for the autocrat teams. Each event was beautifully decorated. Sigridr Vihjalmsdottir. Her stunning addition of fresh wreaths and garlands was only matched by her generosity with giving them all away. Equally stunning were the efforts of Dragomira Kokol'nika. Her sculptural and architectural additions were beautiful and impressive. Wow, what talent. Truly an impressive addition to the Barony.

As for Candlemas alone, We would like to show our appreciation for Isemay MaKenze. It is always a little scary to take on the responsibility of autocrating an event. But Isemay not only braved the “scary” of it being her FIRST event as autocrat, but she also did it with an event that had the extra component of having two Championship competitions as well. Our deepest thanks to you Isemay and your team. From set up, to feast, to tear down, and clean up, if there were any flaws or mix ups in the goings on of Candlemas, they were skillfully, and quietly dealt with.

At the feast of Candlemas, We have chosen two new Champions to represent Dragon’s Laire and her talents. Master Arion. You have proven what can be accomplished when one steps outside of their comfort zone. We are most pleased by your efforts and skills. We are honored to have you as Our Bardic Champion. His Lordship Arqai, with skill and determination has won the honor of Arts and Sciences Champion. You have proven what striving for personal best can result in. You as well bring honor to Our Court.

Fast approaches the event that is closest to Her Excellency’s “wise and benevolent” heart. BARONESS WAR!!! This April (3-5) will be the last time Baroness Eilidh Keldelth will marshal her forces to bring bloody battle to Her most beloved, and cherished Cousins. Long may they live. Her Excellency would be greatly honored if you would follow your Baroness to war one last time.

In closing, as always We would like to encourage you all to attend events outside Our Barony. There is so much to see and do within the Greater Kingdom of An Tir. Step out of your comfort one, achieve a personal best, and add to the glory of An Tir.

In Joyful Service to the greatest Baony of all:

Proconsul Augusti, Conchobar Mac Eoin,

Proconsula, Eilidh Keldelth,

Baron & Baroness of Dragon’s Laire

[Seneschal: THL Ciar ingen Fiachnae](#)

Thank you for an amazing Candlemas, the behind the scenes was smooth due to all your efforts and the event was lovely.

As our year progresses, look for more information on the Arts & Sciences Play Day and June Faire as well as work parties to tackle projects in the storage unit.

[Exchequer: Master Arontius of Byglelswade](#)

Checking: \$49,420.97

Savings: \$24,294.81

CD: \$10,287.34

Reports for Yule 2019, Candlemas 2020, and the National Breast Cancer Drive totals to come.

[Steward: THL Kloe of Thira](#)

Good evening from you friendly neighborhood baronial steward. This week is clean, organize, and inventory storage. I am putting out a call for a few extra helpers to lift and move items in and out as we take down old shelves and take stock of what we have. If any one is available, even for an hour or two, please let me know.

Thank you,
THL Kloe of Thira
Dragon's Laire.

Notes: INVENTORIES. Inventories are needed annually for the Doomsday report and are 2 months overdue at this point. Inventories of not only the loaner equipment but also the regalia held by the Coronets, Champions, and Officers.

Marshallate

Baronial Marshall, Heavy Weapons, Rapier: THL Conrad of House Awry

Practice has been hit or miss due to January's less than kind weather, we have had a couple practices, Thanks to Poseidonous for leading some drills, A Fantastic practice was shoe horned in to Candlemas, there were no incidents to report.

Yours in Service
Conrad Ross
Baronial Marshall

Chief Archer: Lady Artunis of Dragon's Laire

All quiet on the archery front as practices have been pretty consistently canceled due to events and weather.

Hopefully February turns out better.

YIS,
Artunis

Lists: THL Liu Xian
No report submitted

Siege: THL Milo of House Awry
No report submitted

Thrown Weapons: Lord Telemon of Crete
No report submitted

Youth Armored Combat: Titus Octavius
No report submitted

Minister of Arts & Sciences: Murakami Tsuruko-Sensei
Greetings all,

Pending final approval of the finance committee there will be a spring A&S day camp on March 21st at the VFW hall. Classes are in the planning stages.

At the fight practice social on Feb. 11th Dame Gwen will be doing a demo on putting a card woven edge on the stress points of a garment.

Making largesse bags sessions continue with THL Rhiannon in February and March. Please contact her if interested.

We need classes that can be done during the social at fight practice. If you would like to teach a class or have an idea for one please contact me to get it on the schedule.

The Research Corpus will meet at fight practice on Feb. 18th.

Congratulations to Arqai Ne'urin our new Arts & Sciences Champion! His entry was Practical Research into the San Gong Chuangzi Nu, the Chinese three-bow, little bed, crossbow.

Congratulations to Arion the Wanderer our new Bardic Champion! His entry was a Performance of the Seikilos Epitaph with Lyre accompaniment.

Thank you to all who displayed their work for the day. It was very well received and enjoyed by artisans and populace alike.

Lysander displayed a variety of pottery.

Dame Eleanor Leycestershre displayed and talked about her Deheere Portrait Gown.

Mrq Laurellen de Brandevin demonstrated medieval painting.

Countess Elisabeth demonstrated flax processing.

Hallodora Bjorn discussed her paper on using eggs for wound care. She received the Laurel's Choice for her paper.

Farcus displayed his hand forged knife. It was his first piece. He was recognized by the Dragon's Pearls with the Light of Scholarship.

Caterina di Savona displayed clothing. She received the Coronet's Choice for her display.

Congratulations to the scholars that earned another scholar's token with their papers.

Aelianora de Wyntringham/Rikke Giles: A Brief Introduction to Cannabis in Period - both the medicinal kind and the hemp kind.

Annaka Poznanska/Anita Taylor: European Botanical Illustration in the Age of Exploration.

Initial feedback indicates that overall everyone likes the new format. There are some changes that need to be made to improve the process. We will be working on this over the next year for an even better Championship next year.

Many thanks to Dame Gwen who assisted me getting this set up and was available all day for help and support.

Thank you to all who served on the evaluation panels:

Their Excellencies (A&S and Bardic), Countess Elisabeth (A&S and Bardic), Dame Madrun (A&S), Master ThangbrandR (A&S), Sir Andras (A&S), THL Andromacha (Bardic), Dame Elanor of Eccleshall (Bardic) and Mistress Elisabeth Piper (Bardic). We couldn't have done this without you.

YIS,

Murakami Tsuruko

Chronicler: [Looking for an Officer](#)

No report submitted.

Golden Dragon Pursuivant (Herald): [Countess Elisabeth de Rossignol](#)

No report submitted.

Chatelaine: [Lady Isemay MaKenze](#) [Looking for a Step-Up Deputy](#)

Greetings

January we saw a few new ones really start to get involved.

I followed up on two emails of interest.

Working on some new ideas for JuneFaire Chatelaine booth.

YIS Isemay MaKenze

Webminister: [Lord Máenach na Cailled](#)

The month of Janus has passed and the moon is nearly ripe for Februa!

Your webminister has continued efforts to deprecate our old web site and direct the Populace toward the new site. The most recent change added banners at the top of every page on the old site: each page's banner links to the corresponding page on the new site and includes the following message:

"  WARNING: This web site has been replaced and this page may be out of date."

I have also been researching the hidden magicks used by Google and other search engines when determining how to rank search results. I'm working on a change which I believe will transfer the "juice" from the old site to the new one. I agree with those who have suggested that the old site should remain until the new site outranks it in search results.

As the work to change over the web site gradually comes to a close, I will be devoting renewed effort to bring the new site up to date and to correct some long-standing issues. I will be auditing all of the pages but I'm already aware that some of the officers are out of date as well as the lists of champions and scholars.

Also, I seek a deputy! I have no specific intention to step down as Webminister just yet, but I feel it would be wise to have a second person who understands the Webminister's duties and how to execute them. If you would like to help on the web site, and especially if you would like to become Webminister in the future, please let me know! Knowledge of Wordpress, PHP, SSH, and Office 365 are all pluses but it's fine if you'd like to learn these things along the way.

Yours in service,
Máenach na Cailled

Scribe: [THL Rhiannon of Eagle's Flight](#) [Looking for a Step-Up Deputy](#)

Gentles All:

Sorry for the delay, my life has been a little complicated recently. All requested charters were successfully produced for Candlemas. I have been given a heads up by Their Excellencies that there will be a large number of charters requested for June Faire, so as soon as I get charters copied I will be in search of illuminators.

It is customary to change the award charters when new Coronets step up, so as soon as the successors are announced, I will also be looking for people to help design those new charters.

As previously announced, I am planning on stepping down as Baronial Scribe and am still searching for someone to take over the position.

YIS,

Rhiannon of EaglesFlight
Baronial Scribe

Social Media: THL Kösem of House Awry

No report submitted.

Librarian: THL Ela Pennayth y Ynis Dewi

Note: We are now at 3 bookshelves. The goal for this year is to get everything in a document that will live on the Baronial website, the online program we were attempting to use does not meet our needs.

Guilds & Groups

Culinary & Spirit-makers: THL Ciar ingen Fiachnae

Greetings Good Barony!

We had an excellent January meeting and, rather than recreate the wheel, I figured I would share the notes.

Thank you to THL Kloe and her family for letting us invade. Thanks all who made it for bringing tasty food!

Look for a post soon on the Baronial book project and recipe redaction collecting 😊:)

THL Ela has suggested we play with the foods from the cultures of the Iberian Peninsula which include a wide variety of tasty options including Spanish, Portuguese, Jewish, Persian/Arabic, and Andalusian (https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Iberian_Peninsula#History) (also Goths!)

Anonymous Andalusian by Charles Perry for download here http://italophiles.com/andalusian_cookbook.pdf

This link has an interesting recipe and, even better, a nice set of references <http://www.leftovershistory.com/cookbook-of-al-maghib-and-andalusia-cooled-chicken/>

This blog post is kind of interesting and I want their graphic cause that timeline is great. <https://blog.foodpairing.com/2015/12/moorish-pairings-from-the-andalusian-cookbook-13th-century/>

There's been a recent surge in period Jewish recipe research and publications but those links are all in my FB saves so I'll track them down later.

Dragon's Laire Book project!

Originally the brain plan of m'Lady Lucy the collaborative project, open to anyone in the Barony (and likely our neighbors) which would end with

- A collaborative project involving the recipe redactors, cooks, illuminators, calligraphers, paper-makers, book-binders, leather workers, and those interested in learning.
- A period style bound book created to be regalia quality including linen based paper, period appropriate illumination and calligraphy, period recipes that have been redacted, period book binding with an appropriate style and decorated cover.*
- A slightly more simplistic version of the book with a more basic cover, which can be sold as a Baronial fundraiser.
- A set of new cookbooks for the Culinary Guild to sell at June Faire to continue to entice newcomers into the joys of medieval cooking.

Members of the populace, including several members of the Culinary Guild, participated in a year long course in types of book-binding and stitching.

*Due to the large number of recipes and the small number of calligraphers, select pages will be calligraphied and illuminated. The bulk of the recipe pages will be created via modern means using a font that matches the hand chosen for the book.

Book organization is currently up in the air. Proposals include dividing them up by region or century but some projects lend themselves to staying together so we may do a mix of both. An index at the end of the book, while fairly modern, will be a must 😊:)

To start this project going, we need recipes!

To get started, we will be using the recipes from Yule 2017 'A Saxon Inspired Yule', the guilds Baroness 2018 siege cooking 'Humours and the Challenge of Four', Thangrandr's Vigil, and Yule 2019 'A Feast of Black Pepper, Coriander, and Cumin'.

We will also likely include Maitre Renart's Kingdom Feast 2020 Breakfast drawing from the Viking and East Atlantic Islands'.

It has been suggested that we could need as many as 100 recipes in order to make the regalia level book the way we think we want.

MORE RECIPES ARE WELCOME. Complete feasts, projects, and favorites.

Please include:

Your Name.

Title.

Source(s).

Optional: Short paragraph talking about the recipe (or project)

Original Recipe

Recipe

Recipes can be sent to DragonsLaire.Culinary@antir.org!

Please don't be afraid to ask questions below or via PM

In Joyful Service,
Ciar ingen Fiachnae

Scribal: Maitre Renart le fox de Berwyk
No report submitted.

Research Corpus: Magistra Aelianora de Wyntringham
No report submitted.

Events & Event Steward Reports

Yule:

Candlemas: Lady Isemay MaKenze – Final Report in March

Arts & Sciences Play Day (Spring): Dame Gwen the Potter

March 21st from 10-4 here at the VFW Hall. If you are interested in teaching a class, please get in touch with Dame Gwen.

June Faire: Sir Andras Trumark

Note: Had a successful February meeting. Pre-reg is waiting on the Kingdom to finish setting up (completed and launched as of this compilation). Merchant lists are almost complete, have some new food trucks and new merchants this year! Look for volunteer opportunities to start being announced.

Arts & Sciences Play Day (Fall)

New Business or Oh-by-the-ways?

THL Kloe of Thira submitted a bid for 3 16x16, fire retardant, dining flies of the same style we have previously ordered. They were well received but we need more as the previous 2 ended up being put in use for modern activities rather than being used for modern shade. They are also more versatile than traditional pavilions and lighter.

From Panther:

3 additional dining flies @ \$394 each = 1152

3 center pole sleeves @ \$40 each

Shipping approx. \$100

Does not include tax

From local home depot/lowes

Leg poles TBD 12x3 = 36, estimated \$90

Center Poles TBD 2x3 = estimated \$15

Total Approx \$1477.

Coulter Creek Heritage Park Proposal: A future home for June Faire

Where: Near McCormick Woods, approximately 2-1/4 miles east of Norseland

What: Kitsap County requested public suggestions on how to use "Active Recreation" areas.

Most promising area currently used by Kitsap Aircraft Radio Control Society. See scaled satellite pictures.

Background info:

Bernie Strub saw public meeting info in the Kitsap SUN.

Bernie and Arion did a field trip on 3 Feb.

Bernie contacted ARCS about potential cooperation. They said no.

Next Steps:

Arion knows Commissioner Garrido personally and would like to meet with her to discuss our need for a large site that will accommodate June Faire and other such "interest group" primitive camping events.

Ideally, the Barony will be open to help fund site development to have it meet our needs.

The math: We currently spend \$6000+ per year on Norseland. If we are willing to front \$10,000 to site development and benefit by having a reduce site cost in the future, we come out ahead.

In my proposal to Commissioner Garrido I will not lead with a offer of money, but play it by ear to see if she thinks our proposal is politically viable.