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Dragon's Laire Finance and Business Meeting Notes

March 5, 2020. Compiled March 6, 2020.

Additional notes from the business meeting are summarized and indicated.

Ciar ingen Fiachnae, Seneschal

Finance Meeting Notes:

New Business:

- THL Ciar, as Seneschal, has requested \$200 pre-permission if the Baronial Polling needs to switch to Absentee Ballot Polling versus the currently planned In Person Polling with opt in Absentee based on what happens with the coronavirus. As of 12th Night 2020, the Barony had 147 paid members, which means approximately 300 stamps, 300 envelopes, address labels, and the polling forms. Approved.
- Master Arontius requested the 2020 budget be ratified for the year. Approved.

FYI:

- Master Arion broached whether the Baronial Chairs were to be replaced. Yes. More discussion during business meeting

Business Meeting Reports and Notes:

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

Greetings unto the most Honorable Barony of Dragon's Laire. Spring is fast approaching, and many events are coming up on us fast! We would like to encourage the populace to get out of their comfort zones in the coming month, and go to an event they've never attended before. Be brave, be bold, conquer that annoying, tiny voice that whispers chains of doubt in your head. Break free, and do something daring and new. Take a class, enter a competition, make new friends, it is all part of what makes the SCA so much fun. If it helps, "We dare you."

Speaking of daring, there is a plague about, and the populace is minded of several simple tasks to do to avoid said plague while roaming the An Tir countryside and rubbing elbows with lots of people. First and foremost, WASH YOUR HANDS. No really, full on running water, lathered with soap, and scrub past your wrists. A quick rinse and run will not cut it. Secondly, do not share drinks with others. We know, hospitality is huge in The Society, and "Taste this!" is often a form of greeting, but please resist.

This weekend is Kingdom Arts & Science and Bardic Champion. It is a great chance to see how these sorts of Championships are done on the Kingdom level. There will be displays, performances, and there is bound to be someone who shares your "Geek". We will be in attendance, and Her Excellency will be displaying in Single Entry a reproduction of the Coppergate Sock. Please come by Her table and say "Hi". Moral support is much appreciated

The next big event for Ourselves is Baroness War, April 3-5. Sadly, this will be Her Excellency's last Baroness War, and it would do her heart a great honor to see the populace of Dragon's Laire attend in mass. There is camping on site, but the Best Western Plus Grapevine Inn is the hotel most of us are staying at. The Barony will have a pavilion by the field, feel free to join us there.

The rest of our calendar is blurry at best. We will be focusing on June Faire. And thus, we come to the end of our tenure as Baron & Baroness of Dragon's Lair. Along with all the usual excitement of hosting the largest public demo in An Tir, the Barony of Dragon's Lair will welcome new Coronets. We encourage all those who wish to offer their service as Baron and Baroness to get their letters of interest submitted to the Crown, Ourselves, and Baronial Seneschal Her Ladyship Ciar by the 9th of March. Things will move very quickly after that.

In Grateful Service and love

Baron Conchobar Mac Eoin and Baroness Eilidh Keldelath

[Seneschal: THL Ciar ingen Fiachnae](#)

Greetings unto the Pulchritudinous Barony of Dragon's Lair!

Have you ever thought, "I should really go to the Baronial Business Meeting but I just don't have the motivation?" I have motivation for you! The Barony is looking for a new Chronicler! This Officer position is responsible for compiling the submitted monthly reports (sent straight to your email for convenience!) and attending the monthly meeting to gather any additions, new business, and oh by the ways. If you are interested, please get in touch with me or Their Excellencies.

Like to do scribal or art things? Good at project management? Now is the time to step up and be the next Baronial Scribe! The Baronial Scribe works with Their Excellencies and the Scribes and Artisans of Dragon's Lair on the production of charters and original scrolls used to recognize and honor efforts and achievements. This is a great time to transition with June Faire, a peak recognition event, and a new set of charters needing to be created over the late summer and early fall. Speak with THL Rhiannon of Eagle's Flight or myself for more information.

Enjoy meeting new people? Want to encourage more participation in the SCA? Become the Chatelaine! Lady Isemay Makenze is looking for a Step-up Deputy to assist with June Faire and then transition in the fall. You do not need to be an amazing extrovert! Please speak with Lady Isemay or myself for more information.

Want to help out the Barony but all this chatting in public stuff is not your geek? Maybe you'd much rather be doing website stuff! Speak with Lord Maenach for more information, he is looking for a Deputy.

Coronavirus, Social, Polling, and June Faire

Be safe with yourself. Our Dream, while beautiful and fun, should not put your health at risk. Take the precautions necessary for you and your family.

We will be following the recommendations from the Kitsap Public Department of Health in regards to whether it is still considered safe to hold Social and Fight Practice. <https://kitsappublichealth.org/> We are likely going to need to make some modifications for the meet-n-greets and polling. I am in communication with the Kingdom about moving forward and will update the website once we have a plan followed by a posting on Facebook and to the email list.

The June Faire Event Team has been in discussion about our contracts and our fee deadlines. Apart from our insurance and the Bremerton Event permit, nothing is due until May, which gives us plenty of time to make a decision moving forward.

After meeting note because I completely forgot! The Office of Youth and Family Activities was put into abeyance due to lack of interest. THL Bera-Skalla "Skalla" Hrafnisdottir of House Awry has stepped up to officially take the title for the work she was already doing for our Barony! Thanks Skalla!

In Service,
Lady Ciar ingen Fiachnae

Exchequer: Master Arontius of Byglelswade

Checking: \$54,672.17

Savings: \$24,295.29

CD: \$10,287.34

Notes:

- Yule made an \$89.02 profit.
- Candlemas is still in process
- The fundraiser for Breast Cancer, master minded by Her Excellency and then put together by Her Excellency and members of the Barony, raised \$159.39 after supplies. Nice work!

The Barony has received several bad checks. Please, instead of handing over a check and not saying anything, please talk to us. We would rather have you at events and financially stable than causing hassle and creating fees. You are welcome to speak with the Exchequer, the Seneschal, or the Event Steward – details are kept private.

Steward: THL Kloe of Thira

No report submitted.

Marshallate

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

No report submitted.

Chief Archer: Lady Artunis of Dragon's Lair

Not much to report for archery for the month of February. The fields were wet and practices were rained out.

Thankfully the tides seem to be turning hopefully, and the weather is starting to look favorably on future practices. Just remember everyone to stay healthy and stay home if you're not feeling well.

YIS,

Lady Artunis

Chief Archer

Squire and Arquarius to Sir Andras Truemark

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,

The spring A&S day camp on March 21st at the VFW hall. Classes are in the planning stages.

Making largesse bags sessions continue with THL Rhiannon throughout the month. 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.

Given my recent health challenges I will be depending a lot more on my deputies, Countess Elisabeth and Dame Gwen. If I am unavailable please get in touch with them.

YIS,

Murakami Tsuruko

Chronicler: [Looking for an Officer](#)
No report submitted.

Golden Dragon Pursuivant (Herald): Countess Elisabeth de Rossignol

This month saw the release of the December 2019 Letter of Acceptance and Return from Laurel. There were four Dragon's Laire people's names and devices on it--Skyleia Sauromatis, Astra in danska, Gerald Longshanks, and Meadhbh inghean Cormaic. All four names were accepted, as were the devices of Skyleia and Astra (Meadhbh's submission was name only.) Gerald's device was returned, he has been notified and it is hoped that a quick resubmission can be made. Congratulations to all!

There has been an upsurge in heraldic activity again in February, with more people wishing to follow through with previous consultation and asking for help with new ideas. If the current coronavirus epidemic causes concern for gathering in person, I am more than happy to help with names and devices via Skype, e-mail, Messenger, or other electronic means.

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

Greetings

Quiet month, no emails or Newcomers.

Ordered new business cards to match up with the new Dragons Laire email address.

Working on items & Info for the Junefaire Chatelaine area. Junefaire FB has a very large public interest.

YIS Isemay MaKenze

Webminister: Lord Máenach na Cailled

Unto those following the earliest Roman calendars: happy new year!

Changes to the baronial web site in the past month include a behind-the-scenes change which should cause the rankings of the new site to increase, and the rankings of the old site to decrease, on most search sites. This includes Google, Bing, Yahoo, Baidu, and several others. As discussed previously, the old site will not be taken down until the new site ranks higher on the most popular search sites.

In addition to that, the bulk of my recent efforts have been directed toward updating and correcting the various lists of people on our web site. I recently completed an audit of our sergeants as a starting point for this round of updates, and I'd like to publicly thank Cassandra for her assistance in figuring out some of the apparent discrepancies and absences. I'm now working on our champions and scholars, where there seem to be even more irregularities, but c'est la vie...

As I mentioned last month, I am seeking a deputy Webminister. Please let me know if you're interested! Basic computer and Internet skills are all that's absolutely necessary; I can help you learn the rest. A few people have asked me how much time someone should expect to dedicate to Webminister duties. I tend to dedicate maybe a few hours each week, usually after I go home from the baronial social & fight practice gathering. In the lead-up to an event, especially June Faire, the web site can sometimes demand a little extra time but overall it doesn't require too much time. Of course, as with anything in the SCA, there's no upper bound to the amount of time you can spend if you're excited about it...

Yours in service,

Máenach na Cailled

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

Gentles All:

Your scribes are working toward June Faire. I am exceedingly grateful for Laurin of Rosewood and Kyna McGee, who have volunteered to paint charters for Dragon's Laire. Recommendations are being sought for awards! Get them in soon so we can have the charters ready.

YIS,

Rhiannon of EaglesFlight

Baronial Scribe

Social Media: THL Kösem of House Awry

No report submitted.

Librarian: THL Ela Pennayth y Ynis Dewi

No report submitted.

Guilds & Groups

Culinary & Spirit-makers: THL Ciar ingen Fiachnae

Greetings unto the Most Creative Barony of Dragon's Lair!

The Culinary Guild had a low key February meeting. We are beginning to explore the Iberian Peninsula of foods with a brief dip into flavors using both period and slightly more modern recipes which includes a lovely red snapper dish as well as 'figs done in the French manner'.

The March meeting will depend on how everyone is feeling and the weather! I had hoped to start doing some cooking outside but we may do a virtual discussion instead.

Cookbook project! We are just starting to collect redactions for period recipes! If you have a favorite that you've done and would like to share.... we'd love to add it to our project!

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!

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:

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

No report submitted.

June Faire: Sir Andras Trumark

No report submitted.

Arts & Sciences Play Day (Fall): Countess E

Note: We are looking into an expanded A&S Daycamp, possibly at a, very nice, site in Shelton. The date may end up pushed into November due to all the regional calendars. More information soon.

New Business or Oh-by-the-ways?

- Baronial Chairs. Master Arion has agreed to consult with various persons who have had to deal with Baronial Chairs as well as people who can make them, both locally and SCAdian merchants, to collect information on the next Chairs. He will update the Finance Committee in two weeks with information and a plan will be developed. The end goal is to have new chairs by June Fairte.