



# The Flames of the Dragon

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# Dragon's Laire Finance and Business Meeting Notes

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Additional notes from the business meeting are summarized and indicated.

Ciar ingen Fiachnae, Seneschal

## Finance Meeting Notes:

### New Business:

- Baronial Chairs, Master Arion. Approved \$1000 for 2 chairs from Du Puy Creations for 2 of the Glastonbury style. One will be done in walnut and the other cherry with a middle chair panel in yellow and the dragon from the populace badge in relief on the back.
- New cushions will need to be made, possibly cannibalized from the old ones but a bid for those will come in the future once we know dimensions and cost of supplies.

### FYI:

- THL Kloe will be entering a bid next month to commission THL Bera-Skalla for 3d printed stamps representing groups and activities for use in stamping and labeling Baronial property (canvas bags for pavilions) and the production of dags. It's expected to be \$160 but firm numbers and badge count next month.

## Business Meeting Reports and Notes:

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

Seneschal: THL Ciar ingen Fiachnae

Greetings unto the Indomitable Barony of Dragon's Laire!

I hope you are all doing well and are as safe and the healthy as you can be.

**Per the Kingdom Seneschal**, all events and activities are cancelled until Sunday, May 10th, in keeping with previously published guidelines from the CDC. Any future cancellations and all announcements in general can be found at [antir.org/announcements/](https://antir.org/announcements/) and are also announced on the Kingdom of An Tir – SCA Facebook page.

**Officer quarterly reports!** If you owe a Kingdom Officer a report, they are due on April 30th unless otherwise directed. Please remember to CC [DragonsLaire.Seneschal@antir.org](mailto:DragonsLaire.Seneschal@antir.org)

**The Customary** will be/is up on the Dragon's Laire website for review ([dragonslaire.antir.org](https://dragonslaire.antir.org) click on Forms & Resources, scroll down). Please send any questions or corrections to [dragonslaire.seneschal@antir.org](mailto:dragonslaire.seneschal@antir.org). I have been staring at this document off and on for 3 years and have completely rewritten it three times, I can guarantee that there are errors that I just don't see. The document will be available for review for the month of April. Unless there are major content questions, we will then vote to approve at the May Business meeting. If you do not have a printer and would like a printed copy, please email me and we will make arrangements to get one to you.

**Officer positions:**

Chronicler – open position

Chatelaine – looking for step up Deputy, to transition in the fall

Scribe – looking for step up Deputy, to transition in the fall or sooner

Webminister – looking for a Deputy or two

Exchequer – looking for a Contingency Deputy

There are several Officers who have been in their current roles for almost 2 years. How are you all doing? Do you need a break? Do you need a Deputy to mentor?

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**Events!**

We may have them again! There have been rumors of interest for Yule 2020 and Candlemas 2021 is but an eerie note on the breeze. Are you thinking of feasts, tablescares, or single-entry items? A scholar's paper perhaps? Now is an excellent time for research as many museums and databases are free for virtual viewing!

**Interesting data!** As of the 4/2/2020 we have 168 paid members and, per the June Faire gate sheets, between 250-300 non-paid members. In 2011, we had 184 paid members but an estimated 60-80 non-paid.

**Polling.**

First, I wanted to acknowledge and thank Lady Furia Dommitia for stepping into the Deputy shoes and taking on tasks a little faster than we had originally planned when she agreed to step up.

And now for her update: The envelopes and forms are printed! I'm folding now and the initial batch will be mailed out tomorrow. Remember they need to be post-marked for return by the 14th!

We've had one member reach out with updated proof-of-membership since the labels were produced.

**Exchequer: Master Arontius of Byglelswade**

Checking: \$49,015.93

Savings: \$24,295.81

CD: \$10,297.61

The Candlemas report is completed; a profit of \$324 was made.

The June Faire Merchant reimbursements are in process, there was a slight delay while waiting for the next checks to come.

Have the draft of the new Dragon's Laire Baronial Finance Policy almost ready for sharing.

Steward: THL Kloe of Thira **Looking for a Deputy**

Good Morning Dragon's Laire,

Things in storage came to a crawl with the arrival of the virus. The decorations have been picked up and are being looked over for expansion for future June Faire and event needs. The bags for the pavilions have been postponed until later this year, the same with pole replacements and repairs.

At this time I have reached out to Skalla to commission stamps to mark the bags and for decorating dags, that are of the badges for the various areas of interest and the like, so that when we can begin working on items again we can stamp them.

The new day shades are also ordered and have a No Rush Status to get them to us.

Thank you all,  
Kloe of Thira

Librarian: THL Ela Pennayth y Ynis Dewi

No report submitted.

Marshallate

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

Here is your Baronial Marshal:

Foul winds and pestilence has stilled the blades of our peoples' fighters, we await warmer months in hopes that our lieges allow us to let our wrath upon the field of practice and at wars abroad.

In common parlance, in compliance with Their Majesties decree and State policy we have had no practice, wars, or tourneys, in the month of March, April will be the same

Yours in Service  
Conrad Ross

Chief Archer: Lady Artunis of Dragon's Laire

Greetings Dragon's Laire,

We were able to hold a grand total of two (sparsely attended) archery practices at the beginning of the month before the foul winds brought plague down upon these lands.

Currently we are in a holding pattern until we may pierce the enemy straw bales with our sharp sticks from far away again.

YIS,  
Artunis  
Chief Archer  
Squire and Arquarius to Sir Andras Truemark

Lists: THL Liu Xian

No report submitted

Rapier: No Deputy **Looking for an Officer**  
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,

Thanks to the current pandemic the A&S Day camp for March had to be cancelled. When restrictions are lifted, we hope to reschedule it later in the year.

Although we can't have meetings and gatherings in the near future, I encourage everyone to use this time to work on projects and do research. Many people are doing just that and sometimes posting their progress on social media. For example, a group of Baronial members headed by Dame Ellen made over 100 fabric face masks that were donated to Harrison Hospital. Others are cooking, sewing and working on a variety of creative pursuits including teaching classes online.

Stay healthy and safe everyone.  
YIS,  
Murakami Tsuruko

Chronicler: **Looking for an Officer**

Monthly reports are being posted to the Dragon's Lair website. Go to [dragonslaire.antir.org](http://dragonslaire.antir.org) and then in the title bar, hover over News and click on "Meeting Notes". The title bar will soon revert back to "The Flames," after a nice conversation I had with the Kingdom Chronicler. Speaking of...

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Golden Dragon Pursuivant (Herald): Countess Elisabeth de Rossignol **Always willing to take a Deputy.**

March was a quiet month heraldically, as you might expect. However, I did notify Baronial folk with submissions on the latest Laurel letter and will continue with consulting online. Please do contact me if you need help, or just have an idea for a cool heraldic thing.

Chatelaine: Lady Isemay MaKenze **Looking for a Step-Up Deputy**

Greetings

The Month of March brought Cancellations And Social Distancing! However a lot of creative activity on

our Social Media sites!

I have been following the Chatelaine group, welcoming New Chatelaine's and opened to hearing creative ideas.

Stay Safe Stay Healthy  
YIS Isemay MaKenze

[Webminister: Lord Máenach na Cailled](#) [Looking for a Deputy or two](#)

Greetings unto the bountiful Barony of Dragon's Laire, and welcome to April!

If any of you participated in Veneralia I hope it works out for you, but I don't need details kthx.

Recent work on the web site includes several web site announcements and updates related to COVID-19, polling, and our first-ever business meeting held via Teams. The meeting seemed to go reasonably well for the most part, and I will be posting more information and guidelines to the web site to help future virtual meetings go even more smoothly.

I'd like to thank Master Arion for sending me some information for the Champions page. I haven't yet had time to update the page with this information, but I certainly welcome it! In general, I collect this sort of information from the An Tir Order of Precedence web site, but that's occasionally incorrect; anyone who notices a discrepancy between our web site and what really happened is more than welcome to let me know!

In other news, Alicia du Bois has been leading virtual meetings between webministers in the kingdom so we can share our knowledge and assist each other with problems. She plans to continue these meetings even after everything goes back to normal and I'm in certainly favor of that! A joyful noise for knowledge sharing!

One thing that came out of these meetings with Alicia is that she thinks I should move some of my DL web site work into a plugin to be shared with all An Tir webministers. This will let all An Tir web sites easily access names, devices, and (soon) awards lists from the OP. This would also reduce the amount of complexity in our site specifically, moving some of it into this new plugin, which should benefit both me and future DL Webministers as long as we continue using Wordpress.

I'm also starting to think about adding some more topic-specific information to the web site, such as "So you want to..." introductory content. This came to mind when I heard that Cedric Wlfraven has been recording videos related to pell work. Right now, this is just something I'm thinking about... let me know if you have thoughts and maybe we can think them together!

Also: I have heard concern from several people rooted in the fact that the monthly report form on the new web site does not send you a copy of your own report. This makes it hard to be sure that your report actually went out, and I agree that it's not ideal. I will be working to change this but I need a small piece of information from Alicia du Bois before I do so. Hopefully I will be able to make the change before the next round of reports.

In the near term my plans for the web site include posting the newly-updated Baronial Customary and continuing updates to people lists (Champions, Officers, etc.). Additionally, there will be some behind-the-scenes work based on feedback from Alicia du Bois -- for example, she wants all An Tir webministers to use a specific security plugin with specific settings. As always, please let me know if you have other feedback or desires related to the web site!

In service,  
Máenach na Cailled

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

Social Media: THL Kösem of House Awry

No report submitted.

Youth and Family Activities: THL Bera-Skall Hrafnisdottir of House Awry

Dearest Barony,

Your family activities officer is ready and available to help all interested families who want to stave off boredom with some educational fun and earn some cool badges. YAFA is easy to start and has lots of variety in it. I plan to start doing some at socials when the time comes that we can gather again. In the meanwhile, as always, I stand ready to serve!

The activity this month has been minimal, but my required family activities officer background check is processing. I'd like to make paper for our first Tuesday back, so anyone interested in helping build frames/deckles, or share their expertise is most welcome. We'd turn our pages into a book ideally and earn two or three badges in the process! We can do this as a learn a long at home too, if there's enough interest. Let me know if you want to register your kid!

Yours in service,  
Bera-Skalla Hrafnisdottir (of awry)

Guilds & Groups

Culinary & Spirit-makers: THL Ciar ingen Fiachnae

Our March meeting was cancelled due to safe distancing and restaurant closures. Some members are doing research at home.

Scribal: Maitre Renart le fox de Berwyk

No report submitted.

Research Corpus: Magistra Aelianora de Wyntringham

No report submitted.

If you are interested, you can join them on Facebook in the "Research Corpus – Dragon's Lair" group <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1443777995757305/>

Events & Event Steward Reports

*Yule:*

*Candlemas:*

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

Note: Cancelled due to COVID-19. The Hall still has the check and will allow us to reschedule once the restrictions have been removed and we are safe to gather again.



*June Faire: Sir Andras Trumark*

As everyone knows, the decision to cancel this year's June Faire was made on March 18th. None of us wanted to cancel but all of us felt it was in the best interests of the Barony, our populace, our friends and the Kingdom at large, and our modern guests.

The Barony absorbed a loss of \$100 due to a non-refundable fee paid to the City of Bremerton. Other than that, all of our potential financial commitments were cancelled without issue. All merchants and those few pre-paid attendees have been notified and refunds processed. June Faire 2020 is a wrap.

The JF 2020 team remains intact for now as we discuss potential site changes, converting the work done for 2020 over to 2021 and whether to bid for JF 2021 with the current team structure or disband.

Andras Truemark

Note: Further discussion was held in the April business meeting. We have approved Sir Andras and his team rolling over into 2021. There may be some team structure changes as certain people were able to take roles this year that they will not be available for next year.

We also discussed the need to have a June Faire specific meeting, or two, as the current documentation for June Faire structure needs to be updated to continue to meet the needs of the event and the Barony.

*Arts & Sciences Play Day (Fall): tentative Countess E*

New Business or Oh-by-the-ways?