

# The Flames of the Dragon

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# Dragon's Laire Finance and Business Meeting Notes

## June 4, 2020. Compiled June 17, 2020.

Additional notes from the business meeting are summarized and indicated. Submitted reports are not altered.

Ciar ingen Fiachnae, Seneschal

### Finance Meeting Notes:

- 1. Account Balances:
  - a. Checking: \$46,994.41
  - b. Savings: \$24,296.82
  - c. CD: \$10,297.61
  - d. Total: \$81,588.84
  - e. Signatories: bank wants us to wait until we can all go in together in person before adding additional signatories.

#### 2. Event Bids:

- a. None submitted for this meeting as of this agenda.
- 3. Purchases / Expenditures / Fund-Raising:
  - a. Sale of Archery Equipment (Bows and arrows) purchased from Ed Radford estate. From Magister Arion the Wanderer: We paid \$400 for the lot. It is worth a lot more. So question is: "Do we try to sell everything on E-Bay [or equivalent] for max profit, or do we sell to SCA archers for less?" These bows represent a lifetime of knowledgeable collecting of bows. They are the best in class for the types of archery Ed Radford did. They are not beginner bows. Arion says he personally would like to buy three of the bows and the arrows that go with them. His plan will be to keep them until he finds the right person for each bow and sell for what he buys them for. Magister Arion asked Sir Andras Truemark to ballpark the value of the archery stuff. We came out close. He was more precise in his itemizing and came up with \$1582. I came up with \$1300 with less precise guesswork.

APPROVED sale of two SCA weight bows for at least \$100 each and three hunting weight bows (for about \$200 each). Leaves loaner gear and blank for Dragon's Laire Archery community.

#### 4. Administrative Actions:

- Newly updated Barony of Dragon's Laire Financial Policy. After formal acceptance, the policy will be submitted to Kingdom for review and approval process. ACCEPTED AND PROCEED WITH KINGDOM REVEW
- 5. Long Term Maintenance Agenda Items (Maintained on this agenda until resolved):
  - a. New Baronial Chairs: Check No. 3610, paid 04/29/2020 to DuPuy Creations. Includes \$400 for one chair, and \$100 for shipping. Remainder of \$400 to be paid upon completion, which is anticipated to be in July, 2020. Dave Peters (Arion) monitoring progress and will alert the Barony upon shipping and receipt.

- Purchase of three Baronial Day Shades: Check No. 3571, paid 03/19/2020 to Ray Baker in the amount of \$1,253.24. Amanda Zeitler (Kloe) monitoring progress and will alert the Barony upon receipt.
- Reservation of Ocean Shores Convention Center in support of Twelfth Night, 2022: Check No. 3568, paid 03/11/2020, in the amount of \$3,000. Accepted and deposited. M. Aaron Rogers (Arontius) monitoring progress in support of event.
- d. Reservation of VFW Hall for A&S Day Camp: Check No. 3562, paid 02/06/2020, in the amount of \$100. Since the Spring Day Camp was cancelled due to Pandemic, the VFW Hall is allowing this check payment to be used for the Fall Day Camp. Wendy McComb (Gwenllyn Potter) monitoring progress in support of Fall Day Camp.
- e. Purchase of 'Gender Buttons': Check No. 3546, paid 12/15/2019, in the amount of \$137.50. Current status of purchase and re-sell / dispersal? Jessica Bennet (Jess) maintains support of this project. (Jess not here)
- f. At the Financial Committee Meeting of December, 2019, \$150 was approved for the rental of an Industrial Sewing Machine to be used in the manufacture of storage bags for the Baronial owned canvas pavilions. This sewing machine was also to be made available to the Populace over the length of the rental period for various individual projects. The sewing machine was to be rented from a facility in Kent, but was not available for several months. Then the current mandated lock-down took effect. This action and reservation of funds will remain in place until such time as the ability to make this happen comes available again, or until the end of calendar year 2020 (at which time it will be dissolved and re-established as necessary in 2021). No check has yet been cut in support of this action.
- g. At the Business Meeting / Financial Committee Meeting of May, 2020, a Yule Feast 2020 bid was approved to be held at Marcus Whitman Middle School (Port Orchard). The estimated Site Cost is approximately \$1,000. A contract is in preparation by the school and is due to the Barony for payment in September, 2020.
- h. At the Business Meeting / Financial Committee Meeting of May, 2020, the Baronial Steward proposed to the Baronial Financial Committee a purchase of stamps to identify individual canvas storage bags for items contained within the Storage Unit. There will be eight stamps, manufactured by our local artisan, Skalla (YAFA Minister), with a total anticipated price estimated to be \$400. This was accepted by Committee. Manufacture in process. No check has been issued yet in support.

## Business Meeting Reports and Notes:

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

Greetings Mighty Barony! Proconsul Conchobar Mac Eoin and Proconsula Eilidh Keldeleth, Baron and Baroness of the Right Noble Barony of Dragon's Laire sends our most sincere of wishes that good health and harmony are your close companions during this most difficult time.

We want to make it clear that we stand united with our brothers and sisters, in pursuit of justice and true equality. While we feel that the Barony and the SCA as a whole are an escape from modernity, we must not forget that we each carry the very real burden of the realities of illness and civil unrest wherever we go. We cannot turn our faces away and pretend they do not touch us <u>here</u>. We want you all to be safe and healthy. What we do request of the Populace is to keep in mind there are heartaches, and burdens that are seen and unseen. Fears that are shared, while others are kept buried deep in the

pits of our bellies. Fear, anger, and frustration have worked their way to the surface, and those feelings, and more importantly the cause of them have to be dealt with productively. We are in for a long, difficult summer friends. And we will not have the usual comforts we all find in camping events, and the large gatherings. What we do urge is effort. Effort to listen to each other. Effort towards empathy. Effort to see opportunities to uplift, inspire, aid, and enrich the lives of both friends and strangers. We are all raw. We are all tired. But we are never alone. We <u>will</u> persevere with the help of a unified populace. We stand together in our hearts and minds. Be sure to check in on each other. Be specific in the help you are able to provide. Don't hesitate to reach out if help is needed. I guarantee there are many in this Barony who thrive when offered a chance to serve a greater good. Stand strong and uplift your fellows so that they may return the gesture when your own spirit tires.

Please come join the Tuesday Night Zoom Social that Ciar and Maenach have been organizing. It is so healing to see familiar faces, and hear the voices of friends. And remember, none of us like the way we look on screen, but we all love to see our friends. Take part in the online A&S classes. We would invite you all to teach something. Or share your favorite reference book. Take the opportunity to share your interests. We need that kind of connection. We need you to be a part of Baronial life.

We would like to thank all the wonderful, generous, talented, and most appreciated gentles who helped with the mask drive for those essential persons who guard the gates at Bangor Military Base. Lady Jess, Haldora, and Lucy (Please correct us if we forget you.) your masks were so appreciated by those men and women. You not only gave them a way to protect themselves and their families, but you also contributed to the larger Kitsap Community. You showed compassion for people you may never meet, and that kind of honor and character being demonstrated by Our populace gives us so much pride and a sense of humbled gratitude.

As the weekend that would have been June Faire arrives, We find ourselves a bit melancholy. While We do not question the decision to cancel the event, We feel it's loss all the same. We encourage you all the attend the virtual, online demos that Dame Gwen has organized. There are some amazing things being showcased this weekend. There is one thought however that may soften the loss of June Faire for you this year, RAIN. The weather this weekend is expected to be wet. Very wet. Rain and lightning are expected for Saturday and more rain on Sunday. Think of all the canvas we will not have to dry! With this thought, we look forward to next year's June Faire, and we are confident Sir Andras and his team will make it an amazing one to remember.

In the happiest of news, We would like to welcome Finn into the world, and offer our heartiest congratulations to Mark (Marcel) and Amber (Kosem) Boutet. Finn is blessed with amazing parents, an incredible village in House Awry, and a fierce Barony at his back. We wish all the love and light your hearts can hold.

We await the Crown's decision on Our successors, the who, when and how are still on hold. We have the deepest sympathies for all the candidates waiting on pins and needles. It is so frustrating to have been rushed through the process, only to wait months for decisions to be made. Rest assured Their Majesties and ourselves are doing Our best to serve Dragon's Laire and the Kingdom of An Tir. Eventually the wheels will thump back into familiar paths, and we will all be able to move forward.

As always, in joyful service to the Most Honorable Barony of Dragon's Laire.

Baron Conchobar MacEoin Proconsul & Baroness Eilidh Keldeleth Proconsula

#### Seneschal: THL Ciar ingen Fiachnae

Greetings unto the Stælwierþe Barony of Dragon's Laire!

I hope you and yours continue to be safe! Be kind, be patient, stay hydrated, remember sun/UV protection, and rest as you can.

Per the Crown of An Tir, we continue to hold no in-person SCA activities through the month of July.

We continue to conduct the business of the Barony with virtual Finance and Business Meetings, utilizing the Teams environment provided by the Kingdom. We are also hosting weekly Socials and, when there is a teacher or host, weekly classes and or topic specific meetings. Anyone can join, you just need to click the link to login! A posting of all the links is available on both the Barony of Dragon's Laire Facebook group as well as on the Dragon's Laire website (by Friday, June 5th). We have also created "events" on the Barony of Dragon's Laire Facebook Page, which are cross posted to the Group, for ease of notification and calendars. Links to the events are also on the website.

There are many opportunities online within the Known World from classes, discussions, and interviews in our own Kingdom to Pell Practices, Bardic nights, and University Weekends across the Known World. The Kingdom is providing a weekly list at antir.org/announcements and there is also a Facebook Group, Known World Entertainment.

Customary! The 4<sup>th</sup> edition of the Baronial Customary has been available for review on the Dragon's Laire website for two months. I have received comments and edits on the overall document from Magister Arion and input from THL Arqai for the Siege Deputy position, thank you both. I will put the document up for a vote to approve at this business meeting and, if approved, send it to the Kingdom Seneschal for review. Approved by the attendees June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

The Barony continues to look for Officers! Arts & Sciences Minister - Looking for an Officer to step up in July. Accepting letters of interest now!

Chronicler - Looking for an Officer

Chatelaine - Looking for a Step-up Deputy, to step up this fall

Scribe - Looking for a Step-up Deputy, to step up this fall

Exchequer - Looking for a Contingency Deputy

Webminister - Looking for a Deputy or two to assist with website content, layout, and design

Steward - Looking for a Deputy

Interested in an Office you don't see listed here? Most Officers would be delighted to have a Deputy!

#### Exchequer: Master Arontius of Byglelswade Looking for a Deputy

June Business Meeting - June 4, 2020

1. Account balances are listed in the Baronial Financial Committee Meeting minutes for June, 2020. If you wish to review those numbers, please contact the Exchequer directly.

2. The updated Baronial Financial Policy was completed in rough draft, and issued to the Dragon's Laire Financial Committee, and the Populace of Dragon's Laire, for review. Comments were gathered and incorporated. Resulting policy was issued for final review. Financial Committee formally accepted the policy at the June, 2020, Financial Committee. If you would like a copy sent directly to you, please contact the Exchequer, who will provide it. It will now move to Kingdom for approval. This process should be completed by August of 2020.

3. Action from the June, 2020, Financial Committee Meeting: Sale of Archery Equipment (Bows and arrows) purchased from Ed Radford estate. From Arion, who presented: "We paid \$400 for the lot. It is worth a lot more. So question is: "Do we try to sell everything on E-Bay [or equivalent] for max profit, or do we sell to SCA archers for less?" These bows represent a lifetime of knowledgeable collecting of bows. They are the best in class for the types of archery Ed Radford did. They are not beginner bows. I personally would like to buy three of the bows and the arrows that go with them. My plan will be to keep them until I find the right person for each bow and sell for what I buy for. That is how I always buy and sell bows. I asked Andras to ballpark the value of the Archery stuff. We came out close. He was more precise in his itemizing and came up with \$1582. I came up with \$1300 with less precise guesswork." The DLFC affirmed Option Two as the option we wish to move forward. Arion to update and report on progress as needed. One note was that a profit will be realized from these efforts. After the initial outlay from the Barony is re-paid, remaining profits will be directed into special funding stream for similar purchases of loaner gear, or gear for new members (for purchase).

4. The Office of Exchequer is still seeking a full time Deputy Exchequer. This person does not necessarily have to take over the job, but they will learn the processes of holding the office. This person would be very helpful in support Event readiness, report information gathering, inventory control, June Faire support, etc. If you have an interest in how the finances of a branch work within Society and the Modern World, please contact Arontius.

5. During the current world situation, travel is not encouraged. If the Exchequer is holding a reimbursement check for you, please contact him in order to have it mailed as needed / necessary.

6. If you need to contact the Baronial Exchequer for any reason, e-mail is the best method, arontius@comcast.net. The second-best method is through a Facebook PM. However, any official correspondence has to come through the Baronial Exchequer e-mail account, dragonslaire.exchequer@antir.org

### Steward: THL Kloe of Thira, Deputy m'Lady Lucy of Smithshall

Monthly report for Steward, Kloe of Thira:

We stuff, some stuff has been returned to storage. Most inventories have been turned in. Projects have begun on a small scale, such as the Stamps. Bags are in the "almost ready to start" phase.

Librarian: THL Ela Pennayth y Ynis Dewi No report submitted.

#### Marshallate

Hail Great Barony of Dragon's Laire,Here in is your Baronial Marshal report.Still we heed Crown decree and local law, our blades are stayed and our war-dogs leashed. We await the condition that allow us to vent our wrathful spleens.

No Martialate activities for the the month of May.

Conrad Ross Baronial Marshal

#### Chief Archer: Lady Artunis of Dragon's Laire

Greetings Great Barony,

Well we'll have to take better aim in June, fellow archers, cause we've once again missed all our practices. So I guess let's just keep up with the social distancing and hand washing and face masks so we can maybe have another practice sometime this year.

YIS,

Lady Artunis Chief Archer Squire and Man-at-arms to Sir Andras Truemark Lists: THL Liu Xian No report submitted

Rapier: Baron Jacques de Normandie, OWS May report for June meeting 2020

Completed all paperwork for new Baronial Rapier Marshal Position Messaged with Lord Ambroise about transition No Rapier Activities for May

A votre service, Baron Jacques de Normandie, OWS

#### Siege: THL Arqai Ne'urin

Siege Marshal's Report: Just because you can't, doesn't mean you shouldn't. Or so it seems. While actually holding events such as practices are still on hold, engineers are building. We're making improvements to the existing engines as well as constructing a new one. When the time comes to knock down walls and piercing shields, we'll be ready.

THL Arqai Ne'urin, Baronial Siege Marshal, Dragon's Laire

Thrown Weapons: Lord Telemon of Crete Monthly report for Thrown Weapons Marshal, Telamon of Crete:

No practices at this time.

# Youth Armored Combat: Titus Octavius No report submitted

#### Minister of Arts & Sciences: Murakami Tsuruko-Sensei

Greetings all,

There are usually classes of some kind during the virtual social on Tuesday evenings. Please check the Baronial Facebook page for the latest on topics.

In Mistress Disa's online Zoom classes Dame Gwen did a head covering class in May and did a pipkin making demo/class in June. Topics on future classes will be posted to the Baronial Facebook page.

Because of the pandemic June Faire was postponed until next year. But we will still have a Virtual June Faire Arts & Sciences demo on June 6th! At this time demos include Dame Gwen & Lysander throwing pottery, Mistress Morgaina decorating pottery, Countess Elisabeth flax breaking on her new flax break, Dame Eleanor flax spinning, and our Games Minister Lady Chryssalis demonstrating "The Forgotten Game of Ur". Details are on the Baronial Facebook page.

The research corpus continues to meet virtually. The next meeting is scheduled for June 16th.

My term is up on July 1<sup>st</sup> so this is my last report as Arts & Sciences Minister. I would like to give a huge thank you to my deputies, Countess Elisabeth de Rossingol and Dame Gwen the Potter. Their knowledge and guidance have been invaluable and I couldn't have done this job without them.

It has been a joy serving the Barony as Arts & Sciences Minister; however, I will continue to be involved as much as I am able with my health. Please be nice to my successor  $\bigcirc$ .

YIS,

Murakami Tsuruko

#### Chronicler: Looking for an Officer

This Officer is responsible for compiling the monthly reports into one document and then working with the Webminister to get them posted on to the Baronial website.

One of the requirements to maintain Baronial status is to produce a "newsletter" at least once a quarter which may be only the minutes but must include a cover and statement of ownership. The Barony has, "The Flames of the Dragon," commonly referred to as, "The Flames." Working with the Webminster, we have designed a basic standard cover and statement that can be "glued" onto a pdf so that we meet requirements.

If interested, the Chronicler or a Deputy Chronicler can expand the newsletter to include a variety of covers, art, articles, and other items of interest.

Golden Dragon Pursuivant (Herald): Countess Elisabeth de Rossignol Current warrant is up in July and is willing to continue or step down. If you are interested, please apply!

Heraldic activity in the barony continues low, as previously. I have been notifying people of passed and returned submissions, and in the month of May worked with two people on resubmissions via the internet. I remain available to help anyone wanting to work on a name, device, or badge, or who might just have heraldic questions or ideas.

My warrant expires next month in July. I am willing to request another term as baronial herald, but if anyone else is interested in the position, I urge you to apply.

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

Greetings Nothing at this time to report. Stay safe Dragons Laire & An Tir YIS Isemay MaKenze

# Webminister: Lord Máenach na Cailled Looking for a Deputy or two for layout, design, and content

Greetings, sage Barony of Dragon's Laire!

Despite the challenges of the modern world, or perhaps as respite from it, your Webminister has this month been unusually productive. For a start, I have completed the long-in-progress update to the pages listing our Champions, Scholars, Sergeants, and the like. Many thanks to those who helped me ensure the accuracy of this information, including Kassandra and Alaricus, Arion, Baroness Eilidh, Ciar, and more.

Early in the month there was an online meeting for all webministers across the Kingdom of An Tir. The primary purpose of the meeting was to discuss a new draft of the An Tir Webministers Policy document. Most of the changes are straightforward and will have little impact for me or the Barony, but there's at least one change worth mentioning here. Specifically, the policy on personally identifiable information (also known as "PII") has been clarified and made more strict. It is now explicitly forbidden to include PII on the Baronial web site, including the use of modern names. My understanding is that it's still acceptable to use a modern name to, for example, credit a photograph, but I will be seeking clarification even on that. The policy for model & photo release forms has been made slightly more strict as well, so I may be reaching out to some in the Barony in order to bring us into formal compliance.

Also, Ciar and I worked together to reformat and repost most of the "Flames" / meeting notes documents from the past few years. This was partially due to the change in PII policy, and partially due to a clarification of the Kingdom requirements. In particular, these documents no longer contain modern names and are all available in PDF format. If you catch a mistake, please let me know!

I have backed up the old Baronial web site and requested that Dreamhost replace it with a redirect to the new site. One step closer to no longer paying web hosting bill!

Finally, our Tuesday evening virtual social gatherings continue to be a moderate success. Recently, Bera-Skalla Hrafnsdottir of House Awry graciously agreed to help us try to figure out how to run a class as part of these virtual gatherings, including recording! There were some rough edges but overall it was a great success, and I suspect there will be a bit more batik work happening within the Barony in the near future.

All that said, this process helped us to understand some of the strengths and weaknesses of Microsoft Teams. Many in the Barony have suggested that we use a different tool, such as Zoom, Hangouts, Webex, or Bluejeans. I have no special interest in Microsoft Teams, other than that it's free to us and has built-in recording features. As far as I'm aware, all the other platforms have limitations either on the length of time for a meeting (often 40-50 minutes) or the number of people in a meeting, unless we purchase a license for the Barony. I am in the process of tabulating the various options out there so that I can share the information and assist us in making a decision, but so far I suspect we will decide that the modest benefits of other platforms are probably not worth the cost.

Regardless of our meeting platform, we will likely continue to host and record the occasional class or presentation. Office 365 allows us to host these videos on their platform, but unfortunately only those with an Office 365 login can easily access those videos. Those without an account may be able to view the videos by first joining our Teams chat group -- the one we use for our Tuesday meetings -- but someone with an account must allow them into the group each time. To work around these limitations we may want to create an official Dragon's Laire YouTube channel to host these videos. I'm unsure of whether the creation and maintenance of a YouTube channel would (or should) be the domain of the Webminister, Social Media officer, A&S Minister, Seneschal, Coronet, or some other officer, but I would be interested in discussing this further.

#### 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 Hrafnsdottir of House Awry

Hello, fair Barony!

Your family activities officer has nothing to report besides the usual. We are not meeting in person, but many classes on skills are available online. Your kids may be interested in trying out any number of activities demonstrated. You can sign up for YAFA and earn tokens for a wide range of things from paper making to medieval daily life. As always, I am glad to help in any way I can.

Yours in service, Bera-Skalla Hrafinsdottir

#### Guilds & Groups

Culinary & Spirit-makers: THL Ciar ingen Fiachnae Greetings!

Not a lot going on. Efforts are made to share the gardening, herbology, and culinary related classes happening across the Known World. We are looking at doing an online culinary meet-up for June.

For those interested in Scandinavian Culinary History, here is a presentation from Daniel Serra, coauthor of, "An Early Meal," looking at the food highs and lows in the Medieval and Renaissance Period.

https://www.medievalists.net/2018/10/food-of-medieval-and-renaissance-scandinavia

Ciar ingen Fiachnae Guild Minister

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

Research Corpus: Magistra Aelianora de Wyntringham No report submitted.

#### Events & Event Steward Reports

*Virtual June Faire with Dame Gwen as coordinator.* Facebook live broadcast starting at 10 AM on June 6<sup>th</sup>. All are welcome!

#### Yule 2020: Master Arontius

1. The Yule Feast Team met for the first planning meeting on May 14th and worked on an overall plan for the event. A tentative schedule for the day was developed. After it has been massaged a bit, it will be presented to Their Excellencies for Their additions, changes, and input into the things They want to see. Tentatively, at this time, set up starts at 9AM, Gate opens at 10AM, Feast is scheduled to start at 5PM, and Site will close at 9PM.

2. Countess Elisabeth is the Feastocrat and is wrangling a crew to support, as well as servers. The theme of the feast will be a 'Late Period Reprise of a Spanish Feast'.

3. Mistress Aelianora will be in charge of wrangling all Arts and Sciences activities planned for the day. This includes classes, displays, and Research Corpus / Scholars activities.

4. Mistress Madrun will be supporting overall coordination of schedules for Court (ensuring all the moving pieces of the day are coordinated in the overall schedule).

5. Mistress Gwenllyn, THL Ciar, and THL Skalla will be providing classes throughout the day.

6. Arontius and Countess Elisabeth will also be coordinating a 'Grand Processional'. This is an activity where all those present at Yule Feast will be lined up in order of OP. They will be formally introduced into Court with a Voice Herald announcing their presence as well as their achievements and other formal heraldic information. More information will be forthcoming, but we are encouraging all who

attend to 'hire' a personal herald as soon as possible and write out a magnificent introduction to be vocalized. This is also an opportunity to wear your best heraldic garb, and carry all your banners and flags into Court. This will be a magnificent display of heraldic art!

7. M'Lord Lysander (back up by the Baronial Marshall, THL Conrad) will organize martiallate activities for the day. Prizes are already in process to support competition (provided by Mistress Gwenllyn).

8. A lunch is planned for the day. To be organized by THL Ciar.

9. Bardic activities are planned for the day and several different groups are being approached to support. There is a stage available on site which will make a great foundation to support this.

10. Site has been reserved. Contract is in process. Marcus Whitman Middle School (Port Orchard) is the site. December 12th is the date. There are still some unknowns to be worked out with the Site. Mainly, what the school year looks like for 2020-2021, which will play in to the actual availability of the Site. But we've been told to go ahead and plan as though the Site is firmly settled.

Candlemas:

Arts & Sciences Play Day (Spring):

June Faire 2021: Sir Andras Trumark

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

#### New Business or Oh-by-the-ways?

Oh by the way from Lord Maenach: There was some amount of time that there was no Baronial email due to something breaking at the Kingdom level which is now repaired. (This applied to all An Tir email lists including steps-announce).