



# The Flames of the Dragon

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# Dragon's Laire Finance and Business Meeting Notes

July 2, 2020. Compiled July 19, 2020.

Additional notes from the business meeting are summarized and indicated.

Ciar ingen Fiachnae, Seneschal

## Finance Meeting Notes:

### **Dragon's Laire Financial Committee (DLFC)**

#### **July 2020, Meeting Agenda**

#### **July 2, 2020**

1. Account Balances:
  - a. Checking: \$46,491.41
  - b. Savings: \$24,297.82
  - c. CD: \$10,308.00
  - d. 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. Hosting of Baronial Web-Site: Baronial Web-Site was performed over the month of June, check #3612 6/08/2020, in the amount of \$214.80 was written. DragonLaire.org name, email forwarding, and last instance of web hosting
  - b. Subscription to Zoom Video Conferencing: The Baronial Seneschal and Web-Minister asked the Barony for their thoughts on the Barony purchasing a month-to-month subscription to Zoom Online Conferencing in order to expand the capabilities of the Barony to offer virtual meeting and teaching space (especially during the current isolation climate in relation to the pandemic). This request was made via the Baronial Facebook Page and was approved easily. The DLFC also approved the purchase. Check No. 3613, 06/27/2020, in the amount of \$16.33 was written for one month's worth. This will continue on a month-to-month basis until decided for use in the long term, or when physical social contact is regained. Lord Maenach did a presentation on Zoom. Agreed to pay for a year in advance for one host at the discounted rate: \$149.90 plus tax.
  - c. Renewal of the VFW Hall for the year.. The VFW could use the donation. Agreed to pay the VFW \$1200 for 2020-21.
  
4. Administrative Actions:
  - a. Newly updated Barony of Dragon's Laire Financial Policy has been reviewed and accepted by the Kingdom Exchequer and will be sent to Society Exchequer for final approval and recording.
  
5. Long Term Maintenance Agenda Items (Maintained on this agenda until resolved):

- a. Sale of Archery Equipment (Bows and arrows) purchased from Ed Radford estate: Purchased for \$400 (estimated value of between \$1,300 and \$1,600). Plan is to sell as appropriate (SCA usable equipment to SCA participants, and non-SCA equipment to wherever it can be sold). 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). Magister Arion is the organizer and director for this action. Latest status, Magister Arion is posting on various SCA related FB pages to see if there is any interest.
- b. 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. Magister Arion the Wanderer monitoring progress and will alert the Barony upon shipping and receipt. Magister Arion got a couple of photos, will post to DL FB page. Artist is making good progress, should be done by end of month (July).
- c. Purchase of three Baronial Day Shades: Check No. 3571, paid 03/19/2020 to Ray Baker in the amount of \$1,253.24. THL Kloe of Thira monitoring progress and will alert the Barony upon receipt. Canvas was received in June. Poles, ropes, and stakes to be manufactured / acquired and Day Shades assembled for storage. Day shades are here and in storage. Need to get poles made.
- d. 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.
- e. 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. Dame Gwenllyn the Potter monitoring progress in support of Fall Day Camp.
- f. Purchase of 'Gender Buttons': Check No. 3546, paid 12/15/2019, in the amount of \$137.50. Status of purchase and re-sell / dispersal? THL Jess of the Roving Irishmen maintains support of this project.
- g. 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.
- h. 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.
- i. 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, THL BeraSkalla, 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 Keldelath, Proconsula

Proconsul Augusti Conchobar Mac Eoin and Proconsula Eilidh Keldelath, by hand of the Sable Lion of An Tir, Baron and Baroness of Dragon's Laire to the glorious populace of the Barony, Salvete Omnes!

Instead of witnessing feats of valour, beautiful artistry and garb and spending time around camp with our chosen family, we are here at home wishing we could spend time with our beloved people of Dragon's Laire. His Excellency especially, misses his shield mates and men at arms supporting the troops and consigning the enemies of An Tir to their righteous defeat. He misses standing with Sir Andras, His Knight, and listening to his wicked laugh as he clears the vanguard of the Western horde. . He misses seeing the destruction created by his Laurel, Master Arion as he destroys the back line of the Western Army and talking shield construction around the fire. It would have been wonderful to see who earned the War Eagle on the field or maybe even better, reclaiming it for the Legion once again.

Her Excellency is indeed a very pouty Baroness. She misses the company of her Barony. She misses not being in the Baronial encampment at ATWW. She misses trips to the icy stream after a long day of troop support, classes, and shopping. She longs for the company of her chosen SCA family. Knowing that the time will come for us all to come together and stand united under the Dragon's laire bannor gives her hope and a reason to look to the future.

We are gratified in knowing that those people we love, are safe and sound in their keeps and manors. We will get through this! Dragon's Laire has conquered enemies, inspired greatness, created beauty and been an example to the Kingdom in the past and will continue to do so in the future.

With all our love and deepest appreciation, We stand in service to the greatest Barony of An Tir.

WE MISS YOUR FACES!!!

Baron Conchobar Mac Eoin  
Baroness Eilidh Keldelath

Seneschal: THL Ciar ingen Fiachnae

Greetings!

As the July 4th weekend approaches, I hope everyone is able to be safe and enjoy what is predicting to be a lovely summer weekend.

As we continue to follow our official guidelines to stay home when possible and stay safe, we are seeing a lot of SCA oriented online classes and presentations. Many of these classes look to have interesting content but the timing, especially across zones, can certainly be difficult and with more and more people returning to work, time in general is a problem. Remember that many of these classes are being recorded and posted! If there is a class, interview, or presentation you are interested in but cannot attend, check to see if the group has YouTube or Facebook that they are posting to.

Activities and Events – We still await word from Kingdom and Crown. I recently attended a Seneschal training where we briefly discussed this and that we might see a return to activities based on County recommendations. Keep an eye out for news of changes in the next few weeks.

## **OFFICERS**

We need them!

The Baron and Baroness and I are accepting applications for Minister of Arts & Sciences, Chatelaine, and Chronicler. The Baronial Scribe is looking to step down this fall.

If you are interested in any of these or any other Officer position, please talk to us!

## **Officer Quarterly Reports.**

If you report to a corresponding Kingdom Office, your report is due July 31st! Many Kingdom Officers have a format they wish you to follow and many have an online form for you to fill out. Please remember to CC the Baronial Seneschal on all reports. If you are asked to use an online form, there should be an option for you to “email copy to myself” which you can then forward to [DragonsLaire.Seneschal@antir.org](mailto:DragonsLaire.Seneschal@antir.org), or so the Seneschals have been told.

If you are having difficulty in reaching your corresponding Officer to find out about reporting, please let me know so we can get it sorted.

## **An Tir/West War**

They are doing all SORTS OF THINGS for the accrual of fun and war points. For more information, please dive into their website <http://antirwestwar.org/>

## **Exchequer: Master Arontius of Byglelswade**

EXCHEQUERS REPORT, JULY 2020 -

Barony of Dragon's Lair Exchequer Report

July Business Meeting – July 2, 2020

1. Account balances are listed in the Baronial Financial Committee Meeting minutes for July, 2020. If you wish to review those numbers, please contact the Exchequer directly.
2. The updated Baronial Financial Policy has been accepted by Kingdom and will now be sent to Society for their review and formal approval. If you would like a copy sent directly to you, please contact the Exchequer, who will provide it. This process should be completed by August of 2020.
3. Actions from the July, 2020, Financial Committee Meeting:
  - a.) Payment for final year of Baronial Web-Hosting; which includes branch name, space, and e-mail forwarding. Approved by Committee. Amount of \$214.80 written 06/08/2020 (No. 3612).
  - b.) Payment for one 'Trial Month' of Zoom Web-Conferencing, which worked out great, so an additional year was discussed. Both approved. Amount of \$16.33, written 06/27/2020 (No. 3613), for one month. An additional \$149.90 check will be provided once all taxes and associated fees are known.
  - c.) Payment for renewal of space rental of VFW Hall for the year 2020-2021 was approved in the amount of \$1,200.00.

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. 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

Librarian: THL Ela Pennayth y Ynis Dewi

No report submitted.

Marshallate

Brave Barony,

Here is your Baronial Marshall Report for June of the Dread Year 2020:

The Weather temps us greatly but still our warships are moored to the dock. Until all may battle free of plague or swords strike nothing but the practice pell. But still our Great Barony's warriors hone their skills alone keeping the Dragon's fire alive in our hearts!

In Compliance with Their Majesties Decree and Modern Law, there has been no SCA combat events or practice. Absolute respect to the fighters who have continued to pell drill by themselves at home, you are an inspiration to us all.

In Service

Conrad Ross

Baronial Marshall

Chief Archer: Lady Artunis of Dragon's Laire

Lists: THL Liu Xian

No report submitted

Rapier: Baron Jacques de Normandie, OWS

No practices = no report.

Will submit quarterly report to Regional/Kingdom this week.

Talked with Lord Ambrosio about getting an inventory of Baronial Rapier Equipment.

Going to start process/paperwork for Youth Rapier Marshal certification.

Siege: THL Arqai Ne'urin

Thrown Weapons: Lord Telemon of Crete

No report submitted

Youth Armored Combat: Titus Octavius

No report submitted

Minister of Arts & Sciences: [Looking for an Officer](#)

Chronicler: [Looking for an Officer](#)

Golden Dragon Pursuivant (Herald): Countess Elisabeth de Rossignol

Things in the herald's office continue slow, as might be expected. I am still giving online assistance with name/device/badge submissions, and am glad to continue doing so. I will ask that the populace bear with me if I am slow in responding, as this is an extremely busy time of year for us at the farm, and never hesitate to poke me if I've fallen too far behind.

This month my warrant as Golden Dragon expires, and it is my intention to apply for another term.

Chatelaine: Lady Isemay MaKenze [Looking for an Officer](#)

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

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

No activity to report.

Social Media: THL Kösem of House Awry

No report submitted.

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

## Guilds & Groups

Culinary & Spirit-makers: THL Ciar ingen Fiachnae

We continue to have a quiet month but our online community continues to chat. Recent discussions include the use of the bounty of this year's lemon balm crop and period uses for it (booze, syrup, and some really interesting dishes out of the Anonymous Andalusian).

The Known World culinary community continues to coordinate and cook. There is an excellent day of cooking and research planned for Sunday July 5th by the Calontir Cooks Guild. For more information check out their event site [Stirring the Pot](#)

<https://sites.google.com/view/unofficialcookscolloquium/home> (remember they are in Central time!).

This event includes an optional cook along class, "Preserved Foods and the Surprisingly Sufficient Diet of Vikings," for those who want to do some shopping before hand and cook along.



The Royal University of Midrealm has been churning out classes madly, they recently switch to a new themes format but there is a nice class on vinegar brewing here

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qBu-xlrOEyw> with a handout

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1aSVOqz57XWZZxDzRXJe0K30SPwyFx\\_D/view](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1aSVOqz57XWZZxDzRXJe0K30SPwyFx_D/view)

I am currently planning to present on "Aliter Dulcia," which translates as, "Another Sweet" from the Roman Cookery Book by Apicius, recipe 305, at the virtual Atheneum event hosted by the Barony of Madrone being held on July 18th. There are a number of truly awesome projects being shared and I highly recommend checking the event out. <http://athenaeum.baronyofmadrone.net/>

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 2020: Master Arontius*

Next update in September, 2020.

*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?

Dame Gwen the Potter would like to thank all those who presented and attended our virtual June Faire.

It was a great learning experience and a fun day!