

The Flames of the Dragon

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Dragon's Laire Finance and Business Meeting Notes

Held August 03, 2021. Compiled August 16, 2021.

Additional notes from the business meeting are summarized and indicated.

Artunis, Chronicler

Finance Meeting Notes:

Barony of Dragon's Laire Finance Meeting Report August 03, 2021

Committee members:

- Jennifer Lee, Branch President
- Heidi Schulmeyer, Branch Treasurer
- Amanda Zeitler, Committee Member
- William David Peters, Committee Member

Non-Voting Committee members:

- Brandy Stier, Deputy Branch President
- Michael Aaron Rogers, Deputy Branch Treasurer
- Kimberly Parks, Finance Committee Recording Clerk

1. Account Balances:

Checking: \$32,022.60Savings: \$34,305.34CD: \$10,342.79

2. Event Bids:

a. Submitted August 2021

Candlemas 2022, Aaron Rogers (AKA Arontius of Bygelswade). Reviewed bid financials details. Middle school in Port Orchard. 1200 for the site. Approved.

b. Baronial Picnic July 2021

Aug 21, 2021, Port Gamble, Aaron Rogers (AKA Arontius of Bygelswade), Site(free), insurance, 3 biffies (1 handicap), 3 wash stations, \$1565. Donation only event. Suggested to have pre-reg due to limit of 150 people for the event. Approved. Cancelled

c. Submitted April 2021 FM

(unsubmitted) September Crown, 2023, location Kitsap Fairgrounds or Silver Spurs - Aaron Rogers (AKA Arontius of Bygelswade) Discussion of submitting event bid for September crown. Further discussion required to decide which kingdom level event to submit for as may only be able to be granted one per two years. Kitsap County Parks going through reorganization, will respond by late May. Port Gamble not a site option at this time. Will complete by September business meeting.

d. 12th night bid was declined by Kingdom

- 3. Purchases / Expenditures / Fund-Raising:
- a. Archery office Request to purchase two Eager tex mats, 129.99 + shipping . 367.86 total for purchase and shipping. Bull dog mats are 60\$, try to sell for 25\$ each to help offset the cost of the new mats. William David Peters (AKA Arion Wanderer) suggested to purchase 3. Approved to purchase three b. Rapier Postponing request due to low participation numbers
- 4. Administrative Actions:
- a. Storage Unit Increased in price, 364 per year. Will reflect on next years budget.
- 5. Long Term Maintenance Agenda Items (Maintained on this agenda until resolved):
- a. A&S cloak July 2021

Jean Marie Dekoster (AKA Sigridr Vilhjalmsdottir) 35\$ for red fabric for the A&S cloak. Black fabric is free. Approved. Waiting for receipts. No new information

b. Purchase of three Baronial Day Shades- Amanda Zeitler (AKA HE Kloe of Thira)
Purchase of three Baronial Day Shades: Canvas was received in June. Poles, ropes, and stakes to be manufactured / acquired and Day Shades assembled for storage. Her Excellency Kloe is managing this effort at the moment. Several people volunteered to assist in this work. M'Lord Kamar (MKA Raymond Hicks) volunteered the use of an Industrial Sewing Machine for the manufacture of Canvas Bags in which to store Baronial Owned Equipment. If you have equipment, or time, you can donate for this cause, please contact Her Excellency Kloe. Susan Levitt purchased new rope. Reimbursement for supplies and a one-time travel allowance approved by the DLFC on 04/12/2021 to Susan Levitt. What is next for the project? Left to purchase: poles and pins, and stakes. Hold on acquiring poles due to increase in cost of lumber. Focus on acquiring stakes. Needs physical help to assess tents and number of stakes needed. No new information

c. Baronial Throne Seat Cushions- M'Lady Lucy of Waterhus (MKA Susan Levitt)
Baronial Throne Seat Cushions: The new Baronial Thrones need new seat cushions. We are seeking an artisan / craftsperson to create these items, and an accompanying bid to include a price for all the materials involved in this project. The Barony of Dragon's Laire is rich in talented individuals who could perform this vital service to the Barony. If you are interested, please contact either the Baronial Exchequer, or Their Excellencies Arion and Kloe. We can help with design, as well as putting together a bid. The Seat Cushions need to fit an area of 19" wide and 18-1/2 deep. Ideally, they would incorporate the heraldry, and the heraldic colors, of Dragon's Laire. As of September, 2020, M'Lady Lucy of Waterhus (MKA Susan Levitt) started working on a design and proposal, and would welcome help if anyone would be willing. She has even volunteered to donate most (if not all) the involved materials. If you have ideas, want to get involved, or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact either M'Lady Lucy, or any member of the Dragon's Laire Financial Committee. A formal set of specifications for what exactly is needed is in process through Their Excellencies. Requesting for volunteers to help with embroidery. No new information

d. Gender Buttons- Jessica Bennet (AKA HL Jess of the Roving Irishmen)
Purchase of 'Gender Buttons': Check No. 3546, paid 12/15/2019, in the amount of \$137.50. Buttons received. Re-sell / dispersal plans to be considered when Events and In-Person Gathering begin again. Jessica Bennet (AKA HL Jess of the Roving Irishmen) will make arrangements to get some to you separately if you would like to obtain some. Being distributed! No new information

e. Identify Stamps- Kat Kelley (AKA M'Lady Skalla (YAFA Minister))

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, Kat Kelley (AKA M'Lady 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. Any new or additional status? Suggested to put on hold. Double check if they have been started. Project has resumed. No new information

Business Meeting Reports and Notes:

Baron and Baroness: Baroness Kloe of Thira and Baron Arion the Wanderer.

Greetings Unto the Barony of Dragon's Laire,

It is time to reclaim the lands to the south of our peninsula up to the Great Bridge! We have ancestral rights to these lands! We paid the Barony of Blatha an Oir 250 lbs worth of chocolate chips cookies for them back when we were still a Shire!

The Kingdom maps still show Blatha an Oir as controlling these lands. This affront to our rightful boundaries will be met and decided on the fields of war! We and our allies will meet Blatha an Oir and their allies at June Faire next year. As we are in the right, we shall prevail and reclaim our lands and people. And if we don't win, we shall have a lovely little war with our friends anyway:)

July saw the return of in-person Business Meetings, Social gathering, and official Fighter and Archery Practices. It was amazing to see everyone again and feel like we are returning to a semblance of normalcy. This new "normal" is a fragile thing sadly enough. If anyone attending any of these activities tests positive for Covid-19, the Kingdom will again hit the pause button and lock our Barony down for 2 weeks. This already has happened in Blatha an Oir and Terra Pomaria.

The pandemic hasn't gone away. Cases were down, but with the Delta variant becoming the dominant form of the virus, they are increasing again. This variant is as contagious as Chicken Pox and Ebola and is making people sicker. It is also causing some breakthrough infections in fully vaccinated people. Fortunately, the vaccines are keeping the breakthrough infections mild in most cases.

Masks are again being strongly recommended indoors for everyone. The simplest solution to a permanent return to normal is for everyone to get vaccinated. The vaccines have been proven to be safe and effective to protect most people from getting a severe case of the disease or ending up in the hospital. Do your part to protect yourself, your loved ones, and the Barony.

In Service to the Dream and the Barony,

Kloe, Baroness

Arion, Baron

Seneschal: THL Furia Dommittia

To the Increasingly Sunburnt Populace of Dragon's Laire:

Please pray attend

The Baronial Picnic on August 21st has been cancelled due to increased infection rates. Thank you to all who came tonight and made their voices heard. Thank you all for your kindness afterwards.

* Thank you*

Please note that signing in is required.

Everyone MUST sign in including parents/guardians/legal adults on behalf of minors.

2nd Quarter Officers reports were due on July 31st.

HL Adelheide asked to remind all officers to have their annual budgets to her BEFORE October.

We are still desperately seeking deputies. Just about everyone needs one. If you're interested in learning more about a job, please reach out to me, Their Excellencies, and/or the officer in question.

The Scribal Guild is still seeking a head. Preferably human and still attached to a willing person.

Everyone with an old key to the vfw hall should note that their keys may no longer work. Their Excellencies, Archos Alarcus, Archos Stephen, and I have functioning keys

We are still on the hunt for missing decorations and tablecloths! We HAVE located the dags and they are accounted for! HUZZAH! Please check through your storage and see if you have banners, tablecloths, and other assorted Baronial possessions.

Harvest Fest: We're still hunting for a site which, due to COVID and local sports, has been slightly difficult.

Master Arontius has an official bid for Candlemas February 2022 with Countess Elizabeth as his Feast Goddess.

We are currently looking for bids for June Faire 2022. It's approaching more rapidly than you'd think and all bids must be in before October of this year.

Thank you again for all of your joy, love, and community.

YIS, Furia Dommitia Seneschal Also September Crown is delayed.

Exchequer: HL Adelheide Leeuwin

Please refer to the finance business meeting notes prior.

Librarian: THL Ela Pennayth y Ynis Dewi

No report submitted.

Marshallate

Mashal: Conrad Ross

Mighty Barony of Dragon's Laire

Here in is your Marshal's Report for July of 2021

Sun shines bright on freshly cleaned helms and shields and the sound of clashing blades once again fill our ears! We have once again been given the gift of combat and our practice field has been carried our elation to the very sky. And though we can not yet join our neighbors in tourney and war, the return to armor feels as though we have returned to family after long absence.

We have returned to practices every Tuesday evening from 6-8pm at the VFW hall please remember that currently we have two sign in sheets required every week. Also keeping in society rules at the moment we can NOT share food or drink so please bring your own hydration.

Yours In Service

Conrad Ross

Baronial Marshal

There are two bids for the next baronial marshal:

Sarpedon: Wants to grow and improve the equipment available, establish a training program for new marshals, establish a second, more specialized fight practice each week, establish a monthly or quarterly war practice.

Morgan: Wants to support fighters of all time, from the newest to the most veteran in all ways possible. Wants to build baronial loaner equipment. Foster community: wants to grow relationships between fighters and the rest of the community. Build: Wants to build the barony's reputation and presence and unity.

Chief Archer: Arcos Alaricus Simmonds

Greetings unto the Barony of Dragon's Laire

This past month has been very active we have averaged 20 attendees at practice with several archers submitting scores. several new or returning archers that are not comfortable on the long range have been shooting on the short range and I want to thank Barron Arion for running the short range.

Lists: THL Liu Xian

No report submitted.

Rapier: Baron Jacques de Normandie, OWS

Although practices have started again, we have had very little turnout for Rapier. On average maybe 2-3 people (including myself). We have a couple of new fencers who have been coming and learning the basics. No injuries or incidents to report.

There will be Rapier activities at the Baronial Picnic on the 21st from 11-1. They will most likely be treated as a "practice" so that those who aren't yet authorized will still be able to participate

I put together a list of new gear for loaner equipment, but with the lack of participation we are currently having, I may postpone the purchase until such time as it is really needed.

Siege: THL Argai Ne'urin

Siege is happening at archery practice. The Siege engine has been there the last couple times, given people the opportunity to try it out. Some royal rounds have been shot as well to make sure the engines are in compliance, especially as we are writing the book.

See me if interested in target and/or combat siege. Authorization is required. Part of the combat siege authorization requirement is being shot by the siege. It does not hurt as much as you'd think (and you'll be in armor.)

Thrown Weapons: Arcos Stephen the Sinister

One injury has been had out on the thrown range – Me. Practices have been going well. The current targets are getting chewed through; couple lines going on replacements. Will have updates soon.

Youth Armored Combat: Titus Octavius

No report submitted.

Minister of Arts & Sciences:

Still looking for an officer for this position. Please let Seneschal Dammit and Their Excellencies Kloe and Arion know if you're interested.

Bardic: Arontius of Bygelswade

Greetings All,

In July, I spoke with a number of people to gage interest in Bardic Activities in Dragon's Laire. Specifically, what is currently interesting people and what activities would they like to experience. Some good ideas were generated and I'm working on implementing them.

First, there were requests for more of the theatrical arts. Some people enjoy the Readers' Theater entertatinment. But some want to see actual Theatrical Productions, if at all possible. I have engaged at least one of our Populace who had background in local theater, and am working on engaging a second. When we have a plan put together, we'll set up a gathering at a Tuesday Social to see what we can do to create some theater in Dragon's Laire.

Second, there is some interest in Story-Telling. Our current Baronial Bardic Champion, THL Maire, is an accomplished Story-Teller. I am working on connecting her with those who want to learn and engage more in Story-Telling.

Finally, there is some interest from a number of people at re-starting an instrumental Consort again in order to play at upcoming events, and to learn medieval music. I have engaged a number of people whom I know play various intruments and we will be setting up a Consort sometime in the next month or so, with practices tentatively scheduled at some Tuesday Socials (on the back-porch, weather permitting). I will also start a set of classes for beginning Recorders. I have loaner recorders, and enough music to sink a proverbial Viking Longship, so we'll see what we can do with this.

In August, the 'An Tirrable Players,' Readers' Theater Corp, plan a presentation of an adapted 'Twelfth Night,' written by Master William Shakespeare. The plan is to perform this at the Dragon's Laire Picnic on August 21st. We hope you enjoy listening to us as much as we have enjoyed our reading processes.

If you have questions, have ideas on Bardic Activities you want to see happen in Dragon's Laire, or need help in connecting to those of the Bardic Community who can help you with Bardic Research or Performance, please let me know. I can help.

Many Thanks! Arontius of Bygelswade.

Bardic Igor to the Arts and Sciences Ministry of the Magnificent and Mighty Barony of Dragon's Laire.

E-Mail: Arontius@comcast.net

Chronicler: Lady Artunis of Dragon's Laire

Notetaking is happening. If all officers could ensure they submit their monthly reports to the form online as well as on Facebook, that would be appreciated. That is the official way to submit your monthly report, and ensures your report makes it to the Flames, as well as saves me from having to scroll through a bunch of random posts on Facebook to find all reports and hope I found them all. If the website doesn't load for you, please feel free to email them to me at dragonslaire.chronicler@antir.org and please contact the Webminister for help with the website.

Golden Dragon Pursuivant (Herald): Countess Elisabeth de Rossignol

The herald's office has been a busy place the past month with a lot of requests for name and device consultation. I would be glad to work with anyone who might be interested in learning about the art and science of Arms.

This month there will be another Virtual Herald's Point online, where you can not only turn in submissions but pay online as well. I would like to encourage people to take part. I will once again be participating as a consulting herald, which I did in February and enjoyed very much.

I have also continued working on the Lions Blood team on Kingdom submissions.

Countess E

Chatelaine: THL Ataliana 'Talia' de Segna

Things are going great.

Webminister: Lord Máenach na Cailled Looking for a Deputy or two

Good gentles of Dragon's Laire, welcome to the Octavian month of Augustus!

As my Zoom duties have decreased I have been shifting my efforts back to the website... slowly. Highlights from the past month:

- The latest copy of the financial policy is now available on our website.
- Their excellencies Kloe and Arion were not receiving monthly reports; this has been remedied.
- Kösem and I have posted information about the upcoming Baronial picnic on our website and on Facebook.
- Our exchequer asked if it would be possible to provide a way to submit cheque requests through a form on our website. I think this is a great idea, so I have begun investigating the technical details. This would be an option in addition to the traditional paper method, which will not be going away.

Scribe: Dame Tamlyn of Wyntersea

I will be at the meeting tonight with charter blanks for those scribes who wish to either work on them there or take them home to be worked on.

HL Annaka Poznanska is working on a new Bumblebee design and I hope to soon be receiving design ideas for the Mano Minas and Nautilus from Lady Catan.

Social Media: THL Kösem of House Awry

No report submitted.

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

No report submitted.

Guilds & Groups

Culinary & Spirit-makers: THL Ciar ingen Fiachnae

Greetings Good Gentles!

An enjoyable guild meeting was held on July 29th at Island Lake Park with 8 participants in attendance! Everyone had a chat to catch up and a few of us shared cooking projects, modern and medieval, that we have been working on.

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Cookbook one will be on Drinks! We're looking for introductory/SCAdian drinks, both non- and alcoholic that those new to the SCA and or medieval cooking can experiment with. The goal is a minimal investment in set up with recipes that are approachable and with easily obtainable ingredients. If you have something to contribute, please let me know! Repeats on topics, for example meads or spiced drinks, are more than acceptable!

Cookbook 2 and/or 3 – open topic! Desserts? Savory pies?

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A neat talk from Jim Chevallier, "Feasting the Franks," includes an very brief overview of the Visigoths, and their foods, who were in control of the region after the Romans.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gh3Be7w-O2A

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Our next meeting will be on August 26th! I'm hoping to spend more time focusing on what people have been exploring and working on!

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Scribal:

Still looking for a new head of Scribal. Please let Seneschal Dammit and Their Excellencies Kloe and Arion know if you're interested.

Research Corpus: Magistra Aelianora de Wyntringham

Report

Events & Event Steward Reports

June Fair

Still looking for bids for June Fair 2022! Please submit bids by October! It is not as far away as we think it is.

Baronial Picnic

October Event

Harvest Fest: Still working with baronial marshals to come up with prizes for as many specialties as possible. Still looking for a site.

Candlemas 2022

Arts & Sciences Play Day (Fall):

New Business