

The Flames of the Dragon

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Dragon's Laire Finance and Business Meeting Notes

Held September 07, 2021. Compiled September 13, 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: \$33,101.44Savings: \$34,306.07CD: \$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 08/03/2021-Refund 08/31/2021 1515.00

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 is not a site option currently. **Will complete by September business meeting.**

- 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-Waiting for Check request Form
- 4. Administrative Actions:
 - a. 2022 budget reminder- I propose we keep the 2021 budget, except for increasing Admin expenses.
- 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. Kat Kelley (AKA M'Lady Skalla) and I spoke (08/11/2021) about taking the stamp project off the DL Agenda unit she is ready to continue with the Stamp project. Kat Kelley (AKA M'Lady Skalla) will resubmit her project when the stamps are closer to completion and compensation for artisan work has already been approved.

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,

We have been your Baroness and Baron for just over 1 year. And what a crazy and completely unanticipated year this has been. One of the traditional SCA sayings was: "We recreate the Middle Ages as it should have been"... you know without the annoyances of things like the Plague and modern technology. Alas, now we have had a taste of the Plague and wish it would go away! We all long for a return to normal life with less screens between us.

It was with high hopes that your Baronial team started up in-person Socials and Archery again. Unfortunately With the steady rise in infections we have had to step away from our loved and well attended practices, our first large in person activity, the Picnic, and our first official in person event of 2021, Harvest Fest.

This was not taken lightly. While the picnic was nearly ready to go we had to evaluate all aspects of what was going on in the Barony and sadly step away from having the picnic. At the same time the Harvest Fest event team had worked diligently to secure a site to host our Arts, Sciences, and Bardic event, and all of them refused, referencing the pandemic and not knowing what the fall infection rate would be like. Along with the cancelling of our events, all around us other activities, wars, and Kingdom September Crown were being cancelled too.

Our goal, as hard as it has been to achieve, has been to reunite our Barony in person with all the traditions we miss. At this time we are keeping an open mind, and if infection rates drop and locations allow us the use of their facilities, we will have a picnic like event as soon as we can. Until then keep strong in the face of modern history.

As we continue to share our world behind screens, and in our personal bubbles, we humbly invite any who wish to look at the sergeantry to reach out. We also encourage everyone to attend virtual events and classes around the world and share what they learned. Please include links to our group for events you are attending so that others may do so as well.

We encourage all of you to join in our Tuesday Virtual meetings to share your projects, your research, and get or give feedback on others. We would love to see the garb you have been making, your weaponsmithing, the camp items you are creating for next year, and more. It is okay to come in late and leave early.

With high hopes, we also look forward to 12th Night in January 2022, as the resumption of Kingdom events. We also hope to have our first Baronial event in way too long at Candlemas. All of this depends on how the pandemic plays out.

We are aware that fellow SCAdians, friends, and family have been affected by COVID19, in ways we cannot imagine, and that has been heart-breaking to hear about and read about online. We continue to encourage the Populace to follow the directives from Kitsap County Health and the CDC. Get vaccinated if you can. Wear a mask when in public, whether it's indoors or out. Wash your hands.

In Service to the Dream and Dragon's Laire, Kloe, Baroness and Arion, Baron Seneschal: THL Furia Dommittia and Deputy Seneschal Ciar ingen Fiachnae

Monthly report for Seneschal, Furia Dommitia and Ciar ingen Fiachnae, submitted September 8, 2021:

Greetings unto the Sun-toasted Barony of Dragon's Laire!

Lady Furia Dommitia has asked me to step in while she handles some life issues. We can both be reached at dragonslaire.seneschal@antir.org and if you need me more immediately I can be reached via Messenger.

After much deliberation and monitoring of the numbers at the Kitsap Public Health website and in consultation with Their Excellencies, we have decided to cancel the October event.

Speaking of events, the Barony is looking for a June Faire Event Coordinator! Master Arontius has been working with the Kitsap County Fairgrounds, the Saddle Club, and a third site owner on arranging access for the third weekend of June! We are hopeful of a return to safe in-person eventing and celebrating our 35th Kitsap Medieval Faire!

Lady Furia Dommitia wanted to personally thank both both THL Sarpedon and Ermenrich 'Morgan' Guotmann for being wonderful applicants for the Baronial Marshall position. You are both invaluable to the Barony and your willingness to step into the role, especially with the pandemic complications, is incredibly appreciated. Thank you both for being an example of being the change you want to see and demonstrating service at its core.

THL Talia has submitted a letter of intent for the position of Arts & Sciences Minister and spoke about her intentions this evening. The position of Baronial Chatelaine now becomes available! If you are interested in this position, please submit a letter of intent to the Seneschal and Their Excellencies!

Ciar ingen Fiachnae, Deputy Furia Dommitia, Seneschal

Exchequer: HL Adelheide Leeuwin

Please refer to financial meeting minutes above.

Librarian: THL Ela Pennayth y Ynis Dewi

Marshallate

Mashal: Conrad Ross

Mighty Barony of Dragon's Laire!

Here Is your Baronial Marshal Report for the Month of August in the Year 2021

Thunder and Pestilence kept us at bay and for the safety of all our Noble Excellencies and Great officers Keep a sharp eye on the the tally's eager for us to meet in field and eric once more and though my time as your humble Marshall draws to a close I eagerly wait until I can greet you all again on the Field and in the Halls

Due to A Thunderstorm followed by spiking infection rates, there has been no Martialate activities in August

This is my Last Report as Baronial Marshall and would like to take this time to thank you all for your patience and for indulging me these past two years

I would also like to Thank Sarpedon for stepping and welcome him as our new Baronial Marshal

Thank You all

Conrad Ross

Chief Archer: Arcos Alaricus Simmonds

Greetings from the Chief Archer

There is not much to report since activities have been suspended I did receive the target butts and I am working on mounting them in the stands I am making.

I need to get my reimbursement form to the exchequer

Looking forward to the second return to in-person activities.

YIS

Alaricus Simmonds OGGS

Lists: THL Liu Xian

Rapier: Baron Jacques de Normandie, OWS

Had a few practices in August with low attendance. Otherwise no activity.

Siege: THL Arqai Ne'urin

Siege activity has once again moved from the practical range back into the shop. "Official" activity is again suspended, but the development continues on some engines and improvements to others. If you have questions about any of the behind-the-scenes activities, let me know and we'll see about getting you some answers.

IS, Arqai

Thrown Weapons: Arcos Stephen the Sinister

Greetings Mighty Barony,

For the month of September we had a total of 1 practice. People threw, but, unfortunately, no scores were submitted. All participants threw with no complications and the bales were recently seen to.

I, along with the rest of the Officers, eagerly await the time that we are able to gather in person again.

IS,

HL Stephen the Sinister, OGGS

Dragon's Laire Thrown Weapon's Officer Youth Armored Combat: Titus Octavius

No report submitted.

Minister of Arts & Sciences: Arontius of Bygelswade

SEPTEMBER, 2021, BARDIC DEPUTY REPORT -

.....Greetings Mighty Barony!

.....With the cancellation of the Baronial Picnic and the shut-down of in-person activities this last month, our plan for an in-person Readers' Theater presentation of 'Twelfth Night' was postponed. Modern Work (tm) and other modern distractions also prevented me from really being a Bardic Beacon this last month. My sincere apologies.

....In September, my plan is to confer with the current posse of Readers' Theater members of both rehearsals, and a good date for a presentation. Most likely online. It may end up being on a day outside of the regularly scheduled Tuesday Socials. I will ensure that it is well advertised.

.....Additionally, we are still looking for readers to take part in our presentations. You will be surprised at how much fun it actually is. No acting experience is required. Just a willingness to want to have fun with a group of rather nice people. :-)

.....When we can once again meet in person, we have plans on the horizon:

.....First, Don Jacques de Normandie and HE Ataliana de Segna have agreed to partner with me on forming an acting troop within Dragon's Laire. We want to hold an initial planning meeting to talk about the vision of what we see this being, and get input from those interested in acting on what they might like it to be. Our initial kick-off would be a presentation of recitations from individuals reciting sonnetry, period poetry, or specific scenes from plays found within period.

.....Second, as has been mentioned before, there is interest in re-forming an instrumental consort for the learning of period instruments and music. The goal being to perform at upcoming gatherings. When we can meet again, in person, you will see advertising from me on a meeting to make plans.

....Looking down the road, I know it is difficult to make very concrete plans around much of anything at this time. But I want to start conversation on a Bardic Gathering for December. Several months back, I put out a call and paid numerous visits to many people in the area in order to gather recorded bardic performances. These were gathered in one location online, and then shown at one of our Tuesday Socials. It was rather well-received, and enjoyed by many who witnessed it.:-) I would like to do the same thing in December. It doesn't have to necessarily be at one of our Tuesday Socials, we can schedule it for a Saturday (such as, just before Christmas maybe?). This might be a nice way to bring some joy to our holiday season. Please volunteer early if you have something you might think would fit nicely in this theme. Expect me to start ringing proverbial door-bells starting in October to beg for input into this plan.:-)

.....Finally, a request was made to me for some support in the formation of a 'War Bardic Group'. Some of the warriors of Dragon's Laire would like to add a bardic element to the Theater of War. Imagine a drum corp leading the troops of Dragon's Laire onto the War Field. Or imagine pipers bringing victory music to embolden our fighters as the review their opponents. How about a War Chant from our noble fighters as they make their way to the War Field? I have started to make enquiries to others who have some background and experience with this and might be able to help in this endeavor, and I'd like to hear from

any of you who'd like to get involved to help with the organizing of this and to see what we can do with it.

.....This is quite a bit of 'stuff' on the 'to-do' wish-list. So any and all help would be appreciated. Especially enthusiasm! Which is the most desired. :-)

....Let me know if you have any questions!

.....Arontius of Bygelswade.

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

Chronicler: Lady Artunis of Dragon's Laire

Thank you to everyone who has remembered to submit their monthly reports through the online form; this is incredibly helpful.

Golden Dragon Pursuivant (Herald): Countess Elisabeth de Rossignol

Report.

Chatelaine: THL Ataliana 'Talia' de Segna

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

Good gentles of Dragon's Laire, welcome to the Seventh month past March!

The past month has seen me focused on my modern life -- especially my day job -- and I have made little progress on my Webminister duties. In September I hope to renew my webbish efforts: Ciar and I spent last week on a camping vacation, one of my never-ending projects at work is actually finishing up this week, and -- who knows? -- maybe the moon is right or something. My most pressing concerns are updating some pages which have fallen out of date and some improvement to the awards recommendation page and associated information. I'm also still investigating the possibility of submitting reimbursement requests online.

Last month, our first year of Zoom expired and we switched to monthly billing. There was an error in the transition and after discussing it with Zoom support, we ended up with two weeks of free Zoom. That means our current month of Zoom will expire on September 17; I plan to bring this up during the Financial Committee portion of our monthly meeting.

YIS,

Máenach na Cailled Webminister, Dragon's Laire

Scribe: Dame Tamlyn of Wyntersea

A couple scribes picked up charters at the August Business meeting and hopefully are happily scribing away, including new scribe Stephanie Selby. (Will the other scribe please contact me, I didn't write down your name)

The new Bumblebee charter created by HL Annaka Poznanska was received and will be added to the designs ready to be painted.

There is a Facebook group for the Barony's Scribes at "Official Dragon's Laire Scribes" for those seeking more information on what the scribes are working on in the Barony as well as some scribal videos.

If you are interested in painting charters or working on scrolls for the Barony please let me know. Social Media: THL Kösem of House Awry

No report submitted.

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

Guilds & Groups

Culinary & Spirit-makers: THL Ciar ingen Fiachnae

Greetings unto the Grand Barony of Dragon's Laire!

August was a quiet month for us and we did not hold a meeting. THL Rycheza z Polska has returned from far journeys and has begun sharing recipes with group!

For September, virtual activities abound!

Known World Cooks and Bards 2021 begins Friday September 10th with classes on the 11th and 12th. The mostly certain schedule has been created and can be viewed on their website https://tilted-windmill.com/kwcb2021/index.html! Several classes have been pre-recorded and are already available for viewing. Of great interest to some are the classes on Medieval Japanese cooking, modern safe practices with Medieval Foods, and a survey of the Cookery Books.

Also this weekend, the Known World Symposium of the Americas https://known-world-symposium-of-the-americas.yolasite.com/ https://www.facebook.com/events/507012323732676 No schedule has been posted at this time

University of Atlantia September 18-19 Session https://www.facebook.com/events/294162342251692 YOU MUST REGISTER BY SEPTEMBER 15! Classes on brewing, gardening, and Aztec food and drink. (The bog bodies class is being offered and it is also quite good!)

As summer leads to fall, remember that 'Pumpkin Spice' can easily be mistaken for powdered douce and or powdered forte and were delicious on roasted meats, stewed fruits, and pastry!

Ciar

Scribal: Maitre Renart le fox de Berwyk

No report submitted.

Research Corpus: Magistra Aelianora de Wyntringham

Report

Events & Event Steward Reports *Yule 2020: Master Arontius:*

VIRTUAL DRAGON'S LAIRE YULE FEAST -

Candlemas:

SEPTEMBER, 2021, CANDLEMAS REPORT

.....Greetings All,

.....The application for Insurance Rider from SCA, Inc., was submitted last month, as well as the formal application for use of the space at Marcus Whitman Middle School in Port Orchard. As soon as the rider certificate is received by the South Kitsap School District I'll be sent the contract for use of the space.I am putting together a Facebook Planning Group for Candlemas, if you'd like to get involved, let me know and we'll see about adding you. I plan for a gathering, in some form, sometime in October.Since the weather in February is usually not in our favor, we are primarily focused on ideas for the Arts and Sciences, as well as Bardic (to make use of the stage which will be available to us).Also, as a reminder, we are planning a 'Grand Processional' just prior to Court. I'm working on a detailed explanation to post to the Barony, which will be out certainly before the end of this month.Finally, the FOCUS of Candlemas, 2022, the FEAST being planned by Countess Elizabeth de Rossignol. If you know anything about this wondrous person, you KNOW this will be one of the most fantastic food experiences of your life! :-)

....Let me know if you have any questions!

.....Many Thanks! Arontius of Bygelswade.

Arts & Sciences Play Day (Spring):

June Faire 2021: Sir Andras Trumark

Arts & Sciences Play Day (Fall):

New Business

Bid