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# Dragon's Laire Finance and Business Meeting Notes

Held January 11, 2022. Compiled January 11, 2022.

Additional notes from the business meeting are summarized and indicated.

Artunis, Chronicler

## Finance Meeting Notes:

Barony of Dragon's Laire Finance Meeting Report January 11, 2022

#### 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: \$27,395.33Savings: \$34,308.94CD: \$10,350.57

#### 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. "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." Aaron Rogers (**AKA Arontius of Bygelswade**) September Report. Request to add Paypal for prereg and gate. **Canceled due Covid but wait there may be more info to come.....** 

- **b.** June Faire, John Perkins (Owain Ap Gwyllim Pengryth) & Aaron Rogers (**AKA Arontius of Bygelswade**). Working on final details. Will submit formal bid in January.
- 3. Purchases / Expenditures / Fund-Raising:
  - a. Donation- HL Wilfred Josefsen \$6000
  - **b.** Zoom unlimited was renewed for two months Finance Committee Approved purchases 1/10/22

- 4. Administrative Actions:
  - a. Kimberly Parks (AKA Guiote de Bourgogne)- Will step up as Contingency Deputy Exchequer as of January's Finance Meeting, Kimberly was approved during the November 2021 Business meeting. Aaron Rogers (AKA Arontius of Bygelswade)- will step down as Contingency Deputy Exchequer as of January's Finance Meeting. Working on paper work
- 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. In progress** 

- b. 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. Check reconciled September 28, 2021 and sold Two Bull dog mats \$50.00 reconciled September 27, 2021. Two additional targets left for sale. Waiting for final sales.
- c. Pronoun 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. Revisit after 12th night
- d. 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 the increased cost of lumber. Focus on acquiring stakes. Needs physical help to assess tents and number of stakes needed. David Meyers (AKA Thangbrandr) to submit a bid for pole pins and tent stakes. Need bids for poles and bags.

### Business Meeting Reports and Notes:

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

Happiest of New Years,

My how 2021 seems to have been both the longest and shortest year. We pushed through online activities and finally came together to meet again. As the new year moves on, events are coming back to life and, while every day of 2022 is a mystery, we are looking forward to all our gatherings again, though that can always change, but we honestly hope it will not.

With that we remind all that at this time the Kingdom is on temporary suspension of in person activities for 10 days due to a positive test result at 12th Night. We can return to in person on January 21st, 2022. Tuesday night Socials, and Fighter Practice and Rapier, Thrown Weapons, and Archery practices are on Sundays shall return again when we are cleared to meet in person once more. Check the Calendar for times: https://dragonslaire.antir.org/wordpress/news/calendar/

As we look over the schedule for the next 6 months, we are excited to share in the events locally, and around the Kingdom. Below is a list of our planned event attendance, and are happy to welcome any who may like to spend some time on Retinue.

Ursalmas January 29th - Baroness and Baron
Candlemas Royal Court- February 5th - Baroness and Baron
Kingdom Arts and Sciences March 4th to 7th - Baron
Baroness War - April 7th to 10th - Baroness and Baron
Replacement event for Candlemas - April TBD - Baroness and Baron
Embers and Ambrosia - April 29th to May 1st - TBD
May Crown - May 20th to 22nd - Baroness and Baron
June Faire - June 16th to 19th - Baroness and Baron
Athenaeum - June 25th - TBD

Arion was at 12th Night on Sat for Courts. I was impressed with the reports I heard from the Event staff about Dragon's Laire members helping out in various ways! Jess Gateman was handing out gender buttons in the Merchant's Hall. Stephen the Sinister, Diana Cartier, Sigridr and Herger Axe Breaker were everywhere quietly tending to things that needed to get done for the Event. Stephen also served on Guard duty for Court. Sigridr also represented the Barony as our A&S Champion by wearing the Champion's Cloak. Jacques of Normandy assisted with Live Streaming. Maire Blakater, our Bardic Champion, did a wonderful walk through, live streamed interviews and directed a Comedia performance on Friday evening. Haldora helped out with Gate. Adleheidi was a blur of constant activity on TR Highnesses Retinue. Arkhai hung with me all day Saturday as Retinue. Gwen the Potter and Arontius took pictures and videos of everything and shared them on our Facebook page. I likely missed some of you. To all that lent a hand, your work to support the Event is very much appreciated by Us and the hosting Baronies of Wyewood and Madrona. You all rock!

Congratulations to all those who were recognized during the event.

At this time our Candlemas has been suspended. While we had hoped to finally sit together with all of you, we understand the facilities need to cancel our event out of precaution for the students who attend the school. We hope to have the ability to gather for a true event sometime in the near future, until then we hope to see you out in the kingdom at the events of our cousins.

With upcoming events we are looking for always welcoming Largess to pass along to all those who work so hard to make the dream a reality. If you have any largess to donate please let us know and we would be happy to make arrangements to collect it.

We ask that the populace take the time to recommend those who you feel are deserving of an award they may have been overlooked for. Until the website is working properly please email us directly at Coronets@dragonslaire.org

During our business meeting we read a letter we received from HL Wilfred Josefsen reminiscing on their past history in An Tir, and thanking a Knight who sat at a Lady's bedside in the hospital, and though they had never met, the Knight went and then fought in her memory at the next event. He honored us with a donation to the barony. You can read his letter in its entirety below. We thank him for his kind and generous donation.

Yours In Service, Baroness Kloe and Baron Arion

Letter From HL Wilfred Josefsen

2021 November 28

Greetings unto the Coronets, the officers, and -- most especially -- the populace of Dragon's Laire!

I guess I was what you would call a ... late bloomer. Introverted, morbidly shy, living my life in my own head. But upon discovering the June Faire event in Poulsbo so many years ago, I had at last happened upon people to whom I could relate.

I will always hold, most fondly, memories of the marvelous times and hard work, volunteering and entertaining ourselves and others in the pursuit of the Dream.

Such great friends and cohorts: Mateusz & Rycheza, and Theodoric, in the Spirit Makers' and Culinary Guild, Kassandra of bobbin lace & Chatelaine fame, Eric the Games Master, Jacque de Normandie in the subtle arts of the rapier fighting (this was back in the days of fiberglass bike flag rapiers,) Arontius, Ross & Catelyn as bardic inspirations. Brad & Mary C. as well, in the garb and arts & sciences and theatre niches (as well as Brighid Ross who directed a rollicking non-SCA-affiliated Three Musketeers with the Kingston Roving Players.)

I met people working together toward common goals, creating events, assembling ·the Blatha castle. We went through dramas and pains and glories. One experience, for certain, will always remain with me: was this perhaps a Crown event?

A Lady was in hospital, not doing well. Her only request? For an An Tir Knight to come visit her. I do not recall the noble lady's nor knight's names, but he did indeed - having never met her previously - spend the evening at her bedside. The next day upon the list fields he did vow to, and commence to, do battle 100+ times in her memory.

People working together, and taking care of each other, finding common goals while learning and researching. That is what I will remember of my time in the SCA.

Thank you to all, and enjoy the Dream! I know these moneys will be put to good use.

The fledgling bard formerly known (informally: never registered) as:

**HL Wilfred Josefsen** 

Awards Links

Baronial award recommendations you may have to us so that we may prepare.

Please take the time to submit your recommendations here:

https://dragonslaire.antir.org/.../recommend-an-award/

To view a list of the Baronial Awards visit here:

https://dragonslaire.antir.org/wordpress/welcome/awards/

We also ask you to take time to think about the future as Kingdom events begin again. Now is the time to recommend those gentles worthy of recognition by the Crown. The deadline for consideration by the Crown is at least four weeks prior to the event for which you are recommending, while this may be too soon for Candlemas, it will not be too soon for the following events!

First, look them up in the Order of Precedence to see what Awards they already have:

https://op.antirheralds.org/index.php

Here's a list of Kingdom Awards:

http://antirheralds.org/op/awards - note that there are now a variety of Award of Arms categories to choose from! Also consider recommending gentles for Grant of Arms awards.

Then write a recommendation for a Kingdom Award at:

https://www.antir.org/our-people/award-recommendation

To use this Form, you will need an Account. Fortunately it is easy to do:

https://antir.org/register

#### Seneschal: THL Furia Dommittia

To the chilly Populace of Dragon's Laire

June Faire is gearing up so please reach out to Owain, the Event Steward, to see how you can help make the magic happen!

September Crown is ours, thank you Arontius and Ciar, our Event Stewards! Whew! Busy year coming at us!

End of year reports are due at the end of the month so heads up Officers!

**Bodies:** 

Scribal Guild is still looking for a new Head, preferably attached to a body! If your head and attached bits are so inclined, please let me know.

Chatelaine: we need one. Is it you? Is it meant to be? Do you hear the office of Stranger Greeter calling your name with an angelic chorus beckoning you take your place?

Librarian: We need one. Space is required. Cleaning is required. Purging may be required.

Deputies! Just about everyone needs one! If you'd like to learn more about a position and you want to sit in this/my particularly comfy chair, please reach out!

YIS, Dammit

Exchequer: HL Adelheide Leeuwin

Please see financial report above.

Furthermore, a replacement is actively being sought for this officer position, as my term ends in one year.

Please reach out via Facebook if interested.

Librarian: THL Ela Pennayth y Ynis Dewi

No report submitted.

### Marshallate

Mashal: Sarpedon

Dragons Laire held 2 Armored Fighter practices in December and had a total of 2 fighters. 1 new fighter completed authorization and is awaiting his paperwork to be totally legal to fight.

YIS, Sarpedon

Chief Archer: Arcos Alaricus Simmonds

Greetings Dragon's Laire

There has been no archery activity recently due to weather and events. I continue to be willing to run practice, weather dependent and not withstanding other unforeseen circumstances.

YIS Alaricus Simmonds OGGS Dragom's Laire Archery Marschal

Lists: THL Liu Xian

No report submitted.

Rapier: Baron Jacques de Normandie, OWS

Apologies for not being around the last couple of months. I was involved in my theatre company's first production in over two years. All done now, with a successful run.

Anyways, still no activity in Rapier, mostly due to weather. While we did get permission to move practice alongside thrown weapons on Sundays from 11-1, the weather has not cooperated at all. Ursalmas is coming up in a couple weeks, and Kingdom A&S/QRC after that. People needing new or renewed authorizations will need to meet with me to make that happen. Hopefully we get a chance in the near future.

YIS, Jacques

Siege: THL Arqai Ne'urin

No report submitted.

Thrown Weapons: Arcos Stephen the Sinister

Greetings Mighty Barony,

Only one active practice was left in the blustery and wet month of December. Again, only one thrower participated. The bales are still in good condition last I checked and I am eagerly awaiting the time that we can reopen and throw again.

IS,

HL Stephen the Sinister, OGGS Dragon's Laire Thrown Weapons Officer Senior Marshal for Target Archery, Thrown Weapons, Missile Combat, and Siege

Youth Armored Combat: Titus Octavius

No report submitted.

Minister of Arts & Sciences: HL Altaliana de Segna

Old buisness:

Bardic - Group produced tape of online, William Shakespear's "12th night"

Played on Dragon's Laire Facebook page on Christmas day. Way to go!!

Candlemas

During the Holiday break, Site owners decided to postpone any all non-school activities. Hence, Candlemas has been canceled for Marcas Whitman Middle School. As of date of report. No alternate site has been found.

**NEW BUSINESS** 

Kingdom A & S and Rapier championships

Deadline has been extended to enter for all around or single entry to January 31, 2022. Event will take place at Red Lion Inn in Pasco, WA

Pre- Registration will open soon

I have recently stepped up as A & S Minister for Dragon's Laire and I am honored to serve.

HL Altaliana de Segna Sharon Greany A & S Minister of Dragon's Laire

Chronicler: Lady Artunis of Dragon's Laire

Report

Golden Dragon Pursuivant (Herald): Countess Elisabeth de Rossignol

Greetings, all,

As usual, activity in the herald's office has been at a low but steady level this past month. Consultations on names and devices continue, though of late these have been more for folk outside the barony. Court and field duties, sadly, remain on hold.

As I've mentioned before, my term as Golden Dragon will end this summer, and I'd like to start working with people who would like to learn more about the duties of a baronial herald. Recall that although it's time for me to find a successor I'm not going anywhere and will still be here to help.

There is a Big Heraldic Surprise in the works that I will be revealing soon. Stay tuned! It's very cool!

Countess E

Chatelaine: THL Ataliana 'Talia' de Segna

No report submitted.

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

Greetings, Dragon's Laire, and welcome to the month of the oak moon!

In December, Ciar and I moved to a new house. In the context of our winter weather, the move took much more time and effort than I expected. Apart from cross-posting important Kingdom announcements, I didn't accomplish much official Webminister business.

However! Our move is now complete -- apart from unpacking and arranging our stuff in the new place, of course. Also, Caterina da Savona has volunteered to assist with the website! We're just getting started, but so far I have failed to scare her off.

As you may have noticed, the email trouble on our website continues. I will be pressing the Kingdom team about this again. In the meantime, direct emails and the Dragon's Laire mailing list are still working correctly. It's only emails that come from the DL Website which are currently broken: that's officer reports, reward recommendations, and emails related to Wordpress accounts.

With the recent interruptions of in-person activity, I've been asked to renew our Zoom account and have done so. I'm prepared for virtual activities as needed. It's easy to schedule more Zoom meetings; just let me know what you need!

In service to the Barony,

Máenach na Cailled, Webminister, Dragon's Laire

Scribe: Dame Tamlyn of Wyntersea

Greetings all,

Work continues on charters and scrolls for the Barony. If you would like to help please contact me at wyntersea@gmail.com We are waiting to see when the next event will happen due to the February 5th in person Candlemas cancellation, but look forward to seeing scribal efforts in the future.

I am looking for a deputy for this office, please contact me if you are interested.

There are also a couple of scribal ways to help at the Kingdom level. There are notecard templates you can find on the An Tir Scribes list to print out (contact me if you need appropriate paper) and Brandy Stier will soon be in receipt of charters for the reign of HRMs Sven and Rauokinn. Please contact her to help with those.

Warmest Regards
Dame Tamlyn of Wynterse
DL Baronial Scribe

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

**Culinary Guild Report** 

Scribal: Maitre Renart le fox de Berwyk

No report submitted.

Research Corpus: Magistra Aelianora de Wyntringham

Report

Bardic Report: Master Arontius of Bygelswade

Greetings And Salutations Unto The Brilliant And Bold Barony of Dragon's Laire!

In December, the current posse of Readers' Theater members recorded our Readers' Theater presentation of 'Twelfth Night' and posted it to YouTube. If you are interested in watching it, it can be found here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uXNiF6wUgJw

Now that 'Twelfth Night' is complete, we will try something new (that was mentioned previously). We will be working on some Shakespearean soliloquys and poetry recitations. We are going to see if we can promote at least a number of these to take place in a Bardic Track sometime in Spring, and maybe even June Faire. If this sounds even remotely interesting to you, please contact either myself, Talia, or Jacques.

In January, as long as 'in-person' activities remain stable, I will by holding a gathering at the Tuesday Social of January 25th to get an Instrumental Consort organized. I'll have music to distribute. All levels of skill are invited (we'll have music available for all levels of experience). Our new goal is to have a repertoire of music to play at June Faire. This will be a goal we can surely meet. A Dragon's Laire Consort Recital, which will be a great deal of fun.

I have not forgotten, and continue to plan, the other items still on the Bardic Agenda, including theater and war bardic support. More to follow as opportunity allows.

As always, any and all help would be appreciated. Especially enthusiasm!

Let me know if you have any questions!

Many Thanks! Arontius of Bygelswade.

Bardic Igor to THL Ataliana de Segna, Minister of the Arts and Sciences of the Most Wondrous Barony of Dragon's Laire

Events & Event Steward Reports *Candlemas 2022:* 

Greetings All,

It was with sadness, and maybe a little frustration, that Candlemas at Marcus Whitman Middle School in Port Orchard (on February 5th) was cancelled due to COVID restrictions in place from the South Kitsap School District. Cancellation process is happening now.

At least two options have been discussed. There is some interest in holding something Virtual on February 5th. Her Majesty Rauokinn has some business She would like to accomplish in a Royal Court, and the suggestion that a Virtual Bardic Competition, followed by a Virtual Court, was discussed.

The second option was to move the event forward to a Spring Event (most likely April) in order to still hold the feast, and meet in person as so many of us crave.

Discussion on these options is in process, and will be discussed at the Business Meeting itself.

We could still use help, no matter if this ends up being 'Virtual,' or 'In-Person'.

Let me know if you have any questions!

Many Thanks! Arontius of Bygelswade.

June Faire 2022:

I fully expect to have lots of actionable information for everyone at the February meeting; we have a major meeting coming up.

-Owain

September Crown:

Working hard on it; waiting for an actual invoice.

-Master Arontius of Bygelswade

#### **New Business**

- -Consider supporting Madrona and Wyewood after the financial hit of 12<sup>th</sup> Night having such low attendance.
- -Quarterly reports are due for officers.