

Angels Baronial Council Meeting
January 20, 2005

Called to order - 8:01 PM

Opening Comments:

Baroness: Thanks for coming everyone. We have a new setup tonight rather than rearranging all the tables. Please let me know if you can't hear us. Thank you so much for the great time at all the events in the past few months.

Baron: Angels' Yule was so FANTASTIC, everyone worked so hard. Twelfth Night was great as well, thank you everyone.

Newcomers:

Two friends of Jessica.

Previous Meeting's Minutes:

November - already published, let Trinette know if there were problems

Officer's Reports:

Seneschal - Trinette - It's the beginning of the year, it's looking to be a great year in Angels. Three positions were filled, but Minister of Children and Deputy Minister for Boffers is also open. Let me know if you're interested and we can get you warranted.

Ysabeau is undergoing a major surgery in February, and a few minor ones before that. She's hoping to move her deputy up prior to that and is currently re-coding the website to make the transition easier.

Domesday reports - I got one - thank you Joe - I didn't get copies from anyone else, please copy me on the one you send to your Kingdom superiors.

A&S - Rosamund - Nothing to report. Pentathalon is coming up, I encourage everyone to come and see everything or enter items. If anyone wants anything done, please contact me. Lady Cynna is my deputy.

Chatelaine - Mouren - No Newcomers' meeting in Nov - was Thanksgiving. None in December, because of the holidays. I have a new deputy - Caterina - please welcome her. We have newcomers' next Thursday. We're starting a new cycle. Still have not gotten the class syllabi replaced, but I will contact Anna Grace and see if she can email them to me. It's a four month class cycle with very specific topics to cover. I talked to about half a dozen newcomers at Angels' Melee, got some people who were very excited about it.

Those of you who have resolved this year to clean your castles, PLEASE consider donating old garb and feast gear to the Gold Key. Much of what we have is in rather desperate need of mending or repair, so new items to replace them are always welcome.

Chirurgion - Justina - Nothing to report!

Chronicler - Elspie: My reports are done, but not completely properly distributed. The Seraph is out! Pentathalon is coming, Pentathalon documentation makes great articles! I have lots of people willing to write for me, but I'm always looking for people to draw pictures.

Constable - Robert, home sick: Only had one problem with Melee - getting people to leave the site after the event. Several "Lost" items were claimed as found at the event.

Exchequer - Elle: Correction to November: Contact Exchequer for information

Both Trinnette and I are in the middle of getting inventory completed. If you have not already signed for your property, please do so tonight. It is a legal document, if any changes need to be changed, it must go through either myself or Trinnette. You are responsible for the property on your list, you cannot transfer it to anyone else. If someone else loses it, you are still held responsible. If you leave the office, those items should come back to Seneschal or Exchequer to be handed to the next person so we can double check the inventory. All changes to property must go through both the Exchequer and the Seneschal.

Herald - Balthazar: Several books were donated by Mistress Flavia and Baron John at Twelfth Night. Lots of info on how devices were made throughout history, and now how surnames were formed. I have lots of heraldic supplies now thanks to gift exchanges.

Mouren Muir handled the Heraldry at Angels Melee for the heavies and without her, it wouldn't have been done. I handled everything else, it was a lot of fun thank you everyone for your help. CoH meeting is this Sunday, if you have something to submit, please get it to me tonight.

Last month, one name was submitted, and this month I have one device.

Lists - Vivienne (Given by Mouren and Mariam) - 26 heavies, five teams, team of knights & dukes won. 39 rapier fighters, four man teams, House Portos won.

Marshal - Doku: Angels' Melee, heavies fighting went off without a hitch. Everything worked out fine. There were no really big problems. There was one authorization for a marshal in training. We're now looking forward to Estrella!

Marshal for Rapier - Basil - Rapier for Angels Melee went really well, we outnumbered the heavies. The day went really well, just one slightly hard shot but the receiver was back fighting in the next round. It was great, and we had a lot of people at practice on Tuesday, including the new White Scarf who was there teaching.

Webwright - Ysabeau, given by Trinette: Our web host will not allow any more auto-forwarding to AOL email addresses, she will supply directions to use the webmail or get an alternate email address. She's coding her little heart out at the moment, preparing for her deputy takeover.

Subgroup reports:

Canton: Rodak - Most of the offices have changed hands, we had an excellent meeting. Things are running a lot smoother than I expected them to. The eric poles are just about all finished. We ordered a new pavilion for the canton, it may be here before Estrella. We've discovered a new local park we're going to look into getting for events we hope to hold later this year.

Voyagers: Tomaso - It's been pretty quiet for the last couple of months. With the new year we are hoping to organize a few activities: an armor workshop, group trip to the Getty, carpools to events, and organized research projects that may turn into articles for the Seraph. We're starting to get things together for Mayday.

New Business:

Welcome new deputies: Caterina for Chatelaine, Natalya for Seneschal, Sir Einar for Exchequer, Lady Cynna for A&S.

Baroness Morgaine: A sword was made that will be passed from barony to barony for the barony that donates the most Toys for Tots. I have one thing to say: it's not too early! Pick up the toys and stash it away!

Old Business:

Demo: Baroness Morgaine: Smashing success! Fighters from Darach, merchants from Calafia and everything in between. Lyonsong, Occasional Consort, dancing demos, lots of interest in attending local events. We'll probably be contacted to do some similar events in the future. Thank you all for being there, it was fantastic!

Robin Hood financial report - Elle: Contact Exchequer for information

Huntsman's Yule: Ysabeau - No outstanding receipts. The Huntsman's Yule and Baron's Birthday Bash is now over and done. I hope everyone enjoyed themselves. I have no outstanding receipts through the Food Steward may still have some for the Exchequer. I have decided not to file receipts for any decorations, site tokens, and miscellaneous disposable goods so that the Barony has lowered expenses for the event. We made 49 (we had one dud) site favors and ran out rather quickly. I regret the roads were so terrible that night and many were delayed. Unfortunately, the CD player I brought for our Dance Master could not play his MP3 disc of music and we did not have the correct equipment until dinner was well underway, however this gave the many old timers who attended plenty of time to get reacquainted with old friends and new. Sadly, it turns out the new player was not having format problems, but was broken in transit to the site. I was very pleased by the Occasional Consort performance and presence at the event. Many thanks to them indeed! As well, I want to thank Lady Rosamund who made a feast out of all that MEAT. I have never had a finer meal at some of the finest banquets as I did at our pot luck table. Our guests were not only wonderful company, beautifully attired, but excellent cooks! Security at the site was called many times to help with unlocking doors and getting equipment working (outdoor lights and such) but unmasked escorted many with heavy baskets in their buggies! Bless the Security men!

We need a place to store the Boar's head! We had lots of toys for Toys for Tots, thanks to Ducess Natalya for transporting them and for Caterina for staying to help tear down & Voyagers for the site.

Elle: 75 attended, incoming balance Contact Exchequer for information.

Announcements:

Angels Melee: Elle: 157 attending. Total incoming Contact Exchequer for information.

Financial Committee: Elle: met after Nov meeting, unanimously passed final Yule budget, final Melee budget, and approved reimbursement to Exchequer, Herald, Chronicler offices. Discussed Seraph subscription options, raising rate for paper to \$15, adding an electronic at \$8/yr. We unanimously approved keeping Seraph paper rate at \$12, to re-evaluate mid-year. Approved adding electronic edition at \$8/yr.

Items for Discussion:

Angels' 35th Anniversary: Duchess Natalya: I wanted to come up with something really cool and really different, as the 35th year is something special. The theme is "Travels Along the Silk Road" some of us who were here 24 years ago did a Silk Road Twelfth Night, and it was really cool and a fantastic banquet. Part of my inspiration is exposing people to the history of not-Europe during SCA 'period'. I'm proposing a Tourney, contests that are focused on the history of Angels and historical things. We're focusing on Portugal, Persia, India, China. History contest, map contest, Mistress Renata's evil spice ID contest, chess & backgammon tournament in addition to weapons forms, costume contest, Hester Spoon, Angels' history in Heraldry, lots of merchandising. The sub goal of this is a huge fundraiser.

I hope to invite Duke Henrik and Vicountess Tamsin who are intimately connected to the history of the SCA and of Angels. There will be a banquet of four sections covering each country of focus with subtleties between each course. And at the end, the Silk Road Trading Game. I'm hoping for an atmosphere of leisurely eating, an amazing trading game, music in the background We encourage ethnic dancing done in an authentic style, not cabaret. Hopefully a bardic tournament, and possibly the finals of the chess and backgammon games done at the banquet. This event can be HUGE, so there's enough room for everyone who wants to do something to do something. I'm proposing this so early so that we can polish the recipes to perfection to create a banquet and an event to remember.

CP Prize: Elspie - Angels to put in a bid, the event is as of yet unclaimed. Looking to have a "Fireworks" themed event so holding it in a fireworks-safe area. Checking into it and the insurance risks, will fill out the event bid form and submit it.

Fall Collegium: Mariam - Finding a site for Fall Collegium or Collegiums in the future. Collegium sites should have:

Access to:

- 18-20 classes at the most, and 9-10 at the least busy times (Sunday)
- Cafeteria/Gym (everything except the kitchen)
- Outdoor areas – lawns, fields
- Several sets of bathrooms

In addition:

- Custodial staff on call to unlock rooms, clean up on Sunday
- Lots of parking areas
- Local restaurants/grocery stores
- Handicap accessible

Keep in mind:

- The site fees should be in the \$800-1000 range.
- All of the classes are open to local students (and parents) in addition to SCA members, but they will need to pay the standard registration fees (\$10 or \$13).
- The SCA is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization and may qualify for a reduced price.
- Negotiating a site in exchange for a demo day for the school is also a possibility.

Please call your local schools and see what they charge. Even if we don't end up hosting Fall Collegium this year, it is a good idea to know what is available so we can host Collegium in the future.

Helping to find a site in no way volunteers you to be the site autocrat or responsible for the event.

Post any information to the Angels Yahoo! Group or bring a note to an event or meeting to pass along to an officer, the Baroness, or a member of Angels' court.

Contact Lady Mariam Albarran with questions: aerin523@yahoo.com

Announcements:

Elle: Due to mundane obligations, I cannot fulfill my duties as Exchequer so I will be stepping down at the end of the month. I will be finishing up my duties and will pass along my duties to someone, possibly my deputy Sir Einar

Baroness: Let's all wish Rosamund & Tomaso a happy birthday tomorrow, and Bean, Balthazar and Tobias a happy birthday in the coming weeks.

Closing Commets:

Baroness: Go home. Drive Safely.

Baron: We will be at the Bardic Collegium at UCSB this weekend. Please join us!

Closed at 9:29 PM.