

MINUTES FROM THE OCTOBER 2008 BARONIAL COUNCIL MEETING

Held at the Caltech "Y" on October 23, 2008

ATTENDEES

Baron John ap Griffin, Baroness Flavia Beatrice Carmigniani, Baroness Morgaine FitzStephen, Baron Jason Thomas the Wanderer, Lady Catharine Hawkwod, THL Tomaso da Barbiano, Baroness Gabrielle Nicole Devereaux nicChlurain, Lady Daphina Delacroix, Baron Jared Alexandre Blaydeaux, Lord Faelán MacCearbhaill, THL Cormac Mór, Lady Annecathryn of Wicken Bonhunt, THL Katerina Magdalena Stoianovna, Lady Rayne the Archer, Lord Elric Shadewe, THL Balthazar von der Brugge, Lady Cathelina delle Vigne, Lady Selewynn Beltran, Lady Alisoun de Clairvaux, Lord Tobias Meerschlange, Lord Amalgaid, Lord Peter Cadarn (22)

ABSENT

Absent, provided report: Lord Æolwigg Æolfwiggsson (Captain of Archers) and Lady Antoinette Rosaura de la Villaverde (Deputy Minister of A&S) due to prior commitment; THL Rosamund Ryghtwys (Minister of A&S) due to medical treatment; Lady Vivienne de Lampérière (Lists) due to brush fires; Lord Owain ap Gwyllim Pengryth (Castellan) due to car trouble. Absent, no report: Baroness Justina Marie de Burgundy (Chirurgion).

PROCEEDINGS

At the Seneschal's request, the Seraph Pursuivant Baron Jared called the meeting to order at 7:54 p.m. There were no newcomers to introduce.

OPENING BUSINESS

The Baronage: Baron John said that GWW was great fun despite getting sick, and the Angels encampment was widely complimented for its appearance and hospitality. It looked very period, thanks to inspired arrangement. Baroness Flavia said that they had so much fun they hated to go back to the hotel and they were breaking a long-standing "no camping" rule and looking for a tent.

Seneschal (Lady Catharine): Asked attendees to review the September minutes. It is important to review them for accuracy, as this is our official record. Please give corrections to THL Tomaso. We need to be out of the building by 10:00 tonight because security will be coming to pick up the key and lock the room.

We will have (assuming it's approved tonight) long distance chroniclers Duchess Natalya & Jean-Christophe. Both the Kingdom and Corporate Chroniclers are very interested in how this works; in particular, Mistress Sionnach is interested in how the minutes will be taken, how communication with work with other officers, and how the co-Chroniclers will deal with the populace. Many issues were considered for this arrangement (the list of official considerations was read). This is a new thing, and we are the guinea pigs. Interim warrants were issued for the new Chroniclers so they could prepare a sample issue. A printed sample copy of the latest *Seraph* was passed around the room. The Barony will be asked to vote at the meeting to confirm the Interim warrant. More discussion will come later in the meeting.

Lady Catharine has been working a lot with contracts and demos. Details to come later in the meeting. She is working with everyone to make sure that the transition to Baroness Gabrielle as the new seneschal in December will be smooth and untroubled.

Arts & Sciences (THL Rosamund): Lady Rosamund is in the hospital receiving chemotherapy and we are sending our best healing thoughts to her. Lady Catharine provided a get-well card, which was passed around the room; she noted that Lady Rosamund can only have silk flowers and other low-bacteria items. If there are any A&S projects the Barony wants to work on, please contact Lady Catharine.

Angels had five winners at GWW:

- Lady Medb ingen Eochaid won the A&S Competition with a German dress
- THL Tomaso da Barbiano took 2nd place in Beers at the brewing contest
- Thorgrim Freybjornson took 3rd place in Beers in the brewing contest
- Lady Catharine Hawkwod da Barbiano took 2nd place in the Wool-to-Whatever contest
- Demoiselle Cassandra took 3rd place in the Wool-to-Whatever contest

Castellan (THL Owain): Little news to report, save that he will try to get to Sunday in any reasonable way possible. There will be a documentary filmed at PITP; further data is posted at the yahoo group. He has not received any new word about the demos other than the October 26th one is in limbo, and the November is a multi-Barony gig. We need more ways to get the word out, and have more people in the local area. Thank you to Poore House for all the help at war with new members and interested parties. (Note for Poore House: he has created a design with little modification from 2 Caidominiums to create one full pavilion, and that with only a few attachment points- call or email him.)

Chirurgion (Baroness Justina): Absent; no report.

Chronicler (Jean-Christophe & Duchess Natalya): As Angels interim co-Chroniclers, Jean-Christophe and Duchess Natalya created AngelsSeraph yahoo group and published the October 2008 issue, with the patient assistance of the Baronial officers. They appreciate the support from those who have already signed up and encourage everyone who has access to the internet to do so. They will be extending an invitation to join to our fellow chroniclers, kingdom officers and anyone else who might be interested.

Permission forms for publication of photos and approval of non-server email addresses are also located on the yahoo group. In addition, forms have been sent to specific individuals. Baroness Gabrielle will be handling collection and maintenance of the forms, as well as printing and mailing hard copies of *The Seraph* to those who request one or who are owed one per previous paid subscription.

Many thanks to Lady Daphina and Baroness Gabrielle for all their help with the budget which won't be finalized until Lady Catharine (a) polls the Barony to find out how many people prefer to receive a hard copy and (b) determines the extent of the previous subscription obligations. Lady Catharine and Baroness Gabrielle will be working with Lady Daphina to resolve this issue. Distribution of the complimentary copies has been resolved with the various recipients

Baron Jared and THL Tomaso have kindly offered to take minutes at Baronial Council meetings and send them to us by the Tuesday after the meeting (which for this month will be October 28). The chroniclers look to Lady Catharine to explain how she would like the Barony to proceed with review and approval of the minutes.

The Seraph is all about the barony so the Chroniclers enthusiastically encourage submissions of art, photos, chronicles, poetry, recipes and how-to articles, book reviews, notices about relevant local art, museum and theatrical happenings, etc. We want the newsletter to reflect the Vox Angelorum, the Voice of the Angels.

Lady Catharine brought up possibility of subscribers who wanted hard copy to pick them up at council. If the council approves of the new Chroniclers, the newsletter will be posted before council and Baroness Gabrielle will print hard copy for those who want them and bring them to council.

Constable (Baron Robert): Absent. However, Lord Elric has a belt pouch found at GWW.

Exchequer (Lady Daphina): Financial Committee notes are included in the Exchequer's printed notes and available for review upon request to Lady Catharine.

Herald (Baron Jared): Baron John and Lord Cormac attended last month's Kingdom Heraldry meeting and relayed the proceedings. Anyone who does not have arms registered is encouraged to do so. See Jared for anything you might need. There was some discussion of the process that a name or device submission goes through. Several people believe that their submission might have gotten lost. Lord Balthazar will check at the kingdom level regarding the status of the potentially lost paperwork; he indicated that he had offered to step up as Silver Trumpet (Kingdom Heraldry staff) because currently no one is sending out notice letter for Caid.

Largesse (Lady Catharine): Many wonderful things have been contributed. Thanks to Lady Alisoun for making inkle trim for Altavia for next year already, and to Lady Daphina for making jewelry and cords. Thanks to Griffin Dyeworks and helpers for the grand effort at GWW with tokens for Mistress Jeanne Marie's Pelican vigil at GWW.

Lists (Lady Vivienne): Absent but sent report: There is nothing to report.

Marshal (THL Tomaso): Lord Tomaso has a deputy! Lord Peter Cadarn has agreed to be deputy marshal. Thank you, Peter.

Baronial fighter practices have had steady attendance. The Sunday practice has been cancelled for the last couple of weeks due to GWW and Agincourt tourney. We will have practice for at least the next 4 Sundays. The calendar shows no practice for November 23rd, the day of QC Archery – will there be a practice?

The calendar in *The Seraph* also failed to list the fighter practice on Nov 4th. This is Election Day. Remember to vote, and then come to practice! The news outlets won't have anything to report until later in the evening anyway.

Lord Tomaso went to the Nautical Tourney to act as the Marshal in Charge, but there was only one fighter.

GWW was a great time and we had several fighters making a strong showing on the field, even if we did sometimes get split up to different sides.

Rapier (Lord Fáelán): Nothing to report.

Varangian Guard (Lord Peter): Had some really good battling on at GWW but we want to see more of our red tunic on the field. Expect big things for Estrella.

Archers (Lord Aeolwigg Aeolfwiggsson): Absent but sent report: Due to intervening SCA events (GWW & Altavia's Agincourt Tourney), Angels has held no archery practices in October. That will change as of Sun. October 26 when the practice will be at 4:00 due to the heat. At GWW where Lady Antoinette and Lord Aeolwigg ran the archery range we qualified 20 new archers and two new range marshals one for Starkhafn and our own Amalgaid mac Donnagáin for Angeles. Lady Antoinette won the Grand Master Archery Tourney at GWW!

Webwright (Lord Elric): Lord Elric needs deputy officer information for the web site, including email. We are looking at hosting the Seraph on the web site. We currently do not have enough storage space but we may be able to get more. He will be meeting with Baroness Flavia regarding ideas for new content on the site. He would like a photo and a release from each officer. Lady Rayne has a portable studio for taking photos. The current policy regarding releases required for placing content on the web site was summarized.

Youth Activities: The office is currently vacant, although someone may be interested in the job.

Canton of the Canyons (Lord Tobias): Nautical Tourney had low attendance but was still fun. Thanks to those who showed up. Lost & Found: a pair of sunglasses.

College of the Voyagers (Lord Fáelán): Nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS

Long-distance Chroniclers: Baroness Gabrielle started the discussion by reviewing the current budget and materials belonging to the office. There followed a discussion of the budget and how it works. The proposed budget was based on 20 hard copies but it appears that there may not be more than 7. It was pointed out that the printer assigned to the Chronicler's office could also be used to print flyers for the Castellan/Chatelaine's office. There may be a need to do some fund-raising in 2009 and a Seraph Ball might be a good idea.

A discussion about what would and would not be affected by the "long distance" aspect of the position, including contact/availability. "Measuring the pulse of the populace" to be addressed by recruiting people to write articles. There are issues with subscriptions that were paid in the past without the required number of print issues being sent out but discussion about this was tabled for this meeting.

A vote taken on whether the Barony wanted an electronic newsletter passed unanimously. (Lord Elric/THL Cormac)

Baroness Gabrielle led a discussion about the new chroniclers, reviewed their qualifications and ability to work with everyone. The question was asked whether from long distance, the chroniclers would be able to get people to submit things. The current issue of *The Seraph* was presented as an example, and it was decided that submissions would probably not be an issue.

A vote taken approved the use of long distance chroniclers as long as they meet our criteria in advance, passed unanimously. (THL Cormac/THL Katerina)

Lord Elric moved that we approve the office of Long Distance Chronicler so long as they meet our criteria in advance; Baroness Gabrielle seconded. Method of reaching those not on various lists discussed. Lord Elric suggested having Duchess Natalya post her ground mail address. The motion was approved unanimously.

A vote taken on THL Cormac's motion to approve Duchess Natalya and John-Christophe as chroniclers through their current warrant term of June 30' 2009 passed unopposed with the exception of Lord Elric's abstention.

Lady Catharine noted that people who have paid subscriptions should be identified.

Baronial Trailer: Lady Catharine announced that we bought the trailer. Copies of the registration are with Milpitas, so the SCA's liabilities are covered. The trailer needs to be towed in accordance with SCA and modern laws. SCA regulations include that the person towing the trailer must be a member in good standing and that arrangements to tow or store the trailer must be made in writing in advance with the Seneschal. The trailer cannot be used for strictly personal reasons. However, when branch property has been loaded, branch members' personal property may be placed in the trailer at the property owner's risk.

The baronial trailer is currently stored at the home of Baron John and Baroness Flavia. A different long-term solution needs to be found. Keeping it on their property long-term would require the installation of a gate. Everyone understands that baronial funds cannot be used for property improvements. The issue is tabled for this month

Baroness Morgaine will coordinate the search for a name for the trailer and suggestions should be sent to her at <ducorbeau@aol.com>.

According to Lady Catharine, the Barony is losing money overall and needs to cut its storage costs. We are currently paying \$120/mo for the storage unit. There are also some insurance issues; for instance, the contents of the trailer are not insured.

Kingdom Fund-Raising Event/Demo: Fighters are needed for the demo on November 22nd at the Steve Allen Theatre in Hollywood. Contact THL Owain at castellan@sca-angels.org

Largesse: For Dreiburgen: We'd like to spend up to \$30 of baronial money to buy battery-powered flicker lights for "Big Blue" (Dreiburgen's baronial pavilion). Baronial money can be used for this since it will be for the use of the entire group rather than an individual. It was moved and approved. For Calafia: we'd like to spend up to \$30 of baronial money to buy battery-powered flicker lights for their baronial pavilion. It was moved and approved. Lady Catharine Hawkwod will purchase the lights for both baronies.

Angels Yule: Progress on the event is fabulous. There will be more details at the next meeting. THL Katerina needs a cash advance of \$725 for the purchase of food and supplies. The expenditure has already been approved (last month). Receipts will be turned in the night of Yule. Lady Cate will be assembling baskets for a fundraising raffle.

Robin Hood Tourney (March 1, 2009): Lord Balthazar van der Brugge submitted an event proposal and initial budget. The event might have rapier and A&S activities. He will talk to the appropriate people to see what can be arranged. The event will consist primarily of target archery and thrown weapons. The bardic competition formerly known as the Sherwood Bard will be moved from Robin Hood tourney to Angels Yule. Several food ideas were discussed. The site has no cost and a site fee of \$3 was proposed. The traditional prize for the winner is a square foot of Sherwood Forest. Current cost is unknown. Prize details are to be worked out at a later date. The barony approved having Lord Balthazar as autocrat and Lord Amalgaid as deputy autocrat. Lord Aeolwigg and Lady Antoinette will be running just the archery portion. Lord Balthazar will discuss the potential

for rapier fighting with Lord Fáelán. Thirteen people have authorized in thrown weapons and Their Excellencies John and Flavia would like to add that to the schedule. Lunch has been offered in the past; does the Barony wish to do so again? The proposed site fee is \$3/per person. Baroness Gabrielle moved with several seconds that Lord Balthazar and Lord Amalgaid would autocrat the tourney; it was approved unanimously.

Collegium T-shirts: The print shop will replace all damaged t-shirts. Please return your t-shirt to Lady Catharine Hawkwood if you need a replacement.

New cash box: Baronial Exchequer Lady Dalphina wishes to spend \$50 for a new cash box. The old one is very large, very heavy, and hard to transport. The request was passed unopposed. (Lady Dalphina/Baron Jared)

Padlocks: The padlocks currently on the trailer belong to Baron John who would like to replace them with two Master 175D settable brass locks. They cost \$13/each from amazon.com and are much more expensive locally. Council approved Baron John buying two new locks not to exceed \$40 total. (THL Cormac/Lord Elric)

Angels Melee 2009 (Jan 17): THL Tomaso will send the CP announcement Friday October 24th. Lord Elric is the co-autocrat and Baroness Morgaine is merchant coordinator. Standard 10-man teams plus a two-man team bear pit for those who cannot get enough fighting. There will be combat archery, as well. Going to charge merchants only normal site fee rather than larger fee. Make it clear merchants know that if we're charged extra because they're late, they pay for it. THL Cormac moved and Lord Amalgaid seconded to approve the budget for Melee.

Yard Sale at Melee Where does the Barony want money to go? General fund? Infrastructure fund? Will default to the general fund.

Coronet Repairs: Discussion of issues was tabled till next month.

Tables: Two tables were purchased and used at GWW.

Closing Comments: Their Excellencies thanked everyone who helped with the camp at GWW. Baroness Flavia presented Lord Amalgaid with a certificate of recognition for his "cat herding" work as the Angels camp master at GWW.

Lady Annecathryn of Wicken Bonhunt thanked everyone for help with newcomers at GWW. Of the 9 people being shown around the camp, at least 4 are becoming active members in Heatherwyne and Dreiburgen.

The Baronial Herald called the meeting closed at 9:42 pm. A Financial Committee Meeting followed the Council Meeting.

Thanks to THL Tomaso da Barbiano and Baron Jared Alexandre Blaydeaux for taking minutes.
