

# **MINUTES FROM THE SEPTEMBER 2008 BARONIAL COUNCIL MEETING**

Held at the Caltech "Y" on September 18, 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 Dalphina Delacroix, Baron Jared Alexandre Blaydeaux, Lord Fáelán MacCearbhaill, THL Cormac Mór, Lady Annecathryn of Wicken Bonhunt, Lady Vivienne de Lampérière, Lord Rotheric Kynan, THL Katerina Magdalena Stoianovna, Lord Elric Shadewe, THL Balthazar von der Brugge, Lady Cathelina (Cate) della Vigne, Viscountess Lorissa du Griffin, the demoiselle Faye, Lady Selewynn Beltran, Lady Alisoun de Clairvaux, Lord Tobias Meerschlange, Baron Robert John of Cedarwood, Lord Peter Cadarn, THL Rosamund Ryghtwys. (26)

## **ABSENT**

No report from Baroness Justina Marie de Burgundy (Chirurgion) or Lord Æolwigg Æolfwiggsson (Captain of Archers).

## **PROCEEDINGS**

At the Seneschal's request, the Seraph Pursuivant Baron Jared called the meeting to order at 7:54 pm. We have a new exchequer, so we need a minimum of 40 minutes for Financial Committee tonight. That means council meeting needs to end at 9:15. We'll be keeping council discussion related to the "business" items on the agenda tonight and take general social discussion onto the list or to Picnic in the Park (PitP).

## **OPENING BUSINESS**

The Baronage: Baron John & Baroness Flavia thanked everyone for the anniversary tourney and investiture, especially the event autocrat Baroness Gabrielle. Her Excellency shared the singing congratulations card she received with the Barony, much to the amusement of all attendees.

Seneschal (Lady Catharine): Asked the members of the Barony in attendance to review the August Council Meeting minutes, copies of which were distributed at the meeting.

Welcomed Lady Dalphina as the new Baronial Exchequer. Noted that a minimum of 40 minutes is needed for the Financial Committee meeting so the open council meeting will be shortened to provide sufficient time for the second meeting.

With the advent of the new Kingdom Chronicler Mistress Sionnach, all Baronial Chronicler warrants expired. Baron Jared has been serving in that capacity as well as Seraph Pursuivant. Kingdom law states that a person should only hold one baronial officer position, and our new baron and baroness have stated that, in the interest of spreading work around evenly, they are not going to allow exemptions to that policy. Baron Jared has been serving the barony as both Chronicler and Herald and has elected to continue on as Baronial Herald. Lady Catharine thanked him for his hard work as Chronicler and his offer to take council meeting minutes during the transition. The Baronial Chronicler reports to the Baronial Seneschal and the Kingdom Chronicler. She asked anyone interested in the position of Baronial Chronicler to contact her in person or via email.

The final report including accounting for the recent Crown Prints Prize Tourney was submitted to respective Kingdom officers.

The Baronial regnum was been edited (condensed), updated to reflect recent changes and submitted to the Kingdom Chronicler.

Arts & Sciences (THL Rosamund): Although there weren't a lot of entries in the Baronial A&S competition, the ones submitted were good. Baroness Bridget Lucia MacKenzie is the new A&S champion. Due to her impending chemotherapy, THL Rosamund will be relying on her deputies Lady Antoinette and Baroness Morgaine to assist with the various duties required of the office for the next 3-4 months.

Castellan (THL Owain): Has a prospective deputy. He will formalize the appointment and announce it next month, by which time all the principles will be contacted and discussed. Two demos are scheduled with potential donations to the Baronial coffers for our participation (see New Business). Those interested in participating should contact the Castellan.

Has been helping with the new members at CSUN and is happy to say that it appears nine of them will become active. He does not know how many will play with Angels but he noted that a victory for an ally in which Angels has made a conspicuous assist is tantamount to a victory for one of our own.

Angels' survival depends on replacing those who have departed the Barony, and with the economy as screwy as it is, it's a tall order. For our continued enjoyment our numbers must continue to increase, lest we become insular. Although college and university campuses are good sources for new members, we need more recent graduates as a long-term solution to the problems of migrant members. He welcomes suggestions for solutions and volunteers.

The Varangian Guard: The Varangian Guard has a dedicated core, and nearly completed shields but needs more confirmed members. Those interested should contact Lord Peter right away. He has a workshop, materials, and at least three suits available for loan. If you liked what you saw at Anniversary please come be a part of the Guard. Six people are confirmed for GWW, with hopes of at least 12 people from the periphery.

Chronicler (Baron Jared): In his final report in this office, he thanked those who have supported *The Seraph*. Copies of the September 2008 Commemorative issue from Angels Anniversary are available. Anyone wishing a .pdf file should contact him directly.

Constable (Baron Robert): Some items from Anniversary were displayed and either returned to their owners or had their owners identified. Baron Jason's banner was still missing. (Chronicler's Note: His Excellency's banner was subsequently located.) Lord Liam of Altavia, Altavia's Constable, collected Angels' road signs. Still unclaimed: two napkins (possibly from Angels Yule) and a "very nice First Aid kit."

Exchequer (Lady Dalphina): Submitted the report prepared by Sir Einar aus Enwelt. Note from the Baronial Seneschal: Financial Committee notes are included in the Exchequer's printed notes and are available upon request from the Baronial Seneschal.

Herald (Baron Jared): No kingdom heraldry meeting has occurred since the August Baronial Council Meeting. He thanked THL Cormac Mór for organizing the field heraldry at Angels Anniversary, and reminded everyone to submit names and devices for registration if they have not done so yet.

Lady Vivienne de Lampérière: A new Order of Precedence will be published this month. She will post relevant information to the Baronial e-list and in *The Seraph* regarding changes in the process for the OP. Note: No unregistered Baronial Award will be listed.

THL Cormac Mór: He is the GWW War Herald and people with business for court or Herald Cries should contact him. Grand Court will be convened at 7:00 p.m. Saturday Oct. 11.

Largesse (Lady Catharine): Thanked Lady Katra for doing the prep work for so much of the Anniversary raffle and everyone who helped and contributed. She also thanked Lady Cate, Lord Balthazar, Lord Amalgaid, the lady Elisabeth, and Lady Dalphina, as well as Lady Jarucha from CRAC and Baroness Eloise of Lancaster from Calafia, all of whom did large amounts of work for Anniversary. Due to Lady Katra's departure for Utah, the office is open; interested volunteers should contact Lady Catharine directly.

Lists (Lady Vivienne): Anniversary went well with 24 armored combat and 21 rapier fighters. Lady Annecathryn of Wicken Bonhunt is the official Baronial Lists deputy; she and three other Baronial members are registered for the Lists class at the upcoming Collegium.

Marshal (THL Tomaso): Tuesday night practices are starting to be a bit more active. He's addressed the lighting problem by bringing a 1200-Watt work light and mounting it on the stone tables to illuminate the fighting area. We will also try using a better-lit part of the park, located near where we normally meet. 2-6 heavy weapons

fighters are attending at least twice a month. The new 3<sup>rd</sup> Brigade Commander THL Mouren Muir has been helping encourage attendance. Rapier practice usually has 3-6 fighters. Sunday practices at PitP have a small but consistent group of 3-4 armored fighters.

The new Angels Baronial Champions are both from Dun Or: Lord Sechequr Qara (heavy weapons) and Don Colyn mac Labhruinn (rapier). At least four members of Angels participated in martial combat. There are no injuries to report.

Rapier (Lord Fáelán): Has been out of town a lot recently. Thanks to Lady Roísín for her good job as Marshal in Charge for Rapier at Anniversary.

Varangian Guard (Lord Peter Cadarn): We have thus far confirmed 6 for GWW, and no less than double that on the periphery.

Archers: Lord Æolwigg was absent and submitted no report.

Youth Activities: *Office is vacant.*

Webwright (Lord Elric): New updates to the web site reflect changes at Anniversary. Officer deputies need to contact him so he can update their email addresses. He is also working with Baroness Flavia on new content for the site.

Canton of the Canyons (Lord Tobias):The Canton is gearing up for the Nautical Tourney in a week and a half. Getting support from both the Barony and the Shire of Heatherwyne.

College of the Voyagers (Lord Fáelán):The meeting room at Caltech has been reserved for the next quarter. The Barony will have the big room for the third Thursday in October and November and the fourth Thursday in October (other than Nov. 27 Thanksgiving and Dec. 25 Christmas.)

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Lady Catharine reminded all autocrats to appoint a deputy. If the autocrat is also the marshal of the day, s/he needs a co-autocrat. Baroness Flavia asked autocrats to take on a deputy/apprentice and teach them how to autocrat. She reminded everyone that they don't need to do the activity at an event (like archery) to serve as autocrat.

Angels Yule – Dec. 13, 2008 at Dabney Hall (Caltech) Co-autocrats: THL Rosamund Ryghtwys & THL Katerina Magdalena Stoianovna, who have come up with a great menu. It was noted that Baron John likes the honeyed dormice. THL Katerina noted that there is no kitchen so anyone with a crock-pot will be approached about bringing it to the event. The Barony will provide main dishes. Attendees will be asked to bring side dishes and desserts. No servers will be needed because food will be set up on three serving tables and someone from each attendee table will get food for their table. 80+ people expected. There will be a Dessert Contest – theme TBD.

Lady Cate offered to supervise a basket raffle and will take ANYTHING that might be useful in a basket. Lady Catharine will provide raffle tickets. Lady Vivienne offered to decorate the head table and will consult with Baroness Flavia. Uncertain whether the Barony will collect for Toys for Tots this year – TBD

Total expenses estimated at \$855 including \$500 for food. Projected attendance: 80. Proposed site fee is \$10/person. Motion to approve fee passed with 5 abstentions. Vote taken again with only paid members voting; 19 voted yes with 5 abstaining. The proposed event budget is \$863.55. Motion to approve passed with 1 abstention. Sir Einar noted that the event must be closed out financially by December 31, so the autocrats must show with receipts in hand.

THL Tomaso as site liaison will coordinate with the autocrats regarding tables and various site fee issues. It was noted that as far as Caltech is concerned, the Caltech Medieval and Renaissance Society (CMRS, know to us as Voyagers) is the hosting group. Insurance is not required for use of the hall.

## 2009 Events

Angels Melee Tourney (Jan 17, 2009) – Co-autocrats: THL Tomaso da Barbiano & Lady Catharine Hawkwod. Deputy Autocrat: Lord Elric Shadewe. Crescenta Valley Park has been reserved. Budget was reviewed and request approved for a deposit check to be cut and paid. Baron Jason noted concern over a lack of rainout date. Based on projected attendance of 300 with \$4.00 gate fee, children under 12 free and six comped attendees (TRM and champions of Heavies, Rapier, Archery, Gaming, A&S, Bardic). Moved and seconded to pay \$413.08 for deposit with one abstention due to lack of a rainout date for Melee. This deposit also reserves the park for Crown Prints Prize Tourney.

Robin Hood Tourney (March 1, 2009) – autocrat(s) needed.

Crown Prints Prize Tourney (June 27, 2009) – THL Katerina and THL Rosamund volunteered to co-autocrat. Crescenta Valley Park has been reserved for the event.

Angels Anniversary (Sept 13, 2009) – Request for a date must be submitted in the next few weeks due to diminished availability of local parks (Library Park was closed down.) The Barony is now a “preferred customer” with Recreation Park but it must be reserved right away with a \$200 deposit. Motion to pay the deposit passed unopposed. Possible autocrat Baroness Justina may wish to use another park. If so, the deposit will be credited for another event.

## Other Business

Thrown Weapons Champion: Baron John & Baroness Flavia would like to have a Thrown Weapons champion. Discussion ensued regarding comping the potential new champion and regalia for the position. Those in attendance voted unanimously to comp the Thrown Weapons Champion’s site fees at Angels events during that person’s tenure. Viscountess Lorissa announced a monthly Thrown Weapons practice will occur at Woodley Park in Altavia. Baron John noted that he is unable to participate in any thrown weapons activity while Baroness Flavia is on site; apparently there is some history behind the decision involved a prior injury to Her Excellency.

Baronial Chess Champion: The Barony was queried about whether it wants a Chess Champion. Lord Cormac noted that the Inn of the Crimson Spade has annual Chess and Backgammon Championship events. Discussion ensued about possibly holding a competition at Yule, either with the type of game announced in advance or four games played throughout the night with the winner of the most games being named Baronial Gaming Champion. It was noted that having a Championship at a non-fighting event would give fighters a chance to participate. *Further discussion was tabled to next month’s meeting.*

Baronial Coronets: Baron John reported that the Baron’s silver baronial coronet needs repair and may require laser soldering. Baroness Morgaine offered the info for the artist, who will repair them for free. Baron Jason noted that due to the high value, repairs are worth the price. Sir Einar noted that the Barony has an infrastructure fund for acquisition and maintenance work. Motion passed with 3 abstentions on cost not to exceed \$200 for repair and shipping. Repair to be done by Fall Coronation. Baron John ap Griffin is responsible for overseeing this project.

Tables: The Barony desperately needs more tables. Lady Selewynn has one to donate. The Barony wants to buy two more for a total of five. Amount approved for this purchase not to exceed \$110 plus tax. THL Tomaso is responsible for the purchase.

Demos: The Barony has an opportunity to participate in two fundraisers:

October 26, 2008 (Sunday): In support of a launch for a book about swords at a bookstore in La Crescent. We need fighters, fiber artists and others. The Barony will receive a percentage of the profit from the sales of the sword book. The bookstore may also cover insurance (TBD). Even if there is no financial profit to be gained, we get visibility. Motion passed to support this demo (3 abstentions).

November 22, 2008 (Sunday): Described as a “huge” demo involving 20-30 fighters at the Steve Allen Theatre in Hollywood. THL Owain will coordinate Sir Gavin MacDhomnuill, the Kingdom Demo Coordinator. Motion passed

(with 3 abstentions) to have 40% of the proceeds go to the Barony, and 60% to the territories and offices recognized by Caid, to be determined at a later date.

Baronial trailer: Sale of the old Kingdom Trailer to be announced at Collegium. The carpet inside the trailer may need to be replaced.

GWV: 31 land allocations have been made for the Barony and we should know in another week or so about the actual locations. Baron John and Baroness Flavia want the baronial pavilion to be a meeting and gathering place – a Baronial Great Hall – in which all are welcome. Period tents will be placed at the edges of the camp. The encampment should be a happy, convivial place even for “less-than period” tents. Campsite footprints should be sent to Lord Amalgaid. Discussion about specifying a night for a special Angels gathering was tabled to the Baronial e-list.

Photo Inventory of Baronial Storage Unit: The matter was tabled to a later date.

Collegium Caidis: Angels will set up a table at the upcoming Collegium to collect faded t-shirts so the manufacturer can replace them. Lady Catharine Hawkwood is coordinating this effort.

Raffle Board: Unless someone wants to spearhead this project it will go on indefinite hold.

Angels Anniversary: Heartfelt thank-you's were expressed and a list of champions and contest winners was read. (Noted earlier in these minutes). 253 people attended (vs. 180 last year). Event funds resulted in a gross gain of (Contact the Exchequer for information); after expenses, the net gain to the Barony was (Contact the Exchequer for information).

Approval of August 2008 Baronial Council minutes was tabled until October Council Meeting.

Their Excellencies closed the meeting with a comment that things went very well for their first meeting.

The Baronial Herald called the meeting closed at 9:29 pm. A Financial Committee Meeting followed the Council Meeting.

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