



BARONIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FROM APRIL 2009

Held at the Caltech "Y" on April 9, 2008



ATTENDEES: Baron John ap Griffin, Baroness Flavia Beatrice Carmigniani, Baroness Gabrielle nic Chlurain, Baron Jason Thomas the Wanderer, Baroness Morgaine FitzStephen, Baron Jared Alexandre Blaydeaux, Lady Catharine Hawkwod da Barbiano, THL Tomaso da Barbiano, Lord Amalgaid mac Donnucáin, Lady Dalphina Delacroix, Lady Muirgen Na Faillglas, Lord Fáelán mac Cearbhaill, THL Cormac Mór, Lord James the Inconstant, Lady Amanda Januarius, Gerritt Raynor, Lady Theodosia of Isles, Duchess Chamayn of Castile, Lady Selewynn Beltrán, Lady Alisoun de Clairvaux, Baron Alewaulfe the Red, Baron Robert John of Cedarwood, Baroness Justina Marie of Burgundy, Lord Tobias Meerschlang, and Lord Peter Cadarn

ABSENT: Lord AElfwigg Ælfwiggsson, Lady Antoinette Rosaura del Valle Verde, THL Rosamund Ryghtwys

GUESTS: Kingdom Seneschal Baron David of Caithness and Baroness Adelia of Caithness

Baroness Gabrielle prefaced the meeting with an SCA history lesson from 1972 about courtesy and etiquette.

PROCEEDINGS

At the Seneschal's request, the Seraph Pursuivant Baron Jared called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

GREETINGS & OPENING COMMENTS

Greetings and Opening Comments:

His Excellency said that has gotten over falling over things and is recovering from an illness. Her Excellency reported that she had a busy week. She had fun teaching a banner class to 18 people in Altavia and will teach one in Angels. She is guiding a textile tour this Saturday; those interested should meet downtown.

Seneschal's Comments and Report: Baroness Gabrielle welcomed Kingdom Seneschal Master David of Caithness and Baroness Adelia of Caithness who were visiting from Calafia. She thanked the officers for getting their reports in on time. Copies of the reports were passed around, as were review copies of the March minutes. She asked that any corrections be made on them and returned to her by the end of the meeting.

Kingdom Webwright THL Matheus Reyner was invited to the meeting but was unable to attend. Baroness Gabrielle read a statement from him in which he asked that any concerns about the webteam be brought directly to him. This agenda item will be tabled to next month.

Baroness Gabrielle asked for discussion about having all event-related discussions online rather than in council but none was offered. No discussion was offered.

OFFICER REPORTS:

Arts and Sciences: *Lady Rosamund Rightwys* – The A&S meeting was held over two days at PitP, since it was cold the first day. She met with various members of the Barony and assisted one with a pattern issue. She is open and willing to hold classes if anyone has a special subject but she has to know about it in advance. Otherwise, she is more than willing to offer help in any subject she knows about whenever she is at PitP. She does all kinds of needlework, metal work, hand sewing, costuming and pattern making, and probably other things she might not admit to.

THL Rosamund is currently back in school. When the weather is cold, she can't attend PitP. If people want something special please tell her. The Barony can do lots of things at PitP including wall painting. People should post their suggestions on the baronial list.

Castellan: *Lord Owain ap Gwylim Pengryth* – no report.

Chirurgion: *THL Justina Marie de Burgundy* – Nothing to report

Chronicler: *Lord Jean Christophe & Duchess Natalya* – The Chroniclers are continuing to contact Yahooogroup subscribers via email to remind them about the new elist. They worked via email with THL Cormac and Duchess Chamayn on upcoming events. We currently have 96 subscribers to *The Seraph*. In addition to publishing the newsletter on the AngelsSeraph Yahooogroup, electronic versions are sent via direct email to Their Majesties, SCA Archivist Baron Aldred, and as of March 2009, Kingdom Seneschal Baron David of Caithness. Baroness Gabrielle mails six hard copies to Baron Aldred (2 copies), THL Tomaso da Barbiano & Lady Catharine Hawkwod (1), Baroness Justina of Burgundy (1), Lady Alisoun de Clairvaux (1) and THL Katerina Magdalena Stoianovna (1). It appears that the Barony has approved our continued work as co-Chroniclers and members of the Angels webteam.

As of April, we will begin themeing issues to encourage more contributions. The theme for April is Ferrets and we also have a culinary theme. To date, we have received two promises of artwork, a possible article about ferrets as the pets of noblewomen, two poems, and a recipe. We have themes in mind for May and for September (but we don't want to spoil the surprise!) We will be working with the rest of the webteam to update and expand the officer pages on the baronial website. We will also continue to add content to keep the membership informed about what the Barony is doing.

Constable: *Baron Robert John of Cedarwood* – There were no Baronial activities this past month. He would like to discuss new baldics for constables in training.

Exchequer: *Lady Dalphina Delacroix* – Starting balance - \$13,297.51; ending balance - \$14,262.40.

Herald: *Baron Jared Alexandre Blaydeaux*: - Baron Jared will be offering consulting services as needed at Picnic in the Park. THL Cormac and Baron John both heralded at Crown Tourney. THL Cormac noted that per the current LoAR, Baroness Morgaine's badge passed. Some submissions were considered for barony: Company of Archangels – badge passed, but the name was returned for conflict with Russian city. We can use the name, but it won't be an official registered name.

Largesse Report: *Lord Amalgaid mac Donnágain* – We definitely need some largesse for Altavia Anniversary. Voyagers May Day is the week before and the Kingdom will be attending. The Baron and Baroness are attending Gallavally but do not need largesse for that. Voyagers and Altavia Anniversary are the big ones coming up. Reminders will be posted on the elist. There is some largesse in reserve. Lord Amalgaid is anticipating upcoming surgery and will need others to help with largesse.

Lysts: *Lady Vivienne de Lampérière* – Nothing to report.

Marshallate: *THL Tomaso da Barbiano* - Attendance at practices is small but consistent. The new site at Recreation Park is working well for the Tuesday night practice. We have several new people interested in the fighting. As soon as modern life issues permit, I will be working with the Castellan to get some loaner armor to the practices to encourage the newcomers.

Children: *The office is currently vacant. Anyone who is interested should contact the Baronial Seneschal.*

Captain of Rapier: *Lord Fáelán mac Cearbhaill* – Lord Fáelán attended March Hare and assisted in the authorization of new rapier fighter from Angels. He is the event steward for Voyagers May Day. The Rapier portion will be run by Lady Roísín ni Brian.

Captain of Archers: *Lord Æoelwigg Ælfwiggsson* – Over the last quarter archery practice has been sporadic due to weather and SCA events. However, in the month of March we held the Angels Robin Hood Tourney on March 1 and this event went very well. Our most recent practice held on Sun. March 15. Attendees included Baron John ap Griffin, Lord Æoelwigg, Lady Rayne of Annan, and Nicholas the Archer. Lord Æoelwigg also helped with the organization of Robin Hood (which was wonderfully run by

Lord Amalgaid and Lord Balthazar). The next archery practice will be March 22 to help us get us ready for the inter-baronial challenge on the 19th of April.

Angels Webteam: *Lord Gregor MacDonald, Baroness Gabrielle, Duchess Natalya, Jean-Christophe Messier* – The team continued working on the baronial website. We would like to spruce up the various officers' web pages. Would like to get pictures of the officers on their pages so people might be able to recognize them a little easier at events & meetings. Would also like to get a welcome message from each officer and a "blurb" about their office. Lord Gregor also noted that he and Lady Petronel still have a few Golden Retriever puppies available for those who might be interested.

College of the Voyagers: *THL Fáelán mac Cearbhaill* – Planning for Voyagers May Day is well underway. A couple of baronial officers still need to be contacted and requested to work. THL Tomaso is handling armored combat and Lady Roísín is handling rapier combat. Lady Catharine is handling A&S activities. His Majesty Sven will be in attendance and this has been coordinated between the courtiers. The site on campus is the Court of Man aka Beckman Mall. Due to restrictions by campus facilities there can be no stakes in the ground so there will be no pavilions; only pop-ups and day shades will be allowed. This will be noted in the May CP and Lord Fáelán will also post it out to all lists as the event gets closer.

Canton of the Canyons: *THL Tobias Meerschlange* – The Canton had a meeting this month, and discussed the date for upcoming Nautical Tourney, which is currently scheduled for the same date as Collegium.

OLD BUSINESS

Webwright issues will be tabled until the May meeting due to the absence of the Kingdom Webwright.

Discussion about Lady Catherine's issues that were carried over from last month will be discussed at the end of the meeting.

Master Hroar asked on the list how much longer the barony was going to get two sets of emails. The Seneschal decided to keep the Yahoogroup going longer than had been originally planned, and asked whether the council wished to keep it active until May 30. THL Tomaso asked whether the Yahoogroup could be kept as an OT (off topic) list; Baroness Gabrielle will ask THL Matheus. Lady Catharine suggested having someone keep an eye on OT vs. on-topic. Baroness Gabrielle hopes that THL Matheus can attend the May meeting. A discussion ensued and there was general support for the concept.

Lady Catharine reported on the demo at Mulholland Middle School: It was incredible. It became a bi-baronial effort in which Angels and Altavia came together. Each group of kids came out, did stations, then we did fighting. Baroness Flavia provided a dye workshop. Lady Catharine taught calligraphy. Lady Roísín did a feast set-up. There were also armor workshops. Baroness Bridget had her big "walking" spinning wheel and Dame Lynnette was doing card weaving. The kids loved the chain maille; Gerritt Raynor had one fashion student who tried on one piece after another. She got almost a full set of armor and her picture will be in the yearbook. The fiber section featured the big spinning wheel and lots of other things to keep their interest. The kids (being kids) wanted to stick hands in the dye pots and had to be watched closely. Fighting was great. We had heavies and rapier. Condesa Battista played the role of the lady of the manor. There was much enthusiasm for the fighting, with students cheering for Mr. Perkins (the modern persona that Lord Owain plays during the week). Next year they may be able to have the whole school can come out and watch fighting in the afternoon. Thanks to the Barony of Altavia for their very great amount of help!

Gerritt offered to look into Boy Scout camp "Camp Trask"

CP Prize, June 27, 2009: THL Cormac reported that emails have been pouring in from individuals volunteering goods, times and ideas. He provided an update on the live roses, which were more expensive than expected; the Barony had originally approved \$50 for roses. Duchess Chamayn noted

they're cheaper at Costco. Baroness Justina offered to check downtown with her resale licenses. There was a discussion of silk roses vs. fresh for cost and keepsake value. Consensus of the ladies present favored artificial roses but prices will be checked on within the next ten days.

We can get them delivered for \$11 per dozen (THL Cormac read an email from Duchess Natalya with information and ideas). Baroness Justina suggested going downtown with a resale license and look for best deal. Some discussion of sources for roses, both real and silk followed. Many ideas were exchanged. THL Cormac stated that it looks like we'll need 6 dozen.

Baroness Gabrielle asked for clarification about the purpose of the roses. Lord Cormac explained that after each fight, the victor team gets to choose recipient for the rose. Members of the losing team will take the rose to the person designated. This is similar to what has been done at some events in the past. Baroness Gabrielle asked the ladies which they would prefer to receive, real or silk? There did not appear to be a clear consensus. We will check prices for both. For artificial flowers, would wood or silk be preferable? People seem to like both.

Pink Ribbon Tournament, October 25, 2009: Duchess Chamayn reported that the event website is live and online with full content. <http://rose.sca-caid.org/pinkribbon/>. She can be reached via email at MyBlu54@aol.com. Various agencies have been invited and will attend. Baroness Morgaine and Comtesse Albra will be coordinating merchants. Baroness Gabrielle noted that all Angels expenses will be paid first with remaining proceeds going to the Susan G. Komen Foundation. Note: The home page of web site will be geared toward non-SCA people because they don't really understand what we do.

Duchess Chamayn has been in touch with several organizations to come in and do "awareness" portion of the event. The Relay for Life in Monrovia occurs April 18/19th at Recreation Park. If we can show up there, the Relay for Life people will show up for our event.

F&M Fabrics in Bakersfield is selling 60" wide linen cheap and THL Cormac is going to be fronting funds to purchase pink linen in several shades to sell to raise funds.

Lady Dalphina asked if an advance on expenses is needed? Baroness Gabrielle asked whether we would approve up to \$200 to cover expenses. Lady Dalphina inquired as to when a budget could be available. Lord Cormac moved that we spend \$200 for expenses. Baron Jared and Baroness Morgaine seconded and it was approved without dissent. Baroness Gabrielle asked that Duchess Chamayn and Lady Dalphina get together and make up a budget. Baroness Gabrielle has been talking to Frank Tullo, Recreation Coordinator at Monrovia Parks and Rec. She asked whether we could create fancy scroll type invites for city council and mayor, etc.

On April 19th the Ladies of the Rose will hold a meeting at PitP, which is the same weekend as the Relay for Life cancer awareness event. The relay is 11:00 am Saturday to 11:00 am Sunday. Duchess Chamayn is a team leader. They will be doing lots of activities. Come by and participate. Baron Jared asked if we should come in costume. Duchess Chamayn indicated that the crowd would probably enjoy that. There may be a Pink Ribbon booth at CP Prize.

Lord Cormac says that at F&M Fabric they have linen at \$2 per yard. He will buy some bolts of pink and will be selling it at \$1 markup for the pink ribbon tourney. Baroness Flavia is the baronial contact. We should see if any baronies want to pre-donate to cover expenses. We are looking for Someone who wants to do printing – Relay for Life is allowing us to promote Pink Ribbon Tourney; (b) if anyone has a lead on inexpensive t-shirts and printing, please advise and (c) if anyone has a line on storage to keep some of the stuff that's already coming in for the event.

A&S Pentathlon April 25-26, 2009: Lady Catharine gave an update on the Team Angels: THL Cormac, Lady Theodosia, Baroness Morgaine, Lady Catharine, Lady Ann the Bookmaker, THL Rosamund, and THL Tomaso providing a total of nine entries. Lady Czina, now in Ansteorra, has offered help in doing documentation.

Caid Crown Tourney, August 2010: The Barony has been awarded the event. Baroness Gabrielle will accept proposals from potential event stewards will be accepted through August 2009. She suggested using Monrovia's Recreation Park because it would work well for the Privy Council the next day. THL Cormac says that the Masonic Lodge in Monrovia will also be available on Sunday and has nice facilities so the event steward (whoever it may be) should talk to him about it.

Altavia Anniversary, May 9-10, 2009: Lord Amalgaid reminded everyone that we need largesse for Altavia Anniversary.

Voyagers May Day, May 2, 2009: Additional information from Lord Fáelán. His Majesty will be present. The College has secured the "Court of Man" – "Beckman Mall." We can't put spikes in the ground, which means no pavilions; only day shades and pop-ups so we need to figure out alternate ways to secure things. Lord Fáelán reported that he needs some Voyagers funds for A&S prizes. THL Tomaso noted that TACIT (Caltech's student theatre arts group) is doing a play in May about Galileo will be performing a portion of their play at the event and will be asking us for some help.

NEW BUSINESS

Monrovia Days Parade, Thursday night, May 14, 2009: Baroness Gabrielle reported that we are participating in the parade. The route goes along Myrtle Avenue. This is also a celebration of the newly remodeled library. We need people in garb and in armor; however, we can't stop to fight so any fighting will have to be done while walking. Members of the Barony who are participating in the parade need to be at the check-in between 6:00 and 6:30 pm. Meet at Chestnut and Myrtle. More details will be put on the elist. Frank Tullo, the director, is interested in having us teach classes and would like to have at least one event a year in the park. The Parks & Recreation Dept is also thinking about doing something as part of the summer Concert in the Park series at Library Park.

Expenses: Lady Dalphina reported that there's nothing special regarding expenses; "just the usual stuff." She noted that the Barony will probably have to pay for the storage locker for May.

On Sunday April 19, Baroness Bridget will be teaching a Court/LiW class at PitP.

Baronial Constable Baron Robert noted that the **constable baldrics** need to be replaced. There was a discussion about fabric type, color, etc., as well as how many are needed and what they should look like. Baroness Gabrielle suggested a motion regarding money for the baldrics. THL Cormac moved to allocate \$25 for fabric; Baroness Morgaine seconded the motion and it was approved without dissent..

There will be PitP this coming Sunday, but not on Easter Sunday.

Lady Catharine noted that "many people" are concentrating on Pentathlon rather than CP Prize Tourney at this point.

Angels Anniversary, Sept 12, 2009: Baroness Justina and Lord Tobias noted that the blade for auction is not ready, but Master Oso and Lord Rock are working on it. She will be selling raffle tickets. She noted that Master Oso is feeling better. Lord Tobias noted that Lady Lucia of Heatherwyne is making a piece of stained glass to be auctioned as a fund-raiser for the canton. The only bad news we have is that we don't have the Oso blade to auction yet. Rocky & Oso will donate a blade, but we don't know what kind yet. Baroness Justina has a roll of tickets which will be sold for the auction. Some details regarding how to run the day are to be worked out with the Baron and Baroness. We will have a stained glass piece – a separate raffle, with tickets sold before the event. There will also be a silent blind fighter auction. Many things are in the works – apologies to the exchequer for having to keep track of so many columns. Justina is starting to sell tickets already

Update on Storage Unit: Baroness Gabrielle reported that the proposed site as measured was not true to advertised size. The available "container" spaces are inappropriate and potentially damaging to our material. At this point the move is on hold, and we'll stay where we are for the time being. We are still

working with Mount Olive storage. None of their lockers are true to size. They have an 8x10 for \$95 which is a converted shipping container. Parking the trailer is still \$66. A 7x12 unit, which is also a container would be \$102. For the moment it looks like we are stuck where we are. Baroness Gabrielle states that we will keep looking and working on it. Several people voiced the opinion that a brick wall unit is better than the converted shipping container. If anyone knows of a good facility please let everyone know

Baroness Gabrielle noted that the **May council meeting** was moved to May 21 and asked if the council wants to move it to the 1st Thursday. Lord Fáelán will check on room availability. Lady Selewynn stated that there will be a backup room.

Lady Catharine said that her **Crown Prints** had been sent back for reasons unknown and based on that their membership was suspended. She advised others that if they are not receiving their copies of the *Crown Prints*, they should contact Kingdom Chronicler Baroness Sionnach at chronicler@sca-caid.org to be sure they are on the mailing list. If need be, contact Renee Signorotti (SCA membership services) via email at renee@sca.org.

Baroness Gabrielle is looking for event stewards for **Angels Yule 2009**.

CP Prize, June 27, 2009: THL Cormac and Lord Peter Cadarn reported that event planning is coming along nicely. It will be a "tag team" with only one belted fighter per team. Other members of a team will include a rapier fighter and an entrant involved in youth combat. Teams will be auctioned to raise money. Baroness Asakura will be making mugs and the Brewers Guild will fill them. Dame Selene is doing lunch. There will be a Drench a Fighter activity with a trebuchet using wet sponges. There will also be SCA Jeopardy, as well as raffles, dragons and all manner of stuff. The event stewards have a budget. The Ladies of the Rose will be providing roses to winners. Archers will be doing a booth with mini-crossbows that shoot peanuts. Baron Jared moved and Lady Alisoun de Clairvaux seconded to approve the proposed budget. Passed unanimously.

Lady Dalphina noted that there are **expenses** that the Financial Committee needs to approve.

Several corrections were received regarding the **March council meeting** minutes. THL Cormac moved and several members seconded to approve the minutes as corrected.

A motion was made to accept **officer reports** as presented. Lord James the Inconstant seconded and the minutes were approved unanimously.

Issue of the webwright team: Per Lady Catharine, when we got our long distance chroniclers, we were required to have the arrangement approved. Now we have a long distance webwright team – are there issues that we have to consider regarding the chronicler and webwright being the same person? Master David said that there is currently a move in progress to completely separate the two jobs (Webwright and Chronicler). Currently there is nothing legally to prevent having long-distance members of the webwright team, but it should be discussed in open forum. As long as controls are in place to prevent problems, there should not be a problem. When the issue comes up again, it should be discussed openly.

THL Tomaso asked the question: Is there a problem with Lord Gregor MacDonald being his own boss? Master David replied that there isn't a problem, since Lord Gregor is a deputy Kingdom webwright and answers to the kingdom webwright in both capacities.

Master David said that Angels is doing a good job and taking on lots of responsibilities. He will be more attentive to the suspended membership problem.

Baroness Gabrielle read the corrections to the minutes of the last meeting. THL Cormac moved to approve the minutes as amended. Several people seconded. Minutes are passed as corrected. THL Cormac then moved to approve the officer reports. They were approved as submitted

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lord Amalgaid reminded everyone to land allocate for Potrero War.

Baroness Flavia showed the group an item that was given to her at Altavia fighting practice. It is a very old fighter tabard with Angels heraldry. These things pop up from time to time.

Lord Cormac reported that Lady AnneCathryn sent greetings, as well as some photos of a little pack of wolf pups on the reservation?. After hearing about the recent loss, the owners decided to name one after Lady Sariah.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:16:30 p.m.
