



## **BARONIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FROM AUGUST 2009**

Held at the Caltech "Y" on August 20, 2009



**ATTENDEES:** Lord Balthazar vanderBrugghe, Lady Dalphina de la Croix, Gerritt Raynor, Baroness Justina Marie de Burgundy, Lord Tobias Meerschlag, Baron Robert of Cedarwood, Lady Catharine Hawkwood, THL Tomaso da Barbiano, Baron Jason Thomas the Wanderer, Baroness Morgaine FitzStephen, Duchess Chamayn of Castile, Baroness Bridget Lucia MacKenzie, Lord Faelan MacCearbhaill, Lord James the Inconstant, Lady Amanda Januarius of Silverwoods, THL Owain ap Gwyllim Pengryth, THL Cormac Mor, Lady Theodosia of the Isles, Baroness Flavia Carmigniani, Baron John ap Griffin, and Baroness Gabrielle nicChlurain.

**ABSENT:** Duchess Natalya de Foix, Jean-Christophe Messier, Lady Vivienne Lampiere.

**PROCEEDINGS:** At the Seneschal's request, THL Cormac called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

**GREETINGS & OPENING COMMENTS:** On our vacation, we spent time in Outlands doing dye work in a studio to die for. We also visited former Caidans in Colorado. During the drive home we had an interesting coincidence; got email from director of *Tournaments Illuminated* that said we were in the same hotel as they were in Utah. We got to see nine fireworks displays, including one on the horizon that went on for 45 minutes. We came home and had plenty of work to catch up on. For the entire trip, the Baron had been suffering through a hernia because he "didn't want us to worry." As soon as he's well, Her Excellency will be doing damage to him. Otherwise, we need to make sure that the Baron doesn't put up any more pavilions or overstress himself. Viscountess Lorissa will be going up to Crown but we're not going because of him. (If Sir Ian should win, we'll never hear the end of it!)

**SENESCHAL'S COMMENTS AND REPORT:** Baroness Gabrielle thanked everyone for attending tonight, for using the online officer reports, and for their patience these past weeks. She has been very busy with renovations on her house and now has a beautiful bathroom, stairs that lead to nowhere, and is getting close to appraisals. you for.

### **OFFICER REPORTS:**

**Canton of the Canyons:** *Lord Tobias Meerschlange* The report for Canyons is available online at <http://www.sca-angels.org/Minutes/Officer%20Reports%20Aug09.pdf>

**College of the Voyagers:** *THL Fáelán mac Cearbhaill* The report for Voyagers is available online at <http://www.sca-angels.org/Minutes/Officer%20Reports%20Aug09.pdf>

**Herald:** THL Cormac noted that the Order of Athena badge finally went to Laurel for consideration.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**GWW:** *Baroness Gabrielle & THL Cormac* Please pre-register and land allocate. Attend. THL Cormac needs tent footprints for those planning to camp. Lady Dalphina has been trying to find out if we can pay to have a kitchen space but hasn't heard back yet. Assuming we can do it, the cost is equal to one person's registration. She made a motion to allocate \$45 of Baronial funds to register a placeholder for a baronial kitchen at GWW. Seconded by THL Cormac. Motion passed with two abstentions (Lord Balthazar and Duchess Chamayn). Lady Dalphina will write a check tonight.

Due to problems with the ACCEPS system, they are not doing online pre-reg this year. Registrations must be mailed in and postmarked by August 31.

Baroness Gabrielle noted that it will be nice at next council meeting to know when people plan to show up. Volunteering for entry on Tuesday: if you want to volunteer for something in particular, contact the volunteer coordinator and let them know. We have 84 classes for GWW plus workshops, and there will also be good classes at Youth Point.

When THL Cormac asked for a show of hands, most if not all indicated that they are currently planning to attend GWW.

**Largesse:** *Lord Amalgaid*

- Angels Anniversary: We will have two sets of Royals at the event. So far we have woven trim, beads, glass, and fabric. Baroness Gabrielle read a list of desired items from the Royals wish list.
- Dun Or: The colors for Dun Or are blue and gold. Baroness Muiriath does NOT like hot chocolate.
- GWW: When asked whether the Barony wants to make a presentation at GWW, Baroness Flavia declined and said that it would be better to clear court quickly.
- Dreiburgen Anniversary: It was noted that Baroness Robynne and Baron Malcolm are serving as Vicar and Vicarress, and there are three to five couples who have applied for the position. Investiture will be at 12<sup>th</sup> Night.
- Coronation: Will have two sets of presentations. We have a big set of blue and white ceramic ware, as well as a blue and white ceramic plate that THL Catherine de Winter made. Items offered: prayer beads, jewelry, coffee, stained glass.
- After Coronation: Isles Anniversary and Calafia Anniversary

**Baronial Lunch at Angels Anniversary:** We will have a potluck set up. The Royals and Baronage will go through first, and then the populace. Duchess Chamayn reminds us to make up a card with our name, to put by the dish we provide. Baroness Gabrielle also points out that we should have ingredient lists with each dish. Baroness Justina adds that there will be a bake sale and lunch basket raffle at the event.

**Upcoming Expenses:** *Lady Dalphina* The Baronial trailer will be moved soon to Mount Olive storage facility. The cost of storage will be \$64 per month. Access to that facility will be 7 AM to 8 PM seven days a week. Baron John would like to purchase a tarp to cover the trailer. It would help to protect it, and would cover any identifying markings. How big will this tarp need to be? When the trailer is moved, Baron John will take measurements and report back to the council. The tarp is not needed right away. Baroness Gabrielle says that most trailers in that facility have tarps on them. There were no other expenses.

**Yahoo "off-topic" elist:** Baroness Gabrielle points out that she has no opinion either way on this list. It hasn't been used much. The question before the council is: do we keep two lists, or have only one and encourage people to designate off topic posts in the subject line? Keeping the yahoo list doesn't cost anything. Discussion as follows:

- Baroness Gabrielle: There have been numerous complaints about the current arrangement. Some people don't want two lists.
- Lord James the Inconstant: We don't need two lists. It's a waste of time to see the same information twice.
- THL Tomaso: Many of us are on lots of elists. One more isn't a significant burden.
- Baron Robert: It's good to have a backup to the main list.
- THL Cormac: We could keep the Yahoo list as an archive.
- The BOD says that we must use the new list for official business.
- Baroness Flavia asks whether the people lodging complaints are active people? Baroness Gabrielle says that they are.
- Baron Jason: Are there filters that can recognize an OT in the subject? Answer: no.
- Lord Balthazar: There are spam filters, but that's all.
- Baroness Morgaine: The members of the barony will tend to chat when there's not official business happening.
- Baroness Gabrielle then closed discussion and stated that we would keep the Yahoo group as an archive. We should all spread the word to use only the new list.
- Lady Catharine Hawkwood asked whether there is a way to designate the "business only" posts? Answer: The Angels web site has minutes and reports that can be accessed without needing to use the list.

The question was asked whether it was possible to put "something" on the Angels web page that would allow people to click and see what was happening in the Barony in the next 2-3 weeks, including fighter practices, A&S, etc. It was quickly pointed out that that info is already on the Angels page. It sounded as if people were looking at 2 different websites. There was a subsequent discussion about what features would be best for new members.

**Baronial Sewing Night:** Lady Theodosia noted that they had a weekly sewing night in Isles and she would like to encourage that in Angels. She lives in Reseda. She and THL Owain offered their residence for weekly or bi-weekly meetings that would be more of an “all purpose” night to work on sewing, crafts, armor, etc.

THL Owain is trying to generate interest at CSUN for a fighter practice. Baroness Flavia offered their place as well if people wanted to alternate between the two Valleys/baronies. Lady Theodosia offered to put the question to the elist.

**Chronicler** *Baroness Gabrielle* Duchess Natalya and Jean-Christophe are not at the meeting. They are requesting articles for *The Seraph*, book reviews, photos (with releases).

**Collegium** *Baroness Gabrielle* The Barony will be hosting the Spring 2010 Collegium. Keep it in mind. Marcellus, our liaison at La Mirada Middle School last time, runs a demo around that time of the year so we should keep it in mind as well.

**Angels Events in 2010** *Baroness Gabrielle*

- Angels Melee: January 16, 2010
- Robin Hood Tourney: March 13, 2010
- Collegium: April 10-11, 2010
- May Day (Voyagers): April 1, 2010
- Crown Tourney: August 22, 2010
- Angels Anniversary: September 11, 2010
- Canyons Nautical Tourney: October 30, 2010
- Angels Yule: December 18, 2010

Baroness Gabrielle will post the dates on the elist.

THL Tomaso volunteered to autocrat Angels Melee 2010 (Jan 16).

**Quickbooks:** *Baroness Gabrielle* THL Catherine de Winter recommended that we provide Quickbooks (software) for the Baronial Exchequer. Lady Dalphina said it wouldn't help because of the way she has to do her reporting. The Barony writes four (4) checks a month and she doesn't need Quickbooks to keep track of that.

**Angels Anniversary:** *Lord Tobias & Baroness Justina*

The event is going to be fabulous, so everyone come.

Baron John: “As most of you know, we're bringing in a lot of money and passing it along to Villa Esperanza. Regional Center has had a 7.1% cut on the funding, and it's the blanket under which Villa Esperanza gets assistance to run. The residential people for their medical care won't be funded for specialists. Even more reason to raise as much money as possible.”

THL Owain: “I'm fighting a deed of honor for Lady Sariah at Anniversary. I'm hoping to fight 100 (hopefully unique) fights during the day. People are coming from as far as Atenveldt and beyond. Hopefully this will groundswell after Crown.” He is going to need support on this because he is also planning to fight in the lists. Lord Peter offered to be a “corner man” in support. THL Owain is still looking for hazel branches; anyone who can help, please contact him directly.

Lady Amanda Januaria asked whether Owain would like to have a committee that could keep an eye on him every 30 minutes or something. Logistics will be arranged at the Sept council meeting. THL Owain also noted that we will need a back-up Castellan for the day.

*Baroness Justina:* There will be a bake sale, lunch basket sale, white elephant sale, all in one corner. We need a lot of tables. Please remember to mark them. She doesn't want to make a list ahead of time; just bring them. Baron Robert reminded everyone to mark anything you're bringing to the event with your name. We're going to

have archery, Faery Toss, etc. She also asked, with officer turnover, who's running A&S? Answer: Mistress Bridget, as last year's A&S champ, is running the A&S with Morgaine and THL Catherine de Winter. Baron John and Baroness Flavia will choose the Baronial champion. There will also be a People's Choice competition; the rules are on the Angels website and in the CP. The Hester Spoon competition will be run by last year's champion, Máirghr ad nicChlurain.

Book sale. The books left over from CP Prize to have one more shot at being sold before we donate them. The money will come to the Barony.

**Pink Ribbon Tourney:** *Mistress Bridget & Duchess Chamayn* We are working on the CP ad and updates to website, including a donation page on website.

- There are new rules for combat: Single sword tourney and bear pit ransom tourney.
- There will be a huge raffle, and we're asking for items. We will be selling baked goods and coffee in morning so we're looking for donations for breakfast as well as people who'd like to run it.
- The Hospitallers will be selling a sack lunch and lemonade.
- The local IHOP will donate 20% for all food purchased from 5 to 9 p.m., on Mountain in Duarte, next to WalMart. Contests include the Best use of Pink in Armor, in a favor, in garb, in everything else.
- We will be having "basket-stuffing" at Altavia fighter practice to prepare but no dates were selected.
- We need help with setup and takedown; day shades and tables; jewelry pliers and people to make bracelets; contest coordinator, privy monitor. The volunteer requests will be posted on the PRT web site.
- The budget was shown it to the relevant folk and they will be mailing final copy tonight. Current gate fee is \$6. Lady Dalphina move to drop the gate fee to \$3 and Baroness Morgaine seconded it. THL Cormac noted that we could go to a "no site fee" to avoid collecting an NMS surcharge but there was some resistance to this. The general agreement was for a \$3.00 fee. Lady Catharine moved that we reduce the gate fee from \$6 to \$3. The motion carried with two Nays (one from THL Cormac), and two Abstentions.
- Baron Jason asked how many non-SCA people we might bring in, and how we can spread the word to the general community? We should look at KGEM (Monrovia cable channel) and the Monrovia newspaper. Baroness Gabrielle asked that people keep her informed about what they're doing for PR.
- Baron Robert asked if this is a Kingdom event. Answer: It's a Ladies of the Rose with the Barony of the Angels event.
- THL Owain noted that we might need extra constables, and those in attendance agreed.

**Angels Yule:** *Lord Balthazar* The event name had originally been "yule joy" (an Icelandic term that's hard to pronounce). It's now called a different Scandinavian word that we have difficulty pronouncing. Lord Balthazar read the announcement. It will be at Dabney Hall on the Caltech campus.

The Baron and Baroness will decide later whether they want to choose a bardic champion that evening. The quest was raised whether we have time for a bardic? Lord Balthazar plans to have the bardic competition throughout the evening. He described all of the activities and has a new revised budget form. There might be an artisans raffle, offering services and such. Someone asked if we should have Santa appear but it was noted that the Scandinavians have a Yule goat, who may make an appearance. There will also be a toy drive. At this point, Baroness Gabrielle reminded everyone that we have a meeting to get through.

**The Rabbit Needs Your Help:** *THL Owain* reminded everyone that they are building a "Trojan rabbit" for GWW. It will take the form of the rabbit from "Holy Grail," and is scheduled to include a standing platform that can be rolled to and from the battlefield, and provide a "disco bar" at night. We need help building it and financial support to get it moving along. Costs are estimated not to exceed \$300. To be discussed at PitP.

THL Owain noted that he is getting "weirdness" from his job. He has a job this year but no verification for next year, so he needs a deputy Chatelaine/Castellan, and may need to be relieved of his duties next June. Lord Balthazar and Lady Amanda Januarius offered to help.

The July Baronial Council Minutes were accepted as amended with three Abstentions (Baroness Morgaine, Duchess Chamayn, and Mistress Bridget who were not at last month's meeting.)

Minutes from the last meeting: any corrections? Question: why list people absent when they are not officers?  
Answer: because they are normally here. Minor changes were made to the minutes. The minutes were approved with none opposed and 3 abstentions.

Officer reports were accepted as amended with three Abstentions (Baroness Morgaine, Duchess Chamayn, and Mistress Bridget who were not at last month's meeting.)

Mistress Bridget has flyers for the Pink Ribbon Tourney and asked if someone could take them to Crown.

Baron John and Baroness Flavia commented that we've done a lot, and they thanked everyone for their reports.

Lord Cormac called the meeting to a close at 9:37 pm.