

MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 2009 BARONIAL COUNCIL MEETING
Held at the Caltech "Y" on February 26, 2009

ATTENDEES

Lord Æoelwigg Ælfwiggsson, Lady Alisoun de Clairvaux, Lord Amalgaid mac Donnucáin, Lady Antoinette Rosaura de la Valle Verde, Lord Balthazar van der Brugghe, Lady Catharine Hawkwod, THL Catherine de Winter, Duchess Chamayn of Castile, Lady Dalphina Delacroix, THL Cormac Mór, Lord Fáelán MacCearbhaill, Baroness Flavia Beatrice Carmigniani, Baroness Gabrielle Nicole Devereaux nicChlurain, Baron Jared Alexandre Blaydeaux, Baron Jason Thomas the Wanderer, Baron John ap Griffin, Baroness Justina Marie of Burgundy, Dame Lorissa du Griffin, Lady Medb inghen Eochaid, Baroness Morgaine FitzStephen, Lord Owain ap Gwyllim Pengryth, Baron Robert John of Cedar Wood, THL Rosamund Ryghtwys, Lord Rotheric Kynan, Lady Theodosia of the Isles, Lord Tobias Meerschlange, THL Tomaso da Barbiano, Lady Vivienne de Lampérière

PROCEEDINGS

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

GREETINGS & OPENING COMMENTS

The Baronage reminded everyone that we have an event this coming Sunday (Robin Hood Tourney).

Seneschal (Baroness Gabrielle): The city of Monrovia has given us Recreation Park for the Pink Ribbon Tourney at a large discount (\$100). They like us and want us involved in their summer program. The Monrovia Day Parade is on May14, and there's a chance that we'll be asked to be in it. We may also do a demo when the library reopens.

Thanks to all the officers who got their reports to her before tonight's meeting.

Arts & Sciences (THL Rosamund): For the competition at Robin Hood, please bring your entries to the People's Choice competition; the theme is Robin Hood. We'll start doing A&S at PitP more regularly on March 15th and probably about the second weekend of each month if there's no conflict.

Castellan (Lord Owain): We have had some success of late with recruiting new and not so new members into the Barony and especially into the fighting group. Angels Melee was also successful and brought us into contact with a number of interested parties. PitP has been hit and miss due to inclement weather, and may have limited the possible participation of interested parties. I have high hopes that drier Sundays will allow for more regular practice and A&S options at Picnic. There was a discussion about the need for fighters and interested parties to have a backup meeting in case of rain to discuss needs, workshop equipment, and to make plans. Various places have been discussed, including the residences of our seneschal and of Lord Peter. Although this suits a need, it does not help for newcomers, because such meetings need to be public. Other options will be discussed at PitP over the next few weeks.

There will be a demo at Lord Owain's school, Mulholland Middle School, on Friday April 3rd from 8am to 3pm. This is the same site where Pentathlon will be held. A&S demos and fighters are needed. The school is giving us a lot of support.

Chirurgion (Baroness Justina): Nothing to report other than administering a Band-Aid at Angels Melee.

Chronicler (Jean-Christophe & Duchess Natalya): We're still at 89 subscribers. We continue to work with Deputy Kingdom Webwright Lord Gregor MacDonald on posting *The Seraph* directly on the Angels website. We're also working with Baroness Gabrielle as part of Team Angels to support the CP Prize Tourney. If there's something you'd like to see in *The Seraph* or on the Angels website, please let us and/or Baroness Gabrielle know.

Constable (Baron Robert): I was in attendance for the first part of the event, until 12:30 PM, at that time my deputy, Lord Amalgaid mac Donnucáin, assumed the position of Constable of the Day. We were graced by the presence of the Kingdom Constable, THL William MacLyr, who helped Lord Amalgaid with the day's duties.

The driving on to the park grounds and the unloading went well. While patrolling the parking lot we came across several instances of people leaving unattended items next cars, vehicles with doors/windows left open and one car with the car keys left in the car. All were dealt with, people found and vehicles secured. The site was cleared on time and everything was clean. One purse with no ID was left on-site and no one has claimed it.

Lord Amalgaid: Items were turned into the Constabulary and e-mails were sent out to the Baronial List as well as the Kingdom List. Of these, a cloak and a helm were major items left at the event. The Kingdom Constable now has possession of the helm with contact information for the owner. Baron Robert has not been contacted by anyone and he still has the cloak.

Exchequer (Lady Dalphina): Thank you to the volunteers at Melee and a special thanks to Lady Theodosia for all her hard work running the yard sale at the last minute; we made \$228.66. We're still looking for help working gate at Robin Hood, especially in the morning. Please contact Lady Dalphina if you would like to help. For details from the Financial Committee, please contact Lady Dalphina <exchequer@sca-angels.org>

Herald (Baron Jared): Attended the February heraldry meeting. Lady Sariah's device was unfortunately returned for device and name issues. Thanks to Baron John and Lord Peter for courier duty, and to Baroness Gabrielle and Mairghread nicChlurain for coloring duty.

I will also be working with Lord Damien, Sable Fret Pursuivant, to locate documentation for Lady Iseabail nee Bhatar's name. The college doesn't have the books to show the proper derivation of the last name as period for Scotland.

I will be present at Robin Hood tourney, and would be happy to show up with consultation materials at any event I'm at, or Picnic in the Park.

Largesse (Lord Amalgaid): The next event we'll need largesse for is Scottish Pirate Tourney, at the end of March. Any donations are welcome. We're always in need of stuff for Their Excellencies to hand out.

Lists (THL Vivienne): The only event within the last month was Angels Melee. Lists were handled by Lady AnneCathryn, Deputy List Minister, who did a very good job. Thanks to THL Tomaso and Lord Fáelan for helping keep it to a dull roar. There was a good turn out for Armored Combat with 6 teams of 10 fighters each, and 41 Rapier fighters divided into 3 to 5 man teams. There were no problems encountered at the List table and all went well. Like any Melee it was organized chaos. An item of note: my current deputy, Lady AnneCathryn, will soon be moving to another Kingdom; I am therefore actively looking for another deputy or two.

Marshal (THL Tomaso): We had Angel's Melee with lots of good fighting! To be covered in more detail in a separate event report.

We had Estrella War, with lots of good fighting! Since we didn't have enough Angels fighters to take the field as a separate unit, Lady Medb and I fought with the Guardians of the High Road (our allies in Altavia). All fighters should know that if you ever find yourself at a war without a unit to fight with, feel free to ask any of our baronial friends if you can join them. Altavia has always invited any Angels to join them.

Sunday practice continues to be well attended with several new fighters attending.

Tuesday night fighter practice is moving location. We have had practice at Arcadia Park for many years, but unfortunately the lighting conditions have become a serious problem and we can't expect that to improve any time soon. As an alternative, we will try moving the practice to Recreation Park in Monrovia for at least the next month. This is the same park that we use for Sunday picnic in the park, but a different area. We will try it out and I will report on it next month. At the west end of the park there is a large u-shaped driveway. We will meet at the middle (easternmost point) of the driveway and practice in that general area. There are several areas that are well lighted and suitable for fighting. The driveway is posted as a "no parking" area, so please plan to drop off your gear and then go park on the street.

Captain of Archers (Lord Æoelwigg): Limited practices during December, but resuming as schedule permits. We wanted to start at noon, and end by two so folks can get to PitP. He has asked Baron Jason to be deputy.

Captain of Rapier (Lord Fáelan): Rapier practice has been fairly dead. Hopefully moving practice will help. Angels Melee went well.

College of the Voyagers (Lord Fáelan): It's been fairly quiet. Next quarter we'll have some meetings. Two of the Caidan A&S entries at Estrella were submitted by Voyagers members.

Canton of the Canyons (Lord Tobias): The Canton had a meeting this month, and had to discuss date for upcoming Nautical Tourney, which is currently scheduled for the same date as Collegium.

Old Business

Angels Melee 2009: Angels Melee was held Jan 17th. It was a well-attended and fun event. Thank you so much to everyone who helped with all aspects of the event. You know it's a good event when the autocrat reaches the end of the day thinking about doing it again! Our exchequer can fill us in on attendance and financial matters.

We had 8 armored combat teams, with the "Fifthmadons" winning (a combination of 5th Brigade and the Myrmidons).

The winners (and only team signed up) for the 2-on-2 bear pit were Duke Edric and Lord Bjorn Zenthffeer.

The winners of the rapier field were the Rogue Squad.

I'm writing up an 'after action' report for the Seraph. If you have any observations, suggestions, complaints, etc regarding the event, please let me know.

Some items that will be in the report (this is just a sample):

The arrangement of the erics made it difficult to watch both heavies and rapier. Other arrangements will be considered in the future. The placement of all the activities made it difficult to get to merchants, the yard sale, and the fighting. We need to look more carefully at traffic patterns.

The Earl Marshal expressed concern about whether the 30-ft buffer zone was sufficient, given the range of our archers. Did anyone feel that arrows or bolts were exiting the area with significant energy? Should we look at increasing the size?

I will also list some things for autocrats to know for future events (again, just a sample):

- There is a working electrical outlet on the outside of the kitchen building.
- The bathrooms do not have towel or soap dispensers, or trash cans.
- The trashcans in the park should not be moved, since some of them have weak or no bottoms.

Storage Facility: On Friday, February 13, Their Excellencies, Dame Lorissa, Baroness Gabrielle and Lord Peter looked at Mt. Olive storage, right where the 210 and 605 cross. The drive-through areas impressed them because people trust the facility enough to put their "Sea-Doos" there. Baroness Gabrielle checked with the Sheriff's Department in Duarte, and there have been no reports of theft at that facility for the last five years. The cost for a 5x10 is \$66 per month. We could not find a facility where we could pull the trailer into the storage unit, but we could get a "pull-through" for the storage of the trailer. For a 6x10, the cost was \$94, plus the cost for the trailer space.

A brief discussion followed regarding additional fund raising and purchasing shelving to make the best use of the space. Some fund-raising ideas were discussed, including bringing coffee to events, and holding bake/food sales.

Per Lady Dalphina, we currently don't have a trailer fund in the baronial finances. The following motions were seconded and passed:

- Lady Catharine moved and THL Cormac seconded to create a trailer fund in the baronial finances
- Lady Catharine moved that we seed the fund with \$200
- THL Vivienne donated \$100 for the trailer fund
- Lady Catharine moved and Baron Jason seconded to move \$100 from the General Fund to the trailer fund
- Baroness Morgaine moved and Lady Catherine de Winter seconded to designate income from the council meeting helm to go to the trailer fund.
- Baron Jared moved with several seconds to move the baronial property to the new facility at Mt. Olive Storage.
- Baron Jared moved and Lord Peter seconded that we pay the Azusa storage for one last month (March).

Repair of loaner armor (Lord Owain): Hasn't had a chance to work on the armor lately due to real life commitments. Will need a check for supplies to finish repairs; received the previously-approved check from Lady Dalphina.

Varangians (Lord Owain): At Melee we were all marshaling so we didn't take the field as a unit. We should have a unit together by Potrero, and definitely by GWW. There was also some discussion of an evil plan for GWW involving a Trojan Rabbit to act as a mini siege tower and cart for taking things to the battlefield, and as Angels Hospitality Wagon. It was moved and seconded to give the project top priority. Details should be kept secret from those outside the Barony.

Pink Ribbon Tourney (Duchess Chamayn): We have a site! Recreation Park in Monrovia, thanks to Baroness Gabrielle. Some general things about the tourney are listed on the Caid wiki. Baroness Flavia is heading up donations of arts and crafts, Baroness Morgaine is donating a shawl, and our Baron and Baroness are doing outreach to other groups. We need help with personal storage space for donations. We're also looking for t-shirt makers and printers willing to donate part or all of the costs to the event.

For clarification, we were looking at working with the City of Hope, but they had a lot of restrictions and contractual issues. They also could not guarantee that the money would go to breast cancer research. Because of that we will be working with the Susan G. Komen Foundation. We're working on all of the legalities and logistics of handling the donations and money. There is a link on the Caid Wiki at <http://wiki.caid-commons.org/index.php/Pink_Ribbon_Tournament>. Duchess Chamayn's email address is myblu54@aol.com Per Baroness Gabrielle, all Angels expenses will be paid with remaining proceeds going to the Susan G. Komen Foundation.

NEW BUSINESS

Baron John: We would like to change the date of council meetings. In the past it's been on the third Thursday. In the more distant past it's been held at various times. We want to move it to the 2nd Thursday of the month to allow more chance of having the meeting come before an event held that month. This will also allow a meeting to be held in November and December. Next week we will be making reservations for the meeting room for the next quarter.

Moved to change the official date of council meetings to the 2nd Thursday of the month. The motion passed with 2 abstentions. Council meetings for the next quarter will be April 9th, May 21st, and June 11.

Pentathlon (Lady Catharine): Everything is in place for Team Angels. We have 7 people and 10 entries covering 5 of the 6 categories. It's a solid team and we're looking good. Several people will also be doing individual entries.

Crown Tourney: Angels is sponsoring an eric. Baroness Gabrielle asked if the Barony wanted to do a potluck lunch; if enough people aren't interested, we won't do it. We need oranges, water, pretzels, etc. for the fighters table.

Angel's Elist: The BOD now requires that all groups have their elist on the kingdom server rather than something like a Yahoo group. Invites for the new group will go out in the next few days. Baroness Gabrielle has printed instructions for making the transition (copies were passed out).

CP Prize: Thanks for all who turned in proposals, ideas, and suggestions for CP Prize. "Team Angels" will be hosting the event with Lord Peter and THL Cormac heading up the team as event stewards. This is not a baronial event; it's a Kingdom event designed to raise money for the Kingdom newsletter. The theme will be a Midsummer Faire: Vices and Virtues. There may even be dragons! Baron Jared will do a version of "SCA Jeopardy." If anyone has ideas, let Lord Peter and THL Cormac know.

Questions posed to the group by the event stewards: At what age shall we make a child a guest of the barony? Five years old? (the consensus was that this would be a good age). And what shall we charge for a site fee? The expected cost of the event (based on 200 people attending) would be \$2.50 per person. They recommended \$5 per person and everyone agreed; this will enable the barony to donate half of every site fee to the CP Prize.

Per Lady Dalphina, we have one insurance rider for both Angels Melee and CP Prize, so we can pay for the rider out of Melee funds. There was consensus agreement on this plan.

There was a discussion of selling 25 raffle tickets for \$20 which would add an extra ticket for spending the whole 20 bucks.

There was also discussion about charging a merchant fee. Please send your thoughts about that to Lady Dalphina. Baroness Morgaine is in charge of the merchants.

The team leaders will put out a call to all geopolitical units and guilds to sponsor booths and events.

Dame Lorissa, Lady Selewynn and Lord Balthazar will be running an "anti-stripping" booth, collecting tickets to NOT take clothes off.

Dame Selene and Baroness Asakura will be preparing a luncheon for sale.

Baroness Gabrielle has asked the Kingdom Chronicler Mistress Sionnach for the CP's budget so that we know how much we need to raise.

Lady Catharine asked whether Angels should donate the first \$200 to serve as an example to the other Baronies. The Barony of Lyondemere donates every year. Baron Jason noted that we need to "re-excite" interest in donating to the CP. Lady Dalphina asked about giving a prize to the Barony that donates the most. Baron Jared moved that Angels donate \$200; there were several seconds and the motion passed with one abstention. It is hoped that this will get other groups to match or beat that amount. Suggestions for the event should be sent to Lord Peter and/or THL Cormac, who emphasized that this is a team effort, which they are coordinating.

A call will go out at all groups challenging them and asking for ideas.

Largesse: Coming up we have Altavia Anniversary in May and CP Prize in June (largesse needed for the royalty. We have one piece for Altavia and more in the works. We need more largesse! Lord Amalgaid will take it to the e-list so we'll know what we have and what we need.

Robin Hood Tourney (Lord Balthazar & Lord Amalgaid): Dame Eilidh Swann is handling the Bardic Exhibition. Lord Amalgaid and Lady Antoinette will handle archery and described the described the planned archery shoots. Lady Chalice of Altavia will run a Thrown weapons competition, and after much discussion it was decided that there will be a Thrown weapons champion. Don Lot will be running the rapier scenarios.

There won't be a champion, however. There will be a "Robin Hood/Little John" battle competition, however. Baron John announced that Master Hroar has offered to provide prize mugs at 1/3 the normal cost. Baron Jared moved and it was seconded, and approved, to authorize \$35 to pay for 7 prize mugs total.

The weather forecast says that it may rain, but that looks very unlikely. At Woodley Park wear good shoes, as there are gopher holes. It is also damp in the morning so plan accordingly. The expected high temp is 72 degrees, and the wind tends to pick up in the afternoon. The site opens at 7:00 a.m. and the site gate is scheduled to open at 8:00.

Voyagers May Day (Lord Fáelan): We have put in the CP Announcement. We'll be having armored combat and rapier lists, and the standard A&S competition. We're looking for a different spot on campus for the event; there are no issues with having merchants, however.

Exchequer (Lady Dalphina): It was moved and passed to write a check to Monrovia for \$100 for the site fee for the Pink Ribbon Tourney.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Baroness Gabrielle reminded everyone Daylight Savings starts the Sunday after Crown (March 8)

THL Cormac presented some Baronial heraldic history of various versions of the baronial arms and some badges.

Baroness Flavia showed a sample of red cloth that would serve well for making fitted tablecloths for the barony. It was \$2 per yard and there was 25 yds available when she checked. It was moved and passed unanimously that 25 yds be purchased at the stated price.

THL Tomaso is putting together an after-event report on Angel's melee. If you have any ideas or suggestions please send them to him.

A correction was noted for the Jan 2009 minutes to correct the host of May Day from Canyons to Voyagers. Baron Jared will make the change. Minutes were approved with that correction.

CLOSING COMMENTS

Baron John is pleased with the changes we have made tonight, and is looking forward to a great weekend. Baroness Flavia commended THL Tomaso who received a Crescent Sword at Estrella and Lady Catharine who entered the A&S competition there. Their Excellencies are looking forward to a great weekend.

It was noted that council meetings will begin at 7:30 p.m. from now on. The meeting was adjourned at 9:38 p.m.