

MINUTES FROM THE JANUARY 2009 BARONIAL COUNCIL MEETING

Held at the Caltech "Y" on January 15, 2008

ATTENDEES

Baron John ap Griffin, Baroness Flavia Beatrice Carmigniani, Baroness Gabrielle Nicole Devereaux nicChlurain, Baron Alewaulfe the Red, Lord Rotheric Kynan, THL Vivienne de Lampérière, Lady Muirgen na Failgas, Lady Antoinette Rosaura de la Valle Verde, Lord Æoelwigg Æolwiggson, Lady AnneCathryn of Wicken Bonhunt, THL Catherine de Winter, THL Rosamund Ryghtwys, THL Katerina Magdalena Stoianovna, Lady Daphina Delacroix, Lord Owain Gwyllim ap Pengryth, Lady Saria of House Yggdrasil, Cassandra of House Yggdrasil, Lady Theodosia of the Isles, Lord Norrick of the Northmen, Lady Alisoun de Clairvaux, Lady Catharine Hawkwod, THL Tomaso da Barbiano, Baron Jared Alexandre Blaydeaux, Lord Fáelán MacCearbhaill, Lord Tobias Meerschlange, Baroness Justina Marie of Burgundy, Baron Robert John of Cedarwood (26)

ABSENT: Lord Elric Shadewe (no report submitted), Duchess Chamayn of Castile, Lord Balthazar van der Brugghe, Lord Peter Cadarn, Lord Amalgaid mac Donnucáin (Lady Daphina reported), Lord Cormac Mór

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: Baron John said we had a great Yule and pretty spiffy 12th Night. We have Melee coming up this weekend, then Robin Hood Tourney in March. We are not going to Estrella, and it seems several other members are not either. Baroness Flavia said that they thought Estrella weekend will be an excellent opportunity to put tables in their back yard and get people to painting walls for the Baronial encampment and also get some sewing done inside. "We will even teach you to use a sewing machine."

Seneschal (Baroness Gabrielle): Thanked everyone for being here for the first meeting of the year and for being here early. We want to keep starting early so we can actually get everything done, including the Financial Committee Meeting and out of here by 10 p.m. Officers please submit reports electronically to the Seneschal by the Tuesdayth before council meeting. The February meeting will be on the fourth Thursday, February 26th because this room will be being used by the school on the third Thursday. This is for this month only.

An issue was raised last year about voting protocols. Please don't abstain "just for the fun of it." When we vote on issues, please consider carefully before voting to avoid us having to re-vote.

Here's a question for everyone to consider: What did you enjoy about the Barony in 2008? Some of the answers: The people, cohesiveness, the personal support system, and everything we were able to accomplish. Baroness Gabrielle encouraged everyone to pat themselves on the back for the accomplishments.

Next question: What can we do to make the Barony grow in any way you can think of? Please think about it and bring ideas to the next meeting.

OFFICER REPORTS

Arts and Sciences: (THL Rosamund Ryghtwys) – There have been no A&S events since November 2008. We will begin after Angels Melee. Next month THL Rosamund will be attending PitP again and doing workshops.

Castellan: (Lord Owain ap Gwyllim Pengryth) – Not much to report, but we really didn't have a lot of official meetings or activity. He will be at Angels Melee, Unbelted, FotR, Crown Tourney. Others TBA. Cassandra will be celebrating the 12th Anniversary of her natal day at Angels Melee. We have one newcomer: Candace Luther who recently moved here from Arizona. We have a prospective new member planning to come to PitP.

Chirurgeon: (Baroness Justina Marie de Burgundy) – There's been some talk about holding First Aid meetings. We're going to try to do them in February. Cost will be \$40/person. We need a place to hold the classes. The Barony needs more people with First Aid cards. Some discussion followed about First Aid training, Good Samaritan laws, and how

they could affect us. Lady AnneCathryn raised the issue of people who act “outside their scope” and suggest we find ways to be sure we stay within the scope.

Chronicler: (Jean-Christophe Messier & Duchess Natalya de Foix) -At 12th Night, we met with the Kingdom Chronicler Baroness Sionnach who is very happy with the progress we have made in getting a full newsletter out each month. We have also received praise from a number of people including the SCA Archivist Baron Aldred as well as our own fellow Angelines and we very much appreciate the kindness and the support. The best part of 12th Night, along with seeing Their Excellencies' blue tongues, was having the chance to meet people in person!

Baroness Gabrielle has a blanket permission-to-print photo form at the meeting tonight so that we can print pictures in The Seraph. This is especially important for pictures of minors. We will not publish any picture of a minor without the official permission of a parent or guardian; this is not only SCA corporate policy, it is also our own personal policy.

We currently have 75 subscribers with one outstanding invitation to be accepted. We have been getting a decent response to our requests for articles but we will be asking for material more directly in the future, especially artwork. The January issue will be published on the 16th rather than the 15th because we will be in transit back to the frozen wastelands of Massachusetts. As always, we are here for the Barony so please let us know what you'd like to see and don't be shy about sending articles!

Baroness Gabrielle reported that she met with the Kingdom Webwright and King Chronicler. The BoD wants us to move our electronic e-list to the kingdom server. A statement from Lord Gregor MacDonald, the Deputy Kingdom Webwright was read; he is willing to work with us on customizing things. Baroness Gabrielle will keep the barony posted as things progress.

Constable: (Baron Robert John of Cedarwood) – There are some lost and found items available for claiming from Angels Yule; according to Lady Dalphina they may belong to Lord Amalgaid. Baron Robert will be at Melee earlier in the day, but Lord Amalgaid will cover things in the afternoon. Please enforce the 10-car limit and getting in and out quickly at the park on Saturday. Baroness Flavia suggested giving the “cards” for identifying the cars to Lady Kathryn du Griffin to coordinate who gets them when.

Exchequer: (Lady Dalphina Delacroix)-Yule was great! We have a new cash box. Contact Exchequer for information

For the Month of December 2008: Contact Exchequer for information

Herald: (Baron Jared Alexandre Blaydeaux) -There were no new heraldic submissions. The Order of the Maunch and the Order of the Cloak have been removed from official submission. Lady Vivienne noted that references to these (now unofficial) awards would have to be removed from the OP. A list of awards given at Yule was read.

Largesse Report: (Lord Amalgaid mac Donnucáin) – (Lady Dalphina reporting) We need Golden Splonders for Melee. Please bake some and bring them. Several people, including Lady Catharine Hawkwod, volunteered to do so.

Lysts (Lady Vivienne de Lampérière) – She needs to find out from THL Tomaso about arrangements for Angels Melee.

Marshallate (THL Tomaso da Barbiano) – THL Tomaso said, “Get your armor together and get to practice! We’re tired of beating on each other!” Practice is going pretty much the same as it has been. Regular practices are starting back up after the holiday break. He encourages fighters to make a New Year’s resolution to get out and attend practice often!

Archers (Lord Æoelwigg Æolfwiggsson) – There were limited practices during December, but we are resuming as the schedule permits. We want to start at noon, and end by 2 p.m. so folks can get to PitP. Lord Æoelwigg is not stepping down; however, he has asked Baron Jason to be deputy.

Captain of Rapier (Lord Fáelán MacCearbhaill) -Practice is ongoing but still small. One new

person who moved in from out of Kingdom has attended a couple of practices. We do have one 14-year-old who should be ready to authorize by Robin Hood.

Children – The office is currently open. If you are interested, please talk to Baroness Gabrielle.

College of the Voyagers (THL Fáelán) – Things are very quiet but we are going to try to get more going in the New Year.

Canton of the Canyons (THL Tobias Meerschlange) -Jan 25th will be the first meeting of the year. We still have to discuss who is running Voyagers May Day Tournament.

OLD BUSINESS

Fundraising Demo at Steve Allen Theater (November 22, 2008): Lord Owain reported that we had about 12 fighters, mostly from Angels and Gyldenholt. We passed out some cards and generated a lot of interest. Several people preferred us to the concert. Some of the fighters even went inside, still in armor, to watch the concert. Lady Catharine thanked everyone, in particular THL Cormac for his performance as Herald. There was a round of applause for THL Cormac and Lady AnneCathryn for their contributions (Lady AnneCathryn noted, “He was a ham!”) Over and over what we heard was that people loved the heralding, and the cards were a big hit. The *Los Angeles Times* and *LA Weekly* had articles about the demo. Demos like this are great ways to help us grow. THL Cormac and Lady Annecathryn took the train and talked to people about the SCA along the way. We made \$136.03 for the Barony. Doing more demos really help the Barony!

Other Demos: Lord Owain’s school wants another demo. It’s usually done in late Feb/early March; this year it would be early or mid March. There were many letters from students about how wonderful last year’s demo was. Lady AnneCathryn asked about using the school site for events. Baron John noted that it needs to be coordinated with Altavia since Mulholland Middle School is, in fact, IN Altavia. Lord Owain said that he had already contacted them. Please contact Lord Owain if you are interested in participating.

Angels Yule (December 13, 2008): “We promised Yule would be fabulous, and it was. There was more than enough food for everybody, and everyone was eating it.” We lucked into the minstrel group Wolgemut who were in town for a gig, and discovered we were having the event and showed up! They taught dancing from the Balcony

We raised \$767 from the basket raffle. The collection for Toys for Tots also went well.

Storage Facility: Baron John looked at four storage places. SelfStorage over by Costco in Azusa was more expensive than the one we have. DryDock was cheaper but had limited to no security. There was some discussion of odd-shaped units at Mt. Olive; His Excellency wants to take some folks over to look at units located at the intersection of 210 and 605 freeways. The security looks good. Price for a 10x10x10 is \$112 a month. They have some odd size lockers, like a 6 x 12 that might actually serve us better than the conventional square. Mount Olive also has facilities for storing RV’s and trailers

The trailer is currently in Their Excellencies’ driveway—it’s not impossible to steal, but difficult. Trying to get a storage unit to put the trailer in would be much more expensive.

Question: Can the trailer be stored on private property? Yes, but the Barony cannot pay for any improvements to private property on which the trailer is stored.

Insurance: Are the trailer contents covered on the Trimbles' homeowner's insurance?

Baroness Gabrielle offered to store trailer on her property behind the locked gate. Is there any objection? Issues of access and insurance coverage were discussed, and there didn't appear to be any objection.

Estrella War (Lady Catharine Hawkwod): We do not have enough people for a separate Angels camp. The College of the Voyagers may be going as a group. Altavia has invited anyone from Angels to camp with them. Lady Catharine reported that we have a table reserved at the Artisan's Showcase. If you have anything to display, you're welcome to use the space. Regarding other wars, we are starting to look forward to Potrero and GWW.

Per Lord Owain, our loaner armor is approximately half-repaired but other pieces are torn apart. We will be getting rivets, leather, and stuff from funds previously authorized. We will continue searching for additional loaner pieces at the price we want.

Collegium T-shirts (Lady Catharine): The replacement t-shirts are here. Please pick yours up if you're expecting one.

Breast Cancer Awareness Tourney (October 25, 2009): Duchess Chamayn was not present to discuss Breast Cancer Awareness Tourney. The person Baroness Gabrielle was talking to at the City of Hope was laid off. Lady Catharine offered to talk to the people there. Baroness Gabrielle will discuss the situation with Duchess Chamayn and report back to the Barony.

There's an additional project called "Beads for Courage" at City of Hope that gives beads to kids going through various procedures. THL Cynthia de Wickersham is getting folks to make beads for the tourney. The Ladies of the Rose are working on portable trees for City of Hope patients.

NEW BUSINESS

Baroness Flavia and Baroness Morgaine are looking for an indication of interest for a possible kite tourney at GWW. Baroness Morgaine suggested Angels sponsor a kite tournament at GWW – there would be a kite-making workshop the day before. Is there interest? Lady AnneCathryn likes it. Lord Æoelwigg notes that box kites would work well in high wind. Lady AnneCathryn asked about group/unit kites? There seems to be a great deal of interest.

The Baronial Court needs you! Baroness Gabrielle is making an appeal to the populace. We need to take care of ourselves and our Baron and Baroness. At the last several events, communication has been an issue. We're all on a learning curve – sometimes Their Excellencies forget they have a court or tell us what they need. Lady Catharine Hawkwod offered to coordinate a "Period-ish" Potluck to Gyldenholt Unbelted.

CP Prize Tourney: We need an event steward/team for the event on June 27 at Crescenta Valley Park. Their Excellencies are accepting proposals/volunteers. Lady AnneCathryn asked about the "Palio" idea.

Council Meetings: Baron John discussed moving the Baronial council meetings to the 2nd Thursday of the month. Can we get the room for the 2nd Thursday? Starting in April. Baroness Gabrielle will take the discussion to the e-list. Lady AnneCathryn mentioned that there are other formats for the meeting that may work better, such as having committee meetings elsewhere with completed proposals being brought before the main council. Much discussion ensued regarding using sub-meetings, committees, and reporting results.

Angels Anniversary 2009: Baroness Justina and Lord Tobias have offered to be autocrats. They tried to get together with the Make-a-Wish Foundation but the organization wasn't interested. As an option, they would like to sponsor Villa Esperanza. They toured the school and were very impressed with it. They already have a fundraising effort in progress in the form of an Oso piece that is to be raffled. Fun is guaranteed with details to be determined. A theme for the day has yet to be decided. The plan for the event profits is for a split between the barony and Villa Esperanza. The amount of the split has not been decided. More details will be discussed at next month's meeting.

Arts & Sciences Pentathlon: Lady Catharine reported that there is a Team Angels for Pentathlon. If you are interested in joining the team, see her. The deadline for submissions is Feb 7th (for description of items, and research/how-to papers). We need your info by Feb 5th so we can put it into the package. You don't have to enter the full Pentathlon to be part of the team.

Financial Committee Notes: Lady Dalphina reported that some expenses need to be approved:
\$48.00 NMS for Yule: Lady AnneCathryn moved and Lord Aeolwigg seconded. The motion passed.
\$112 for Dabney Hall for Yule 2008 Baron Jared moved and Lady AnneCathryn seconded. The motion passed.
\$122 for the February 2009 rent on the storage locker: Lord Æoelwigg moved and Lady Catharine seconded. The motion passed
\$20 to \$30 for business cards similar to those handed out at the November demo; NTE \$30: Baron Jared and Lady AnneCathryn moved; THL Catherine de Winter and Lord Æoelwigg seconded. The motion passed.

Angels Melee Tourney: Lord Tomaso reported that everything is on track. The deputy autocrat Lord Elric has fallen sick, so he made Lady Catharine the deputy autocrat. Please feel free to see either Lord Tomaso or Lady Catharine regarding any issues with Melee. The weather looks like it will be really nice. We will need marshals – see Lord Tomaso if you are interested. Angels will have the yard sale discussed at previous meetings. Lady Theodosia of the Isles volunteered to “mind the store.” Requests have come in for eric space from several Baronies, Their Majesties, and a fighting unit. Note: We have to be off the site by FIVE P.M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The minutes for the November 2008 meeting need to be approved. Baron Jared moved to approve as corrected and THL Catherine de Winter seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.

CLOSING COMMENTS

Baron John is looking forward to Angels Melee and Baroness Flavia said she loves seeing all the people at Council meeting. Baroness Gabrielle reminded everyone that from now on council meetings will begin at 7:30 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:43 p.m.

Minutes were taken by Baron Jared Alexandre Blaydeaux and THL Tomaso da Barbiano