



BARONIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FROM JUNE 2009

Held at the Caltech "Y" on June 11, 2009



ATTENDEES: Baron John ap Griffin, Baroness Flavia Beatrice Carmigniani, Baroness Gabrielle nic Chlurain, Lady Catharine Hawkwod da Barbiano, THL Tomaso da Barbiano, Lord Amalgaid mac Donnucáin, Lady Dalphina Delacroix, Lord Fáelán mac Cearbhaill, THL Cormac Mór, Lady Theodosia of Isles, Lady Alisoun de Clairvaux, Baroness Justina Marie of Burgundy, Lord Tobias Meerschlange, Lord Æoelwigg Ælfwiggsson, Lord Peter Cadarn, THL Owain ap Gwyllim Pengryth, Mistress Bridget, Lord Balthazar, Lady Catherine de Winter. Lady Lucia Zaffarana arrived about half-way through the meeting.

ABSENT: THL Rosamund Ryghtwys, Duchess Chamayn of Castile, THL Vivienne de Lampérière, Lord Rotheric Kynith, Baroness Morgaine FitzStephen, Baron Jason Thomas the Wanderer, Baron Robert of Cedarwood and Baron Jared Alexander Blaydeaux.

PROCEEDINGS: At the Seneschal's request, the meeting was called to order at 7:33 p.m. Lady Catharine brought some Get Well and Congratulatory cards for various members of the Barony which will be passed around during the meeting.

GREETINGS & OPENING COMMENTS

Greetings and Opening Comments:

His Excellency: Between the War and the Dye Retreat, we're worn out. Coronation was nice. We gave King Sven a small portion of land that overlaps between Angels and Altavia and dubbed it Svenlandia to be his for the remainder of his reign (which was about 10 minutes). Queen's Champion was good, and featured a raffle to benefit Lord Sigvaldr Hauksson of Altavia and our own Lady Cathelina della Vigne.

Her Excellency: It's been a very busy time lately with Potrero War, the Griffin Dyeworks retreat, Coronation, Queens Champion, and lots of other stuff.

Seneschal's Comments and Report: Thank you to all officers who sent in reports. We have some new officers to introduce. Lady Rosamund is stepping down as A&S officer for personal reasons. Our new A&S officer will be Baroness Morgaine, with THL Catherine De Winter as her deputy. Our Chatelaine and Constable are looking for deputies. Lady Dalphina now has a deputy in Lady Amanda Januarius. For the Chronicler, Duchess Natalya and Jean-Christophe had been warranted with a 6-month conditional warrant. We would like to make their warrant a regular two-year term. Do we approve? It passed without opposition. Natalya and Jean-Christophe will be returning to us permanently on June 30th! Mistress Sionnach, the Kingdom Chronicler, will be the guest of the Barony at CP Prize.

OFFICER REPORTS:

Herald's Office: *THL Cormac Mór* – There have been some changes to the rules governing SCA heraldry. One such change is that pentagrams are now released for use. He has forms available in case anyone wants to submit anything. Baroness Gabrielle asked how many people don't have an approved name and device (I was too busy writing to see how many hands went up). Everyone is encouraged to consult with our heralds and get a name and device submitted.

Canton of the Canyons: *Lord Tobias Meerschlange* – We have a sketch of the stained glass window that will be raffled as a fund raiser for the Canton at Angels Anniversary. The window will be made by Lady Lucia Zaffarana.

College of the Voyagers: *THL Fáelán mac Cearbhaill* – All is quiet. Lord Fáelán is currently gathering information for the Seneschal's quarter report. Lady Catharine Hawkwod asked how to send officer reports as a sub-group officer. Voyagers has been sending it to the sub-group Seneschal and Baronial counterpart, but is that enough? Answer: If the current method is working, there is no need to make changes.

OLD BUSINESS

Potrero War: Was a good time all around. The land for Angels was a bit cramped. Baroness Flavia gave a very good dye class. The weather was nice this year. THL Tomaso reports that the fighting was a lot of fun. Some of our members suffered minor injuries, but nothing serious. There was a lot to do.

Wall Painting: Per Baroness Gabrielle, we've been talking about it, and have done some at Picnic in the Park. Do we have more interest? Several people said yes, they were interested. Baroness Flavia will post to the email list with a list of needed materials.

Monrovia Days Parade: We had 36 people walking together in the parade, with participants from Angels, Altavia, Darachshire, and Lyondemere. We also got a trophy for 1st place themed entry! Five of us made it to the City Council meeting to accept the trophy. We were the only group to show up to receive their trophy. We also handed out information and mentioned the upcoming pink ribbon tourney. We are also invited to participate in the Christmas parade

NEW BUSINESS

Fighter Practice: Lord Fáelán asked whether we can ask the Monrovia park staff to turn on the lawn sprinklers at 10 pm rather than 9 pm on Tuesday nights (the 9 pm sprinklers have added unnecessary excitement to fighter practice).

Gyldenholt Anniversary: Her Majesty will be there. We have some nice largesse/gifts lined up. It was noted that the jewelry that Lady Dalphina made for HRM Mora (Coronation) was much appreciated. At Gyldenholt Anniversary, we expect attendance to be small, so bring your own lunch rather than having a baronial lunch.

CP Prize: We will not need gifts. There will be food for sale. Baroness Gabrielle recommends that we have snacks only in the Baronial pavilion, and support the food sale for lunch.

Lyondemere Anniversary: Lyondemere Anniversary is an investiture, so we'll need gifts for both incoming and outgoing Baron and Baroness. Darachshire Anniversary is also coming up. We will discuss it in more detail next month. We will have the baronial pavilion there. Our Baron and Baroness remind us that we need people there to help set up and take down the pavilion. Please try to be there

Exchequer: *Lady Dalphina* – The only expenses for this month are the storage locker, the NMS for Voyagers May Day, and money for Angels Anniversary.

Twelfth Night 2011: Dame Selene and Lady Asakura are not present, but we can discuss their proposal. It sounds like a great idea, but this type of an event takes a lot of effort. Next year we have Crown Tourney and our 40th Baronial Anniversary. Baroness Gabrielle (taking off the seneschal hat for a moment) thinks that we just don't have the resources to do it. Think about it and we will discuss it next month.

Webmaster: *Lord Gregor* - Would like to know what size (in kilobytes) we want the digest, and when do we want it. We are also reminded to trim our posts to keep digests from becoming too cumbersome. Tomaso agrees to gather some info and contact Lord Gregor with a recommendation.

Kingdom Constable: *THL William MacLyr* (as reported by Baroness Flavia) – We have a shortage of constables at every war. If we can't get enough constables, we might have to hire private security. Please consider volunteering. THL William is willing to come to Picnic in the Park to teach a constabulary class. THL Tomaso noted that we should all volunteer in a variety of places at wars. The jobs are fun and mostly easy.

Angels Yule 2009: Lord Balthazar has volunteered to autocrat Yule, and started his presentation with a description of an Icelandic-themed event which would have a pot luck dinner, games, toasts, and bardic

entertainment. There will also be contests like table decorations and desserts. He is looking for a site; if anyone knows about a potential site, please let him know. The date is December 12 and the only other Yule on that day is Nordwache, so we might get high attendance. He has a preliminary budget which he read at the meeting. He has started compiling a site information sheet which will provide a resource for future events and he will post it on the Files section of the Yahoogroups site.

Baroness Gabrielle: Polled the Barony; unanimous acceptance of Lord Balthazar's proposal.

- Lady Catharine: How are we comping people in the budget? Answer: The budget assumes 5 people (not identified) comped.
- Lord Amalgaid: Do we have a plan to avoid a potluck with too many dishes of a single type and not enough of another? Answer: The type of dish to bring will be determined by the 1st letter of your name. The breakdown will be made available later.
- Question about the budget: If expenses are such that we end up with no profit or a small one, are we ok with that. Unanimous response by attendees that it would be ok.

GWV: Pre registration is open, although ACCPES (the credit card payment system) is not running yet. Everyone is encouraged to land allocate as soon as possible (land allocation is not yet available). Lord Amalgaid and THL Cormac will make sure that we know the minute that land allocation is available

PROGRESS REPORTS

CP Prize, June 27, 2009: Everyone should show up and help out. The fairy toss is coming along. We will have a table top ballista used to shoot balls at a knight (Lord Faelán will bring a small buckler for the target knight to use). Sir Robear du Bois has agreed to bring the dragon and show us how to use it. The Hounds of Caid had wanted to do coursing there, but park rules prevent it. We may need more pop-ups and tables. There's been a bit of confusion regarding the raffle. We are having only one raffle, with tickets sold in two places (at gate and at the stone tables). Canton of the Canyons will be doing a book and video sale.

Angels Anniversary, Sept 12, 2009: *Baroness Justina* - Plans are progressing. There will be a silent and blind fighter auction. Dame Lorissa and Lord Jason the Mild have agreed to do the lunch. At least three former Barons and Baronesses will be there, and we will probably have two sets of royals. We will need \$10/person for the lunch. The first \$200 for the Oso Knife Raffle has been handed over to Lady Dalphina; more will be coming.

The till will include Gate at \$5/person (300 people expected), the Oso Knife Raffle, the Fighter Auction, a small amount from some games, money from a coffee & bake sale in the morning, a White Elephant Sale run concurrently with the bake sale, and a basket auction. We will need an auctioneer. There will be a basket lunch auction with baskets provided by Ladies of the Rose, with the proceeds to be split with them (this will be the only money that is split with another group.) Baroness Justina suggests that we decide how much to give to Villa Esperanza after we know how much money we earned. The traditional split for such things is 60/40. After some discussion, Baroness Gabrielle called the question: Do we want to wait until after the event to decide the split? The motion passed with 2 opposed.

Pink Ribbon Tournament October 25, 2009: *Mistress Bridget* – We are assembling the Angels portion of the team. The event is Sunday, October 25 at Recreation Park. More information is available via the Ladies of the Rose link on the Kingdom website. All are encouraged to attend. Baroness Flavia is collecting stuff for the raffle. Note that the items do not have to be period. Some donations for the raffle were made on the spot. There will also be a Cancer Memorial at the event in honor of those who have passed away from any form of the disease.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Baroness Gabrielle read some thank you cards from Their Graces Sven and Kolfinna, Their Majesties Edward and Mora, and Their Excellencies Secca and Meliora.

Lord Æoelwigg mentioned that he recently spoke to one of the old timers from way back, Eric von Rheinhausen (Michael Bean) who is now a Court Baron and living in New York.

Minutes from the May meeting: There is one correction for a minor typo. THL Cormac moved that the minutes be passed as corrected. They passed without opposition.

Officer Reports

The question was raised: can the Seneschal be a co-autocrat? Answer: Baroness Gabrielle is a site liaison, so there is no conflict.

Lord Gregor is still looking for some officers to send him job descriptions for their offices.

Lord Cormac moved that the officer reports be approved as corrected. The motion passed without opposition.

CLOSING COMMENTS

Baron John: Great Western War Arts & Sciences and Artisan's enclave class proposals are needed. You have until July 1st to get them turned in.

Baroness Flavia: The difference between the A&S activities and the Artisans Enclave is that the A&S classes are structured classes, and the Artisan's enclave is a group of workshops. We need lots of people for both. They will run from whenever we can get them set up until Sunday.

Their Excellencies together: It's been fun, see you on Saturday.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:14 p.m.
