



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

Held at the Caltech "Y" on May 8, 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, Lord Fáelán mac Cearbhaill, THL Cormac Mór, Lord James the Inconstant, Lady Amanda Januarias, Gerritt Raynor, Lady Theodosia of Isles, Lady Alisoun de Clairvaux, Baron Robert John of Cedar Wood, Baroness Justina Marie of Burgundy, Lord Tobias Meerschlange, Lord Aeowelwigg Aelfwiggsson, Lady Antoinette Rosaura de la Villaverde, Dame Selene Colfox, Baroness Asakura Machime, THL Vivienne de Lampérière, Lord Rotheric Kynith, Lord Peter Cadarn, THL Owain ap Gwylim Pengryth

**ABSENT:** THL Rosamund Ryghtwys, Duchess Chamayn of Castile, Baron Alewaulfe the Red, Lady Selewynn Beltrán,

**PROCEEDINGS:** At the Seneschal's request, the Seraph Pursuivant Baron Jared called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

### **GREETINGS & OPENING COMMENTS**

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His Excellency: May Day was a blast! We had some people who got awards. I think everybody had a great time. We have some things coming up immediately: Altavia Anniversary and Investiture Saturday, with Melee Tourney and Mothers' Day Brunch on Sunday. Coronation/QC is at the beginning of June, followed by Gyldenholt Anniversary and CP Prize. We'd like to get the Baronial pavillion set up early on Saturday so all the rest of the pavilions can be set up around it. Please try to help with set-up if you can.

Her Excellency: I'm very proud of how Angels is progressing and how everyone is doing. Pentathlon was amazing with all of the Angels contributions. It's so nice to see everyone so active.

**Seneschal's Comments and Report:** Baroness Gabrielle thanked everyone for coming. She distributed five copies of the Officer Reports and April 2009 minutes for review. Please make any corrections and give them to the Seneschal at the end of the meeting. She thanked all the officers who sent reports. By doing the reports online, the reports also go to kingdom superiors and keeps everyone happy, so please use the online reporting function which can be accessed via the Angels website.

### **OFFICER REPORTS:**

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**Arts and Sciences:** *Lady Rosamund Rightwys* – There were no A&S activities to report but she will try to get things going at PitP. The Team Angels report for Pentathlon will be given later in the meeting. Per Baroness Flavia, A&S activities for the near future include banner and wall painting. Unfortunately, there was too much wind at PitP last time to do the painting. Material for the banners is already cut out, and all the brushes and paints are ready to go. Supplies cost \$5/banner. We will be doing banner making on Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>. We're using synthetic material rather than silk to prevent deterioration in the weather. More activities will be set up after this. THL Owain has a digital projector that can be use to make designs. Baroness Flavia pointed out that Caid has no sumptuary laws regarding banner so you can pretty much make anything you want. If you want to do something period, consult with THL Cormac. Baroness Gabrielle noted that at GWW, the Angels camp will look awesome with a bunch of banners. (Baron John, ever the observant herald, noted that it's a "standard" rather than a true banner.)

A discussion ensued about how to erect a banner at a site where you can't put in stakes in the ground. There will be examples of Viscount Sir Morven's banner pole at Potrero. Baron John showed a disassembled pole made according to Sir Morven's design and explained its assembly. Sir Morven will make poles for those wishing to purchase one. Banners are 30 inches x 9 feet for planning. Baron John encouraged people to attend PitP on the 17<sup>th</sup> to see them.

THL Owain has had several requests to teach leatherworking. He's in the process of making several seax scabbard pieces.

**Castellan:** *Lord Owain ap Gwylim Pengryth* – Things are coming up to speed now and he will be attending more events. He now has two volunteers as deputies: Baroness Morgaine and Lady Amanda Januarías

**Chirurgion:** *THL Justina Marie de Burgundy* – Nothing to report – May Day went well with no injuries.

**Chronicler:** *Lord Jean Christophe & Duchess Natalya* – In addition to the online report, we want to hear about your first event so please send you stories. We will be asking for persona stories in the future.

**Constable:** *Baron Robert John of Cedar Wood* – He found a water bottle under a white van coming into the meeting – it was claimed by Baron Jared.

**Exchequer:** *Lady Dalphina Delacroix* – The Robin Hood event had a nice profit.

**Herald:** *Baron Jared Alexandre Blaydeaux* - Baron Jared has discussed with THL Cormac coverage of heralding duties at Voyagers May Day as he must attend a work-related event. THL Cormac confirmed that Luke will also be present for the tournament.

**Largesse Report:** *Lord Amalgaid mac Donnágain* – We need largesse for Altavia Anniversary, CP Prize, Gyldenholt Anniversary, and Coronation. Baroness Gabrielle suggested that the Barony do something with strawberries for HRM Kolfinna. She will make brownies. A new Baron and Baroness are stepping up at Altavia Anniversary. Gas cards are always welcome. Other ideas were mentioned. If you're planning to bring something, please let Baroness Gabrielle, Baron John, or Baroness Flavia know so that it can be added to the presentation. A list of the all the donors will go in the basket.

Baroness Asakura will/can open up her pottery studio for making largesse. After CP Prize, the Barony should discuss this. Lady Catharine mentioned that THL Alisoun was working at getting a set of photo mugs for TRM stepping down; if you have a good photo of TRM please bring it to the event on Saturday.

**College of the Voyagers:** *THL Fáelán mac Cearbhaill* – The day went really well, with only a few glitches. Lord Ciaran Blackrune won the heavies tourney. Don Colwyn Stagghorn beat Don Laertes McBride in the rapier finals. A&S had 21 entries. The May pole dance was danced and the pole went home with a nice couple.

**Canton of the Canyons:** *THL Tobias Meerschlange* – We're doing a fundraiser with used videos and books at CP Prize.

## OLD BUSINESS

Per Baroness Gabrielle, the old yahoo group will become an off topic list as of June 1<sup>st</sup>. We ask that everyone migrate to the kingdom server by June 1<sup>st</sup>. Lets try to keep things in the appropriate places.

**A&S Pentathlon April 25-26, 2009:** Per Lady Catharine, everybody's entries did well. Lady Theodosia's garb received many wonderful comments. THL Cormac's tablet weaving was very nice. (Per Lord Cormac, you can see it at <http://www.poore-house.com/>) Baroness Morgaine's poem and Lady Ann's books were also excellent. Lady Catharine entered a rosary. In Individual entries, she won a 1<sup>st</sup> place apprentice award with an herbed butter and an award in Period Construction for a shift. The group with the bog won the team competition. There was talk from the judges that they want more documentation next time. There's an effort ongoing to get clearer guidelines for documentation. Baroness Gabrielle reported that she judged brewing. The quality was better than in past, and the documentation was much better.

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## NEW BUSINESS

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**Monrovia Days Parade, Thursday night, May 14, 2009:** Baroness Gabrielle reported that we are entry #21. It will start at the south end of Myrtle Ave. Be there no later than 6:30 p.m. The parade will step off at 7:00 p.m. We're opening it up to Altavia also. Wear garb, wear armor. Note: We cannot stop unless the group in front of us stops. It's about a 6-block walk. The parade happens rain or shine. We start on west Chestnut to line up.

**Potrero War:** Land allocation and footprints. If you're going, allocate now; land allocation ends on the 15<sup>th</sup>. Give Lord Amalgaid your tent footprint. We should have plenty of room. We expect more allocated land than campers. Period stuff will be on the front row so it will look nice. We expect to get the spot we asked for on the road.

Per Lady Dalphina, there will be a communal kitchen. Bring your own propane. We will have stoves, wash tubs, dish racks, etc. Bring extra D batteries for the lanterns. Bring fire extinguishers. There will be a fire pit. We also have a space heater for the baronial pavilion. If you're planning on going, let us know and land allocate! Lord Amalgaid has posted to the list with who has allocated; please confirm that you are on the list if you should be.

Baroness Gabrielle discussed fire proofing tents and dayshades. There has also been a discussion on the list lately. We are required to have everything fire proofed. EVERYTHING. One way or another, we need to fire proof whatever we have and use. If we're using dayshades, let's do it right. Baroness Morgaine advised people to check their tent for a label on the wall section, and be sure you have that tag with you. Not all pop-ups are fire-retardant, so check. Monrovia Fire Department has someone who will help fire-retard fabric. We will look further into this option, if anyone is interested, otherwise, please check your fabric.

**Bake sales for Angels events:** We've talked about it before. Does anyone want to step up and be the official coordinator?

**Expenses for this month:** Per Lady Dalphina, nothing unusual: roses for CP Prize, May Day expenses, and the storage locker.

**Baronial Regnum:** Some people have shown interest in having one. We used to have one. How many are interested? There was some interest. Baroness Gabrielle will post to the list with questions to see what we want. Baron Jason noted that there has been some problem with other baronies in the past posting too much modern information.. Baroness Gabrielle noted that we will have to be aware of privacy issues and possibly use a password for information to be made available electronically and only posting an email address for a contact. No minor's will be listed even with parental approval.

**Twelfth Night 2011:** Dame Selene and Baroness Asakura inquired about autocratting the event for Angels. They are considering a 16<sup>th</sup> c. Spanish theme, perhaps a Don Quixote theme. There was some discussion regarding possible sites. Volunteers are already getting lined up. Would the Barony want to host the event for 2010 or 2011? Lady Catharine asked whether Dame Selene and Baroness Asakura were asking as representatives of Angels or another group/Barony asking about hosting the event in Angels. Baroness Selene responded that they were asking as individuals in Angels looking for interest from members of the Barony; she also reminded Lady Catharine that she (Dame Selene) had been a member of Angels for some time. Baroness Gabrielle asked for a proposal, and also how the Barony feels about hosting a 12<sup>th</sup> Night. There was some concern about hosting a Kingdom event that close to Angels Melee. Baron Jason moved to consider hosting 12<sup>th</sup> Night 2011 as proposed; the motion was passed with four abstentions.

**CP Prize, June 27, 2009:** The event stewards reported that things are coming along as before but not a lot of ideas are coming in from other groups. We have a ballista and a castle for the fairy toss. There will be lots to do. It was suggested that the announcement be posted to the Caid Seneschals List. Letters

have gone out but a new round may have to be sent out to various groups. Baron Jared asked for questions and answers for SCA Jeopardy. Next month the event stewards will be tapping people for their parts in the event. Baroness Asakura mentioned that if anyone would like to help make cups to be sold at the event, please let her know. The next cup-making workshop will be announced on the crier elist.

**Angels Anniversary, Sept 12, 2009:** Baroness Justina and Lord Tobias have an Oso dagger to raffle and tickets are selling well already. Everyone is encouraged to tour Villa Esperanza to see the recipient of the fund raising. The event stewards would like to split the profits after site expenses have been paid. There are many side fundraisers going on such as a lunch basket auction split between the Pink Ribbon tourney and the Barony. There will also be a fighter auction and the dagger raffle. How does the barony want to split the money? THL Cormac asked whether the barony wants to divert more money from the baronial coffers? It was noted that the barony has been giving a lot lately. Lord Amalgaid asked how the coffers look; Lady Dalphina said the balance is good and going up. THL Tomaso suggested that the barony should only agree in principle tonight and vote after something is presented in writing. Others share THL Cormac's concern. Baron Jason noted that the barony needs to look at the big picture. Baroness Justina said she couldn't estimate income because projecting a budget is difficult. Baroness Flavia said that as long as basket raffles and such make money, the barony should keep doing them. Lady Catharine said she would be willing to help with a basket raffle at the event.

It was noted that Angels Melee makes a profit for the Barony but CP Prize does not. Angels Anniversary will make a profit but the Pink Ribbon Tourney will not. Yule is unknown. The barony is spending money and needs to look at what's happening. Where is the money going? Baroness Gabrielle and Baroness Justina will meet outside of council to work out some details. Baroness Gabrielle moved to table the issue of splitting funds until next month. Lord Fáelán noted that the barony can do a multi-tiered split; i.e., 50-50 split to start with and once we reach a designated level, the split changes.

**Pink Ribbon Tournament October 25, 2009:** Baroness Gabrielle announced that Mistress Bridget is now the co-autocrat with Duchess Chamayn. It was noted that the event stewards are looking for people to help as they are trying to pair a Lady of the Rose with a Baronial officer/member. There is a Yahoo group at [pinkribbontourney@yahoo.com](mailto:pinkribbontourney@yahoo.com). Please check it out and join.

**Yule December 12, 2009:** There are no event stewards yet. Lord Peter asked if there was a hall by Monrovia Park. THL Cormac noted that it is a Masonic Hall and might be a possibility. The pluses and minuses of a simple potluck were discussed. Please send proposal to Baroness Gabrielle if you're interested.

**Update on Storage Unit:** Baron John displayed a plastic storage tub that could be used to hold the Baronial pavilion ropes and stakes. The tub is available at Lowe's for \$49.98 + tax. Baron Jared moved that the Barony make the purchase; the motion passed without opposition. Baron John will purchase one.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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Baroness Gabrielle asked all officers to submit a budget based on their actual expenses for the first six months of the year and proposed expenses for the next six months of the year. Please include the budget with your report for the June council meeting.

THL Vivienne is looking for a Lists deputy; Lady Theodosia of the Isles and Lady Antoinette volunteered.

Lady Dalphina needs a deputy for the Exchequer office who would be interested in stepping up in 2010.

Baroness Morgaine and Lady Amanda Januarius volunteered to be deputy Chatelaine.

THL Cormac has agreed to be Baron Jared's deputy.

Baroness Gabrielle reminded everyone that all deputies need to be paying members of the SCA.

THL Owain noted that there's been some interest in getting a melting pot for pewter casting. Lord Peter may have one to offer.

Baroness Gabrielle thanked the officers again for sending in reports. The next Council meeting is June 11; reports and budgets are due before then. THL Owain noted that budgets might be done with a Google spreadsheet. Baroness Gabrielle and Lady Dalphina will get together to talk about it.

THL Cormac moved to approve the corrected set of the April 2009 minutes; Baron Jared seconded the motion. Baroness Gabrielle read the corrections as made on the copy and the minutes were approved.

There was a brief discussion about the size of the baronial constabulary baldrics.

The motion to approve the officer reports as submitted was made and passed.

**Closing Comments:** Baroness Flavia noted that a lot was accomplished at the meeting. She likes what's happened with the elist, and Baron John concurred. He thinks the Barony is doing well and he likes what's coming down the pipe.

Baroness Gabrielle reminded everyone that if they don't have a registered name or device, and still want to make a banner, they should consult with the heralds. She also reminded people to send their stories about their first SCA event to the Chroniclers.

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

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