



BARONIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 2009

Held at the Caltech "Y" on September 10, 2008



ATTENDEES: THL Vivienne de Lampérière, Lord Rotheric Kynan, Baroness Morgaine FitzStephen, Baron Jason Thomas the Wanderer, Baron John ap Griffin, Baroness Flavia Beatrice Carmigniani, Lord James the Inconstant, Lady Amanda Januarius of Silver Woods, Gerritt Raynor, THL Fáelán MacCearbhaill, Baroness Gabrielle Nicole Devereaux nic Chlurain, Lady Theodosia of the Isles, THL Owain ap Gwyllim Pengryth, Lady Dalphina Delacroix, Baron Robert of Cedar Wood, Lord Æolwigg Ælfwiggsson, Lady Antoinette Rosaura de la Villaverde, THL Gotfrid Liljebjorn, Lady Alisoun de Clairvaux, THL Cormac Mór, Lady Euphelia Ramsbottom, Baroness Justina Marie de Burgundy, Lord Tobias Meerschlange, THL Tomaso da Barbiano, Lady Catharine Hawkwod da Barbiano, Duchess Chamayn de Castile, Duchess Natalya de Foix (27)

ABSENT OFFICERS/EVENT STEWARDS: Jean-Christophe Messier (Co-Chronicler), Lord Balthazar van der Brugge (Yule autocrat), Lord Wolferam Zenthffeer (Captain of the Guard), Lord Amalgaid mac Donnucáin (Largesse), Baroness Bridget Lucia MacKenzie (PRT co-autocrat)

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

GREETINGS & OPENING COMMENTS: Baroness Flavia noted that "it's been quite a week" and she's been fielding calls from out-of-state friends and family concerned about their safety in the Station Fire. They have a busy schedule coming up: Angels Anniversary, Collegium, teaching in Taos, GWW, PRT. Baron John noted that Dreiburgen Anniversary was in there too! Baroness Flavia said this is the first "real" Anniversary event for them because last year was their Investiture so it was a very "deer in the headlights" experience. Baron John echoed her sentiments.

SENESCHAL'S COMMENTS AND REPORT: Thanked everyone for coming, and thanked the officers for using the online reporting forms. There were no newcomers at the meeting. THL Fáelán heard back from Caltech regarding use of the meeting room which is now reserved for remaining council meetings on Oct 15, November 12, and December 10.

OFFICER REPORTS:

Canton of the Canyons: *Lord Tobias Meerschlange* – Nothing new to report.

College of the Voyagers: *THL Fáelán mac Cearbhaill* – Nothing new to report.

OLD BUSINESS:

GWW: *Baroness Gabrielle, THL Cormac* – Baroness Gabrielle asked if everyone had land allocated. Online registration is open until Sept. 13 for land allocation. THL Cormac noted that pre-registration should have been done a month ago. He reported that 43 people have land-allocated but he is missing measurement information for 12 tents. Lady Catharine Hawkwod asked what will be available for kitchen facilities. Lady Dalphina said that land had been allocated for a communal kitchen but the Barony needs to decide what to do with the space. Lady Catharine's offer to bring a 250 lb. 5-ft long cooler was accepted; tentatively, it will be used to store ice. Lady Dalphina volunteered to (get in an air-conditioned car) get ice, if needed. Baroness Justina noted that last year there was ice for sale onsite.

Per Baroness Flavia, the Artisans' Enclave is accepting volunteers not just to teach but to help with things in the tents. The Enclave, which is slated to be closer to the merchant area, is a series of tents, each of which will be devoted to a different art. There will be demos and impromptu classes. Please sign up online if you want to be part of the Volunteer Raffle.

Lady Catharine asked about the status of the Baronial Dinner. Last year everyone ate in the Baronial pavilion which was very nice. THL Cormac noted that Court starts at 6pm on Saturday and Baroness Gabrielle noted that they are making five new peers, so court will be long. It was decided that people should gather Friday at 7 pm for the Baronial dinner to give people a chance to change after being on the field.

Lady Dalphina is bringing a heater which should help make things comfortable in the evening. She asked who was bringing the trailer. Baroness Gabrielle isn't sure but it will be there. She asked Lady Dalphina to send her a list of Baronial items that need to get from storage into the trailer.

Sewing Night: Lady Theodosia of the Isles reported that tentatively there will be a Baronial Sewing night once a month. One month it will be at the Baronial manse in Monrovia; the other month at Lady Theodosia's in Reseda. Plans will be finalized after Anniversary and posted to the elist. Lady Theodosia noted that she is now working.

Largesse: *Lady Dalphina for Lord Amalgaid* – Lady Dalphina reported that Lord Amalgaid is now five weeks post-surgery and doing well. Sitting for long periods is uncomfortable for him which is why he is not at the meeting tonight. He will be at Anniversary and working as a Constable because walking is something he can do. He will be at next month's meeting.

We have a set of blue and white dishes, THL Catherine de Winter's blue and white enamel dish, garnet and amber earrings for Her Majesty (from Lady Dalphina). Baroness Flavia noted that Baniarla CiarLasse and Magister Riordan are also donating largesse items. They will be unable to attend the event due to an illness in the family. Baron John noted that Their Royal Highnesses will not be attending the event. Baroness Morgaine has a piece of lapis for Her Majesty.

The question was raised whether Angels should make a presentation at GWW. It was determined that because Court is so long, it's probably not a good idea to prolong it, and besides that, things can get lost at War.

Lady Catharine Hawkwod asked if we want to give largesse to the Royals to give out. Lady Dalphina offered to put a dozen trinkets together to give Their Majesties at Anniversary for GWW.

THL Catherine de Winter has a list of A&S projects suitable for largesse which she will send to Duchess Natalya who will post it on the Angels website.

Dun Or Anniversary occurs prior to GWW and the next Council meeting. Lady Catharine Hawkwod offered to donate teal glass bottles filled with herbs from her garden. THL Vivienne is organizing another project as well for presentation. Baron John noted that Baron Colyn is our Baronial Rapier Champion. Lady Catharine suggested gifting him with peacock feathers. Baron John and Baroness Flavia helped Baron Robear and Baroness Kristin during the fire with gathering items for a potential evacuation. Baroness Kristin offered them peacock feathers and quills which are very sturdy. Lady Catharine Hawkwod will be teaching at a quill cutting class at GWW. (Baron Robear and Baroness Kristin are ok and the animals are back home.)

Baron John noted that a new Baron and Baroness of Dreiburgen will not be stepping up until 12th Night.

It was agreed that we can discuss Largesse for Coronation at the October meeting.

Upcoming Expenses: *Lady Dalphina* Lady Dalphina gave Baron John a check for \$41 for miscellaneous largesse. Lady Amanda moved to put \$50 back into the Largesse fund. Lady Catharine questioned the procedure and asked when this had been voted on in Council per the "normal process." Opinion varied as to whether this had been discussed at a previous council meeting.

Baroness Gabrielle noted that we no longer need to vote in Council on every item. Lady Dalphina verified this with Kingdom Exchequer Baron Rowen Killian. THL Cormac moved to create a renewable Largesse Fund up to \$50 and Baroness Morgaine seconded it. The Barony voted yes with one abstention (Duchess Chamayn). Lady Amanda moved and Baroness Morgaine seconded a motion to replenish the current fund. The motion passed with one abstention (Duchess Chamayn).

Baroness Gabrielle announced that the baronial trailer is no longer in her driveway. It was moved to the storage facility at Mt. Olive. The cost is \$64/month. Five people have access to the unit. Baroness Gabrielle advanced \$74 in a personal check. THL Catherine de Winter moved and Duchess Natalya seconded that Baroness Gabrielle should be reimbursed. The Barony voted unanimously to reimburse her.

Chronicler Duchess Natalya asked the Barony for submissions to *The Seraph* including recipes, articles, chronicles, poetry, and brief how-to articles. This is a great vehicle for sharing information and learning from each other. Her Grace brought two sets of forms, one for permission to print articles and photos, and one for permission to print personal contact information. She explained that only event stewards are required to have that information printed; it's voluntary for other staff at events. The permission forms extent permission to print only in the *Seraph*; permission to print in the *Crown Prints* and other Kingdom publications is arranged with Kingdom. She noted that the photographer is responsible for photos but if the photo contains children, a permission from must be obtained from the parents or guardian, or we can't publish the photo.

The Barony has been asked to post *The Seraph* on the new newsletter link on the Kingdom website. This is in addition to the current mode of publication, not in lieu of it. Her Grace noted that this could potentially bring a lot more people to Angels events. Lady Catharine asked if the Barony was going to vote on it. Duchess Natalya said that it was up to the Barony whether to vote or not because it was a request from Kingdom, and she was sensitive to the fact that in the past the Barony has been a guinea pig for other electronic publications. Baroness Morgaine asked if we giving any rights away, does *The Seraph* own it? Duchess Natalya explained that retaining or giving of rights is up to the submitter. In response to a question, Duchess Natalya explained that the actual forms are retained by the Barony.

Lady Catharine suggested bringing permission forms to Angels Anniversary so that we could publish documentation in future issues of *The Seraph*. Baroness Gabrielle suggested bringing the forms to the GWW Artists Enclave as well.

It was decided to vote. THL Vivienne moved and THL Cormac seconded that *The Seraph* be published on the kingdom website; everyone voted yes with one abstention (Lady Catharine).

Gold Key: Baroness Gabrielle said that we get requests for loaner garb, so within the next three months, we need a volunteer to be responsible for bringing garb to events, retrieving it, cleaning it, and making sure it gets back to storage.

Angels Anniversary: *Lord Tobias & Baroness Justina* - Lord Tobias has received two reservations for space, one for the Royal Pavilion and one for the Gyldenholt Pavilion. The Lists pavilion will be in the baseball diamond near Gate.

Baroness Gabrielle reported that on Tuesday her car was broken into at work in the parking lot but the only thing that was taken was a leather briefcase with SCA paperwork and two CDs. After multiple phone calls and a quick run to the Parks & Recreation office by Baron John, we have the actual permit form for Saturday. She also has a permit for the White Elephant Sale, which is required by the city. She invited Memmo Chavez, the new contact at the office, to come visit the event to see what we do. She thanked Lady Catharine for her help retrieving the necessary paperwork.

Baroness Justina donated two sets of goblets, one pewter set and one glass set with a pewter medallion, for the winners of the Rapier and Heavy Weapons lists and their consorts. She was concerned that after the Barony had voted not to have Youth Combat that there was going to be Youth Combat after all. Baroness Gabrielle explained that the request came from the Kingdom level because the Kingdom Youth Marshal Baroness Teka Turmanov needed to re-authorize. Baroness Flavia is providing a prize for the Youth Combat Champion.

Baroness Justina has made 360 site favors and hopes we run out. She requested that there be several stocked cash boxes at the event. Lady Dalphina will bring two, and Baroness Flavia will bring two from Griffin Dyeworks as back-up. Baroness Justina also asked for lots of tables. In response to a question, she noted that there will be a Baronial A&S champion and a People's Choice Champion.

Lord Tobias announced that they have the bid boards for a silent fighter auction which is going to be run differently this year. No names will be posted so that those who might be chosen last in a regular auction will be spared that experience.

The pouches and counter for the A&S Competition will be retrieved from storage. Lady Catharine will send the sign-up sheet form to THL Catharine de Winter. Baroness Bridget, as last year's winner, will be helping in the booth. Duchess Natalya will provide Permission to Publish forms as well.

Baroness Gabrielle announced that last year's winner of the Hester Spoon Mairghread nic Chlurain will be collecting the entries for the contest. She will be asking Her Majesty, Baroness Flavia, and any past Angels Baronesses in attendance to help judge. If Mairghread has to leave for work before the judging is over, Baroness Gabrielle (her mother) will take over for her. Baroness Flavia has the apple charms and the spoon for the prize.

Baroness Gabrielle has the lease forms for the winner of the lists to sign before they receive the champions' regalia.

Hopefully there are enough raffle tickets but if not, there are several office supply stores nearby.

THL Owain requested a dedicated eric space for his Deed of Honor. He has made small pewter buttons with the Yggdrasil tree on them, modeled after pilgrimage tokens, to give to all participants. He is also planning to fight in the tournament, and hopes that his opponents will enable him to count those combats towards the 100 he plans to fight. This Deed of Honor has an additional meaning as he recently lost a cousin to a rare form of cancer. He hasn't found a good option for the hazel branches. He explained that Vikings laid out hazel to denote sacred separation of space. The combat structure is a variation of an organized Viking style of handling multiple combats.

Baroness Gabrielle noted that she has received seven phone calls from people asking about the Deed of Honor. She also noted that if hazel cannot be found, rosemary could be used as it is the herb for remembrance. Baroness Morgaine suggested using hazel nuts.

THL Owain asked for volunteers to help him. Gerritt Raynor offered and Lady Catharine Hawkwod said she would assist after she has done her service at Gate. Owain needs someone to assist with the guest book and to hand out tokens to combatants. THL Vivienne offered to serve as List Mistress for the Deed of Honor once she has helped Lady Theodosia set up the Lists for the Barony.

Baroness Justina said there would be a Bake Sale in the morning and asked that contributions come ready to be sold (vs. just handing her a pan of uncut baked goods). Baroness Gabrielle said that the Barony will be providing lunch for Their Majesties. So far, contributions include ham from Lady Antoinette, bread pudding from Lord Amalgaid, salad, and brownies from Baroness Gabrielle. Baron John and Baroness Flavia asked that everyone who is contributing a dish remain in the pavilion so that they can introduce contributors to Their Majesties by name.

Everyone was reminded to bring lots of water because it's going to be hot.

The champions tournament will consist of Rapier in round robin to single final, per THL Fáelán and Armored Combat in standard double-elimination format, per THL Tomaso. There will be two authorizations in Armored Combat in the morning, one of whom is Gerritt Raynor.

There will not be a separate presentation court for Their Excellencies.

Lady Catharine Hawkwod noted that she has seen comments on Facebook from people concerned about the smoke and suggested that Baroness Gabrielle post on the Caid List that everything is ok in the area.

Lady Dalphina needs the pop-up for Gate and lots of people to help out at the beginning of the day so that they can get through the process quickly.

Duchess Natalya reminded everyone to mark their belongings, bring a trash bag, and a goblet for beverages especially those that come out of cans because it doesn't help the ambience to see a lot of Diet Coke cans lying around.

Baroness Morgaine noted that merchants pay the same site fee as everyone else (\$6) plus making a contribution to the raffle. Baroness Gabrielle said that merchants will go under the trees by the Boys & Girls Club building because there's shade and it's easier to unload there. She noted that no one can drive on the grass, and she asked THL Tomaso to check on the lock on the gate. Everyone must be off the site by 7 pm.

Duchess Natalya reminded everyone about the Poetry contest and confirmed that there is a prize. In addition, the winning poem will be published in *The Seraph*.

Baron Robert asked if announcements about the day will be made at Opening Court including about the time to be off the site. Closing Court will be held around 4:30 pm.

THL Catherine de Winter asked where the A&S Competition will be located and Baroness Justina said near the Royal and Baronial pavilions. Baroness Gabrielle suggested that both Baroness Justina and Lord Tobias bring site maps for themselves to help direct people for setting up their pavilions.

THL Cormac asked for field herald volunteers and revealed the new field banners he made, including one with a flame pattern and one with a mock cow hide pattern.

Pink Ribbon Tourney (PRT): *Duchess Chamayn* Baroness Bridget couldn't make it to the meeting tonight; however, she made the PRT announcement at Altavia Council Meeting earlier in the week. Baroness Gabrielle confirmed that live lit candles may not be used on the site. Duchess Chamayn said that survivors, those currently undergoing treatment, and those who have passed can be remembered in the Memory Pavilion. She encourages people to bring pictures, mementos, and stories to share. All proceeds from the event will be donated to breast cancer research. Baron John noted that he recently found out his sister is a breast cancer survivor. Duchess Chamayn offered THL Owain the opportunity to continue his Deed of Honor if he is unable to complete it at Angels Anniversary. He said that he will bring the guest book from that event and offered to fight challenges at PRT.

They still need department heads for the A&S Contests and to organize the pink Christmas tree decorating. Decorating the trees was discussed; trees have already been decorated at Altavia fighter practice and Her Grace would like to set up something at an Angels practice. There may also be an opportunity to decorate trees the day of the event but only if she can find someone willing to supervise the activity. The trees will be raffled off both for personal use and to designate as donations to a cancer ward. Both Her Grace and Baroness Bridget would prefer that the decorating was done in advance, and Baroness Gabrielle encouraged them to make an executive decision about how it will be done.

Duchess Chamayn referred everyone to the staff page and the volunteer page on the PRT wiki site, and said that even through names may be listed under tasks, if people want to help they should do so. Dame Selene has volunteered to run the Bake Sale and Coffee Service. Duchess Chamayn encouraged people to find healthy options for their contributions like fruit.

The plan is to have a "one stop shop" at Gate for check-in, raffle tickets, and bling. They are trying to keep things centralized and hope to use raffle tickets for everything. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5.00.

They need tables and chairs for the Memory Pavilion, and tables for printed material about breast cancer. She has already received material from the American Cancer Society. Baroness Gabrielle confirmed that electric candles are fine and Baroness Flavia offered to provide them. They also need decorations for the Memory Pavilion, like the origami cranes that Baroness Bridget has used. Items do not have to be somber; there are success stories to tell along with the somber ones.

Baroness Flavia offered to bring the Fairy Toss if it turns out that Lady Kathryn is able to run it by herself. Lord AEolwigg and Lady Antoinette offered to bring the Mini-Archery set. Baroness Morgaine offered to provide a pink and white shawl for the raffle in honor of Lady Medb the Spinner who passed away from breast cancer.

Baroness Gabrielle noted that we must be out of the park by 6 pm, plus it will be dark by then.

Angels Yule: *Baroness Gabrielle* – Lord Balthazar was unable to attend the meeting due to work but he will be at the next meeting with a full report.

Upcoming Events: THL Tomaso, Lady Catharine Hawkwod, and THL Fáelán will be co-autocratting Angels Melee. Lord Tomaso asked that we use Crescent Valley Park, and requested permission to make a deposit. Baroness Morgaine made the motion, Lord James the Inconstant seconded it, and there was no opposition to authorizing release of funds for the site and insurance fee. A full budget will be presented at the October meeting.

Lord AEolwigg and Lady Antoinette will be autocratting Robin Hood. The Barony will go through Altavia to request permission to use the site. Lady Theodosia noted that day is also National Pie Day.

Collegium is one week away. Spring Collegium (April 10/11) will be held at La Mirada Middle School. Baroness Justina suggested that the Barony provide food, and Lady Dalphina suggested that the “School Supplies Store” which THL Cormac and Lady AnneCathryn ran previously also be there. We will discuss this more next month.

Lady Amanda confirmed that she has volunteered to be Deputy Chatelaine.

THL Cormac is one of the autocrats for Fall Crown on August 21st and asked for site suggestions. Baroness Gabrielle noted that while Crescent Valley Park has more shade, there is absolutely no “wiggle room” on the departure from the site time. We must be completely off the site by 6 pm. The Day of Meetings is being held at the Masonic Hall in Monrovia which should mean a larger than usual PitP that day. Lady Catharine Hawkwod reminded them to check on the Little League schedule in the park. It was agreed that Library Park would not be a suitable venue.

Baroness Gabrielle extended a personal thank-you to Lady Vivienne for her work as Baronial Lists Mistress and THL Cormac led a hearty round of cheers in acknowledgment of her service.

Baroness Gabrielle said that there will be three officer changes at Anniversary: Lady Theodosia steps up as Lists Mistress, THL Cormac as Seraph, and Baroness Morgaine as Minister of A&S.

Baroness Flavia noted that this has been a lively meeting at which we got a lot done (and there’s a lot happening!) Baron John noted that GWW occurs before the next Council Meeting.

THL Cormac moved and Lady Amanda seconded that the August Baronial Council Minutes be accepted as presented. Everyone voted yes except Lady Catharine and Duchess Chamayn who abstained because they hadn’t read them yet.

THL Cormac moved and Lord James the Inconstant seconded that Officer Reports be accepted as submitted. Everyone voted yes except Lady Catharine Hawkwod.

Lord Cormac called the meeting to a close at 9:10 pm.