



## **BARONIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 2010**

Held at the Caltech "Y" on February 11, 2010



**ATTENDEES:** Baron John ap Griffin, Baroness Flavia Beatrice Carmigniani, Baroness Gabrielle nicChlurain, Lady Theodosia of the Isles, Lady Dalphina Delacroix, THL Catharine Hawkwod, THL Tomaso da Barbiano, Lady Antoinette Rosaura dela Villaverde, Lord AElwigg AEIwiggsson, Baron Robert John of Cedarwood, Lord Fáelán MacCearbhaill, THL Owain ap Gwyllim Pengryth, Lord Gerritt Raynor, Lord Amalgaid mac Donnucáin, THL Cormac Mór. Welcome to newcomer Christine Foster who came to take a look at the SCA. She lives in South Pasadena, did archery for 25 years.

**ABSENT OFFICERS/EVENT STEWARDS:** Duchess Natalya de Foix & Jean-Christophe Messier (Co-Chroniclers) due to overtime at work; Baroness Morgaine FitzStephen (A&S) due to illness; Baroness Justina Marie de Burgundy (Chirurgion), Lord Tobias Meerschlange (Seneschal, Canyons)

**PROCEEDINGS:** THL Cormac called the meeting to order at 7:31 pm.

**GREETINGS & OPENING COMMENTS:** *Baron John and Baroness Flavia:* We are pleased to be back where snow is segregated. Still kind of tired, glad to be back to things we know and like, and that includes all of you.

**SENESCHAL'S COMMENTS & REPORT:** *Baroness Gabrielle* – Thanks for coming tonight. A lot of people were not able to make it due to work or migraines. In case you didn't hear, no PitP this Sunday; Valentine's Day is an "official" holiday here. No archery either.

### **OFFICER REPORTS:**

**Canton of the Canyons:** *Lord Tobias Meerschlange* – May show up later; nothing new to report

**College of the Voyagers:** *Lord Fáelán MacCearbhaill* – Nothing new to report. Some people on campus who want us to show up to house party. May Day is coming up.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Angels Melee:** *THL Tomaso* The heavies fighting went well. Good times had by all. Thanks for everyone who marshaled. Our winner was a composite team from 5<sup>th</sup> Brigade, Myrmidons and Orkneys. THL Catharine noted that the big highlight on non-fighting was the number of newcomers. Unbelievable; people were doing chatelaine duties all over the place. THL William MacLyr did backup for constables, went through every card we could give him with the Castellan URL. A photographer there was doing group portraits. She's hooked, went to Unbelted, looking to contact further. Beyond that, incredible amounts of work: Lists, Gate and Constable. Thanks to Baroness Gabrielle about the contract.

*Baroness Flavia*, speaking as the Baroness who invited TRMs to lunch, the Queen came over with the ladies and they not only browsed our elegant, succulent potluck, but they sat in the Angels pavilion, talked and watched the fighting. They said it was the best food they'd ever tasted. One of the fighters who ate some of Baroness Morgaine's chipotle salmon "hates fish: and his wife has requested the recipe. Thank you all for all your wonderful work.

*THL Catharine:* Lady Kathryn de Griffin did a great job with the cars.

*THL Fáelán:* White Scarf held their biennial meeting, discussing issues with rapier community. We are starting to have issues with retention of fighters. Attendance at tourneys all over the kingdom is down. Wanted to fight for Iron Crescent which hadn't been defended in the requisite two months, and because we were crunched for time, put all the teams on the field and last man standing was winner. Ended up with Lady Roisin and Don Alexander Kallidokos. Dragoons took the day in the Lists.

*Baroness Flavia:* The scenarios were a hoot. Had no idea what was going on.

*Lord Fáelán:* One of them involved cups and stopwatches.

*Baroness Gabrielle:* Baroness Morgaine did an excellent job with the merchants. Out of 9 merchants, 8 were wonderful, including the person we had a problem with last Anniversary. We've paid our 10% to the county and we have a receipt back already. When we got ready to close out, THL Catharine went to get Larry (groundskeeper), who said "I don't understand why I have to walk the site with you." Apparently the guy who told us this had a bad week. Larry took a glimpse around, said everything looked fine.

*Baroness Gabrielle:* There was an incident with several children gathered together behind the pavilions, beating each other with boffers and wooden swords (4-5 years old up through teens.) She had to take 3 boys back to the adults, one of whom was a neighborhood kid. If you bring your neighbor's kid to the event, you need a notarized form, need to sign the waiver for whoever is on site. If anyone was injured, she is first line of defense. That aside, she doesn't want any children to get hurt. The kids were unruly, mouthing off. At any event, it falls on all of us to watch out for the children. If you see children being unsafe, grab the seneschal or youth officer. Never approach the kids yourself. Other than that, Melee was great. Wonderful weather, beautiful event.

**GWW Artist Enclave/A&S:** *Lady Theodosia* - At this point she has three deputies and an advisor. For those interested, we'll have our first idea meeting on February 28, PITP. Give me ideas; tell me how you want to be involved. If it rains, we will meet at the home of John and Flavia. Remember – two dogs. If you have allergies, bring your medication.

**Sunshade Fabric:** *THL Cormac* - He hasn't had a chance to pursue this, and would like to have someone take it over; Lord Amalgaid will take over doing the research on fabric for this project. Baroness Flavia will look for suitable fabric at garment district. Do we have a rough estimate of the cost? The cheapest seen so far is \$4.50 per yard, though \$7.00 is more realistic for what we need. THL Owain says that Midwest tent is having a good sale on 12 ft round tents. More research is needed on the various options. We'd like a comprehensive report for next month.

**Mulholland Middle School Demo:** *THL Owain* - This is our annual demo. The school appreciates it, as do the kids. School wants to be an event site again. A lot of people had fun in previous years. We demo starting at 9, please get there at 8:30. It's a workday, but it's well worth it. Baroness Flavia – last year in our big pavilion, there was a big banquet table laid out. In storage we have tons of banquet stuff for Angels. It could be used for ambience. Last year 24 people attended. We were fed pizza and drinks which kept our fighters hydrated. Lord Owain will be posting further info on this later. March 26 (Friday) is the day before spring break starts. The kids are enthusiastic.

**Other Demos:** *Baroness Gabrielle* - Other demos: The Cub Scouts "Blue and Gold" demo will be held on February 23<sup>rd</sup>. They're looking for a small demo (15-20 mins) for their dinner, Tuesday, February 23, from 6 to 7:30, in Monrovia on Lemon right across from the library. This is the "graduation" ceremony when their 5<sup>th</sup> graders become Boy Scouts. She believes this is Pack 140. Can we get a few people there in garb and armor? She can find out if he wants it before or after dinner, or maybe during. Keep in mind that these are boys 7-13. You'd be surprised how many times the medieval theme comes up. She is looking for fighters.

Baroness Bridget has demos on March 9 and April 30 at Sierra Canyon School in Chatsworth. Classrooms are decorated with castles and swords. This year, the school searched a little wider for their demo and found the SCA. Tuesday March 9, 9-Noon. 700 children, groups of 30 each. 3-4 stations, followed by fighting, in hour-long sets. Checking on whether we can have fire. April will be a medieval fair, with a village, etc. 1 PM – 7 PM. Equestrians will be welcome; the field is on the edge of an equestrian path.

**Exchequer:** *Lady Dalphina* - We still need more money in the trailer fund. We have enough now for 2 months of storage. Robin Hood fundraiser – basket raffle (run by Lord Balthazar) and bake sale (coordinated by Lord Amalgaid). Moved, second, unanimously approved that Baroness Justina's

fundraiser at Collegium and Robin Hood fundraisers will send all proceeds to trailer fund. Other than that, we have the usual monthly expenses.

**Officer Deputies:** *Baroness Gabrielle* noted that many officers need deputies. She will post specifics on the elist.

**Baronial Beautification Project** – *THL Owain* While at West/An Tir War, he talked to northern folk. In an attempt to increase [membership] retention, they had a project where they'd take newcomers who'd been in for 3-4 months (proven themselves as being "into it") and had "pimp my newbie" month. Good thing for retention, building [fighting] kits. Beyond that, there are people here who may not have a complete kit.

Also, with Angels' 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary coming up, we may want to push to spiff up our infrastructure. Baron John noted that the Barony was recently gifted with six fitted red tablecloths which they will bring to events. Baroness Flavia said that we have 4 tubs of Gold Key items, just sitting in storage. When they did the inventory, they put a lot of items aside for sale, but much still remains. It would be nice to use some of this to outfit people who need garb. Her Excellency noted that they need to go through the garb again, add some trim, spruce them up. Lord Gerritt noted that part of the plan for the trailer is to have a place for Gold Key bins. THL Owain will take this to the elist for more discussion.

**Spring Crown Tourney** – *Lady Catharine* asked if Angels doing a group camp for Crown. The only fighter going is THL Tomaso. It's very cold to camp there, sometimes rains. Baronial pavilion is going to the event but people can't sleep inside. There will be a baronial potluck for lunch, bring your own tents. Bring heaters, carpets, flies, etc. M by Lady Dalphina to allocate no more than \$75 to purchase new ropes made out of poly-manila. S/A

**Robin Hood Tourney:** *Lord AEOelwigg* – We need a constable, parking lot attendants. We're working on paper targets. Archery, thrown weapons, probably rapier, A&S. Lord Cristof is making a tooled leather cover for an axe as well as the axe itself which is the prize for thrown weapons. Need help putting targets together. Mostly won't take much time; however, one is tricky because it has lots of colors.

**Voyagers May Day/Kingdom Sciences Day:** *Lord Fáelán* We're in preliminary stages, need to get together with fellow Voyagers. Same site as last year. Pop-ups only, no pavilions. For Kingdom Sciences Day, Lady Catharine said it was a sciences "show and tell", not competition. Details will be in the *Crown Prints*. Master Thorvald offered financial help from kingdom level. Because this is piggy backing on a Voyagers event, kingdom is ok with not sharing in any financial gains.

**Fall Crown Tournament:** Aug 21 is the date for Fall Crown Tourney. THL Cormac got the Masonic Hall for the next day. Meetings will be held at the Masonic Hall with a pancake breakfast and Arts and Sciences activities. We can then invite people to PitP and fighter practice later in the day. Any income from the breakfast is all ours. Gate: we keep 40%, kingdom gets 60% (normal for kingdom events). Will there be merchants? Some merchants like it, and others hate it. THL Cormac will ask Baroness Morgaine to be merchant coordinator.

#### **Miscellaneous:**

Please keep Lady Anne Ravensdaughter in your thoughts. She lost her husband in an auto accident in January. There will be a memorial at Gyldenholt/Calafia Friendship Tourney; please show your support.

#### **Officer Reports:**

**Herald** *Lord Cormac* - March is Heraldry Month! Get your names and devices registered. Go through Cormac. If you don't seek him out, he will hunt you down with forms and pens. He will be going to at least one Tuesday practice.

We have another newcomer moving into the area. He's very motivated and we are getting him to a practice soon.

January Minutes: Amended to include that half of the items collected at Yule went to the Monrovia Fire Department and half went to Toys for Tots. M/S/A as amended.

Officer reports: Baron John moved to approve as submitted; they was approved.

Baroness Gabrielle noted that the Barony can operate for another year – the Domesday Report has been submitted!

**Closing Comments:** *Baroness Flavia* – Received a thank-you note from Villa Esperanza, and a Valentine's card with Lady Kathryn on the front. This was a great meeting. We're starting out 2010 with some real action. Thank you. Baron John echoed Her Excellency's comments with "What she said. This was amazing. It's not even 9 yet!"

THL Cormac called the meeting to a close at 8:54 pm.

Minutes recorded by THL Cormac Mór and THL Tomaso da Barbiano.

**THE MARCH COUNCIL MEETING WILL OCCUR ON THURSDAY, MARCH 11, 2010.**