



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

Held at the Caltech "Y" on January 14, 2010



**ATTENDEES:** Baron John ap Griffin, Baroness Flavia Beatrice Carmigniani, Baroness Gabrielle nicChlurain, Lady Theodosia of the Isles, Lady Edana an Dara Rowan, Baron Jason Thomas the Wanderer, Baroness Morgaine FitzStephen, Lord Peter Cadarn, Lord Tobias Meerschlang, Lady Dalphina Delacroix, Lord Balthazar van der Brugghe, Lady Catharine Hawkwood, THL Tomaso da Barbiano, Baroness Justina Marie de Burgundy, Lady Antoinette Rosaura dela Villaverde, Lord AElwigg AElfwiggsson, Baron Robert John of Cedarwood, Lord Fáelán MacCearbhaill, Duchess Natalya de Foix, Jean-Christophe Messier, Baron Alewaulfe the Red, THL Owain ap Gwyllim Pengryth, THL Cormac Mór (arrived end of meeting). Guest: Mistress Ansteys Darcy

**ABSENT OFFICERS/EVENT STEWARDS:** Lord Amalgaid mac Donnucáin (Captain of the Guard)

**PROCEEDINGS:** In the absence of THL Cormac, Baron John called the meeting to order at 7:32 pm.

**GREETINGS & OPENING COMMENTS:** *Baron John and Baroness Flavia:* Most people here didn't attend 12<sup>th</sup> night. Six members of Angels attended: Baron John, Baroness Flavia, Baron Alewaulfe, Baroness Lavendar, THL Cormac, and Lord Balthazar. It was nice. Angels made the traditional gift of gold, frankincense, and myrrh, with THL Cormac singing "Hark, the Angels Herald Sings." The new Baron and Baroness of Dreiburgen, Bryce and Fionna, were invested. Baron John read thank you notes from Their Majesties and the new Baronage of Dreiburgen for Angels' gifts. Baron Bryce especially liked the hat with the baronial coronet painted on it, like Baron John's.

Their Excellencies also welcomed our visitor from the Kingdom of the Outlands, Mistress Ansteys Darcy. Baroness Flavia apologized for not bringing Yule gifts but they are dog-sitting Charlie Murphy, Sir Ian Anderson's pit bull who ate the gifts (cookies). Their Excellencies are headed to Billings, MT for several weeks to be with His Excellency's sister.

**SENESCHAL'S COMMENTS & REPORT:** *Baroness Gabrielle* – Thanked those officers who sent in their reports and asked those who do an annual report to forward a copy to her so that she can include it in her Domesday Report.

### **OFFICER REPORTS:**

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

**College of the Voyagers:** *Lord Fáelán MacCearbhaill* – Nothing new to report

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Angels Yule** - *Lord Balthazar:* 78 people trudged thru the rain to attend the event. It was wonderful. We received no complaints and some nice compliments on the event; Mistress Huette said it was the most enjoyable Yule she had attended.. We made a profit on the event. There was lots of food and a No Holds "Bard-ic" contest. The new Seraph Bard is Lady Petronilla Chastelerault, who is also Baron Secca's daughter. Thanks to Baroness Morgaine for coordinating the bardic competition. Site tokens were donated, as were gifts by Lord Balthazar. (Lord Balthazar also announced that his new alternate SCA name was approved – Balthazar della Volta which means "turning over a new leaf."

Baroness Gabrielle thanked Lord Balthazar and Lord Amalgaid. She really liked the idea of the late lunch/early dinner; however, we need to advertise it if we are going to do this at future Yule celebrations. Adjusting the schedule meant that THL Tomaso could lock up early. "It really felt like a "family Christmas."

There were many comments in favor of the table arrangement with the food tables in the center. Lord Balthazar noted that this was based on table arrangements at Dreiburgen and Altavia Yule events.

Toys for Tots: 52 toys were collected and taken to the Monrovia Fire Dept where they will be distributed.

**GWW Artist Enclave/A&S:** *Baroness Flavia:* Señora Madelena Hidalgo de Valencia and THL William MacLyr are the co-autocrats for GWW 2010, and they have confirmed that Angels will handle the A&S area. It doesn't mean that the Barony is the only group doing A&S; it means we will be running those activities for the War. Lady Theodosia will be coordinating the area with Baroness Flavia as the senior advisor; Lady Catharine Hawkwood is the Administrative Deputy/Listmaker.

**Sunshade Fabric:** Lord Cormac couldn't attend the meeting so Their Excellencies and Baroness Gabrielle will talk to him at Angels Melee about it. In response to the quest of whether there will be a new baronial pop-up for Melee Tourney, Baroness Gabrielle volunteered to bring hers.

**Angels Melee:** *Lady Catharine:* She read a list of geopolitical groups that we know will be there. It will be a busy day. We could use extra people to help direct traffic. Baroness Gabrielle will be coordinating the potluck. We may need some loaner garb as we have some new people coming. There will be a photographer at the event. Catharine will escort her. The fiber play date will be there. Lady Alisoun will set up her coffee pot. We will not have a raffle. We will have a form for merchants to fill out regarding the park requirement to pay a percentage of their sales. THL Tomaso drew a map on the board to show the general layout of the site. THL Tomaso and Lord Fáelán described the fighting formats to be used.

Baron John offered to make cookies for Their Majesties, and anyone who wants to add to the presentation is welcome to do so. The Barony will also be providing lunch for Their Majesties. Their Excellencies will provide some yellow roses for the Captain of the Queen's Guard to present to Her Majesty.

If the event has to be cancelled due to rain, Lord Gregor will post notices on the Kingdom and Baronial websites. Lady Catharine is the contact for PR (reporters, etc.) She also encouraged those who wished to walk around the field for exercise to join her and Belle. She is also walking around the field at Tuesday night fighter practices and invited attendees to walk with her.

**Exchequer:** *Lady Dalphina* - We need more money in the trailer fund, which now shows a negative balance. The Chroniclers move that \$400 be transferred from the general fund to the trailer fund. Other expenses included "the usual monthly stuff." The Barony has previously allocated money for trailer work. Lady Dalphina will prepare the necessary checks.

Cost of the site for Crown Tourney: The council moved and passed that a check for \$150 be sent to the City of Monrovia for the site.

Park fees for Angels Melee: The park fees have increased in the last week. We have new people in charge of the park. Baroness Gabrielle described the new rules and emphasized that we need to have everyone off the site by 5:30. Baroness Flavia reminded us that we all need to be looking for additional sites.

**Mulholland Middle School Demo:** *THL Owain* - March 26th is the demo at Mulholland Middle School. We've had a demo there for a few years, and it was well received. The school knows us now and we are building a good relationship. We had about 25 people last year. If you can take the time, it's highly recommended. We usually unload around 8:30 am and plan to demo from 9 am to 3 pm with some breaks. We're coordinating with The Barony of Altavia to get this done. Side note: THL Owain will be marshal in charge of the CSUN fighter practice on Thursdays starting (probably) in February.

**Angels Anniversary:** we need a team to autocrat. Balthazar proposes that we have the whole barony work on it. There is general agreement. If you want to lead the effort, contact Baroness Gabrielle. For a site, the consensus is to go to Recreation Park in Monrovia Park. There followed some discussion of potential parks that might be used; the discussion will be taken to the e-list after melee.

**New Activities to Consider:** *Lord Peter* - A Peasant Revolt which would involve kidnapping the Baron and Baroness, and making the Crown come down to restore order. This has been done in the east, and was lots of fun. This could be used as a warm-up for GWW if it's timed right. He would like to do it at some point. Another idea is medieval sock puppet Shakespeare theater group in Angels. He would like to get something like this going. The idea is presented to start discussion.

**Robin Hood Tourney:** There will be authorizations but no written test. No Thrown Weapons activity is scheduled. Site fee is \$5. Set up is 7 am, authorizations at 9 am, and court at 10 am. The day's schedule was reviewed. Will there be a raffle at the event? It's on the schedule. Arts & Sciences will have a "pi" contest – best representation of pi (event date is 3/14). Will need parking attendants, gate, marshals, merchant autocrat, and lists. Baroness Gabrielle reminded the autocrats that they need to get the article into the CP asap. Lady Theodosia offered to run Lists; Lord Cristoff is making the prize for the winner, but they need prizes for one of the scenarios (the Baron and Baroness volunteered to help with that), and they also need a merchant autocrat (Baroness Morgaine volunteered.)

Baron Jason is the Deputy Constable and will help with those duties.

**Spring Collegium:** The Barony is still hosting the event, and Baroness Justina is coordinating food to be sold. The event will be held at La Mirada Middle School. Could someone confirm whether archery and fighting will be occurring? It was noted that there is no fee for Collegium because its Collegium's 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

**Voyagers May Day/Kingdom Sciences Day:** We're doing it, and need to submit a CP announcement. No further information was provided at the meeting.

**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.

**Chronicler's Office:** In addition to publishing *The Seraph*, the Baronial Chroniclers help with the website and are available to help write event notices. Chroniclers are easy to get a hold of via email so please make use of our services. Baroness Justina asks: what is deadline for *The Seraph*? We try to publish as close to the 15<sup>th</sup> as possible. This month *The Seraph* will be published after Angels Melee. You can send recipes, how-to's, reading lists, or anything you want to write about. There's no deadline for submissions. A notice will be posted on the Baronial elist when the minutes are available online.

Lady Catharine Hawkwood asked if she could write a review of Baron Malcolm's book for *The Seraph*. Duchess Natalya will ask Mistress Sionnach what the rules are about review of SCA member's publications, in case it's seen as advertising.

#### **Miscellaneous:**

**Constable:** Baron Robert has Lost & Found from Yule. It will be available after the meeting.

**Herald** (Lord Cormac arrived late) – The process for approving things through the heralds will be faster due to procedural changes (one month faster). The time for commenting on Laurel's letter has been reduced from three months to two months. (Baron John noted that submissions to the European College of Arms costs more and takes longer.)

The motion to approve the Minutes from the December meeting was seconded and passed with 2 abstentions.

Officer reports: One change was made regarding attendees at the financial committee report. As amended: moved to approve, seconded, approved with 2 abstentions.

**Closing Comments:** *Baroness Flavia* – They are looking forward to Angels Melee and having a good day. Baron John reported that they have been doing touristy things this week, and the Getty Museum has a couple of exhibits that are phenomenal, especially a Rembrandt exhibit and one entitled “The Science of the Mind,” a display of illuminate manuscripts focusing on science and math.

Baroness Gabrielle: Reminder that the Barony is feeding Their Majesties and Their court at Angels Melee (a total of eight people). Please bring food and ingredient lists. Sunday’s PitP will be canceled due to Melee the day before. She also reminded everyone that background checks are required for all youth officers, per the Kingdom Seneschal Baron David.

THL Cormac, who arrived towards the end of the meeting, called a close at 9:17pm.

Minutes recorded by Duchess Natalya de Foix and THL Tomaso da Barbiano.

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