



BARONIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 2010

Held at the Caltech "Y" on September 9, 2010



ATTENDEES: Baron John ap Griffin, Baroness Flavia Beatrice Carmigniani, Baroness Gabrielle nicChlurain, THL Cormac Mór, Lady Dalphina Delacroix, THL Tomaso da Barbiano, THL Catharine Hawkwod da Barbiano, Lady Ysenda of Perthshire, Lord Tobias Meerschlange, Baron Robert of Cedar Wood, THL Fáelán MacCearbhaill, Lord Peter Cadarn, Lady Alisoun de Clairvaux, Lady Malie Arbuthnott, Lady Christine of the Angels, Lady Theodosia of the Isles, Lady Roísín ni Brian, Lord AEolwigg AElfwiggsson, Lady Selewynn Beltran, Duchess Natalya de Foix, Jean-Christophe Messier,

ABSENT OFFICERS/EVENT STEWARDS: Baroness Morgaine FitzStephen (A&S)

PROCEEDINGS: THL Cormac called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

BARON AND BARONESS – OPENING COMMENTS: It's been an "exciting" two weeks and Their Excellencies are looking forward to the weekend. There's been raffle-wrangling, making baskets, and stringing site tokens. They enjoyed seeing Sir Augustine's elevation to the Pelican at Highland War and the admission of THL Cristofanus Castellani to the Order of the Chiron; he is the first member to be admitted since it became a polling Order.

SENESCHAL'S COMMENTS & REPORT: *Baroness Gabrielle* – Thanked everyone for coming to the meeting, and was pleased to see such a big turn-out. There will be no PitP this Sunday so that everyone can relax after Angels Anniversary.

OFFICER REPORTS:

Canton of the Canyons: *Lord Tobias Meerschlange* – Things are moving ahead for the Necro Tourney, which is on Saturday, October 30th (not Sunday, Oct 31). They will need an Armored and Rapier marshal, as well as a Lists officer. Yes, they are aware that the event is opposite Dreiburgen Anniversary. Lord Tobias asked about the status of the check for Estrella Volunteer Hours; Baron John will follow up.

College of the Voyagers: *Lord Fáelán MacCearbhaill* – The meeting room for council has been reserved for October 14, November 11, and December 9. He will see if he can get the November date changed to November 4, which is the Thursday before Coronation.

Constable's Office: Lord Peter showed the new case for the remote radios, which was appreciated by everyone there. Baron Robert brought lost & found items from Crown Tourney.

OLD BUSINESS:

GWW A&S *Lady Theodosia* – There will be an A&S team meeting at Angels Anniversary. Baroness Flavia and Lady Selewynn will attend because THL Catharine will be busy with A&S competitions. This is the last council meeting before GWW. Baroness Flavia noted that it would be great as members of Angels attending GWW could make themselves very visible by helping wherever needed. There will be a workshop at PitP on September 19 for Accessible Medieval Cooking taught by THL Rosamund Ryghtwys. THL Catharine suggested holding a "Camping Practicum" on October 3rd to discuss setting up the campsite, tents, etc. Baroness Gabrielle suggested also holding on Sunday, Sept 26, however as that is the Wiggle Waggle Walk at the Rose Bowl, it was decided that Picnic in the Park would be cancelled. There won't be a formal food plan this year; however, the Angels kitchen will be communal and everyone was asked to clean up after themselves. THL Catharine suggested that the barony should host the Baron and Baroness for dinners as was done last year. Baron John offered to bring lots of coffee essence and dry cereal, and noted that was about the extent of his cooking expertise. There is no PitP on Sunday, Sept 12 due to Angels Anniversary on the day before.

Crown Tourney/Day of Pancakes Wrap-up Report: *THL Cormac & Baroness Gabrielle* – Despite the heat, Crown Tourney was very successful with over 400 attendees, and the Barony made a profit.

(Details can be obtained from the Baronial Exchequer or Seneschal). Baroness Gabrielle extended a personal thanks to THL Cormac for his outstanding work as event steward. THL Cormac thanked everyone, especially his deputy Lord Peter.

Baroness Gabrielle recapped the post-event issues with the City of Monrovia. Baroness Flavia asked everyone to be on the look-out for new parks for events and fighter practice. Baron John reported that Mistress Vivienne and Baroness Fionna (Dreiburgen) apologized for Dreiburgen people who parked in the wrong place at the event. She thanked THL Catharine and Their Excellencies for their efforts with the City of Monrovia on behalf of the Barony, and THL Tomaso for his support. She noted that we were very lucky to get Crescenta Valley Park on such short notice, and reminded everyone that if they are asked to follow a city or county ordinance (like not parking in a red zone), please comply or we risk losing a site.

Day Shade: *Baron John* - He has been researching fabric to make day shades like the ones that both Lady Theodosia and Lord Cormac have, and presented a color swatch sample from Dragonwing. 13 oz. cotton ploy is \$12/yd and comes in 30-yd rolls but he doesn't know the fabric width. The canvas has an acceptable fire-retardant rating, and is mildew and water resistant. He will present more information at the October council meeting, including width and shipping costs. A discussion about fire retardation followed. Baroness Justina noted that per her discussion with the chief Fire Marshal for the city, what they are most worried about are cook tents or other tents in which fire is being used, and she advised that everyone should have a fire extinguisher in their tent. Baroness Gabrielle will research fire laws and bring the information to the October council meeting.

THL Catharine Hawkwood expressed concern that Dragonwings are "so unperiod," but was assured that Baron John was talking about using the company as a fabric provider only.

There was a discussion about the pros and cons of making day shades as an alternative to bringing the baronial pavilion to events other than Crown, wars, and anniversary. Lady Selewynn noted that we need to be able to provide accommodation for more people, and we can make the shades as beautiful as the pavilion. She suggested that the baronial pavilion should be used for wars, Crown Tournaments, and Anniversary; otherwise, we can do a variety of day shades. Baroness Justina noted that from her experience, many small shades put together takes up a lot less space than one large pavilion. The subject will be discussed again at the October council meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Exchequer: *Lady Dalphina* – She is very pleased with the financial results from Crown Tournery. Master Riordan will be handling the Raffle prep and the Bake Sale at Angels Anniversary. THL Cormac and Lord Balthazar will be calling the raffle together.

GWW Encampment: *THL Cormac* – Everyone is encouraged to display their devices at GWW. He proposed having a list tree of some sort at the encampment to show who was there with small wooden list shields or small banners. Baroness Gabrielle noted that we can all help make list shields and the point is to "dress up our city." Lord Peter mentioned that he can get doweling at cost. THL Catharine suggested making generic Angels banners for people who don't have devices yet.

Lady Dalphina suggested using the perimeter material that was purchased previously to mark the Angels encampment. THL Cormac reminded everyone that he needs info on camping footprints. Regarding the list tree project, there will be a workshop at the end of January 2011.

A&S: *THL Catharine* – We need lots of people who want to spearhead A&S projects so that we don't burn people out.

Armoring Contest for GWW 2011 ("Iron Chef"): *THL Catharine & THL Tomaso* – Angels is sponsoring an "Iron Chef" type of armoring contest at next year's GWW. Teams will be given a few basic pieces and will be required to turn out a complete set of armor in 72 hours. More details will be presented at the

October council meeting; details need to be finalized by November council meeting. Baroness Gabrielle ask to have a description of the proposed event posted on the baronial elist.

Baronial Sewing Guild/Site: *Baroness Flavia & Lady Selewynn* – The Barony will be hosting sewing sessions at the Santa Anita Church Fellowship Hall on Oct 19, Nov 2, and Nov 16 (all Tuesdays). Classes run from 7:00-9:00 pm. In exchange for using the site, they agreed to teach sewing to church and social members. Everyone is encouraged to attend, with the request not to bring children who aren't going to be sewing. A flyer was distributed at the meeting. The Hall has a big room, linoleum floor, and tables. Location: 240 W. Colorado Blvd, Arcadia.

Angels Melee/"Border Skirmish" – *Baroness Flavia, Baroness Gabrielle, THL Tomaso, Lord Peter (autocrat), and Viscountess Lorissa (via text msg)* – Thanks to the wonders of modern technology, the Barony was able to vote on a proposed event theme for Angels Melee for a fun "Border Skirmish" between Angels and Altavia (who was holding its council meeting at the same time as ours). Details will be worked out in person at Angels Anniversary. The general message from Angels to Altavia was, "Bring it on!" Baroness Gabrielle said that they hope to get Crescenta Valley Park but it can't be reserved until October 1. (It was suggested that the Altavian representative for the event could be designated as "assistant junior coordinator" because Altavia is one of Angels' children...)

Lord Peter asked those with suggestions on how to make walls and other items for fighting scenarios to post the idea(s) on the Baronial elist and/or email him directly.

At the end of the meeting, Lady Selewynn reminded everyone that we were holding a potluck at Anniversary, and asked people to let her know what they were bringing to the lunch.

Storage Unit: *Baroness Flavia* – We need to build shelving in the storage unit to accommodate the items.

A&S Pentathlon/"Team Angels" – *THL Catharine* – The subject of the A&S Pentathlon was discussed briefly. THL Catharine is going to be recruiting teachers from both inside and outside the Barony.

Finding New Parks: *Lord Fáelán & Baroness Gabrielle* – The Barony needs new sites for events and fighter practices. Various possibilities included Arroyo Seco Park (but not at night) and Henry Acuna Park. We need well-lit parks for evening fighter practices. It was noted that Dreiburgen rotates among three different parks to accommodate the geographical size of the Barony. THL Fáelán will drive by the park outside of JPL, and also mentioned that Lorenzo suggested using Elysian Park. It was noted that we now have as many as 30 fighters attending weekly practice.

Angels Sewing Workshops: *Lady Selewynn* – She secured the Santa Anita Church Fellowship Hall for the sewing guild.

PROGRESS REPORTS

Angels Anniversary: *Baroness Gabrielle et al* - Details about set-up (including parking and vehicle access) were discussed. It will be important to insure that we are off the site by 6:00 pm so that the Barony doesn't incur late fees. Court will begin as close to 10 am as possible. The Barony will be feeding Their Majesties and their court. Contessa Ilaria and Baroness Lyndia had to decline the invitation. Baroness Justina will contact Baroness Alinor. Baron Padraic and Baroness Morgana may be attending. Mistress Therese will attend.

The erics will be set up at 7:00 am. We need volunteers to manage parking and traffic; parking spaces should be left for TRM and Their Excellencies of Angels and Altavia. THL Tomaso will provide bright pink direction signs to the site. There was a discussion about how to manage exiting traffic at the end of the event. There was also a discussion about putting up the Baronial pavilion and dayshades. THL Cormac offered "Poore House Station" as a gathering place. The Fiber Play Day people will be over by the stone tables.

The raffle will be held at 3:00 pm. There was a discussion about a "second draw" for items not claimed by a winner or a representative. There will be no phone numbers written on the tickets. Master Riordan offered to do signs for the raffle. Donation for tickets: \$1 for each, 6 for \$5, and 25 for \$20. We need people to help sell tickets and several members volunteered.

There are prizes for the champions, and a medallion for the A&S Champion. Baron John will look for the chain maille chessboard in the storage unit for the games champion. Baroness Flavia invited several baronesses to help judge the Hester Spoon competition.

There is a new city ordinance: NO SMOKING anywhere on-site (including in the parking lot). Smokers must go out onto the city sidewalk. Lady Selewynn will make No Smoking signs.

We need volunteers to run the snow-cone booth, and to walk around selling raffle tickets.

THL Catharine will bring loaner garb.

Lord Liam will be running the Youth Combat. Lady Theodosia was asked to prepare the paperwork.

Baroness Morgaine will be running merchants. There was a discussion about who has the tear-off form for the merchants' 10% contribution to the county.

The Barony will be hosting Their Majesties but Their Highnesses are unable to attend due to a prior real-world commitment.

Wiggle Waggle Walk: Members of the Barony will be attending the fund-raising event for the Pasadena Humane Society on Sunday, September 26. Lady Selewynn and THL Catharine will be there, in garb, with their dogs. THL Cormac will announce the event at Opening Court at Angels Anniversary.

Angels Yule: *THL Catharine* – Dabney Hall has been reserved. There will be a potluck and various contents for which sponsors are needed. A more detailed report will be given at October council. The theme is "Home for the Holidays" and the event will be very relaxed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

August 2010 Minutes: Accepted with 1 abstention.

July Officer Reports: Accepted as presented; moved, seconded and passed unanimously. Baroness Gabrielle noted that she received reports from all the officers.

Closing Comments: Their Excellencies look forward to seeing everyone on Saturday, and to resting on Sunday!

A finance committee meeting was held immediately after the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:34 pm.

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

THE OCTOBER COUNCIL MEETING WILL OCCUR ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2010