



BARONIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FROM MAY 2011
Held at the United Methodist Church, Monrovia, on May 12, 2011



ATTENDEES: THL Tomaso da Barbiano, THL Cormac Mór, Baron John ap Griffin, Baroness Flavia Beatrice Carmigniani, Lord Gerritt d'Orleans, Lady Maude of the Well, Lady Dalphina Delacroix, Baroness Gabrielle nicChlurain, Lord Peter Cadarn, Baron Robert of Cedarwood, Lady Rayne Archer of Annan, Lord Ryusaki Reydon, Lady Malie Arbuthnott, Lady Ysenda of Perthshire, Duchess Natalya de Foix, Lady Roísín ni Brian, Lady Malie Arbuthnott, Lord Ryusaki Reydon

ABSENT OFFICERS/EVENT STEWARDS: Baroness Justina Marie de Burgundy (Chirurgion), THL Catharine Hawkwod da Barbiano (A&S),

PROCEEDINGS: The meeting was called order at 7:30 pm.

BARON & BARONESS – OPENING COMMENTS: *Baron John & Baroness Flavia:* Robin Hood was wonderful thank you (with applause for Lady Rayne, the event steward.) It was the best Robin Hood ever – thank you, Lady Rayne. The Baron and Baroness of Lyondemere attended and Baron Jon Thomme got to shoot but our own Baron John is down to five arrows, having lost some at Woodley, some at the PRA, and one to the cat. Baroness Flavia reminded us that we have the Army demo at Los Alamitos and the Harvest Festival here at the church, although she doesn't know about the details for the festival. Altavia Anniversary was an absolute blast. Thank you again to Lady Rayne and Lady Maud for a great Robin Hood event.

SENESCHAL'S COMMENTS & REPORT: *Baroness Gabrielle* – Introduced Lord Gideon ben Levi, the founding seneschal of the College of San Ambrogio. She hopes that he will agree to become an advisor to help get the College going again.

Canton of the Canyons: *Baroness Gabrielle* – She met with Lord Robin Stryker Fortunatus and his lady, Lady Callin Liathain O'Neill, to gauge the level of interest people have about remaining a canton vs. being a group of households, which is pretty much how they have been operating for the past several years. Per Corpora, a canton needs to have five (5) paid members to be official. Hopefully, we will have more information by next month's meeting. Baroness Gabrielle is herself a founding member of the Canton.

College of the Voyagers: *Baroness Gabrielle* – She met with THL Tomaso and THL Catharine who are the only surviving members of Voyagers. Per Caltech, the group needs five (5) current students as members, so the group will remain dormant until it can be revived. There is no time limit on this status, so it should take some of the stress off Tomaso and Catharine. THL Fáelán is taking a sabbatical from the SCA for a while, and Master Otuell has not been active with the group. We are hoping to begin recruitment efforts in the Fall.

Baroness Gabrielle explained that Pasadena City College is part of Voyagers. The College requires two (2) active students to request formation of a club, and Gabrielle coincidentally had an inquiry from a student who is interested. Her son, Lord Bjorn, may be attending PCC although she isn't sure how much time he would have to be active.

Baroness Gabrielle also explained that the funds held by each group remain intact as Baronial funds designated for use by those groups. Baroness Flavia said that they don't want either group to go away; they are an important part of Angels.

OLD BUSINESS

Robin Hood Tourney: *Lady Rayne* – The event went well and generated a profit. There were no major hiccups at the event which made a profit, although Lady Dalphina could not yet provide the final numbers. The number of participating archers was almost doubled from last year. Non-Angels archers were kind enough to make announcements about the event to their local groups, including Altavia. Lady Rayne thanked everyone especially Lady Maud. Food sales went very well—the sandwiches were a big hit. (A

brief discussion ensued regarding the merits of mayonnaise vs. Miracle Whip.) Lady Rayne felt that A&S activities didn't get enough focus which is something she'd like to see improved for next year. Lord Lorenzo ran the rapier event, and the rapier fighters had fun. There are plans to do it again next year.

There were 30 participants in the Thrown Weapons activities. We'd like to have Angels run Throw Weapons for next year. Lady Maude will assist THL Tomaso in putting this together. Lady Rayne offered to provide rubber throwing knights (Lord Gerritt volunteered his set) to Baron John so that he could participate without endangering Baroness Flavia.

Other than the wind and one non-SCA person who was unpleasant about the parking, everything went well. Lady Rayne thanked Lady Malie and Lord Gerritt for handling the parking situation. Lady Dalphina thanked Lady Ysenda for providing copious amounts of baked goods; Lady Ysenda shared an amusing story about trying to explain "historical re-enactment" in Spanish to the bakery staff.

For next year, Lady Rayne is assuming 40 archers with 4 novelty shoots. She suggested doing baked potatoes next year but the group was overwhelmingly in favor of the sandwiches. Lady Dalphina offered to run the snack concession (it was noted to be a good idea to have the Baronial Exchequer in charge of the "high-end" product.) Lady Maud volunteered to help.

Having the event on a Saturday worked well. Do we want to try doing a Saturday again? The change to late April worked well also, giving us better weather. The group agreed that having a date in early April is preferable to early February. One snag was parking, with 4 events in a small area. Lord Gerritt and Lady Malie did an excellent job handling parking. Lady Rayne thanked everyone who helped.

THL Owain's Demo: Lord Gerritt reported that the SCA participation was limited somewhat by the half-day format of the event and the high winds. He did armor making, and there was a weaving demo. Rapier and heavy weapons fighters participated.

NEW BUSINESS

Officer Changes: *Baroness Gabrielle* – We still need a deputy for the Exchequer. THL Tomaso has agreed to become Deputy Seneschal for Special Projects which now includes maintaining the Baronial Calendar, working with THL Gregor to maintain the Angels website, and taking minutes at meetings. THL Cormac is stepping up as Crescent Herald at the upcoming June Coronation, so Lady Malie Arbuthnott was installed as the new Seraph Macer. Duchess Natalya was very pleased to announce that THL Katarina Magdalena Stoianovna will become the new Baronial Chronicler.

THL Cormac said that Kingdom Heraldry meetings will be held at Baroness Jeanne-Marie's home because she has lots of room...and a pool.

Angels Anniversary: Lady Ysenda has volunteered to be the event steward and Baroness Gabrielle reminded everyone that events in Angels are handled by a team. Lady Dalphina offered to handle the fund-raising activities. Lady Maud volunteered to assist Lady Ysenda, as did Lady Rayne insofar as she is able, given her schedule. Baroness Morgaine has offered to handle Merchants. Lord Peter will be the heavy weapons marshal and Lady Roísín the Rapier marshal. Baroness Gabrielle reminded everyone that a preliminary event announcement is due to the Kingdom Chronicler by May 25th. If we have to reserve Crescenta Valley Park, we can't put in a reservation until June 1.

At the end of the meeting, Lady Ysenda presented her research on suitable sites for the event. Frank G. Bonelli Regional County Park is an 1800-acre multi-use facility that includes plenty of shade, a life-guarded lake, an equestrian area, lots of bathrooms, handicapped parking, and hot tubs. (The water-related features seemed particularly appealing to the group.) Lady Ysenda provided maps of the area and detailed her conversation with park officials about usage fees, parking, etc. Merchants are ok. The park officials need to see a proposal before they can quote a usage fee. The person to whom Lady Ysenda spoke asked about insurance, and appeared pleased to learn that the group has been using Crescenta Valley Park, which meant we are aware of the rules. There was a discussion about the possibility of

getting the parking fee waived because the SCA is a 501c3 group. The park official said that a response would be prompt, pending receipt of the proposal.

Lady Ysenda also mentioned other parks as possibilities including Peter F. Schabarum Region Park in Rowland Heights, Horse Thief Canyon Park in Corona, San Dimas Canyon Park, and a park in Duarte. Lady Malie mentioned Granada Park in Alhambra but there is a chance we would be conflicting with Mexican Independence Day celebrations in a number of parks in the area. Baroness Gabrielle will work with Lady Ysenda on a proposal; in the meantime, she can attempt to schedule Crescenta Valley Park as a back-up, although reservations can't be made until June 1. She reminded everyone that the County requires 10% of merchants' gross profits, so that's something we need to accept as part of County Park usage.

Collegium 2012: *Baroness Gabrielle* – She recapped what had occurred last year when Angels offered to handle the snack bar and ended up doing a fair amount of the onsite management. Lord Marcellus, who works at the site (Los Coyotes Middle School in La Mirada) has offered to host the event. A discussion ensued regarding other events the Barony is hosting in the first part of the year (Angels Melee and Robin Hood). Baroness Gabrielle confirmed that the Barony will be meeting its Kingdom event hosting obligation with Queen's Champion-Archery at GWW. Baroness Flavia stated that she would prefer to support community activities like the upcoming Army Family Readiness event. Lord Peter remarked that the Barony has local A&S classes, and there are also A&S classes at GWW, so there are other opportunities for learning. It was agreed the Barony would also benefit from taking some time to focus on refurbishment activities and thus will decline to host Collegium.

Demo for the Military: *Lady Malie* – She gave a detailed report about the status of the demo and passed out beautiful flyers that the FRG (Family Readiness Group) leader had created. There was a very successful phone conference about the event last Wednesday. She explained that to get past the Front Gate, people will need a current photo ID, car registration, and current car insurance documents. Their Excellencies, THL Tomaso, and THL Catharine will join Lady Malie this coming Sunday for a 10:00 a.m. meeting at the site. The list of attendees must be submitted to the base by Wednesday June 8th at the latest, so if people aren't sure they can attend, it would still be a good idea to sign up. Lady Roísín explained that there will be a special list for Rapier fighters because of the live steel restrictions. Lady Malie said that trailers will also require a special notation.

Baron John said that Gyldenholt Baroness Collette was very pleased that Angels was willing to run this event because it occurs the day after Gyldenholt Anniversary. Baroness Gabrielle asked Lady Malie if she had heard from Sir Gavin, the Kingdom Demo Coordinator. Lady Malie has only heard from him once, so she will send him another email. Baroness Flavia will forward the announcement she posted about the event to him.

Announcements

Baron John and Baroness Flavia will be attending their daughter Jen's graduation on the East Coast for two weeks. Everyone promised to behave while they were gone and Baron John promised to not hit Baroness Flavia with rocks like he did the last time they visited. (It was an accident, due perhaps to the peculiar tendency of left-handed people to hook their shots...)

THL Tomaso will provide a proposal for an Angels Throwing Weapons group at the next meeting.

Baroness Flavia praised Lady Roísín's efforts to get new people into the Barony through Rapier activities. Lady Roísín will be attending the Darach practice this coming Sunday. Baron John noted that her idea to visit other groups is paying dividends because there were 14 fighters at the most recent practice including 3 Dons. Lady Roísín announced that Tuesday, May 24 will be war scenarios practice in anticipate of Potrero.

Baroness Gabrielle reminded everyone to land allocate for GWW. Baroness Flavia announced that we would be hosting Mistress Ansteys and the incoming Crown of the Outlands. Lady Malie said she had

already received one allocation. Duchess Natalya reminded everyone about the Baronial Yahoo list for Camping.

Minutes of April 2011 Meeting: Lady Malie made a correction about the site name for the Army demo. Duchess Natalya apologized for the misdirected link on the website with thanked Lord Gideon for catching it. THL Gregor had already been contacted about fixing it. Minutes were approved with the one correction, and there were no abstentions.

Officer Reports: Approved as submitted with no abstentions.

Closing Comments: Baroness Gabrielle read from a "historical" document--the Heatherwyne charter created in A.S. 13 which detailed zip codes and geographic specifications..

Their Excellencies declared this to be a very good and productive meeting. Baron John thanked everyone for their persistence in getting to the meeting given the road construction on Huntington as well as the Monrovia Days parade.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:36 pm.

Minutes were prepared by Duchess Natalya and reviewed by Baroness Gabrielle.