



BARONIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 2011

Held at the Monrovia Methodist Church, October 13, 2011



ATTENDEES: Baron John ap Griffin, Baroness Flavia Beatrice Carmigniani, Baroness Gabrielle nicChlurain, Lord Peter Cadarn, Baron Cormac Mór, THL Tomaso da Barbiano, THL Catharine Hawkwod da Barbiano, Lord Gerrit d'Orleans, Lady Dalphina Delacroix, Lady Christine of Angels, Lady Malie Arbuthnott, Lady Ysenda of Perthshire, Lord Ryusaki Kanemaru, Lady Fu Ching Lan, Lady Leonarda Castellani, Cynnton Fox, Lady Mairghread nicChlurain, Duchess Natalya de Foix, Lady Rayne Archer of Annan, Lord Nicholas the Archer, Lady Maud of the Well, Lord Gideon ben Levi

ABSENT OFFICERS/EVENT STEWARDS: Baroness Justina Marie de Burgundy (Chirurgian), Lady Roísín ne Brian (Rapier), Baron Robert of Cedarwood (Constable)

PROCEEDINGS: Lady Malie called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

BARON AND BARONESS – OPENING COMMENTS: *Baroness Flavia* - GWW was THE single best war ever! (“*Except for the cold at night,*” said Baron John.) She is very tired, but in a good way. They had loads of help in the A&S area, including Lord Gerrit who helped for hours and hours. They had wonderful teachers and ran out of schedules on Wednesday, but fortunately an additional stash was located. When they came back to camp, they were fed wonderfully. Angels’ camp had lots of visitors. Thank you to the Barony for making their last war as Baron and Baroness so nice.

Baron John read a thank-you note from TRM Edward and Mora for the gifts given at Angels Anniversary.

SENESCHAL’S COMMENTS & REPORT: *Baroness Gabrielle* – Thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. She noted that THL Lucia Zaffarana and her lord husband were going to try to attend the meeting tonight to discuss Heatherwyne and Medieval Marketplace. Briefly, the Shire of Heatherwyne is going to close as of December 1. In advance of that, the group has shared its stored items with several Baronies including Altavia who received eric poles and Angels who received the raffle board, shields and a round pavilion. In response to Lady Leonarda’s question about the state of relations between Angels and Heatherwyne, Baroness Gabrielle and Baron John confirmed that there are no issues. Baroness Gabrielle stated that the people of Heatherwyne do not want a big deal made of this change in status. She also noted that Lord Gerrit is a 2nd-generation member of Heatherwyne; his parents Lord James the Inconstant and Lady Amanda Januarius were founding members of the shire.

COLLEGE OF VOYAGERS: *THL Tomaso* – They were able to throw together a demo for the Caltech Club Fair on very short (2 days) notice and had 30 people sign up, so they might be able to re-activate the CMRS in November. Baroness Flavia noted that HRH Sven loves the May Day event. In response to THL Catharine’s question about whether the first weekend in May date can be held for Voyagers, Baroness Gabrielle responded that with the calendar re-arrangement, preference for dates was given to Kingdom, then to Baronies and Shires. The first May weekend was given to Darachshire for its anniversary; however, the last weekend in April or subsequent weekends in May might be available.

GWW – Baroness Flavia/Baron John/Lady Malie/THL Tomaso/Baroness Gabrielle – Baroness Flavia will be handling A&S next year (which will be easier because she won’t be Baroness of Angels.) Lady Malie noted that Angels had a lot of people with representatives from the West, Atenveldt, Drachenwald, An Tir, and the Outlands in the camp. Baron Cormac noted that Angels was the second largest camp, after Starkhafn, with 70 people. Baroness Flavia reported that TRM of the Outlands were utterly charmed by the treatment they received and said that they had never been so well treated.

Baron John noted that Elizabeth (Liz) Baronowski from the Pasadena Humane Society had good classes and enjoyed the event. Baroness Flavia explained that a year ago, the Pasadena Humane Society put out a call for help with 250 cats they had rescued, and Lady Christine said that her group (Angels) could help. Thanks to many efforts including Viscountess Lorissa who not only donated towels but got several other salon owners to do likewise, the needed supplies were provided. During a class, Liz presented Baron John, Baroness Flavia and Viscountess Lorissa with a special certificate of appreciation. (A brief discussion ensued about the difficulty of getting all three people in the same place at the same time.)

The “list” shield tree in camp was a big success. Lord Gerrit and Lord Peter made the tree (which, it was noted, could double as a theatre for sock puppets in the future.) Baron Cormac did the artwork for the shields. The shields cost \$5 apiece.

Lady Leonarda relayed details of the non-Angels campers behind her which led to a brief discussion about how to deal with neighbors who display poor social skills and report bad behavior. THL Catharine reminded everyone to report these things to the Constables when they occur. Baron John advised people to send a detailed report to the GWW staff so that people who abuse the rules can be identified and possibly restricted from attending future wars.

THL Catharine reported that the A&S Competitions had 23 entries from 3 kingdoms. She will send a “Roving Reporter” chronicle for *The Seraph*. She thanked all the helpers, especially Lady Christine and Lady Fu Ching Lan who were there all day.

Baron John and Baroness Flavia presented Lady Malie and THL Tomaso with special certificates (crafted by Baron Cormac) to acknowledge their service as “Baronial Cat Herders” (camp masters). THL Tomaso thanked everyone for their understanding when careful plans and measurements went awry. Lady Malie thanked THL Tomaso and THL Catharine for their counsel during the event.

Angels Anniversary: *Baroness Gabrielle/Lady Ysenda/Lady Dalphina* – Baroness Gabrielle thanked everyone who helped at the event. The porta-potties turned out to be a great idea; however, in the future, the Barony will need to provide extra toilet paper. Thanks to everyone (including the porta-potty company, we were off the site on time. There was a discussion about the costs for the porta-potties. Baroness Gabrielle said that it was a pleasure to deal with the company.

The site is confirmed for Melee and no pre-event walk-through is required because the Barony did such a good job of cleaning up from Anniversary. Note: if there is rain the night before Melee, we will not be able to drive onto the site. Duchess Natalya suggested that, if possible, the Barony tape up some heraldic art of some kind on the sides of porta-potties so that they are not quite so glaringly obvious in photos.

Lady Dalphina confirmed that 262 people came through gate. The raffle made approximately \$400. There was a discussion about whether the restrictive new park rules reduce profit. Baroness Gabrielle noted that as long as we’re in a national budget crunch, costs will go up, and in fact there may come a point where we need an additional insurance rider. Baron John noted that our site fees have been lower than the rest of the Kingdom’s; the recent raise to \$7.00 has brought us in line with other events, including the upcoming Coronation. Lady Dalphina noted that during her tenure as Exchequer, Angels’ financial resources have increased.

It was noted that the merchants really liked where they were situated because it was cooler, people shopped longer, and because of the proximity to the raffle area, passed through the merchant area. People concurred with Lady Ysenda’s recommendation that we not do a lunch sale at Anniversary next year, and Baroness Gabrielle suggested that we not do a bake sale or coffee sale because they weren’t successful. It was noted that the lunch sale works at Robin Hood because the site is far enough away from available food venues.

The Youth Combat had 20 participants. Children really enjoyed the “Dragon Quest” (Treasure Hunt). 28 children participated. The location for court was popular because it was cooler, which was helpful given the length of opening court.

Lady Ysenda noted that we need a lot more help during take-down, and a discussion followed about ways to handle that in the future. Baroness Gabrielle relayed a comment from King Bela of the Outlands that when he had first joined the SCA, if a gentleman saw a lady who needed help, he helped, and if ladies saw people who needed help, they helped as well but these days he doesn't see as much of that. General concurrence at the meeting was the people shouldn't be afraid to ask for help, and that putting out a general call for help was also a good idea.

Lord Ryusaki said that the numbers for parking were very helpful and it was acknowledged that THL Kathryn du Griffin does an outstanding job at traffic control. Lady Ysenda thanked Cynton Fox and Lady Selewynn for monitoring the potluck table. She also noted how thrilled Count Sir Patrick O'Malley was to be the Angels Champion, especially for Baron John and Baroness Flavia, as they have a long-standing relationship through fandom.

OFFICER REPORTS & NEW BUSINESS

Arts & Sciences – THL Catharine: Upcoming Baronial A&S Workshops include: Intro to Carving on October 16, taught by Lord Peter Cadarn (“bring band-aids,” the teacher said) and an Embroidery Class on November 13 taught by Lady Fu Ching Lan (no special equipment required). Baroness Flavia noted that Nov 13 is a mandatory GWW staff meeting so she will be unable to attend the class. THL Catharine noted that there will be embroidery classes through 2012, and she is also looking for new classes. There will be a “How to Make Your Own Tokens” class to create personalized tokens that can be given to artists at displays and competitions. Baron Cormac will be teaching some heraldry classes and a banner class as well.

Baronial Gift to Dreiburgen – Baroness Flavia: The Barony is presenting Her Excellency with “ivory” buttons with crows and His Excellency with several pounds of coffee (Baroness Gabrielle offered to supply the coffee.)

Baronial Gift to the Crown (Coronation) – Baroness Flavia/Baroness Gabrielle – HRM will be gifted with a blue glass vase and HRM with Cheezits. Baroness Gabrielle commissioned personal feast ware for TRM from Lady Maud for the Barony to give. Lady Ysenda and Lady Malie are working on largesse items for HRH Cassandra.

Lady Leonarda reminded everyone that HRH Cassandra's second Venetian garb workshop is this Sunday.

Angels Heraldic Device Tree – Baroness Gabrielle/Lady Dalphina: We need to collect \$5 from those who already have a shield.

Heatherwyne (Medieval Marketplace) – Baroness Gabrielle: As noted earlier in the meeting, the Shire of Heatherwyne will be closing as of December 1, and the lands divided between Angels and Dreiburgen. This is bittersweet for Baroness Gabrielle as she signed the warrant for Lord Philip Sprague, the first seneschal of Heatherwyne.

Lady Amanda Januarius has offered to do Lists at Medieval Marketplace, and per Lord Gerrit, to become Lists Mistress for Angels. Per Lady Ysenda, Lady Lucia will play with Angels. (Baroness Gabrielle

reminded everyone that Lady Lucia is currently the Kingdom Chatelaine.) After December 1st, Baroness Gabrielle will send an invitation to the members of Heatherwyne to come to Angels Yule.

Baroness Flavia noted that the merchants want to see Medieval Marketplace continue. Baroness Gabrielle asked Lord Ryusaki about making leather tokens for the event.

Regarding fighting scenarios, Lord Gerrit and Lord Peter noted with glee that Angels has the Holmgang Ball.

Everyone is on their own for lunch; there will not be a baronial potluck.

If it rains on the day of the event, the event will be cancelled. There was a brief discussion about how that information should/could be transmitted in the event of cancellation.

Angels Melee: *Baroness Gabrielle* – The site is confirmed and has been paid for. Lord Peter noted that he and Lord Gerrit are trying to get the large roadside plastic barriers to use as walls for fighting scenarios. Baron John explained that the first order of business at Opening Court will be the investiture of the new Baron and Baroness, following by officer changes. It could be a long court.

THL Catharine offered to arrange an Illuminated Letter contest for both adults and children, and will contact Mistress Aliskye who ran it last year for the Barony.

Lady Rayne and Lord Peter both suggested that all marshals should take the Lists class and help run Lists once to understand how the process works.

Robin Hood: *Lady Rayne/Baroness Gabrielle* – The date was confirmed for Woodley Park. Lady Rayne will contact Lady Cecilia regarding Thrown Weapons. There will be rapier activity. It was suggested that there might be bardic entertainment on a Robin Hood theme.

Angels Yule 2011: *Lady Malie for Lady Roisin* – Lady Malie read Lady Roisin's report on the upcoming event. Lord Gideon ben Levi confirmed that the Inn of the Crimson Spade would be there and will run the Baronial Games Championship. He also asked that the Inn be notified where they will be setting up as soon as possible so that they can make arrangements to bring the necessary equipment.

There was a discussion about various kinds of decorations for the walls, as well as availability of outlets. It was pointed out that the kitchen is very large so that people will be able to heat their dishes there.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THL Catharine asked that formal newcomer classes be resumed at the beginning of the year, and that we replenish the loaner garb supply. Everyone agreed that these classes would teach people about things like potlucks, war etiquette, etc.

Lady Dalphina has loaner garb to return, and is also providing fabric in exchange for a gown that one of the newcomers wanted to keep. This led to a discussion about loaner garb in general. Lady Ysenda asked that we provide clothing in sizes to accommodate a range of sizes. The Barony currently has very little loaner garb because much of it has never been returned. It was suggested that we have some sewing days, which Lady Rayne suggested could also be beginner sewing classes. Baroness Flavia will look into being able to hold these in the room where we have council meeting. Lady Mairghread suggested that instead of a PitP, we could instead do a Sewing Garb & Repairing Armor day.

Lady Dalphina asked if the Barony would be willing to reimburse the full bill for Liz Baronowski's motel room during GWW. Lady Christine paid the bill out of her own pocket. The difference in the previously-approved amount and the final amount is approximately \$35.00. The Barony agreed to pay the full bill.

Baron Cormac announced that Lord Lorenzo Divita's device passed, and commented that it is nice simple heraldry.

Lady Fu Ching Lan asked when the next visit to the storage unit would be because there were a set of ceramic feastware that she had made as regalia several years ago and she wondered if it was still there. She and Baroness Flavia will make arrangements to look for it.

Baroness Gabrielle plans to invite various Kingdom officers to come to Angels and teach classes about their offices. Lady Christine said that Liz Baronowski would be happy to teach a class at PitP. THL Catharine mentioned that after the pet class at GWW she and Belle distributed the water dishes throughout the camp, including to a pet owner who wasn't aware that his dog was thirsty.

The November Council meeting has been re-scheduled to **NOVEMBER 3** to accommodate various schedules.

September 2011 Council Minutes: Minutes are approved as corrected, with one abstention.

September 2011 Officer Reports: Reports are accepted as submitted.

Closing Comments *Baroness Flavia* – This was an amazing meeting. Thank you to the Barony again for all of your care of them at GWW. Baron John said that Mistress Ansteys loved the care and attention paid to her, and may come to 12th Night and stay through to Melee. He said that TRM of the Outlands were impressed as well.

Baroness Gabrielle mentioned that next year at GWW people may get stickers that say, "If found, Return to the Barony of the Angels" so that no one gets lost. This evolved from the initial question, "Where is Baroness Flavia?" Baroness Gabrielle bought an Outlands car sticker for Mistress Ansteys and discovered that they don't have those stickers in the Outlands, so Mistress Ansteys will be starting a new trend. Mistress Ansteys would also love a Cross of Caid sticker and Baron Cormac said they were available from Mistress Eilidh na Tire Dharigh.

Lady Malie mentioned that we may have an Outlander, Alina von Stockheim, attending Yule with her family and also come to Archery practice.

Meeting closed at 9:26 p.m.

Minutes recorded by THL Tomaso da Barbiano and Duchess Natalya de Foix, and approved by Baroness Gabrielle nic Chlurain.