



BARONIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 2011

Held at the Monrovia Methodist Church, September 8, 2011



ATTENDEES: Baron John ap Griffin, Baroness Flavia Beatrice Carmigniani, Baroness Gabrielle nicChlurain, Lord Peter Cadarn, THL Cormac Mór, THL Tomaso da Barbiano, Lord Gerritt Raynor, Lady Dalphina Delacroix, Lady Christine of Angels, Lady Malie Arbuthnott, Lady Roisin ne Brian, Lady Ysenda of Perthshire, Lord Ioan Breaksword, Lady Selewynn Beltran, Lord Gerritt d'Orleans, Lord Ryusaki Kanemaru, Lady Leonarda Castellani, Enoch, Cynton Fox, Mairghread nicChlurain, Baron Robert of Cedarwood

ABSENT OFFICERS/EVENT STEWARDS: Duchess Natalya de Foix & Jean-Christophe Messier (Chroniclers), Baroness Justina Marie de Burgundy (Chirurgion), THL Catharine Hawkwod da Barbiano (A&S), Lady Rayne Archer of Annan (Captain of Archers)

PROCEEDINGS: The meeting was called to order at 7:38 pm

BARON AND BARONESS – OPENING COMMENTS: *Baron John & Baroness Flavia:* We have only four more council meetings as Baron and Baroness, and we are looking forward to stepping down. If you'd have told us 45 years ago when we were watching Star Trek that we'd be sitting in a room talking medieval stuff, we wouldn't have believed you. Looking forward to Saturday, it's going to be a great day. Bring all your A&S stuff for Christine. This will be our last Anniversary.

Process for Selecting Successors – The Baron and Baroness do not choose our successors. We receive letters from candidates which we read and forward to Their Majesties with our recommendations. The Crown makes the final decision. There will then be a polling—a “vote of confidence”—for the selected couple. The letters will be available at the Meet & Greet on September 25th. Requirements for being a B&B were published in the August issue of *The Seraph*.

SENESCHAL'S COMMENTS & REPORT: *Baroness Gabrielle* – Thank you all for coming. It's much cooler tonight than last night. Thanks for doing your reports online. We're doing a new format on reports, in an effort to save a few trees – hope you like it

Baron John – We really like the new format. Its easier to read.

GWW – *Lady Malie/THL Tomaso/Baroness Gabrielle:* It's here! Dame Eilidh Swann is still updating the list of land allocations. We should have as many footprints as are possible at the moment. There are a few pending (have to measure their tent). We have approximately 52 people allocated, with another 10 who should be on the list.

Q: I heard we had the largest number of people in a campsite. Is that true?

A: No. There's another camp that has over 70.

Q: Will you lose your land allocation status if you do not pre-register?

A: No. You don't have to pre-register to land allocate.

Baroness Flavia: I know you all volunteer, but should you find yourself with a little time and want to know what to do, come to A&S and we will put you to work. We're setting up a lot of tents, and we'd like a monitor for each tent. We have lots of stuff happening. Come and take a class too!

Baron John: Reminded everyone to fill in and return your volunteer cards (even if you don't care about the raffle.) It's important for recording how much effort went into the event, and it gives the Barony credit for the hours.

Labor Day Yard Sale: Lady Malie – Read the report from THL Catharine. Baroness Gabrielle thanked everyone for their efforts. Baron John noted that among other things, Mistress Soraya donated two Soviet flags that could possibly be used as banners. It was suggested that they would be better sold in eBay.

Angels Yule: Baroness Gabrielle/Lady Roisin: We will not be having a joint Yule with Dreiburgen this year, mostly because we were unable to find a mutually-agreeable and affordable site. There was a meeting of the two Baronies at Crown and while everyone liked the idea, it just couldn't be done for this year. Lorenzo and Lady Roisin are stewards for the Angels Yule which will be held on Saturday, December 17 here at the church. They are going to need tables and chairs, and lots of volunteers to help move things. Please contact Lady Roisin if you wish to be added to the Yahoo group elist for the event.

Lady Malie will coordinate the Angels Bardic competition; theme will be announced soon. There will be a potluck, and the event will start early like it did last year, Baroness Flavia noted that the ornament raffle works but the ornament exchange does not.

The cost for the site is \$350, which is very reasonable. There was an extended discussion about projected attendance (last year we had 67 people.) A motion was made and passed unanimously to raise the site fee from \$5 to \$8, which would include the Barony providing turkey and tri-tip. Formal approval of the costs for the meat will be addressed at the October meeting.

Baronial Pop-up - Baroness Gabrielle: The new pop-up was purchased, and used at the Yard Sale. The color is nice, and the dimensions (10'x15') provide a useful extra five feet of space.

Baronial (gun) Shooting Party – Lord Peter will be announcing at a later date.

Voyagers Recruitment – *THL Tomaso:* We don't have anything lined up for Caltech's Club Day. We plan to show up and see if we can't get something started. We have students on campus interested in joining and attending fighter practices. We are looking to get the campus to buy blacksmithing equipment.

Lady Selewynn – What is the date for Club Day? *THL Tomaso* – not sure, will have to look it up.

OFFICER REPORTS & NEW BUSINESS

Arts & Sciences - *Baroness Gabrielle:* THL Catharine is at a writers' conference, so Baroness Gabrielle read the report on her behalf. Everyone is encouraged to participate in the A&S activities. The annual Hester Spoon competition (theme: honey) will be held. Lady Maud will be apprenticed to Master Hroar.

Upcoming Baronial A&S Workshops include: Natural fiber dyes on September 18 at the Trimble's (Baroness Flavia noted that it's the same day as the Venetian Patterning class) and Intro to Carving on October 16, taught by Lord Peter Cadarn. THL Catherine, Lord Gerrit and Mairghread nicChlurain will be teaching classes at GWW

Baronial Gift to the Crown (Anniversary) – *Baroness Flavia:* Lady Ysenda is providing cloth and ceramics as gifts for Their Majesties and Their Royal Highnesses. Baroness Gabrielle will supply Mountain Dew. His Highness will get Cheetos or something similar; Her Highness will also get fabric. (Some of the gifts were available for viewing at the meeting.)

Angels Heraldic Device Tree – *THL Cormac/Lord Peter:* We've talked about using a list tree type of structure to show who is in camp at wars, so we're going to do it for GWW. The Barony was asked for front money, and each person who wants a shield will pay a fee that covers the cost of the materials and a portion of the structure cost. Eventually, the cost will even out to zero because each person's contributions will be marked against total costs. THL Cormac and Lord Peter estimated approximately

\$200 total for the structure and the shields. Shields will be the size of heraldic submission form shields. Lord Peter will build the list tree and THL Cormac will orchestrate the artwork. A motion was passed unanimously to allot no more than \$300 to build a list tree and 60 shields to sell to the populace at \$5/shield.

Meet & Greet – *Baroness Gabrielle*: Please come to Picnic in the Park on September 25 from 1:00 to 4:00 pm to talk with the Baron and Baroness, and find out what it takes to be a territorial Baron and Baroness. Food will be provided. Modern clothing is fine. Please bring your own chairs. This event will be in place of the usual PitP activities.

PROGRESS REPORT ON ANGELS ANNIVERSARY

Baroness Gabrielle/Lady Ysenda/Lady Maud

The site fee is \$838.84, plus \$434 for the port-a-potties and insurance. If everything turns out okay after Saturday, we will not need to do a walkthrough for Melee, and it may reduce our costs eventually. Because of time constraints, we're going to do Melee there but then we'll look for other sites.

We need volunteers for setup, teardown, etc. If you have extra pop-ups, bring them. If you have trash cans, bring them. Encourage people to use the port-a-potties. Lady Kathryn and Mairghread will be at the gate. Every piece of trash must be removed from site. Site opens at 7 AM. We can give a raffle ticket to volunteers as a thank-you.

Only people who bring food get into the potluck. There was an extended discussion about how to keep non-contributing people away from the potluck. This is a dry site, and no smoking is permitted on the site.

Parking – need to set up parking for Royals.

Trophies have been obtained for the winners of the lists. There will be a tasty lunch for \$5. There's also a bake sale. And a raffle (we need raffle wranglers). And Hester Spoon. And People's Choice A&S. And People's Choice Bardic. And illuminated letter contest. And a "treasure quest."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lady Ysenda received an email from a school in Montrose regarding a possible demo on October 31. Baroness Flavia and Baron John suggested that we decline the invitation and see about doing it next year. There was some discussion of rather anyone would be available for even a couple of hours for the demo, however, no one was, therefore, the invitation will be forwarded to Altavia.

The October Council meeting is October 13 (after GWW).

August 2011 Council Minutes: Minutes are approved as corrected.

September 2011 Officer Reports: Reports are accepted as submitted.

Closing Comments *Baron John*: Let's wrap this up, folks!

Meeting closed at 9:22 p.m.

Minutes recorded by THL Cormac Mór and THL Tomaso da Barbiano, and approved by Baroness Gabrielle nicChlurain. Revision published after corrections noted at Oct council meeting.