

From Their Excellencies

Baron Cohchobar and Baroness Eilidh doth send greetings unto the Noble Barony of Dragon's Laire.

Kingdom Arts & Science and Bardic Competition was such an inspiration. So many members of Dragon's Laire were in attendance and working hard to help make this important Kingdom event happen. Now is the time to think about next years entries. Our Barony is blessed with so many knowledgeable individuals who are happy to share their experience with you. I hope you will consider trying your hand at a Single entry, or go for the big challenge of Kingdom Champion.

Arts & Science Day camp was a delight as always. Thanks to all who attended and made it so wonderful. Special thanks to Mistress Laurellen for organizing it. We look forward to the Fall Regional Arts & Science Day Camp.

The Barony is in great need of largesse for June Faire. Please consider using some of your talent to help Dragon's Laire shine. If you are looking for inspiration, there is a fantastic Largesse Makers group on FaceBook. Join them and get fantastic new ideas. If you have any questions about largesse, please feel free to ask us or contact Mistress Gwen.

June Faire and Tourney season are coming and so we would like to remind the populace to submit award recommendations both for baronial awards and kingdom awards.

His Excellency would like to encourage the populace to attend the next Regional War Practice, April 23 in Olympia.

In Joyful Service

Baron Conchobar & Baroness Eilidh Proconsol and Proconsola of Dragon's Laire.

Officer Reports

Seneschal:

The Barony has been busy as of late. With preparations for June Faire going well, we have also found time to hold a most excellent Arts and Sciences Day for the branch, which had quite a few attendees from the neighboring baronies. Many

thanks go out to the organizers. Archery has now been moved to Wednesdays from 530p - 730p at the VFW Hall.

Being I am late with this, I can sneak in comments about Baroness War that was held in the Barony of Vulcanfeldt. A good many of our populace made the sojourn to Yakima this past weekend. War! I will not attempt a list of names, it seemed that everyone had a fabulous time, if you were not able to make it, maybe look at adding

this event to your schedule next year. Please take a look at the Kingdom event calendar, there are quite a few events on their upcoming, possibly one or more will interest you.

If you have any questions, or concerns, please see me at the weekly fight practice, or you can reach me at renartlefox@gmail.com

Exchequer:

I am looking for a deputy to take over the position when my two year term expires in July. I will train, no

experience necessary!
Checking: \$26,587.75
Savings: \$24,280.71
CD: \$10,220.55

Baronial Steward:

No report at press time.

Golden Dragon Pursuivant: No report at press time.

Scribe: Our most excellent scribes are continuing to design, calligraphy and paint charters. We're working toward having a sufficient number of completed charters so as NOT to have to panic in the weeks before June Faire.

Our esteemed Guild Head and I collaborated on a short class on charter design in March at a weekly social, and charter painting happened at the A&S Daycamp. (Thanks Ela!)

Baronial Marshal:

Events

At our Candlemas event, we held a fight practice that was appreciated by the participants despite the wet conditions. Many thanks to those who supported this practice while I was committed to the competition. Dragon's Laire also played host to the Regional War Practice this month which was very well attended by Dragon's Laire fighters and those of our neighbors.

Heavy Armored

It's time. Get your armor out and tuned up for Dragon's Laire practices which will be held on Tuesday nights in conjunction with the Baronial Social. But in order to take advantage of what little light we have, we will be starting practices at 5:00 pm. The building will not be available until the Social begins at 6:00 pm. We will hold practice as long as we can manage the weather and light, or 8:00 pm, whichever comes first.

Rapier

Rapier practices continue at the VFW Hall on Tuesday evenings in conjunction with the Baronial Social. Interest is good and we continue to draw new and guest fighters to our practices.

Archery

Archery practices are on Sunday afternoons at the VFW Hall when the weather and mud gods permit. See the Baronial Archer's report for full details.

Thrown Weapons

Thrown Weapons practices are back and run concurrent with heavy practices on Tuesday nights at the VFW Hall.

Equestrian

Practice opportunities are available with some of our Baronial Neighbors. See me if you would like more information.

Youth Armored

Lords Avangr and Myrik continue to manage our YAC program.

Siege

The Dragon's Laire siege engine and crew held a practice this month. We were glad to have guests from Southern An Tir come up to get some experience inspecting and operating a siege engine. Work continues on a catapult and a second ballista with hopes that both will be in action for the coming war season. Also, the Dragon's Laire siege crew is working with Kingdom on investigating target siege.

Additional Practices

If you have an opportunity for additional practices you are strongly encouraged to take advantage of these. Please keep me informed so that I can include this information in my reports. Also, if you need or want the Barony to be more involved, don't hesitate to talk to me.

Chief Acher: Archers have gone out and tested the grounds, and finally they seem to be holding firm. We have dusted off the gear and stretched our strings. Arrows flew and good times were had.

Archery is officially switching back to Wednesdays. Starting.... April 6th, 2016 from 5:30-7:30.

We look forward to seeing Old and New faces on the range! Our last Sunday practice was small, but included a new archery, and returning archer who had not been out in recent times, and an archer who had taken a while away. It was nice to see everyone on the range.

Changes will be coming to the range, again, and the behest of the VFW folks. They have been wonderful partners and accepting of our use of the space. We happily accommodate their requests as they arise.

Gearing up For Baroness War on both the Target and War fields has begun. Looking forward to seeing as many of you there this weekend as possible.

End of April I will be out for surgery and recovery. Starting with April 27th, 2016 Stephen of House Awry will be handling the direction of the range. For at least the 27th and the 4th of May.

As always, Safe Shooting.

Lists: No report at press time.

Minister of Arts & Sciences: March was fairly quiet, for the Barony, Arts & Sciences-wise. Guilds continue to hold their meetings and work continues on creation of largess for 50th Year Celebration. We will be making a presentation at May Crown so please let me know if you have largess you want to donate and if you will be at May Crown.

For information on Guilds, please see each Guild report.

If you are holding classes on a regular basis, please let me know. The Kingdom asks that we report what types of classes and how often we hold them, here in the Barony, and I would very much appreciate being able to include your class in my report to Kingdom. Thank you to those individuals and groups who have been sending me this information.

Lastly, we are always in need of LARGESS!!!! Please consider donating your time or talents to creating small items that Their Excellencies can use as tokens of gratitude for individuals who help them out or as gifts for visiting cousins and the Crown. If you have questions about what you can donate or need ideas on things to donate, please don't hesitate to contact me - either in person or via email.

Gamemaster: I already talked to the autocrat about having games at A&S Day Camp tomorrow and will have a good selection available.

Planning on running both Games and Family Activities at Junefaire, if anyone has any ideas on any games for kids it would be helpful. Kassandera already suggested one that I can not remember the name, it was a Tug-a-War to pull your opponent off a block. Thank You , I will research into it!

Librarian: We have books and several have been out visiting to our DL Scribal Guild classes and our A&S Spring Workday last weekend. Please contact me off list, if you would like to check out a book or I am happy to search a topic for you.

Don't forget our KRL (county library) interlibrary loan service. It is free, and gives access to literally millions of books! I was fortunate to find a two volume set (out of print) on medieval French stained glass,

courteously loaned by a college in Oregon. I was able to research works not freely available on the internet...

Chronicler: Guild leaders, please let me know when and where your meetings will be for the next several months, so that I may put the information on the newsletter calendar. Everyone else, if there is something going on, like extra fight practices or whatever, that folks would be interested in, please let me know so that I can get it in the "Flames". As always, I would love to have *your* artwork and stories to share!

WebMinister: Things are basically the same as always in the website world. As I mentioned in my last report, I renewed all the domain names for Dragons Laire and June Faire. I have submitted a reimbursal request for this. Coming up in April the fees for the DL website hosting are due. The costs for this is 214.80\$ and recurs every two years. This amounts to a cost of 8.95\$ a month for hosting all our websites. This is still a good deal!

New social media policy came out from the BOD and the Kingdom recently. Basically, if you have calendar announcements, event news, news about official things like meetings, officers, etc, you must get it to me to post it to the website. FB is not enough, although posting the news on FB is a good thing too. Basically the idea is, distribute information as widely as possible. So get me that information! I do my best, but my job as webminister does not entail fishing over numerous FB groups/posts looking for important info to post. Send it to me, or at least to the DL email list! Thank you. For more info contact me, or the seneschal or the kingdom media officer.

I am updating the website this weekend. If you have anything you need on the DL or the JF websites, please get it to my by the end of this weekend. If not, the next update period will be mid-month or a bit later!

Chatelaine: No report at press time.

Gold Key: Gold Key was recently gifted with some new(to us), donations of Garb. We wish to thank our lovely THL(?) Marion for the donation.

We now have some garb for the Larger-Than- Life size Men, & new gowns for the ladies', & garb for the kids, too!

Guild Reports

Costumers: No report at press time.

Culinary: Had a nice outing at Slippery Pig for our last meeting with seven gentles in attendance.

Next Meeting April 20th, 7:00 PM

The April meeting will be held at the home of Lady Ela - Please e-mail her for directions. Topic will be some hands on brazier cooking trying out recipes for Junefaire and our pending cookbook.

May meeting will be finalizing JuneFaire Plans.

The Guild also now has a FaceBook Page under Dragons' Laire Culinary Guild.

All are welcome at Guild Activities. All skill levels from burns water to master chef with an interest in Medieval food are encouraged to attend.

Scribal Guild: Our Guild met for our Spring meeting and set up dates for Scriptorium and interests for future scribal classes. Master Renart taught guilding on March 17, a generous class enjoyed by our guild, thank you Renart! Our Esteemed Renart the Fox also set up a FaceBook page for our DL Scribal Guild,

please contact him via FB to join our group. THL Rhiannon (Baronial Scribe) and I wrote a new Charter Painter's Supply List and I have printed worksheets with self-guided painting lessons adapted from Atenveldt's Gutenberg School of Scribes <http://gutenbergscribes.chivalrysports.com/> Please contact me off list and I will email you the documents. On March 29 we discussed do's and don't of charter design and I distributed a new handout for designing Dragon's Lair award charters. We will also have advanced scribal classes coming up on painting drapery, diapering, acanthus leaves, whitework and cutting reed pens.

I'd like to welcome a few new and returning scribes, adding their talents to our charter painting artists: THL Chloe, Lady Nolwenn, Dame Madrun and her family. We had a painting corner last weekend at our A&S Spring Workday, thank you THL Gabriel and THL Chloe for all your painting efforts, and Master Renart for reaching out to our scribal friends at Barony of Madrone. He and several calligraphers worked diligently under the tutelage of a visiting master scribe. Hopefully he will correct this report and add her gracious name here....

Our next Scriptorium, April 17 from 4pm until you can't hold a quill or brush anymore, will be at THL Rhiannon's castle. Please contact her off list for directions. We will be focusing on painting charters for June Faire and completing the last of our charter designs. Several of our talented Guild Members will be drafting exciting new designs for our service awards and such, so please check with our Baronial Scribe for charter blanks to paint for June Faire!

We continue to paint versals, cards and bookmarks for our Guild display at June Faire. Please contact me if you are interested in painting or designing our display ware as June Faire is less than 2 months away!

Textile Guild: No report at press time.