

Dragon's Laire: May Business Meeting Report and Notes

Reports are as submitted

'From the meeting' and 'Oh by the way' notes are paraphrased

Their Excellencies

Unto the mighty Barony of Dragon's Laire, Baron Conchobar & Baroness Eilidh doth send greetings.

We are so very excited about the upcoming camping season. It has been a long, dark, wet winter, and We know you share our eagerness for the long, sunny days of summer. With that eagerness we look to June Faire just a few short weeks away. The June Faire team has worked very hard on this years event, and it is sure to bring new surprises and old favorites alike. We know we are preaching to the choir here, but any hands make light work. Lend a hand, give an hour or two when you see someone struggling. Offer someone a chance to grab lunch, bring them a bottle of water, and look out for each other.

We, and by "we" it's meant that every member of the populace who offered to participate, have been working on revamping, and updating the Baronial Customary. We are working to simplify, clarify, and bring them in line with Kingdom expectations.

Art of War was very good for the waring forces of Dragon's Laire. The event served to strengthen ties of camaraderie within the Barony as well as across the Kingdom. Our fighters came back with valuable skills and lessons that they share and reinforce at the weekly war drills. We will be a force to recon with on the field of battle at An Tir/West War and serve our Majesties well.

We would like invite Our populace to join us at Mayfaire on May 12 in Glymm Mere. We will be honoring the service of our Cousins Baron Dunstan and Baroness Aelsiia as they step down. Help us lend our support to the continued strengthening of the ties of friendship between our Baronies as we welcome Glymm Mere's new Baron and Baroness.

Finally, We would like to thank Master Renart for his years of service and dedication as this Barony's Seneschal. We realize there are a great many challenges and rewards to being the leading officer of a large, and active Barony such as ours. We appreciate your steady leadership, and we are confident that Her Ladyship Ciar will do you and Ourselves proud as your successor.

In joyful service, Baron Conchobar and Baroness Eilidh

Our progress is as follows:

Maypole - Faire Shire of Druim Doineann

Mayfaire - Barony of Glymm Mere

June Faire - MIGHTIEST BARONY OF DRAGON'S LAIRE

An Tire/West War - Kingdom

From the meeting:

"Not only are We recognizing individuals at June Faire, Their Majesties are also going to be present." If you would like to have someone recognized with a Kingdom award, the easiest way to do it is to look them up on the An Tir OP (<http://op.antirheralds.org/>) and click on the 'Recommend for another award' link. The window for award recommendations will open and much of the information will be filled in for you!

TE will be out of town from May 25th through the 31st and will be onsite on the Friday of June Faire later in the day.

Officer Reports:

Seneschal Maitre Renart:

Unto the Baron and dread Baroness, Conchobar and Eilidh, along with the most gracious populace of the most fabulous Barony in the known world, I, Renart le fox de berwyk, send greetings!

It has reached my ears and I must shout it out that Our own HL Andromacha of Lesbos has won the day at Embers and Ambrosia in Blatha an Oir and become their Bardic Champion! Huzzah!

In other news, Magistra Aelianora has worked late into the night/morning adding the ability for members of the populace to easily send in award recommendations to Their Excellencies via the Baronial website; make sure to put it to use. At the same time she has added the ability for Baronial officers to send in their monthly reports to the Seneschal and the Webminister, this should allow for 100% reporting and make it easier for information to be placed upon the website for all of the populace to see.

And last but not least.....

For the past two years I have had the fortunate opportunity to be your Seneschal, to oversee the day to day operations of this most excellent branch. In doing so, I have had the ability to learn so much from each and every one of you, thank you very much. I leave you in the most capable hands of HL Ciar ingen Fiachnae; I believe she will do a fantastic job for the Barony, I will be staying on as her deputy until a time where she acquires new blood to bring on as her deputy.

If there is ever anything I can help you with, please come and see me, or send me a message.

Thank you all.

Maitre Renart le fox de berwyk, OP

Seneschal THL Ciar ingen Fiachnae

Greetings!

First, many thanks to Maitre Renart for allowing me to be his deputy as well as for his time, energy, and patience as I learned about being a Seneschal for our great Barony!

The Customary Committee has been busy working to update the Dragon's Laire Customary and plan to have a draft version available for Populace review later this month.

June Faire!

A few reminders...

- The June and July financial and business meetings have been combined and will be held on June 27th, at the VFW Hall during our normal Social. We will start at 6:30.
- Kingdom 1st Quarter Reports are due soon!

In Service,
Ciar ingen Fiachnae

Exchequer THL Gabrielle de Cameron

The Baronial bank balances are as follows:

Checking: \$23,831.83

Savings: \$24,283.32

CD: \$10,228.22

The event report for Kingdom A&S/Bardic is complete, as well as the report for the spring A&S Day Camp. The Doomsday report for first quarter 2017 was sent to the Kingdom Exchequer in April.

Chronicler: To be filled

Note from the Seneschal: We have an applicant, THL Sayako Enoki, who is the current Chronicler for the Quivers and Quarrels Facebook group and was an active participant in archery and equestrian several years ago. She and a household member, m'Lady KT, who would be acting as a deputy, are interested in the position and reviving The Flames.

Golden Dragon Pursuivant Sensei Tsuruko

Greetings,

June Faire is coming! Please consider volunteering to assist with field heraldry, town cries or court heraldry.

The Kingdom Heraldic & Scribal Symposium will be the weekend of September 9th in the Barony of Three Mountains.

Countess Elisabeth is available for heraldic consultation at most fight practices.

Minister of Arts and Sciences Countess Elisabeth de Rossingol

Greetings all,

The big A&S news in April was Day Camp, held on the 22nd at the West Side Improvement Club. We had about 35 people attend and a very good and productive time was had by all. Again, many thanks to Lady Rycheza and the culinary folk, who were a great help in laying out (and providing part of) lunch.

Congratulations to Lady Andromacha, who is the new Bardic Champion of our neighboring barony of Blatha an Oir!

Weekly classes/presentations/discussion groups on arts and sciences topics continue on Tuesdays. Want to take part? Try out an upcoming presentation? Convene a round table discussion on a topic of interest? Bring some books to show? Have an idea or wish for a class? Please let me know

Marshal THL Stuart of House Awry

Weekly Heavy practices have been going well, and seems to be picking up in attendance.

Due to weather, thrown weapons has yet to truly resume. Hopefully that can change in the next month so all our fantastic throwers can knock off the rust for next month's June Faire.

Rapier has had a consistent core of people participating for months which is fantastic to see.

I also authorized our outgoing Marshal Arkhai Nekhurin to purchase printer ink out of my budget so we could print up new yellow cards due to the recent changes in rules necessitating a change in cards.

Yis, THL Stuart of House Awry

Added at the meeting: Siege had it's monthly meeting, the first Saturday of every month, with 15 people in attendance. It went well and people seemed to enjoy. It ended with a session on Thrown Weapon marshalling, thus the need for new cards.

YIS, THL Stuart of House Awry

Chief Archer THL Stephen of House Awry

Greeting might Barony,

April has had the same lack of practices that has plagued this shooting year, with the minor exception of April 2nd. That practice was well attended and we did our best to minimize damage to the field.

Practices continue to be held on Wednesdays from 5:30 to 7:30pm.

IS,

HL Stephen of House Awry, OGGS

Chief Archer of Dragon's Laire

Chatelaine THL Jess of the Roving Irishmen

April was a little bit of a quiet month with only one email inquiry. At the April business meeting Their Excellencies decided to hold this year's New Comer Night on June 6th, the Tuesday following June Faire. I will be sending out email reminders and information regarding NCN over the course of May.

Ginevra has agreed to step up as my deputy and will be taking over the office this fall. I will stay on as her deputy to help her get the hang of things and answer any questions she may have.

I'm hoping the fighters can help me with some things I'd like to display in the Chatelaine tent at June Faire. I'm looking for the following: a 12-18 inch piece of rattan without any tape on it, an old sword that has disintegrated into a broom, a helm, gauntlets, and chain mail shirt or other piece of armor.

Please let me know if you have anything that I can borrow. I've helped BAO with some demos and the public really seems to enjoy getting an up close look at the armor and learning about the swords.

One last thing-BAO is looking for some fighters to help at a demo they are doing June 9 and 10 at the Puyallup Fair Grounds for the Washington Home School Association. They need a couple of fighters for Friday. I will be there both days. Please let me know if you can help out.

Scribe THL Rhiannon of Eagle's Flight

This has been a quiet year so far for Scribal. Our scribes have been participating in other activities. But now we're headed for June Faire! Their Excellencies need suggestions for awards, preferably soon, so that the scribe may diligently paint them in time.

YIS,

Rhiannon

Webminister Magistre Aelianora de Wyntringham

The biggest news this month for the website are the new forms. There is a form for officer reports, please everyone, use it! It makes things much easier!

And there is a form for recommending members of our populace for awards. It also makes things much easier, and means those who go unnoticed for whatever reason can be recognized. So please do, use it!

Other than that information updates and website upkeep continue as normal.

YS,
Aelianora de Wyntringham Baronial Form Person

From the meeting: Reminder, if you need to get things up on the website, please do so in a timely manner rather than the day before you'd like to see it appear.

Steward Master Arontius of Bygelswade

1. Usual note – If you need items out of the Storage Unit, please give me as much notice as possible so I can make the time to pull things out of the way as necessary to get to the items you need. With all Baronial owned assets in one storage space, there is limited room for movement and it takes a while sometimes to move everything to accommodate. Contact me at arontius@comcast.net; if you need access or if you have any questions. Either myself or the Steward Deputy (Dame Madrun) can meet with you at the Storage Unit depending on schedule.
2. Gold Key clothing will be sorted and reduced this month, which will help increase available space in the Storage Unit. THL Jess (Baronial Chatelaine) now controls this inventory. Please contact her in regards to Gold Key needs. If access to the Storage Unit is needed for Gold Key, THL Jess will make arrangements through the Baronial Steward.
3. As always, before adding 'stuff' to the Baronial Inventory, please speak to the Steward so we can judge how much room new material will take up and how much room is actually available to hold it in the Unit.
4. June Faire Support: Please get with Master Arion, THL Kloe, and Dame Madrun on your Storage Unit needs in support of June Faire as soon as possible so that we do not leave what you need behind in the pack-out. The Rental Truck will be at the Storage Unit on Wednesday, May 31st, at 6 PM for load-out in support of June Faire, and we could use help. In reverse, on Sunday, June 4th, between 2PM and 4PM, we'll need as many as possible to re-load the Rental Truck and off-load everything back into the Storage Unit. Additional reminders will be sent out as we get closer to the event.

Librarian THL Ela Pennayth y Yinis Dewi

We had a request for books this month! The Knowne World Handbook and Book of Courtly Love were checked out. Just a reminder that there are many shelves of unusual books, please contact me if you are interested in a topic of history, a craft or medieval life subject. I can bring the book to Tuesday's FP/Social. A current SCA membership is required to take home a book, but non-members are welcome to review our baronial library books on site or on Tuesday's social.

YIS
THL Ela Pennayth, Baronial Librarian

Family Activities Lord Emil Paulus

I did some activities with Roman at A&S Day Camp that included coloring and games.

Helped run Family Activities at Embers and Ambrosia last weekend, co-signed for Division 1 Calligraphy for 3 kids so they could receive their tokens in court that night (9 tokens were given out). After that event, we found that more Division 2 were going to be needed (I do have a couple of Division 2 on hand, but will need topics for June Faire).

I will have several Division 1 and some Division 2 Achievement Worksheets (but will need more and some help would be nice).

Emil Paulus

Gamesmaster Lord Emil Paulus

I brought a few games with me to A&S Day Camp also to Embers and Ambrosia, but no takers. I have games all ready for Junefaire.

Emil Paulus

Guild Reports:

Costumers' Guild THL Jess of the Roving Irishmen

Over the month of April I taught a series of classes on Rectangular Construction. The classes had 3-4 students with one making a dress to completion.

As always, I continue to be available to those who need assistance with garb.

In service,
THL Jess

Culinary/Spirit Makers Guild THL Rycheza z Polska and THL Mateusz z Plocka

April Guild Report

Six fine gentles enjoyed an evening of culinary experimentation at the home of HL Ela for the April Culinary Guild meeting. Many thanks for Ela opening her home and letting us mess up her new stove. We enjoyed a couple of Middle Eastern delights, poached chicken meatballs, and some simple cookies. Renart spoke of some of the challenges of running siege cooking contests and hearty congrats go out to Ciar and her team (Chris) who won the recent contest. Plans for Junefaire proceed and the May meeting will be devoted to finalizing plans.

The May meeting will be held at the home of Rycheza in Suquamish if you need directions please contact me through e-mail mhenson@telebyte.com Meeting is scheduled for Wed May 17th starting around 6:30 PM.

Four gentles participated in the class at A&S Day, and more tasted the work.

If you'd like to get a taste of cooking in a more period environment, you are more than welcome to come play in the Guild Kitchen at Junefaire. The guild also maintains a facebook page Dragon's Laire Culinary Guild and a Yahoo list; DLCulinary Guild.

Membership in the guild is open to all. Cooking skills are NOT a prerequisite.

From the meeting: After June Faire we will have a Guild Night Out, location TBA.

Events:

June Faire Magister Arion the Wanderer

From the meeting: June Faire planning is going well. We are in the 'wobble' phase, which means that we are adjusting plans and placements. Work on the site continues as the weather allows.

Last Chance THL Andromacha of Lesbos

From the meeting: Finding a site that will allow equestrian and on the weekends available has proven difficult. Further exploration into a site without equestrian or for a single day of tourneys is being explored. October is a difficult month to plan the event in as several of the Champions have time and or event conflicts.

Yule

Several people have spoken with both Maitre Renart and THL Ciar about Yule. Yule is on the Kingdom Calendar for December 2, 2017.

Candlemas

Candlemas is on the Calendar for February 3, 2018.

Oh by the way!

THL Andromacha of Lesbos

Her Ladyship, as the new Bardic Champion of Blatha An Oir, is planning to require each competitor perform one piece with Kingdom Championship level documentation. In pursuit of this goal and to make the endeavor more enjoyable, she is hosting a research and documentation night on the 2nd Tuesday of every month.

The 4th Tuesday of every month, at her home, will be a Bardic Circle/Performance Night. She is hoping that the two monthly opportunities will encourage bards and provide opportunities for interaction between BAO and DL.

The first night will be June 8th. For more information and directions, speak with THL Andromacha.

Small Baronial Pavilion to May Crowne from His Excellency

The small baronial pavilion is currently at TE's house. The space has been reserved but, if there is still interest in the pavilion traveling to Crowne, someone needs to plan to come pick it up.