

## **Lions Gate Baronial Council Minutes**

November 28, 2007 at 7:30pm

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**Chair:** HL Uilliam mac Fearchair mhic Gillie Aindrias (Seneschal)

**Minutes:** Lady Ceara inghean uí Mhadadháin (Chronicler)

**Location:** Grace Lutheran Church, Burnaby

12 people present

### **Old Business**

Baronial Banquet – Anika: – For tickets sold there were 81 for the feast and 21 for after dinner. Still waiting for a handful of receipts coming in so the numbers for everything aren't final yet. Uilliam has a thank you/feedback card for Morweena from the site to pass on.

### **Officer Reports**

Archery – HL James Wolfden: Not present, report set in. Big news is that we now have an official SCA indoor archery practice. We have the site owner's permission to have archery at the Cloverdale Monday Night Practice. The first practice was held last Monday at the Show Barn with two archers shooting. (The BCIT practice is operated by BCIT with assistance from SCA archers but BCIT controls the funds and sets the fees so it is not an official SCA practice.

While the practice site moves around between three buildings, both the Show Barn and Agriplex are large enough to host archery and fighting. However, target archery will be cancelled when we are in the Alice Mackay building.

An announcement will be going out to the Lions Gate list. Hopefully, we will be drawing enough archers out to the practice to break even on the site rentals.

At Baronial Banquet, we recognized three archers for advancing in Royal Round rankings; Jacqueline Lafleur received her archer tassel and both Margaret Hamilton of Stirlingshire and Kimberly received their Master Bowman tassels. The Most Improved Lady Archer was Margaret Hamilton of Stirlingshire. Unfortunately, the Lords were fairly stable this year and no award was presented in this category. The members of the Company of Archers were present with their arrows and David of Tiriane was again the winner of the Golden Crossbow Bolt for highest crossbow score. Stefan of Lions Gate was named by Baroness Aurora as her Archery Champion.

### **Arts & Sciences – Master John Macandrew:**

#### *Past Events*

1. October Bransle - Held a stickweaving class with 4 students.

2. Baronial Banquet - Held a coiffeur contest won by Lady Sina di Andreas Valori (with hair by Rebeca de la Mare).
3. Principality A&S - Two members of Lions Gate entered the contest (Her Excellency Baroness Aurora Argentius of Lions Gate, Her Ladyship Safiye Konstantiniyye of Lions Gate) with Her Ladyship Safiye winning the day. Additionally Thegn Ulf Bloodfoot Fallgrson presented a blown glass work using Norse technology and a paper on the application of Norse building techniques to the SCA.
4. November Bransle - Mostly focused on new Baronial Candidates though I have begun bringing a browsing library and will attempt to prompt others to join in the habit.

#### *Upcoming events*

1. Baroness' Tourney - We will be having an A&S display with both static displays and hands-on mini classes.
2. December Bransle - Kumihimo class
3. 12<sup>th</sup> Night - Information pending.

**Bard**: Zulu is the new Baronial Bard. Not present and no report.

**Blades** – Lord Warrick Drakkar: (Report sent in by Sina di Andreas Valori, Deputy Reporter) All is well, with a good number of attendees each week. We're planning a Phoenix Tourney for December 6th that will also teach about processions at crown rapier events.

Update on the Steel Key - the blades have finally been ordered. We've been waiting for a back order from W&W for months but have given up on them and have turned to an SCA merchant to help us out. He's giving us a very good price too.

**Chatelaine** – HL Genevieve Barbota of Gyphonshold: Not present, report sent in. I have been in contact with several newcomers and am still in contact with them. Due to health issues, I cannot attend council tonight and did not attend the Bransle due to van issues (my transmission died). I will be at the Baroness' Tourney this coming Saturday and am looking forward to it with great anticipation. I cannot attend the next Bransle either as I am going to my daughters for Christmas and leave next week.

**Chamberlain** – Sir Sigurd Kerr de Roxburgh: We had a couple of issues regarding the locker and access but all of it has been sorted out now. Have some bills for the Exchequer. Nothing else to report.

**Chiurgeon** – Vacant

**Chronicler** – Lady Ceara inghean uí Mhadadháin: Subscription breakdown, as of November 27, 2007:

Paper edition

- Paid: 14
- Complimentary (Canada): 5
- Complimentary (US): 5

e-Edition: 11

**Total subscriptions: 34**

Last issue (#310) was mailed October 2. Next edition is Issue #311 – December/January.

Submitting \$10 in subscription fees and \$92.00 in expenses for reimbursement (\$52.73 from September and \$39.27 from October).

No issue was mailed out for November as the day of the last Council meeting my Mother went into Hospice and 4 days later, she passed away. Thank you to everyone for their kind words and for understanding.

This upcoming issue is a double issue for the holidays. If you have anything you would like to contribute, please get in touch with me after the meeting as production begins tomorrow.

Baron Devin is stepping down as webminister for the Barony's site. While I'm sorry to see him go, I certainly understand his reasons for stepping down. After all, he's been doing it for 7 years! I posted to the LG list looking for a new deputy to take the position and I'm happy to report that I have decided on Lord Rothgar for the job, if this is alright with Council. Our first order of business is to move the site from Baron Devin's server to another location and then we'll begin work on refreshing the site. Once we have a new Baron and Baroness in place, we'll work on a new design and go from there. Both the Baron and Baroness and Council will have input on the look and feel of the site given that this is the public front for the Barony

**College of Pages** – HL Aelana Cordovera: Not present and no report.

**Dance – Vacant**: Cara reported on the Bransles. The last two bransles have been quite good. The Oct 57 and Nov was 70. People were having fun. Next one is Dec 28<sup>th</sup>. Both the October and November Bransles covered their own costs.

**Demo Coordinator** – HL Aelana Cordovera: Not present, report sent in. We have had two demos this month, the Beowulf Demo in Richmond and the Viking Demo for Grade 4's at Betty Huff school in Surrey. Sentinel Secondary in West Van wants a Demo this Friday for grade 8, but it's the night before Baroness' Tourney and the response is small for an evening Demo. A request for "Our Medieval Feast" this year is this Friday at 6:00 - 8:30pm. It is involving roughly 350 people. 200 grade 8 students will be in full costumes along with their families. The kingdoms of Scotland, France and England will be in attendance. We are really looking right now for any fighting our games demonstrations that could take place for 20 -25 minutes that evening. I probably can even provide an honarium that night as well. The students are doing plays and skits ranging from the

Battle of Hastings and Agincourt to life of a knight, peasants, guild as well as a play on the Crusades. Finally students are performing a dance. The one area that we are really limited to is the fighting and jousting and swordmanship and games. If there is anyone available to help us that would be wonderful. Another Demo in Maple Ridge needs fighters for 10 am - 12 Dec 13 for grade 4 and grades fighters for the grade 8 - 9 boffer fighters afterwards. Fighters are especially requested. North Delta and others are booking for the New Year.

Uilliam received an email from the fellow who had us do the Beowulf demo and he was very pleased, to say the least.

**Dragonward** – HL Genevieve Barbota of Gyphonshold: Not present, report sent it. I will be stepping down as Dragonward at Baroness' Tourney so this is my last report. I have need of a ride for one person to Baroness' Tourney and if any of you have room for one person from New Westminster to the tourney, can you contact either myself or Howitzer (the Lord in question).

Thank you so much and it has been an honour and a major learning experience being the Dragonward for our barony. I learned to speak comfortably in public, to organize things and that I can be funny and friendly in front of several hundred people...and that I could actually have fun doing it. I will miss the office but it is time that someone new and fresh took over. I will bring everything I have for the office (which is very little) to the tourney so that it can be passed on to the new Dragonward.

**Exchequer** – Aibinn Lockhart otc McBeighn: Not present, no report.

**Games** – HL Uilliam mac Fearchair mhic Gillie Aindrias: Still have boxes of games and haven't sorted out which ones are mine and which ones are the Barony's but I will get to that soon.

**Gold Key** – HL Caitrina inghean Aindriasa: I will be in attendance at Baroness' Tourney this weekend as will the Gold Key items from what I'm told. I'm assuming the Gold Key will be located at Gate and hope this doesn't mean I need to stay with it as I've been requested to have a Heraldry display / consulting table. I would like to take the bins home with me after the event to take stock of what we have / clean and mend same if needed.

For future consideration I would like to slowly replace the clothing pieces with more tabards as not only does wearing a tabard encourage a newcomer to create their own first garb, but it's easily recognizable that the person in the tabard is a newcomer... and they're heraldic. It's very period to dress someone in a tabard of the ruling lands colours to make them recognizable to all and it's a lot easier to treat someone as a newcomer if you know they are a newcomer.

**Librarian** – Maeda Mariko: Donations to the Library include two utilitarian Ikea shelving units to house the Library and approximately 30 large red binders to hold the numerous pamphlets, photocopies, website printouts and class handouts. Near future plans include: bring some books to sell at the Bransle, start organizing pamphlets etc in to books, start bringing assorted library books to Bransles in December, and confirm holdings list to be posted on the Baronial website.

**Lists** – HL Algae McBeighn: Not present, no report.

**Pied Piper** – Francesca Tiepolo: Pied Piper will be at Baroness' Tourney and 12th Night. I missed the last Bransle but hope to be at the next one.

**Sable Loat Pursuivant (Herald)** – HL Ealeen de Seez: There were two events during the month of November that I attended. Baronial Banquet in November where Caitrina Sable Loat stepped down and I was sworn in as the new Sable Loat. My first duty was to appoint Uilliam as my deputy Voice Herald. We also had a heraldry table available at the Bransle on Nov 23rd. Will be at Baroness' Tourney and 12th Night

**Scribe** – HL Miles Fitz Hubert: Not present, report sent in. I will not be attending the November council meeting due to prior commitments. We are getting a very successful group of volunteer painters for the Baronial charters. We are now close to catching up on the Baroness' Champions, LG defenders and are about half way through the Lions Claw charters. I intend to run several basic scribe drop-in days in the New Year after 12 Night is over with, as we need a number of original scrolls that should be completed for Devin & Aurora. I will be attending the Baroness' tournament and intend to display a few of the charter work being done in the Barony.

**Sheriff** – Lord Jon Bjarnason: Nothing to report.

**Stables** – Sgt Cyneric Bearson: Not present, no report.

**Waterbearer** – Vacant

**Seneschal** – HL Uilliam: Not much of a report. Just sorting things out and signing the right papers. Things are going alright. One proposal for Council. Because Council tends to run a little late sometimes, especially when there are lots of events so I would like to propose that we have the junior officers report to the greater officers to cut down on the amount of reports being made therefore bringing the time required for the meeting down. We'll wait till the New Year to fully decide. This sort of ties into the Constitution because it defines what the greater offices are and what lesser offices are associated with them.

### ***Events & New Business***

**Baroness' Tourney – Thegn Ulf & Sir Sigurd**: Extra insurance is needed for the site. Looks like it's only an extra million that's needed so it's going to be about \$150. Baronial polling will be done at that event too. If you want your polling form, you can pick it up now and bring it to Baroness' Tourney or mail it in. It was suggested that clipboards and pens be arranged for the polling because the forms are long and not a simple 'yes or no'. Some questions were raised about getting funds needed for gate. Uilliam will sort it out.

**Masonic Hall** issues have been sorted out. We currently owe them \$2300 and change.

**Days of Dance and A&S**: Cara, John and Uilliam have been talking and have proposed to combine the two events. Feb 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> are available for the Masonic Hall. The price negotiation for the hall is underway and it sounds like we might be able to get it for a reasonable price. If there was more time to find another site but because it's so late, we'll just do it at the Masonic Hall. We need to put the AIF information right away so that

people know it's coming. A couple of new ideas for the format were discussed. Hopefully there will be things to do for most people. Including running a dance class that is specifically for the Sergeantry applicants.

Grand Ithra in March: Uilliam has been getting questions from the Chancellor. We don't have a site yet and we need to get one asap. Haven't had any luck because places like schools cost a lot of money to rent. Baron Devin will contact Elena about possibly using a school we do demos at. As a last resort, we could use the Masonic Hall but we'd rather not. Lots of discussion held about various potential sites. Let's hope something comes of it. This is urgent. This will be an Ithra and not a University of Tir Righ session.

Bardic Defenders and May Bardic: A suggestion was made by the current Bardic defender, Aine. Why not have the Bardic Defender done at May Bardic? She had discussed with a number of other bards who feel this would be a better idea than having two bardic events so close to each other. Discussion was held. We need a solution for the A&S, perhaps moving it to a winter event like Baroness' Tourney. Perhaps Bardic in winter and defenders (fighting) events in the spring instead. It would solve a lot of logistical problems. This should be proposed to the new Baron and Baroness. So the idea was put forth that we move A&S defenders to the A&S event in February and Bardic Defenders to May Bardic in the Spring. (All kinds of oohs and ahhs were had at the sheer genius of the idea!). If it's doable, it will be done with much haste and be made known to everyone asap.

Bransles – Cara spoke about the dates for the dates for the upcoming year. Jan 26 and Feb 27 are okay. Mar 28<sup>th</sup> is a conflict. March might be a rough month for us and be subject to hall availability. Apr 25<sup>th</sup> is okay. May 23<sup>rd</sup> is okay so far but since no principality event is listed there is a concern. June 27 is okay. July 25<sup>th</sup> is during the Clinton Work Week so is that a problem? Discussion had. Moved to July 11<sup>th</sup>. Aug 22 is okay. Sept 26 conflicts and we were looking at the 12<sup>th</sup> but, again, no principality events were listed so we're worried about conflicting with Coronet. Oct 24 and Nov 28 are fine. We would fall on Boxing Day next year in Dec so the plan would be to move it to Dec 12<sup>th</sup> instead. For the months where we have big conflicts (March and Sept), we could move it to a Sunday and call it a workshop day instead as an option. Cara will continue working on it.

12<sup>th</sup> Night – Aine: We're doing really well and have a good schedule. We're hoping to have the schedule finalized by Dec 15<sup>th</sup>. As of Dec 1<sup>st</sup>, no more requests for time or space will be accepted. The draft schedule is approved by the Queen. We have a full merchants hall. Everything is going really well. A couple of requests for approvals. First, we'd like the Barony to subsidize the cost of the hotel rooms and provide \$80 for each of the suites that the Royalty are occupying. This is currently not part of the budget. Second, regarding food. We're hoping the Barony would provide the food for the royalty attending as well. We'd also like to provide nibbly food for royalty during Court. This is not in the budget. Third, a backdrop behind the thrones. For 28' of fabric, it will cost \$158. Fourth, a cheque for \$200 for decorating expenses. This was also included in the budget.

Subsidizing the cost of the hotel rooms would be \$480. The reason for the subsidy was because they don't have a choice in the rooms, they have to take the more expensive ones. Request approved.

Regarding the food subsidy, discussion was held and felt that we needed more information before deciding. Cara volunteered to provide a bunch of information regarding restaurants in the area since she lives out there.

Backdrop behind the thrones. It's in the budget and depending on how many feet we need. Vote to approve \$158 for the backdrop is passed. Decorating expenses for \$200 approved as well.

Caitrina – Propose to move the Council meeting to 7pm to accommodate Uilliam and his work hours since he has to be up very early in the morning. Discussion was held. Meetings will start at 7pm starting in January subject to approval of the new Baronial Coronet.

Calendar was reviewed by Uilliam.

***Baronial Coronet Business – Baron Harold Devin of Waltham***

Nothing to discuss

Meeting adjourned at 9:16 pm