

## Lions Gate Baronial Council Minutes

December 19, 2007 at 7:30pm

---

**Chair & Minutes:** Lady Ceara inghean uí Mhadadháin (Deputy Seneschal & Chronicler)

**Location:** Grace Lutheran Church, Burnaby

xx people present

As per Uilliam's instructions, we're testing out the new format tonight. The reports are going to be done in order of Greater Officers, with the Lesser Office reports coming in after them. Starting in January, we'll omit the Lesser Officer reports as they will be reporting to their upline Greater Officer in order to streamline the meeting and eliminate all the "nothing to reports". For those who cannot recall, a vote was held in February as to what the greater officers were. They are: Seneschal, Exchequer, Chronicler, Herald, Marshall, A&S, and Chatelaine.

### **Officer Reports**

**Seneschal – HL Uilliam:** Not present. Ceara is serving to chair the meeting tonight. Message from Uilliam is as follows: I'm sick. Really sick, and I'm mostly sorry I'm not there. The Baronial Polling process went along quite smoothly, and I can only hope that everyone who'd received a form in the mail had it sent off by midnight this past Friday. In speaking with Her Majesty, I was told that They would take a couple of days following the receipt of all the information, and release Their decision. We might know before Christmas.

We have a request from Science World to do programming during Spring Break on early science, about science in the late Medieval / Renaissance time periods. It's sort of like science all around us, the science behind a trebuchet, and the science behind spinning wool, etc. I believe the demo would be for at least a few days during Spring Break. So we would need to provide people in costume who would be able to do demonstrations and explanations of various aspects. The staff I spoke to even mentioned the possibility of flinging watermelons off a trebuchet into the harbour. Not sure how environmentally friendly that is, but it maybe fun. We need someone who is very capable and organized to put this high profile demo together

- **Demo Coordinator – HL Aelana Cordovera:** Not present, report sent in.
- **Sheriff – Lord Jon Bjarnason:** Nothing to report.

**Exchequer –Anika:** Happy to report that Anika has taken on the position of Exchequer. She has a deputy too!

- **Chamberlain – Sir Sigurd Kerr de Roxburgh:**

**Chronicler – Lady Ceara inghean uí Mhadadháin:** Subscription breakdown, as of December 19, 2007:

#### Paper edition

- Paid: 15
- Complimentary (Canada): 5
- Complimentary (US): 5

e-Edition: 14

**Total subscriptions: 39**

Last issue (#311) was mailed December 4. Next edition will come out in January after Council.

Submitting \$80 in subscription fees and \$153.20 in expenses for reimbursement (\$52.73 from September, \$39.27 from October and \$61.20 for December).

Work on transferring the website from Baron Devin to the new webminister is under way.

- **Librarian** – Maeda Mariko:

**Sable Loat Pursuivant (Herald)** – HL Ealeen de Seez: Baroness' Tournament - December 1st. We had several new people offer to voice herald during the tournament including Sina and Coemgen. More experienced heralds such as Baron Harold Devon, Uilliam, Colin and Rodrigo made sure that we were able to carry out our duties properly. Many thanks are offered to them.

Upcoming - Dec 28/07-Bransle and Jan 11-13, 2008- Twelfth Night

I would also like to offer, perhaps at the Bransles in the new year (with some of the practicum taking place at the Heavy and Rapier practices), short lessons on voice and book heraldry. I know that I will be calling on our more experienced Heralds to help out.

- **Scribe** – HL Miles Fitz Hubert: Not present, report sent in. I will not be attending the December council meeting due to prior commitments. We had a very successful group of volunteer painters for the Baronial charters. We are now close to catching up on the Lions Claw charters. A display of the charters were displayed at Baroness' tournament and the populace seemed enthusiastic. Happy Christmas to all....

**Stables (Marshall)** – Sgt Cyneric Bearson: Uilliam has not heard back from Cyneric regarding written permission for holding archery inside the halls. Unless we have - in writing - explicit permission to do so from the Cloverdale Rodeo & Exhibition Society, the NSCA will not cover insurance for the practices. We do have it in writing from the City of Surrey that the bylaws are not in effect in this case, so we would not be breaking any laws.

- **Archery** – HL James Wolfden: Not present, report set in. Archery Practises are now up and running that the Monday Cloverdale practice. We have had six archers shooting in the last two practises with promises from some other archers to make it out.

Some wood was bought to make an A-Frame support for our archery nets. It is working out well and set up/take down is happening very quickly.

We had archery at the Baroness Tourney for the first time in my knowledge. A challenge tourney was done similar to heavy tourney. At its busiest, we had 18 archers shooting including Prince Owain. The archers had a good time. Setup and takedown were quick and we were finished on time and did not affect the heavy tournament schedule. Cyneric Bearson won the tournament.

- **Blades** – Lord Warrick Drakkar: (Report sent in by Sina di Andreas Valori, Deputy Reporter) Practice is going well, albeit on break for the rest of the year. Sebastiano hosted the Phoenix Tourney on December 6th and Bliaud Drakkar won by accolade. Devan was chosen by Bliad for most chivalrous. Baron Devin was kind enough to attend and allow the fighters to practise how to take part in a processional, which was organized by Dona Lasairiona.

We are also bidding farewell to two of our members. Lady Rebeca de La Mare leaves in January for medical school, and Tulloran leaves for the Canadian Armed Forces about the same time. They will be missed.

Lions Gate hosted the Baroness's Tourney Dec. 1st. The tournament was MICed by Don Godfrey von Ravensburg. The format was a round robin fought in two erics. There were 5 active marshals present plus a waterbearer. The new Lionsgate Rapier Defender is Lord Warwick Drakkar.

During the Rapier tournament there was 1 injury report submitted. The incident was a hard chop to the back of the hand that removed the fighter (Rory Silverhand) from the competition. Lord Warwick took the fighter aside after inspecting Rory's injury and explained that Don Godfrey would need to fill out an incident report and he would need to sit down with him and have a bit of a chat about the incident. That all went well and the report has been submitted to Maestro Guido.

Practise will resume January 10th, with practises on the 17th and 31st as well.

- **Lists** – HL Algae McBeighn: Not present, no report.
- **Chiurgeon** – Vacant
- **Waterbearer** – Vacant

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

#### *Past Events*

- Baroness' Tourney - Kate gave an absolutely wonderful interactive display of metal piercing. Aelana brought some great treasures she had made: opus anglicum, tapestry, some icons, a wonderful book with water colour paintings in it. Agnes Creseyke had many wonderful things to display including: pewter buttons with the mold she had carved, garb, embroideries, samples of died silk. Dr. Carus demonstrated the grinding of wheat to flour with a querne he had made. Myrrim displayed some handmade books, shoes and some small items. Laissonara displayed some pictures she had painted and drawn. Melissa Kendall displayed some beautiful blackwork. Angantyre gave great advice while working on a beautiful strapend at Kate's table

#### *Upcoming events*

- December Bransle - Kumihimo class
- 12<sup>th</sup> Night - Information pending.
- Guild Meetings & Displays: Information Coming Soon

D. January Bransle - we will be offering a class in one of the side rooms. Notice to be posted to the lists.

E. March 8, 9 Lions Gate Ithra. Instructors needed please contact Emma Blackwell, Chancellor Insula Magna: [stenning-johnson@telus.net](mailto:stenning-johnson@telus.net)

- **Bard - Zulu**: Not present, report sent in. Unfortunately there is nothing to report. I hope there will be greatness from the bardic community at 12th Night.
- **Dance – Vacant**
- **Games – HL Uilliam mac Fearchair mhic Gillie Aindrias**: Not present

**Chatelaine – HL Genevieve Barbota of Gyphonshold**: Not present, report sent in. I am in contact with several newcomers. As I am in Port Hardy, I will not be attending the next Bransle, but will direct any newcomers attending to speak to the folk that are there.

- **Dragonward – vacant?**:
- **Gold Key – HL Caitrina inghean Aindriasa**: Gold Key was available at Baroness' Tourney but wasn't needed. Will ensure it is on hand at 12th Night. Nothing further to report.
- **Pied Piper – Francesca Tiepolo**: Stepping down at 12<sup>th</sup> Night.
- **College of Pages – HL Aelana Cordovera**: Not present and no report.

### ***Events – Past and Present***

**Baroness' Tourney – Ulf & Sigurd**:

**12<sup>th</sup> Night – Bernadette and Aine**:

**Days of Dance and A&S**:

**Grand Ithra in March**: Still a'go. The EIF has been sent in for the Ithra, using the Masonic Hall as a location. Do we want to hold a revel on the Saturday evening? If so, it would have to be done by someone other than the autocrat/chancellor, and a second EIF would need to be submitted.

**May Bardic Defenders**:

**Bransles –**

### ***Old & New Business***

Calendar was reviewed by Ceara.

Reminder - starting in January meetings will begin at 7pm (subject to Baronial Coronet approval).

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

Insert here

Meeting adjourned at xx pm