

Baronial Council Meeting – September 24, 2008

Officer Reports

Seneschal – HL Uilliam:

- Still no word on the status of the constabulary.
- Office of the Scribe is now a greater office a no longer part of the Office of Herald. Miles has agreed to take the office on (as he is already serving in a similar capacity to the Barony anyways). Aelana is his deputy and is learning the ropes for future purposes.
- Seneschal's report that goes up the line to Kingdom must now include a detailed list of all the officers, including mundane names, addresses and phone numbers.

A&S – Master John:

- Will be forwarded by Uilliam [insert]
- Bardic report – also sent in

Chatelaine – HL Genevieve

- Not here and no report

Chronicler

- Not here, no report

Exchequer

- Balance is about \$24K
- Still haven't paid for Clinton
- Advances are needed for Kingdom Bardic

Herald

- We've got a new herald. YAY! (what a sucker! Ha ha!) Kevin, congrats and thank you. Change of officer form was passed around to be signed and endorsed.
- Discussion over petitioning to have the positions of book and voice heralds separated to help facilitate what actually happens in reality more often than not.
- Going to be a consultation table at the bransle before Kingdom Bardic with the outgoing Sable Loat and the Lions Blood.

Stables

- Uilliam has the reports.
- Discussion over James request for using the Agriplex once a month to do indoor royal rounds. Cost would be \$90. Discussion also held over how much to charge and how other practices are working. Approved for a trial period of 3 months to see if attendance will support the cost.

Kingdom Bardic – Aine

- Everything is fine and going well. Schedule has been approved by Their Majesties. Advances of \$50 for the decorations and \$100 for Aine for incidentals,

and \$40 for Caitrina for site tokens (heraldic baseball cards with a checky border). Gate float of \$800 is needed. Voted and approved.

- Underground pay parking at the college. Don't use the meters on the street as they only run in 2 hour intervals and New West polices them diligently.

Baronial Banquet – Cassandra and Algae

- Went to the site to check out the kitchen. There is a stove but it doesn't seem to work very well so we're not going to depend on. We're looking on renting a commercial grade stove/oven to be put in a tent outside. The menu is set and a call out for cooks and help will be going out soon. The food is estimated to cost about \$13 per person but this hasn't been solidified and the budget is yet to be completed. We were requested to carry \$5 million in insurance. Algae is talking to Elena (NSCA). Many volunteers are needed so please help out if you can. Ticket prices – we're thinking around \$22. There was also discussion on who will be comped – at this event and in the future. Invitations are going to be hand written to our Nobles this weekend.

North Wind – Anika

The North Wind has been free since April and Anika has been trying to return subscription funds. Work is underway to get this completed.

Spending some money – Anika

- We have money. At Coronet, there was a very, very pretty eric. We should have a pretty eric too. Discussions over forming a committee to form a pretty eric. Her Excellency has volunteered her sewing skills to sew whatever design the committee decides on.
- Another idea of renting a warehouse to store our stuff and use it for practices. More dreams were shared over buying and leasing land and facilities for exclusive Baronial use.
- Our new herald pointed out that we need a new tabard. It's an extremely uncomfortable tabard and we can't get it cleaned. No dry cleaner will touch it and it's falling apart. Her Excellency is going to have a look at it to see if it can be altered/salvaged in any way. Questions were also asked about the condition of the Baronial pavilion. It needs to be cleaned.

Demos

- His Excellency reports that Genevieve was approached by one of the organizers of the 2009 fest and would like us to be involved in their festivities. They have a market square, musical stuff and a St. Patrick's day parade in Vancouver. The Science World demo had an autocrat and every demo should have such a person. This demo is going to be huge so we need a coordinator for this if we do it. We've actually done this one years and years ago. A request for a volunteer to run this will be put out to the list.
- Aelana suggested we have a demo handbook made and put it on the website so that those who request the demos know what to expect. We need to be more organized a system.

- Ceara mentioned that Walnut Grove has set their date for their demo for Thurs. Feb 19th. They are requesting 1 or 2 people to come during the day throughout the week leading up to the big demo on Thurs to get the kids excited.

University of Tir Righ – Elena

- We have 3 classes that don't have sufficient students and 2 classes are full. Things are going well. An advance is requested for costs \$250. Approved.

Tir Righ Laws and Financial Policy - Elena

- Financial policy has been approved and mailed out to all seneschals and exchequers. The laws have also been revised and read/signed at November investiture.

Company of Hounds – Brigitte

- Discussion on the possibility of forming a Baronial Company of Hounds in Lions Gate. The difference between a guild and company is the level of skills and knowledge required. A company is group that share a common interest. This would allow individuals to participate in outdoor activities with their dogs. Medievally, hound refers to dogs collectively, not a specific breed. Its purpose is not to encourage dog activities indoors. So we are asking the Barony to support the formation of this Company. Currently we have 4 members who are willing to take this on and start the process. Lots of discussion was had. Might be a bigger pool of people to draw from if it was done from Principality level.

NSCA – Elena

- Insurance company has advised that fireworks are not allowed at events unless done by a licensed pyrotechnician.

Farspeaker – Elena

- Cover art is needed.

Baroness' Tourney

- No word from Walnut Grove Secondary on using their school yet.
- Meadow Ridge school that Dalibor teaches at in Maple Ridge is available.
- Autocrats will be Lady Ceara and HL Alienor.

Their Excellencies have no business.