

**Baronial Council Notes
October 22, 2008**

Seneschal - Uilliam

- Demo coming up in March next year – Celtic Fest in Vancouver. Kevin has agreed to take this one on and he needs a lot of back up on it as it is HUGE.

Exchequer - Anika

1. Baronial account as at October 22, 2008 was \$17,567.60. (Sept 30 \$18,973.08)
2. Estimated expenses, not including events, to the end of the year are \$3,640
 - a. Practices: Heavy.....\$600
 - b. Practices: Dance (\$120 per qtr).....\$240
 - c. Storage\$440
 - d. Masonic Hall Rental\$680
3. Outstanding Advances Receivable are \$1,732.66
 - a. Current receivables
 1. November Investiture hall deposit.....\$500
 2. Baronial Banquet hall deposit.....\$300
 3. Kingdom Bardic decorating advance.....\$50
 - b. Outstanding issues
 1. Grace Lutheran-dance damage deposit.....\$165 (rec'd)
 2. Sapperton Hall\$150
 3. A&S 2006\$400
 4. Rapier steel key.....\$65.30
 5. Baronial Banquet\$32.37
 6. NSF cheques\$69.99
4. Suggestions?
 - a. Dolly for the locker
 1. Canadian Tire convertible \$99.99
 2. Home Depot \$89.99Discussion had – buy a good quality one that will last. Motion to spend up to \$150 on a convertible dolly. Approved.
 - b. Locker clean-up/clean-out/re-vamp
 1. Something to talk about with the Chamberlain, but willing to do
 2. Sort and list, Lost & Found
 3. What's with the boxes of Chronically Canadian magazine?
Apparently they belong to Amanda/Sigurd. Suggested that we just book an afternoon and go there to do it. There should be 4 sets of keys – Chamberlain, Exchequer, Seneschal and Baron & Baroness. There are some sets missing so perhaps another lock change and key set is warranted. To be checked into. Uilliam and Anika plan to talk to Sigurd about the job as well.

Herald – not present, no report.

Stables - Cyneric – not present, no report. James may be arriving later so we'll come back if needed.

Chronicler

Aristophanes has stepped down and no applications so far. Ceara has agreed to act as Chronicler in the interim. Webminister Rothgar reports that things are moving along for converting the site and working on updating and adding more stuff. If you have any other information or suggestions of what should be added to the site, contact him.

Demo – Aelana

Discussion about the waning interest in participating in demos. It's particularly hard to get people to come out to daytime demos. Perhaps we need to start thinking about which demos we decide to do. Also, Lions Gate seems to be doing demos in areas for other branches so perhaps that needs to be taken into consideration as well. Demo coordinator is planning on stepping down.

Arts & Sciences - John

Eriu will be at the Bransle teaching basic leather tooling. Lots of classes are being taught at Lionsdale's Fall University however Elena reports that registration is not going well for their Fall University. Plan on having both active and static displays at the Baroness' Birthday Tournament. I will be at Investiture. Format for the A&S Defender competition in February has been forwarded to Their Excellencies.

Chatelaine – Genevieve – not here. Genevieve has announced that she is stepping down but she will hold on to it until the Principality Chatelaine (Vivian) steps down as she is interested in the position. That being said, the position should still be advertised.

Pied Piper – not here, no report. Everyone is really happy with the work she's been doing.

Dragonward - Wendy

I'm a little frustrated I didn't get the website up this month, I need my husband to set it up initially and then I can tailor it, but I have been slowly pulling stuff together. This is all I have.

Registered for <mailto:lgdragonward@gmail.com>lgdragonward@gmail.com. Set up Dragonward event calendar with calendar.google.com. Confirmed the dragonward @ SCA email points to my main one. Sept 30, 2008 – Purchased www.dragonward.ca domain name to establish a web forums, working on creating web forums.

Started doing research into getting business cards to be able to promote Dragonward at events.

I'm nearly ready to announce myself as the new Dragonward, and want to do so to help set up rides for Baronial Banquet, I just am hoping to get some bare bones of the website up first.

Gold Key is vacant. Winifred's husband is considering applying for Captain of the Watch.

Scribe – Miles

Our newest greater officer in the newest greater office! Miles the Great! 3rd Quarter report was sent in to Principality. Aelana has been helping by getting the scribal drop in sessions going. One was had in October and about 6 people showed up which is good. Spent a lot of time kicking around ideas for the new scrolls/charters that are needed for the Baron and Baroness. Champions will be done at Baronial Banquet. Defenders will be done at Baroness' Tourney. Scribal weekend in Lionsdale is being considered and/or planned. Charters likely won't be ready until the new year and there are none waiting to be painted at the moment. Some Lions Claws need to be given out yet from Devin and Aurora's reign. If anyone has got any old charters, please hand them in as they are good for practice.

What funds does the Baronial Scribe have? Put together a budget and we'll go from there. This should be done for Scribe, and other offices, and have that done for the end of the year. Budget items would include paper, wax for seals, paint and brushes.

Kingdom Bardic – Aine

It's over. YAY! Everything went really well. A report was made to Kingdom and will be circulated to the appropriate folks here. The event made \$1600 and the Barony got \$666.35. This is so great! Good job Aine!

Baroness' Birthday Tourney – Ceara

Have not received a contract from the school yet however I've been told that the site will cost \$500 to rent (a bargain considering the space). They will not provide a contract until they have proof of insurance. Apparently insurance certificate should have been faxed to the school. Elena will check. Site tokens are going to be designed and cast by Alienor. Comps for gate - Currently we have 12 – Their Majesties, Their Highness', Their Excellencies, all the Defenders and the Autocrats. Really great news for food is that there is a cafeteria on site and I have arranged with the catering company that runs it to be open from 10:30am to 6pm. The catch is that they need to make about \$600 in sales. Shouldn't be a problem – if 150 people spend \$5 each, they'll be good. I will have a menu with prices available prior to the event and make sure that it's announced far and wide.

Tourneys - Archery – there just isn't any space to have the archery indoors during the day. However, after the tourneys are complete, the gym is a big place and there is a curtain we can pull to divide the room. It's possible to do something in the evening. Dancing on one side of the curtain and archery on the other? What do you think? Cyneric and Warrick will be there and MIC-ing /running the fighting at the event. Algae has volunteered to do lists for Heavy.

Merchants – we have limited space but we will have merchants. Fee will be \$5 and spaces must be reserved in advance with Alienor. We have space for about 10.

During the day, the gym is going to be a very busy and somewhat tight space but that's okay. We'll have a good flow of traffic throughout the venue as long as we have good signage. The gym should accommodate 4 erics. The stage area in the gym will be used as a ready room for Their Majesties and Their Highness'. We have the cafeteria area which also has a stage with tiered table & chair seating. We're hoping to use that area for Court so we can leave the thrones/chairs set up throughout the day. Merchants will be stashed around in various alcoves around the site where we can accommodate them as well as in one of the 3 classrooms available. The other classrooms have been dedicated for A&S and the Baroness' choice.

Decorating: Going to be a challenge to decorate this site because we are so spread out. Suggest that we focus on the area where Court will be held and everything else can be gravy. Set up and take down crews are still needed. We also need to clean the bathrooms when we are done. Eek. Waterbearing – Planning on having a table with bottled water that is a self serve station or one of those huge 18.9 L bottles of water with a pump and disposable cups...unless we get a volunteer

A&S Activities still under development and TBA. Pied Piper will be doing limited activities. We've decided to run a food drive as well. Need a float for gate. Requesting \$800. Vote held and approved.

May Bardic – Fiona

Will be held at the same location as last year and we'll have canopies outside. We're aimed to include more people this year so it's more an SCA family event. We need a cheque for \$150 to secure the hall. Vote held, approved. Budget was presented. We trying to think of a new game with site tokens as the one that was created last year has caught on like wild fire and worn out now.

Baronial Banquet – Algae

Things are moving along nicely but I don't have anyone in charge of decorating yet. It would help if I had an inventory of the decorations in the locker. Anika is doing the bar. Cassandra is working on the plan and needs help cooking. Having a cooking planning meeting on November 2. A copy of the proposed menu was passed out and discussed. BUY and pay for YOUR TICKETS...SOON...PLEASE. Target is to get 100. Ticket sale cut off is one week before the event. Let's advertise a date so people know. Suggested to put a little advertisement in the event handout at Baroness' Tourney for the banquet pointing people where to buy tickets at the event. Thanks to Elena to negotiating for the insurance through the NSCA. Got a good price (only \$100 to bump up to \$5M). Cheque for food and incidentals \$1,500 and \$100 for insurance. Vote held and approved.

Newcomers - Uilliam

We don't have an event in the planning stages. This is Uilliam's fault because he completely forgot. Recently sat down with John Macandrew and talked about the possibility of holding it at the same time as A&S in February, 2 days at the Masonic Hall.

At the event, half the classes would be specifically for newcomers and the other half would be A&S. Combining 3 small events into one (Newcomers, Days of Dance and A&S). Aelana voiced her concern about the lack of non-fighting events in the Barony and it would be a real disappointment to lose those small events and even finds the idea a little insulting. However it was pointed out that there just hasn't been a big enough draw for those events. Suggested to make them one day events instead of weekend events. Why not have Newcomers at an archery tournament or a fighters event? Discussion over the shortage of dates to be had and autocrats to volunteer as well. Reasoning for this as well was that half the classes are A&S based anyways. Discussion was also held about holding a full University of Tir Righ session as well. Discussion returned to the Newcomers combo event and ways to revamp and improve it.

Investiture – Elena

November 22-23 where Eisenmarche holds their banquet. Gate is looking for some help. Elena is in a tight spot and needs help. Need someone who can absolutely commit to gate on Saturday for investiture. HL Danika is doing decorating and more volunteers are needed. Serving equipment from the Baronial locker is needed. Merchants are both days and must be registered. Rapier on Saturday and a tavern too. The Eric party concept is being borrowed and will be done in the space where Court is held. Anika will be running the bar. Schedule is awaiting approval from the Prince and Princess. Mistress Kate is doing the A&S and the deadline is today. Their Majesties, Their Highness, the Tanist and Ban-tanist and Their Highness of Avacal are coming. Cheques needed are \$500 for food, incidentals \$100, and the gate float \$750. Vote held and approved. Lots of volunteers needed and access to the locker. Also need a merchant liaison to help out.

Baroness Caitrin

Amanda called me and given that this upcoming year is the 30th. Maelan has offered to not charge us for the site if we do not charge a site fee but still accept donations like the way it used to be. Discussion was held on how to cover the event costs. We need an autocrat team for this year to support Amanda. It was suggested that the request for bids to autocrat the event just to shake things up a bit, even if we still do have Amanda run the event. Either way, it's an intriguing idea. The cost for us to run the event is about \$1,500. Lots of vigorous discussion! One idea to recover costs would be by selling commemorative objects such as tokens and t-shirts.

Gerhard's Riposte token – the cast has been ruined. Does anyone know who made it, does it have meaning, etc? Suggested to find out who has a token and remake the mold.