

## **Baronial Council Notes March 2009**

### **Officer Reports**

#### Seneschal – Uilliam

- Nothing to report. Nothing from above and nothing from below.

#### Demos – Aelana

- Heroic effort at CelticFest on account of the snow. Lots of SCA people, not so many event attendees. Overall very nicely done.
- April 2 (Mon Night) Beaver demo – A fighter and a craft person has been requested. In North Delta. No fighting demonstration needed – just a talk on armor
- A couple of Girl Guide demos coming up too. Same day as Bardic there is a demo in the evening which should work out fine. Aelana is going out to the Coquitlam Library with her books to put on an interactive display. Not a formal demo but I'm going anyways.
- Guide /Brownie demo on Sat April 3, 2 pm focus on women's lives. Another Guide demo with a focus on fighters and trebuchet May 6th in the evening. Beaver demo Monday April 27 at 6 pm in North Delta. And the Coquitlam library party on Saturday March 28. Watch for details on the demos.
- Pretty active demo season – whew!

#### Watch - Garet Doiron

- He's been watching and it's cool. ☺ A proposal for conducting the Watch at Clinton was tabled. Includes classes during the work week to educate/train those who are willing to help, the use of radios and handling of specific types of emergencies, among other things. Uilliam pointed out that it needs to be divided into two parts: the Barony and Clinton. Things specific to Clinton need to be discussed with the Autocrat. Brief discussion over purchasing radios for Baronial use. Classes are great idea even outside of Clinton.
- Watch tabards were handed over but they need to be re-thought. Some are brown with a yellow lantern. James pointed out they should be green, at least. Har har!
- Wendy has actually already purchased 10 radios for about \$30 a pair. She'll find the receipt.

#### Gold Key – William

He's not here – unfortunately sick. Sent in a report. Has started work on getting badges made. Has also got a couple of canvas bags for hauling tabards around. He will need help with making new tabards. Will try to arrange for one of the upcoming bransles.

#### Exchequer – Anika

- We have a little over \$15K and our expenses for the year are around \$7K. Also mentioned that we tend to make money at the fight practices during the summer too.

#### Chamberlain – Edrik & Algae

- While officially it's going to be Algae, it's a tag-team effort with Edrik. Makes it easier to get stuff in and out.
- We've started mining the locker. The lost and found was huge and was taken to Service Days to be sorted. Some stuff thrown out, sold or will be going to Value Village. Have made about \$45 in donations from selling lost and found so far. Initially it filled the station wagon, almost unsafely, and now we're down to 3 boxes. We had a pair of wine

carts that were put together then donated to the Masonic Hall. Overall, progress is being made which is good.

#### Chronicler - Ceara

- Next edition of the North Wind is going to be 90% completed by Betris, my publication deputy. By next month, if the Council and Their Excellencies wish, she will step up and take over as Chronicler. YAY!
- Website has been undergoing some changes, majority have been focused on the calendar. It's being revamped and promises to be quite nifty and uber functional. Can't wait to see the final product.

#### Chatelaine – Genevieve (not present, report sent in)

One more month to go until Vivian steps down at Principality so she can take on this position. The Barony has been doing an amazing job at being Chatelaine as a whole.

#### Pied Piper – Not present, no report

#### Dragonward – Wendy

No one has really signed up for the forum so working on promoting it. Not much else to report.

Some discussion over whether or not, with the email lists we've got, if we really need the forum or office any more. Has technology making it obsolete? The season hasn't really started yet so why don't we wait until the season rolls down and re-evaluate in the fall.

#### A&S – John

Past events:

##### *Mar 14-15 Celtic festival*

- HL Aelana Cordovera who organized the SCA portion of the Celtic village, was busy entertaining the children with the help of Dr Carus and his amazing Quern, HL Brigitte die Arrogante taught stick weaving and demonstrated inkle loom weaving.

##### *Mar 21-22 Days of Service*

- A wonderful job by Myrrim in coordinating the turnshoe class.
- Uilliam teaching more beer making
- Dr. Carus class on Everyday Alchemy never happened but classes are being developed by Dr. Carus (chemical) and Aelena (philosophical).

I would like to thank Alanus (Alan) and Arunn (Pat) for coming up and giving us a wonderful turnshoe workshop. The participants did an amazing job with their shoes; especially fast were Sir Kerrigan and Magnus as Uilliam has already stated. Having said this, you know who to go to get a speedy pair of shoes in the future.

Upcoming:

##### *Mar 27 Bransle*

- A (very popular) coat making class from our Baroness
- Heavy Defenders - I'm sure we can get something here.
- Sir Eddies - I've e-mailed the Autocrat and A&S Officer to try and find out information. No reply.
- May Bardic - A&S displays and the Bardic Defender competition.

### Sable Loat – Caemgen

I'm doing stuff and apparently doing well. A couple of clients and they are all young which is neat. They are coming to be all on their own which is also neat. Not going to the Heraldic Symposium. Next month, I won't be at Bardic as I'll be away but will be at the Bransle. My first client is almost ready to submit which is really cool. Woo!

### Scribe – Miles

- Things are motoring along. Aelana has got a group working on scrolls for Lions Fang and Bardic. There's been a bit of trouble getting the right paper. The good stuff comes from the states and it's the shipping is the killer. Works out to \$3/sheet. If we buy this other stuff locally, it's \$1.20 but the paper isn't as nice – doesn't take the paint well.
- Lots of painting was done at the Service weekend which is great. Was also approached by several people interested in doing original scrolls.

### Stables – Cyneric

Not here and no report.

### Archery – James

- Going well and have about a dozen folks at the weekly practice and about 20 at the monthly special practice. Overall, we're probably losing about \$150 which isn't too bad but not completely sure that's the case.
- James is going through some personal changes at work which means I won't be available for 7 weeks. Anika and possibly Mikhail will be taking over during that time.
- Baron Griffin would like to sponsor an archery tourney at Heavy Defenders.
- Lots of newbie archers out and keeping all the Geese busy coaching.
- **Looking for a site for 40-yd outdoor archery. If you know of an area, let James know.** Burnaby archery range is not desirable. Cloverdale might work but we'll have to see.

### Blades – Francesca (Deputy)

- Practices continue to be well attended, averaging 16 a night.
- Some replacement gear is needed at about a cost of \$300-400.
- Discussion over some missing receipts from something that happened in 2006? No one is completely sure what happened.
- *Sent in for clarification post meeting: When Aibinn (Kimberly) was Exchequer she took all my receipts (which included the previous MOB's receipts so going back a few years) and gave me a ledger and a big box with envelopes for deposits. However we didn't have any type of contract with the hall or anything set up for paying for the hall if I handed over the money so I continued paying cash (and getting monthly receipts) for the hall rental. I've been using the ledger ever since I got it and I have all my receipts. So the ledger and the current cash and receipts should all balance (fingers crossed - the rapier kids have been really good about paying). But how much cash we had on hand before the receipts were handed over is unknown - sorry. Francesca has all that now as this type of stuff is her strength (I'm a designer by profession - this is not something I'm good at I just shove all the cash in a bag - she rolls pennies for Gerhart's sake!) For the replacement helmets I'm getting an invoice from Blue Gauntlet that will include shipping but not duty. It's being emailed today - when I get it I'll forward it to this list. Some of the old helmets could be donated to the barony Iron Key for field marshalling if that is desired.*

#### Lists - Elena

No report.

#### Farspeaker – Elena

Report sent in. The price will be under \$5 and she will be bringing them to Defenders in April.

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#### Eric Flagging – Edrik & Uilliam

An idea has been put forward by Edrik however Uilliam and Edrik would like to put out a call out to see if anyone else has design ideas for eric flagging. Either way, we need more people to help with the project. Once the design is figured out, we need to decide if we can get them professionally made, cost and time depending, of course. Design would be needed by next Council. Submit to Uilliam.

#### Loaner Gear – Baron Griffin

We only have a set amount of loaner gear and we've had more newbies interested so we need more. A request for donations will be made in the North Wind. We'll see how that goes first before using Baronial funds to buy stuff. Cyneric has Iron Key at the moment but technically it should be with the Chamberlain. Primarily we need helms.

#### Courtiers - Aelana

Been talking to people about Courtiers and was thinking of forming a study group for SYGC. The fighter guys have got a good support/learning network but the Courtiers don't really. Aelana will organize something

#### Heavy Defenders – Miles

Contract is signed and insurance is being worked on. Event copy has been sent to the North Wind and the website. We need a gate float of \$500. Vote held and passed. Probably going to just buy a couple of flats of bottled water and have a person interested in doing the waterbearing job. May have some issues with getting the gate opened at the park (from the parking lot into the park). Archery is nearly worked out. Was going to try and put up some banners. The Baronial pavilion will be on site along with various sunshades and that's about it.

#### May Bardic – Margaret

Planning is going well and a good crew of people helping. John is doing the defenders. There will be a potluck feast. The final pieces will be done in the evening. Games inside and out so hopefully we'll have some good weather. James will be out of town so Fiona will be helping. Will need a cheque for the hall at next Council. We're renting the hall not the park so we need to keep that in mind.

#### Clinton – Amanda

Amanda is submitting a bid for Clinton and some information related to the work week which is not part of the bid. Not knowing how many will come this year but we are expecting more than year (~1000). There was an offer made last fall that if the Barony wanted to forgo the site fee she would not charge a rental fee for the anniversary, like it was so long ago. It had been discussed at previous council but no decision was made. It would mean that the Barony would have to cover event costs which are generally minimal. We could set up various donation bins for construction and event costs. Lots and lots of discussion, of course. ☺ We'll think on it some more and vote on it at the next meeting. It's going to be a financial matter vote so SCA member cards will be required.

If anyone else has a bid, the closing date is April Council. Decision will be made after then.

Uilliam brought forward an idea to hold a separate meeting starting in May just for Clinton so that it wouldn't take over Council as it has in the past. All feel this is a good idea.

Sounds like we're going to have a Clinton meeting before the next Council meeting to figure out all this stuff.

#### Archery Defenders – John

Set for June 20 and war practice is June 21. Currently am considering using the Albion fairgrounds which could be used for the war practice. The fighters can fight on Saturday but the event will be focused on archery. So am I doing a one or two day event? Sounds like you're doing it for two days. John will figure it all out. Apparently if we give them our non-profit number, we'll be charged half the price as usual. Sweet!

#### Baronial Herald's Tabard

OMG – it's pretty but it's falling apart and can't really be worn any more. A new one is needed so a design and cost will be figured out.

#### Baron Griffin

We've got all the events figured out till the end of summer so now we got to start thinking about Banquet and Baroness' Birthday.