

Lions Gate Baronial Council Meeting, July 22nd, 2010

Meeting Called to order at 7:30

Seneschale Report – Lady Francesca Wallace Drakkar

Quarterly Reports were due on the 15th.

There is a problem getting ahold of the current Gold Key officer. He hasn't been seen in a while and he has current Baronial Tabards.

Fiona the Archer has expressed an interest in creating T-Tunics as Gold Key. Elena expressed preference for using Tabards over T-Tunics and there was much discussion. The Baron wanted something that would make it easy for people to recognize that these were new people who might need some guidance. He used the Seagirt Gold Key as an example. Everyone agreed that the design should not look like a serving tabard. The plan will be to design examples of both a tabard and a t-tunic and decide from there.

Candidate nominations for Baron and Baroness are due August 10th. One nomination has been received to date.

Francesca welcomed the newest officer, Aelana Cordovera to tonight's meeting.

Watch - Lord Gareth Doiron

There were no injuries to report.

We attended one Lions Gate event in a non-official capacity (at the request of the autocrat), Sealion War. It is our belief that we should have been on-duty, as it were, with or without the request of the autocrat, as there were several minor issues that came up, that could have used the abilities and expertise of our office.

- 1) Smoking inside the Baronial pavilion, after-hours, with improper disposal of the debris associated with.
- 2) Gate control was not as well executed as it could have been.
- 3) Improper disposal of garbage and debris during tear-down.

We will be attending TOA, in an official capacity, and a full report will be submitted after the event, hopefully within a week. We have three volunteers for Watch at the event, and foresee no serious issues. Radios, flashlights, crossbows, dented bronze helmets, and other common Watch equipment have been prepared, and tested. After a correction from Wendy, no crossbows will be carried, and the helmets are being used for other duties that weekend.

I look forward to seeing all of you out at TOA, where we shall have a great event.

Exchequer – Her Ladyship Anika Steif

As of July 22, 2010, the bank balance is \$6100.50 (updated at meeting from emailed report)

Expenses for the remainder of the year.....\$4,115.45

(Note, expenses include paying for January and/or first quarter of 2011)

- 1. Cloverdale Rodeo
 - Fight practice 3rd and 4th quarters \$1428.25
- 2. Masonic Hall
 - Bransles \$716.80
- 3. Public Storage
 - Baronial locker \$1170.40
- 4. Sapperton Hall
 - Rapier and Dance practices 4th quarter \$800.00
- 5. Other
 - SYGC site rental \$327.66

Receivables.....\$1,200.00

- 1. Baronial Banquet hall deposit.....\$200
- 2. Bransle float.....\$100
- 3. May Defenders site deposit.....\$200
- 4. May Defenders balance of camping costs.....117.88
- 5. Sealion expenses advance.....\$350
- 6. SYGC site deposit.....\$200
- 7. Previous issue (NSF cheque).....\$37

Chamberlain – Her Ladyship Algae McBeign

Not present and no report filed. Algae had verbally reported to the Baron that there was nothing to report except that two tables have died.

Sable Loat Pursuivant (Herald) – Lord Caemgen mac Garbith ui Andrais

Dia duit Counsel, Ri and Banri de Tuathe,
I am pleased to report no Heraldic Injuries.

I am carrying a half-dozen clients, and am pleased to report one of our populace, someone in this very room has recently been passed by Laure!

I am co-ordinating with the Stewards of up-coming events regarding heraldic activities and see no problems in the near future.

Stables – Sergeant Dalibor Krivoklatsky

Not present and no report filed.

Archery – Her Ladyship Delwyn verch Ynyr

Archery practices are still running, however we are suffering from a lack of attendance so at this point are beginning to review reasons for this and if there needs to be some changes to the routine. Both Kenneth and I are working together on this and one thing to note is that if attendance does not pick up, we may be forced to consider going down to one practice a week as the both of us are injury plagued and travel-challenged at times (Ken does not have a vehicle and I am travelling in from a greater distance).

Outside of that, we are also reviewing the requirements for the Company of Archers with the intent of making a few changes this season to encourage more participants and regain some interest in the Company.

Event-wise: No injuries to report, AT War was a fantastic success and a great learning experience and we have ToA coming up this weekend.

Outside of that, everything is as normal!

Blades – Lord Guillemin de Rouen

The following summarizes rapier activities in and around the Barony of Lions Gate for July 2010. No injuries or incidents.

Practises have been fluctuating, but our efforts at working with Academie Duello and other WMA (Western Martial Arts) schools are paying off. Last week's Phoenix Tournament was one of the best attended that I can remember, with upwards of 15 people competing. The final four represented the SCA and the three major WMA schools in the Greater Vancouver Area. Ian, from Academie Duello, was victorious, and we will make every effort to ensure that he and other Duello/Blood and Iron members continue to make the trip to New Westminster for rapier practise.

This month will mark the second in a row that Rapier has met or exceeded its costs. Only one person thus far, myself, has taken advantage of the 'three months for \$50' deal but I will be asking others to participate this week as well.

Rapier at TOA will be overseen by Warwick Drakkar. There will be no practise next week.

Lists – Dame Elena de Maisnilwarin

I didn't run any lists this month. I forgot about quarterly reports. (Yes, you read that correctly.)

I will be working lists at TOA which should be interesting because of the points system. I will also be working the Monday Night Practise list with a lady from Lionsdale.

Chronicler – Archos James Wolfden

I am slowly building up a series of regular features including an Arts and Science Showcase, Ask

Doctor Carus (dealing with science of the medieval ages), a woodworker's forum, and, hopefully with the next issue, the scroll of the month. These are in addition to established features like The Baron's Column, Council Highlights, and the Baronial Calendar. My goal in coming in to the role in March was to promote the talents of the populace and establish a feeling that fun things are happening. So far, it is working and I am receiving both good reviews and offers of articles/photos.

I was also recently tasked, along with the Baronial Webminister, with looking at the Lions Gate email list. The list has a long history of getting very political and snarky at times. Comments don't always cross over the line but the atmosphere has been sufficiently negative that people are dropping off the list or complaining to the seneschale and that includes the ban-tanist of Tir Righ. Our recommendation is to set up an announcements only email list.

The announcement only list will be for officers and event stewards. It will not allow any discussion as those can continue on the regular email list. A question was raised about banning people on the lists but since the lists is allowing any discussion, there would be no reason to ban someone from the lists. When an officer steps down, he or she would no longer be able to post announcements for that position. No action will be taken on the existing list at this time other than to post periodic reminders of proper netiquette.

The announcement only list was moved and voted on at the meeting. We will proceed with setting up the announcement only list.

Library – Her Ladyship Maeda no Kiko Mariko

Not here. No report filed.

Arts and Science – Lady Myrrim de Lancaster

The Final Bookbinding Class has been completed and covered marbling.

A stitching weekend is planned for August. Blackwork will be done.

Elena mentioned that there were some refunds issued for the bookbinding class and while the class was very successful, the costs need to increase for next time.

Bardic – Her Ladyship Sionann in Ui Fhlaitheartaig

I've been asked by the organizing team for ToA, to help judge the A&S portion of the war points... And so I will.

Sadly, as I've been ridonkulously busy of late, that is all I have to report at this time.

The Baron noted that some of that busyness involved some really good catering and having movie stars take her picture.

Chatelaine – Lady Sage Mcleod

For the month of July 2010

Inquiries:

- had a few emails from people interested becoming newcomers and upcoming events

Demo Review:

- no upcoming demos
- currently working on a demo outline

SCA Events:

- no local SCA events

Bransle:

- no Bransle for the summer

There was discussion about setting up a newcomers forum.

Scribe – Her Ladyship Aelana Cordovera

As Deputy Scribe and part of my self preparation I have put together the basics of a Baronial Scribe’s Loose Leaf Handbook. Miles has been most helpful and encouraging in collecting materials for this training project. It will need to be updated to meet the needs of the new Baron and Baroness this winter.

I am now planning to formalize the monthly Scriptorium of the last couple of years into more formal courses planned with the University of Tir Righ. This would consist of Sunday workshops of a 2 hour painting class and a 2 hour calligraphy class once a month as the event schedule permits.

Suggested times would be from 10-12 am and 1-3 pm with an hour at the end for free practice and questions.

Potential Courses from the Gutenberg Scribal School Training Program could include:

New Scribes Painting Workshops

1. Materials, tools and resources.	1 hour	Sept
2. Flat Painting	1 hour	
3. Diaper Designs	2 hours	Oct
4. Leafy Borders	2 hours	Nov

Calligraphy

1. Materials, tools	1 hour	Sept
2. Carolingian Miniscule	1 hour	
3. Uncial	2 hours	Oct
4. Gothic Textura	2 hours	Nov

Working Scribes Workshops

as required by the new Baron and Baroness

1. Acanthus Borders (shading)	2 hours	Dec
2. White Work	2 hours	Jan
3. Wide Borders	2 hours	Feb
4. Initial Capitals	2 hours	Mar

Calligraphy Workshops as required by the new Baron and Baroness or as requested by new and working scribes

1. Versals	4 hours	Apr
2. Miniature Capitals	4 hours	May
3. Bookhands	4 hours	June

Advanced Workshops

- Miniatures

- Flat Gilding, Raised Gilding

Some of these classes we could teach ourselves and I will be looking for local experts to add additional input, especially for calligraphy.

Webminister – Lady Malie Rennick

Website revamp is fleshed out. Waiting on graphics from Seamus and copy from James before I can start putting it out for review. Have received an excellent Newcomers writeup from Dom Alvarro.

General updates are happening in a timely manner, and otherwise all is quiet on the Internet Front (on my end anyhow)

Sealion War

Still waiting for official final report. An email interim report has been sent.

Tournament of Armies – Callen Drakkar

Callen in getting lots of emails and lots of work is getting done. The infrastructure is all planned. A cheque is needed for the biffies and there was a price increase.

The float for the event was set at \$800.

Break-even point was estimated at 200 people. Over 40 people pre-registered. The facebook page indicates 102 people will attend with another 195 indicating they might attend. Based on similar facebook events, the event stewards are predicting 250 will attend.

Fires are permitted as of yesterday but that could still change. The gate opens up at 3 PM Friday.

There will be on-going displays and demos for A&S projects – an Atrocity Exhibition.

SYGC – Her Ladyship Ceara inghean ui Mhadadhain

Site fee will be \$12 and there will be no NMS. The site, Allco Park in Maple Ridge, is FANTABOULUS. The Event Steward has been rattling the Sargeant's cages with little response so far.

Baroness' Tournament – Lady Myrrim de Lancaster

There was a ton of discussion about bars and food arrangements. The site is a union hall and, as such, there are some requirements relating to food and drink – namely that you have to hire their bartender and their cook. Myrrim is looking into having a roast pig that we would cook but we would still have to pay their chef.

It was raised that since this will be the step down of Baron Griffin and Baroness Caitrin and the step up of the new Baron and Baroness, there will be a lot of court in the evening. Having a feast may not be appropriate. In addition, it may cut into the Baronial Banquet attendance numbers.

Anika will check into why we have to pay for their bartender and cook even if we supplied our own. She will also see if she can get a better deal on the site through her connections.

Baronial Banquet

No Report.

Lionsdale/Eisenmarche Merger

Dr. Carus mentioned that there would be a meeting at the Lionsdale Champions to discuss the upcoming poll for the merger and possible Baronial status later on.

James Wolfden mentioned that he has been attending the preliminary meetings. The first poll will only be about the merger and not becoming a Barony. It is estimated that it would take about 2 years to become a Barony.

Baronial Coronet – Baron Griffin and Baroness Caitrin

The Kingdom Chatelaine office will be creating a chatelaine web page and is looking for articles for newcomers – sort of an online Known Worlde Handbook.

Lionsdale would like to show our new erics to the rest of the Principality and set them up at Tir Righ Investiture.

Next year is An Tir's 30th year anniversary and is looking for ways to celebrate.

The Baroness of Aquaterra does a pumpkin toss every year. She is looking for more SCA powered siege engines.