

# Baronial Business Meeting

## February 11, 2008

### Words from Their Excellencies:

Ursulmas was a lovely event, if a bit dusty. Katherine McKim was officially invested as a Gallant of Madrone, and Romy of Monserat was elevated to the order of the Grey Goose Shaft. On Sunday, Lord Tvorimir Danelav was elevated to the Order of the Pelican.

The Baronial Social is a week from Thursday this month (on February 21<sup>st</sup>).

We invite everyone to join us at Baronial A&S and Bardic on March 1<sup>st</sup>. So far there are 4 competitors for A&S Champion, and 1 single entry. There are not yet any declared candidates for Bardic champion, anyone interested should contact Their Excellencies or the current Champion.

### Old Business:

**Meeting Space** – No new report

**Policies Group** – The next meeting is February 17, 2008, all are welcome, there will be a potluck lunch at Their Excellences' at noon.

### Officers:

**A&S** – I had planned on being at the Baronial business meeting this evening, however I just got home to find out that my housemate is getting a significant promotion at his job and wants to take us all out for a celebratory meal and I'd kind of like to join in the fun. That being said, I have a few things to report:

- 1) I am putting together a tribe on [Tribe.net](http://Tribe.net) for Madrone A&S for anyone in the Barony who would like to post images of projects they are working on, things that inspire their work, ask questions about how to do something and or where to find appropriate research and in general stay in touch with and hopefully share around the creative spark within the barony. As soon as I have it finished and ready for people to become members of (it is a free site and service), I will have Tayla show me how to post it to the appropriate lists so that any and all who wish to participate can do so, and I will actively encourage the guild heads to post any notices of classes or social gatherings of interest as well so that we can hopefully fan the fires of creativity in Madrone further.
- 2) I am planning on attending May Crown and approaching whomever will be Queen at September Crown about possibly sponsoring an A&S competition at September Crown. I am envisioning a themed competition (HRM to choose the theme) and thus HRM can also set the criteria for how she will award her prize. I was also thinking of asking the Baroness if she might also like to participate and have a "Baroness's prize" as well.
- 3) I am thinking about and need to discuss with a few people the idea of having an "A&S

Competition Class" at September Crown as well. My initial idea is to see if former A&S Champions on both the Kingdom and Baronial level (from any of the Baronies of An Tir who will be attending Sept Crown) would be willing, along with a few Laurels (assuming I can wrangle a few willing to participate in a round table discussion (maybe with tea and munchies of some sort or other) of best practices and helpful hints for taking some of the intimidation out of entering an A&S competition. Possibly closing the get together with those with works in progress getting the chance to pick the brains of the panel for tips on presentation, technique and documentation etc.

- 4) This coming Thursday (21<sup>st</sup> of February) at the Baronial Social I will be teaching a Corset 101 class. It will be from 8:00 to 10:00 PM and is intended to be a general overview of several patterning styles, some helpful hints in making construction less of a headache, and helpful materials I have discovered as lovely substitutes for some of the less easily obtained or cared for period materials. There will be a hand out, and at the end I will see what interest level there is in making it an ongoing class to evolve through the process of designing to completion of an actual corset by each participant over the course of a few weeks. If the interest is there, we will attempt to work out a meeting schedule that allows for more frequency than at each Baronial Social.

**Châtelaine** – One email this month. Baronial Social is the 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Exchequer** – Domesday report has been sent, and we balanced.

**Herald** – No report

**Lists** – No lists to report

**Marshall:**

**Archery** – Done for the season.

**Heavy** – BAO has moved Autumn War to August 7-11<sup>th</sup>. There were a bunch of fighters down from Tir Righ at Fighter Practice two weeks ago.

**Rapier Marshal** – Fighting (or talking) continues, no injuries.

**Scribe** – Charters were painted on the first Tuesday of the month and at the Baronial Social.

**Web Mistress** – Fonts have been updated, so the site may be a little different in appearance now. September Crown has been added to the home page, the Officers have been updated.

**Seneschal** – Work on events and Policies continues.

**Background Check** – We don't have anyone in a youth oriented office and no one has come forward to be "a background check person at large."

**Contingency Deputy** – The purpose of a contingency deputy is to step in if something should happen that makes it necessary for you to step back (death, accident, dismemberment, financial ruin, sudden job move, what have you).

**Open offices:** Archery, Chirurgion, Chronicler, Pied Piper, Dean of Pages, Waterbearer.

**Deputies:** Waiver/gate deputy; drop dead deputy. A&S deputy. Chatelaine drop dead deputy. Lists deputy. If you are interested, please contact the Seneschale.

## **Subgroups:**

**Porte de L'Eau** – Sew What on Saturday at Aleyn and Caelflead's at noon.

**Day of Dance** – There will be a dance practice during the day, and the ball will be starting just after 6:00 PM at the Oddfellows hall in Ballard. As always there will be live music and possibly Royal Court! There may be a Dessert contest as well, so start planning. There will be no site fee, but donations will be welcome.

**Bunnies** – Meetings are happening. There will be a demo April 24<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 to 10:00 PM. We will be asking the populace of the Barony to assist, more details to come.

## **Guilds and Interest Groups:**

**Culinary** – The meeting was last Wednesday at Their Excellencies. There will be an Eastside reconstruction on the 24th at Aleyn's. Please come help us work on recipes for our tourney pamphlet. We may move Peasants to Sunday as the BOD is scheduled to be in town on our normal day

**Dance** – Greetings from Trahaearn!

Dance continues in the Barony at the monthly socials; participation is light but sufficient. Our dance community was well-represented at Aquaterra's Day of Dance this past weekend, and I traveled to the Lions Gate Day of Dance on Sunday. At both events I invited people to come down to Porte de l'Eau's Day of Dance which is coming in just six weeks.

Planning for that event is going well, with a tentative set list determined and provided to the band coordinator (though some small changes are likely to reflect last-minute changes to the Aquaterra set list). Now that the calendar issues are resolved, we are all looking forward to enjoying this 15<sup>th</sup> Day of Dance.

Three members of the greater Madrone dance community (Ranulf, Sara, and myself) will be participating in this weekend's Stuart Masque Workshop organized by the Early Music Guild at SPU.

**Equestrian** – There was an unsanctioned practice and a class where 8 people attendance. There are further activities plan, contact the guild as you're interested.

**Pewterers** – 3 of the molds for September crown have been handed off. We were able to order Pewter for a decent price given the recent dramatic increase. We should have enough for Crown. We would like to have all the molds done by May crown so that we can start pouring after that. Some members of the guild taught at the Dragon's Laire Ithra on February 2nd.

**Sewing** – Aeron is teaching a Corset 101 class at the next Baronial Social(Feb 21st), starting at 7pm.

## **Events:**

**Baronial A&S** – March 1<sup>st</sup> at Lake Washington Technical College. Doors open at 9:00 AM, opening court will be at 10:00. There will be a display in addition to the competition. There will be a potluck in the evening. There will be a refrigerator and stove/oven on site.

**Lionhearts** – Site opens Friday at 3:00 PM, closes Sunday at 5:00 PM. There will be a site walk

coming up with the equestrians and anyone else who is interested. Some representatives may be attending the City council meeting to introduce ourselves.

**September Crown** – The January report has been submitted to Kingdom. We're still waiting on the Biffy contract. The trash costs have gone up, an even if we sign a contract the cost may go up again. Site contract has been signed. It appears that no City permits will be required. There may still be charges from the city if we block the road, so plans are in place to have traffic directors. The change in the permits and trash fees will require that we update the bid and let Kingdom know. We will have hotel information available, as people have been asking. There are 3 small local motels. We will also be providing the name of one to avoid. There are several larger ones in Issaquah. We are meeting with the Fire Marshall this week to fill out the necessary paper work. We are looking for someone to act as the modern government and press liaison. Next planning meeting is February 25<sup>th</sup>, back in Café 40. After a survey of eric ropes, we have 650 feet (enough for 4 erics) potentially need color coded erics for the other 4. We will have bid numbers next month for the project. The current Eric ropes are 15 years old, and at a minimum the rope needs to be replaced. There will be 5 new road signs as well. We should be able to make them for about \$50 total.

**Field of Cloth of Gold** – The date is potentially up in the air again. Our existing date is now a Fire Mountain Keep event. There is another date that maybe come available if Earnrokke cancels their event the last weekend of July.

**Peasants** – Again this may be moving to Sunday the 13<sup>th</sup> of July.

**Yule** –

**Baronial Banquet** – We don't have an autocrat yet for April 2009. However, sites go quickly, so anyone interested please start thinking about it! It's easy event for first time autocrats.

### **New Business:**

**BOD Meeting** – According to the TI, the BOD will be meeting in Seattle July 12<sup>th</sup>. We are contacting the An Tir Ombudsman to find out how we can assist with this event, and may consider holding a revel Saturday night, if appropriate.

**May Crown** – is asking for the banners of various branches to decorate the erics. We will follow up on an existing silk dyed banner, or have a volunteer to make a new one. Thank you!