

# Baronial Business Meeting

November 12, 2007

## Words from Their Excellencies:

Wasn't that a great Baronial Banquet?

The food, both the French & the Scottish dishes were fabulous! The entertainment -- outstanding!

We thank the autocrat, H.L. Valerienne de Menton, as well as Mistress Catrin of Llundadarn, Lady Cainder nic Sheanlaoich & Lord Dennis de Loyer. We also thank the head cook Ysolt Taylor of Wind Hill (fka Tayla), Lady Muirgheal inghean Alasdair (menu researcher), and all the members of the Madrone Culinary Guild for their well appreciated hard work!

We especially thank our Bardic Champion Lady Ismena Wystan for arranging the most excellent Bardic entertainments and for serenading us during the evening herself!

We welcome a new Madrone Sergeant, Heinrich Wilhelm von Ansbach.

Congratulations to our new award recipients!

### **Award of Arms** (pass along):

- Lord Laurentz

### **Madrone Red Branch:**

- H.L Aedla de Bothe
- H.L Adrianna the Fierce

### **Tsveti Madrone:**

- Elizabeta Anissna Gabrielli for costuming

### **Porte Chalice:**

- Trahaearn ap Ieuan

We thank these **Retiring Officers** for their long and faithful service to the barony. Without such service as personified by these good gentles we would not have the Madrone we do now.

- H. L. Adrianna the fierce as scribe
- Lord Aleyn Edwinston as Exchequer
- Baroness Saewynn Silfrhrafn as Herald

We welcome as **New Officers:**

- Lady Constantia of the Lake as List Mistress
- H. L. Elizabetta Anissa Gabrielli as Our new Scribe
- H. L. Genevieve Marie Etienne de Montagne as Our new Exchequer
- Gérard le Bon d'Orléans as Our new Herald

We thank Lord Aleyn for his presentation of a beautiful wooden box.

There will be a party in the main hotel at the **Twelfth Night**, hopefully across 2 rooms. If you would like to help with the party, please let us know.

**Yule** is going to be a relaxed affair on December 15th, please join us for the party.

Their Excellencies attended **Crown Council** this weekend, we were not lucky enough to get the Kingdom A&S bid, but we were awarded the bid for September Crown. Much work is to be done in the next 9 months, but we look forward to the challenge!

### **Old Business:**

**Meeting Space** – 3rd Place – the space would be cozy, but could be managed. Unfortunately, there is a knitting book club already occupying the space on our chosen night. A new call for potential meeting spaces will be sent out, including criteria.

**Work Party for Waivers** – A work party will be held this Saturday at 1 pm at TE house to process the outstanding waivers. If you have any waivers let Eleanora know so that we can arrange for transfer.

### **Officers:**

**A&S** – Ryska's computer blew up, but she sent information about classes up coming. There was recently an Elizabethan costuming class taught by Aeron Corrino, Her Excellency will be teaching a Norse 101 class this Thursday.

**Châtelaine** – New contacts has slacked off, social is still this Thursday, a deputy is still wanted.

**Constable** – In Abeyance

**Exchequer** – Clean up of the files is ongoing. Hopefully you will see a new person sitting in the Exchequer seat.

**Herald** – Nothing much to report, still attempting to determine if the awards for Baronial Banquet have been filed.

**Lists** – No activity this month.

### **Marshall:**

**Archery** – done for the season.

**Heavy** – Unknown if the Heavy ABCs were signed at Crown Council or not. Watch for Confirmation. There will be a Marshalling tournament at Twelfth Night. Curiously, no one showed up for Halloween Practice. Don Sean O'Conner was the only fighter in attendance.

**Rapier Marshal** – Fighting continues, waivers are signed, no injuries to report.

**Scribe** – Charters will be available to be painted at the Baronial Social, and there will be a painting night scheduled some time during the month. Watch the list for details.

**Web Mistress** – New officer contacts have been updated on the site, new officers should contact Ysolt with the email address where they would like to be contacted.

**Seneschal** – Updating cash box to one with more bill slot, there remain a few challenges with this new solution.

**Talk about Open offices:** Archery, Chirurgeon, Chronicler, Pied Piper, Dean of Pages, Waterbearer.

**Deputies:** Waiver/Gate deputy; Drop Dead deputy. If you are interested, please contact the officer in question. The following officers are also seeking deputies: A&S, Chatelaine, List.

### **Subgroups:**

**Port de L'Eau** – They had a Sew What. There is a new PDL Website [www.portedeleau.com](http://www.portedeleau.com).

**Bunnies** – No report

### **Guilds and Interest Groups:**

**Culinary** – We had a Banquet. We met last Monday to discuss what went well and what we want to change.

**Dance** – Dance continues. Dance activities look to be very busy this winter.

**Equestrian** – There was a class held at Rapheal and Kerij-e's that was well attended. The Guild received a check from Wyewood in thanks for helping with the Black Lion Emprise. The Guild would like to gift \$100 to the Barony and will hold the rest in reserve (in the Baronial Account) for possible future equipment needs. There will be no December meeting. We had a record high 600 hits to the website in September.

**Pewterers** – We'll probably start to work on September Crown.

**Madrigals** – In Abeyance

**Sewing** – No Report

### **Events:**

**KWDS** – We apologize for the delay in getting the final reporting in. There was some confusion with the site (they wanted to give us money back). Pre-registration was a little lower than we expected, but on-site registration was much higher than expected. The site originally quoted us the public price, and then charged us the University price. Printing also came in under budget. So in the end the expected profit exceeded the plan. Thanks to everyone who helped with the event and the dancers are looking forward to the next one!

**Baronial Banquet** – The event went really well. Thanks to Ysolt and the Culinary Guild for making it so easy! We believe the event made a profit.

**Yule Party** – Join us December 15th, we are waiting for a confirmation of the time changes to 5-9. Contact Muirgheal if you want to run an activity at the event.

**Gallant Trials** – The date is still unsure, but not the day of Yule. We would still like to run the event at the Oddfellows Hall. Rental of the hall for 12 hours would be \$225 and would constitute the full site

budget. We did not charge a site fee for the previous event. We would prefer not to charge for this event, if the Barony approves the expenditure.

**Kingdom A&S** – We were not awarded the bid for Kingdom A&S for 2008. Our bid was declined as we were being awarded September Crown in the same year. Muirgheal received positive feedback and would like to re-submit the bid next year.

**Baronial A&S** – Aquaterra has placed a no conflict even on the calendar on our preferred date. We have no autocrat at this time. Our possibilities seem to include seeking approval to run it against the Aquaterra event, or moving it out to October, if we push Banquet to the spring of 2009.

**Lionhearts** – We have a bid for the same site that we are using for September Crown. This is a larger site, with plenty of room. Many children's activities are already planned. There is some strangeness with a new requirement just passed by North Bend for \$100 daily permits with an open ended fee. The bid as is doesn't provide as much of a project profit as we might like. We will talk about it again next month.

**September Crown** – The Kingdom doesn't want us to spend \$200 on glowsticks. We are looking at other sources. We've spoken to the farmer who will be mowing the secondary piece of property, it will be mowed twice before we use it. He will be providing the hay bales as well, at a cost of \$4 per bale. There will be a meeting one weekday night between now and Christmas, keep an eye on the list for more details.

**Field of Cloth of Gold** – This event had been planned for August.

**Baronial Banquet** – The Guild has a minor preference for running this in the spring, the populace in attendance has a significant preference for moving this back to spring.

### **New Business:**

**Champion's Awards** – The super cool awards are much more expensive than the artist originally expected, roughly \$100 each and there are 5 champions. The options that exist are to continue with these pretty ones, or go with a smaller copper etched medallions at \$25 per. This will be discussed again next month.

**Policies Group** – At the request of the Crown (to all groups) we will be reviewing our Policies, Traditions and Good ideas. Think about whether you want to be involved. This is an opportunity for us to update this document and make sure it is inline with Corpora, Kingdom Law, and our desires.

Next meeting will be at Microsoft Campus, building 40 Cafe.