

Barony Business Meeting  
February 7, 2007  
Meeting Minutes

Meeting opened 7:07 pm

Attendance: eLeri, Toki, Genevieve, Hobbe, Grim, Louise, Sheldon, Kananbala, Ruth, Alberic, Yoshitune, Alfonso, Lily, Ignatia, Laurencia, Collwen, Emerson, Deonna, Judith, Maria, Rennata, Nicholas

The next meeting: Mar 7<sup>th</sup> - Site TBA (Colonie?)  
Mar 18<sup>th</sup> Policy/Procedure Review - 5pm, Burnt Hills Baptist Church  
Apr 4<sup>th</sup> - Columbia Co. Historical Society, Kinderhook  
May 2<sup>nd</sup> - Rotterdam Library  
June 6<sup>th</sup> - Site TBA (Montgomery Co.?)  
July 11<sup>th</sup> - Saratoga Library \*This is the second Wednesday of the month!  
Aug 1<sup>st</sup> - No meeting

Minutes: January - Accepted as written.

### **Officers Reports**

#### Arts and Sciences:

The Gambeson workshop on 1/20, 21 went well. Small turnout, but some new people.

Archery Targets: Laurencia will talk to Elizabeth about scheduling an A/S night to make the targets for Wars of the Roses.

Wars of the Roses: Laurencia would like to keep the A/S Exhibition on the schedule, but cannot run it herself this year. Deonna is helping, but Laurencia is looking for a volunteer to help set up and man the tables during the event.

Chamberlain: Not present. No report.

Chancellor Minor: Not present. Report from Deputy: Kassir requests all autocrats to please contact her office if you would like to have Children's Activities scheduled for your event. If she does not hear from an event, she will assume that Children's Activities will not be happening.

Chatelaine: The Gold Key garb sort went well. The collection has been solidified to five baskets of garb - Children's, Men's, Women's Small, Medium and Large. There are also some accessories like cloaks, belts, and hoods. What is not staying in the collection can be either re-claimed by the donator, or will be offered to the Shire of Glenn Linn for their collection.

Requests for demos/info: If you are contacted by an organization that would like more information about the SCA or a demo, please direct them to Genevieve.

Demos: 1) John Arbreth of Skidmore College has a class on Everyday Life in the Middle Ages, circa 500-1500. He is looking for volunteer presentations; his class runs 2:30 - 3:50. Contact Genevieve for details.

2) The Rotterdam Library has requested their annual July demo to be scheduled for July 18th.

Hospitaller: Not present. No report.

Chronicler: Nothing to report.

Web Minister: Submitted report to Kingdom.

Historian: Added the January 2007 issue of The Snowflake to the files.

Clerk: Nothing to report.

Exchequer: Balance = \$13,671.59.

Event Final Reports: Winter's Night showed a net loss of \$71.84, Bjorn's Ceilidh showed a net profit of \$801.06, Feast of St. Nicholas final costs came to \$306.46, and received in donation at the event was \$315.00.

End-Of-Year Report: Completed, submitted electronically, revised, resubmitted, accepted by Kingdom. Paper copy (scan of) to follow to finish. Sheldon has placed a file of the report in the Files section of the ConCORDsnow yahoo group. Anyone wishing a paper copy can request it from Sheldon.

2005 End-Of-Year Report: Was accepted electronically at the time, but no paper copy requested. The new East Kingdom Exchequer has requested the paper copy, so a signed copy will be scanned and sent.

Clerk of Reservations:

Crystal Snowflake Ball - Louise is accepting reservations for this event. To be held 2/10/07. Adult site fee is \$8.00. Louise currently has received 21 reservations for this event.

Wars of the Roses - Ignatia is now accepting reservation for this event. The fee structure is: Reservations received by May 14<sup>th</sup>: Adult \$18 weekend, \$9 day, \$3 NMS is in effect. Youth ages 6-17 \$9 weekend, \$5 day. Children under 6 are free. Family discount \$54 weekend, \$28 day. Family discount price equals the price for 2 adult members plus 2 youth. See the event announcement for definitions of Family for this discount.

Reservations received after May 14<sup>th</sup> or at the door: Adult \$20 weekend, \$10 day, \$3 NMS is in effect. Youth ages 6-17 \$10 weekend, \$5 day. Children under 6 are free. Family discount \$60 weekend, \$30 day.

Knight Marshal: Not present. Report from Deputy.

Practice: There will be no practice on 2/19 and 4/9, because the school will be closed. This applies to fencing practice as well.

Fencing Marshal: This past week we saw some new fencers at practice. Always a good thing.

Vivant to Lord Caine Ramsey, who was inducted into Their Royal Majesties Order of the Golden Rapier at Birka!!

MOL: Not present. No report.

Snowflake Pursuivant: Vivant to Lady Maria O' Mulstay on the passage of her name and arms!

Seneschal:

Autocrats and Officers: A reminder to check the Pikestaff for submission deadlines and reporting due dates.

April Meeting: Toki will be in Spain. Alberic will be packing for Trimeris. Looks like the Clerk is running that meeting.

Policy and Procedure: The current approved copy can be found in the Files section of the ConCORDsnow yahoo group, or ask Toki for a copy.

Autocrat Handbook: This can also be found in the Files section of the ConCORDsnow yahoo group, or Toki can email you a copy, if you are interested.

Elections: Offices up for a vote this month: Exchequer-one nomination received from Lily. No other candidates, so no vote is necessary. Vivant to our new Exchequer, Lily. Also Vivant to our outgoing Exchequer, Sheldon. Offices coming up: April: Seeking nominations for Knight Marshal, Chamberlain, and MOL. If no one puts their name in, Angus will run again for Knight Marshal. Leri commented, "I have an interest in both the Chamberlain and MOL positions. I have held the MOL office before, so I'm hoping someone will be interested in running for it. I will put my name in now, for Chamberlain."

### **Demos**

Held: None.

Scheduled: See Chatelaine's Report.

Proposed: None.

### **Events**

Crystal Snowflake Ball: Musicians and dance masters are set. Grim is putting together a list of dining spots in the area, since there is no feast. Prizes are being collected for contests - mask, costume, soletide, etc. The theme is Love. There will be a running day board during the instruction time, before the ball. There are three general servings based around roast pork, sausages and beef pasties, and turkey. The soletides will be eaten during the Ball. Sheldon and Ruth will be hosting a Post-Revel at their house.

Wars of the Roses: Announcement has been submitted to Pikestaff, EK website, Snowflake and Concordian website. Specifics to be added as they develop. Will add Emerson as co-autocrat. Archery and Fencing are set. Heavy, Siege, Thrown being worked on. Children's Activities are being requested. Grim will helm the bardic competition. Dancing, Brewing Competition to be worked out. Note: Archery and Bardic Champions competitions have been moved to more focused events. Keep checking the announcement, it will be changing.

### **Old Business**

Domesday: Not discussed.

Library: Ruth gave Laurencia a site to download the demo, Book Collector, from. Laurencia has been playing with it and for short term it looks good, but she needs to check into feasibility of transferring it when the officer changes. Motion: Spend up to \$50 to purchase this software program if all the details work out. Motion passed.

### **New Business**

1) Event Bid - Nicholas submitted a bid to run the Sumer Archery Shoot on July 14, 2007. Site same as last year. Activities will include Clout, Advancing Warrior, Castle Window, Royal Rounds, Roving Range, and Novelty Shoots. This year will also host the Baronial Archery Champion's Shoot. There is space for heavy weapons activity if the Knight Marshal is interested. There will be a simple sideboard, which has been budgeted at \$60 for 30 people. Advance reservations will help to determine if more than 30 will attend, then more food will be

bought. Fee structure: \$7 Adult, \$3 NMS in effect. \$6 for ages 6-17. Free for under 6. Also there is a \$2 discount for Rakawana members.

Rest of budget: For 20 adults and 10 youth, Income = \$140. Expenses = \$60 food, \$40 target, \$40 prizes. The site fee is \$2/person, so is taken off the top.

Vote in March.

2) Event Bid - Toki submitted a bid to run Winter Nights on October 20, 2007, with Grim as deputy autocrat and Deirdre as Head Cook. Site same as last year, 1<sup>st</sup>. Lutheran in Albany. This year, besides the usual activities, this event will host the Baronial Bardic Champion's Competition. The budget is for 48 on-board adults. Fee structure: \$16 adult on-board, \$9 off-board, \$3 NMS in effect. \$12 Youth ages 13-17 on-board, \$6 off-board. \$8 Child ages 6-12 on-board, \$4 off-board. Ages 5 and under are free.

Vote in March.

3) Sheldon - Makes a motion that the Barony spend up to \$90 to purchase a flat bed scanner for the use of the Exchequer's Office. Question: How compatible to other computers? Windows 98, 2000, XP & Mac. Question: Vista? Will tackle that issue when we run across it.

Vote: 22 yea, 1 nay, 1 abstain. Motion passed. Moves to Financial Committee next.

4) Sheldon - East Kingdom Exchequer Policy now requires that all Exchequers have access to email. Question: Should the Barony therefore require all members of the Financial Committee to have access to email? Point of Order: The Policy & Procedure Review meeting is scheduled for March 18, 5pm. Can we discuss this then? Yes. Question: Out of interest - Does anyone here at this meeting NOT have access to email? No.

5) Laurencia - The Baronial leather coronets do not fit either Angus or Laurencia. They are too small. To try to enlarge them would likely damage the fine work done by Lord Rolant who created them. Therefore, Laurencia proposes that new leather coronets be purchased. Ignatia made a motion, "Spend less than \$1,000 on two new leather coronets." Question: Can these new coronets be made to be adjustable? Yes. Designs will take this into consideration. Question: Are these to be ready to wear at Wars of the Roses? That would be nice, but time may be too short to accomplish it. Vote: 18 yea, 1 nay, 2 abstain. Motion carries. Moves to Financial Committee next.

## **Socials**

1) Friday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, Toki is organizing a "Gentles Night Out" at the Vin Santo wine bar in Latham Farms. They serve wine at \$6-8 a glass, beers, tapas at \$6-8, a raw bar at \$12-20, and small entrees at \$5 -15. Reservations are required; so let Toki know if you are interested. We plan to meet there around 7:30 that night.

## **Announcements**

1) Bardic Workshop: 2/9, 7:30pm at Toki's. Working on documentation.

2) Brewer's Guild Meeting: 2/11, 7pm at Ruth and Sheldon's house. Topic: Mead.

3) Choir: 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays, at Hamilton Union Presbyterian Church. 2/13 has also been added in this month, since 2/6 had to be canceled.

4) Dance: Thursdays, in Academy Hall. Except for 3/15 and 5/3, which will be in Room 3202 of

the Student Union.

5) Athena's Thimble: 3/11 is project day and Hrim Schola reports at Ruth and Sheldon's from 1:30 - 4:30. 4/15 is reversible blackwork.

6) Nominations for Baronial Awards are being solicited by Their Excellencies, with a 2/16 deadline. Covering Wars of the Roses, on into future events in 2007.

7) Pursuivant: Announced that Lady Maria O'Mulstay has received confirmation that her name and arms have passed. Vivant!

8) Lost: At Winter's Night, a piece of musical instrument - foot of tenor recorder. Any info, please contact Deonna.

9) Knitting: 2/25 at Irene's house. 1:30pm. Topics in the future include nailbinding.

Meeting closed 8:43 pm.