

Baronial Meeting Notes: November 20, 2008

Old Business-

Officer's Reports –

Baron/Baroness: Donate to toys for tots (see below). If you have an issue, please talk to us. Email or call us.

Seneschal: Trailer and Castle Issue. See New Business.

Herald: Greetings to Their Excellencies and the Populace of Blatha an Oir,

Thank you all for allowing me to serve as your herald. The welcome I have received has been wonderful. I would like to also thank Mikhail Havernin for the work he did as my predecessor.

November started off with Harvest Feast and it was my pleasure to herald Their Excellencies' Court. Thank you to Angharad for opening court and heralding the changeover ceremony.

I have located the Baronial Heraldic Library and have a list of what we have, which is woefully inadequate. Next month, after I have researched the books we need, I will be submitting a request for funds, to update the library.

I have some very big projects planned for this office in the very near future. Beginning in January, my deputies and I will begin working on the Baronial Census. More information will be posted to the Postern Gate, as we work out the details. Once we have the Census completed, we will be using the information gleaned to update and correct the Order of Precedence for all members of the Barony.

For those of you who don't know, the Order of Precedence, which is maintained by the Kingdom Heralds office, is the listing of all the awards given to members of the Kingdom, in alphabetical order. There are a number of reasons that it is imperative that the OP is correct, but I will only go over one of them here (if you want the other reasons, please contact me): When Their Excellencies want to give an award to a member of the populace, the first thing they do, is check the OP to see what, if any awards that individual has. It would be inappropriate to give someone a Golden Blossom, if they already have one, but if the OP listing is incorrect, we may not know. Therefore, we need to update and correct any entries that are not current.

This will not be a short process. I estimate that the Census will take 2 to 3 months to complete. Once that is done, it will take another 1 to 2 months to get all the OP entries updated. So, please bear with us and please give us your information as accurately as possible.

Arts & Sciences: The A&S Gathering for October was an Introduction to Baronial Charter Painting. New and returning scribal artisans were welcomed to the home of Melusine d'Argent. Several charters were sent home for painting. Artisans are reminded to return your finished charters to the Baroness for future distribution. New charters for the Briar and Pather's Torch are available. Ask Annaka or Mabel if you would like another charter or two to paint.

The A&S Gathering for November is cancelled due to it falling on the day before Thanksgiving. Best wishes to everyone for a safe and enjoyable holiday.

The A&S Gathering for December will be Norwegian Two-Color Knitting in the round, taught by Hroswitha. It will be held at Agnes' shop (Krazy Kat Fiberhaus) on the 17th of December. Note that the gathering was moved up one week due to Christmas. All knitters are welcome - learn this new skill or just come and socialize. A supply list will be sent out soon, and patterns will be provided.

Harvest Feast A&S Challenge - thanks to Knut for a fantastic display, and thanks to our judges Katheryn and Elisabethe.

Costumer's Guild - the next meeting is December 4th. The topic of discussion is **BAO Costumer's Guild - Do We Really Want One?** And if we do, then we will be planning for the 2009 topics. Oh and if anyone is working on goodies for Twelfth Night, we would love to see what you are doing if its not too hush-hush.

Culinary Guild - thanks to everyone who participated in the Guild's activites over the past few months. The Harvest Feast menu was wonderful.

Marshal: Lord Red Bear has stepped and Lord Nels will be the new Marshall. We will be having an end of year tournament at Tuesday Fight Practice.

Exchequer: Current balance approx \$23,500.00 We basically broke even with Autumn War. Lord Defender has a \$121.00 profit.

Lists: Not Present. Same as Marshal.

Chronicler: Blatherings came out as a Oct/Nov issue. This enables future issues to come out at beginning of month rather than end of month. Need reports from Officers. Requesting Artwork and Articles. None submitted thus far. I am still not receiving Minutes from Rath an Oir.

Chatelaine: Monday, November 24th, is Newcomer's Night. We will be discussing Heraldry in the SCA. If you are interested in heraldry feel free to join us. At Krazy Kat Fiberhaus, Newcomer's Night will start at 7pm.

Waterbearer: not present

Chirurgian: Looking for a replacement. Not present.

Scribe: Several awards were given out at Harvest Feast- many thanks to those who painted and made the load lighter.

The Baronial Rotring Pen will need to be replaced for the coming season. I recommend purchasing two, one for the scribal office and one for Their Excellencies from John Neal Booksellers (an online store for calligraphic and book arts), their prices are very competitive.

We are down to one box of black dopping wax and one bar of red for seals. More will need to be purchased (the red is the "better, less brittle"). Wax can be purchased from www.faceters.com at \$9.95 per one pound box - 4 sticks per box.

The office of Scribe will be empty as of January 1, 2009. I am stepping down and I am sure an able replacement will be located.

Games: We had a backgammon tournament at Harvest Feast. His Lordship Dafydd and Lady Elizabeth Fitzwilliam tied for most wins. Sir Gernon took the prize for most games played.

Chamberlain: Seeking a replacement. Please submit applications

Pied Piper: Tarna has offered. Waiting to hear back regarding the background check.

Reeve: No interest in the position. The castle is now up for sale. The trailer is trashed, the castle is in bad shape. Anyone who takes this piece of BAO history, needs to understand that all sales are final... As is, no take backs... Unless you are willing to take on the expense and time for the castle, we don't want to hear any comments regarding the disposition of the castle. In a nutshell,

Demo: Demo at Skoocum Archery Academy. Lady Elspeth, Baron Moonshadow's Hauskarl. Archery shoot in Darlington with Demo of "Traditional Archery".

Rath an Oir: Not Present. No Report

Old Business:

Autumn War: Autumn War will be in August. Autumn War Committee working on ideas for next year's Autumn War.

Harvest Feast: We had a feast. People came, People ate. Pre-Registrations in the amount:
\$ 1,666.50

New Business:

The trailer has been stolen, so now, we need to get a new trailer. We will be looking for an enclosed.

December Meeting will be our annual X-mas/Solstice/Kwanzaa/Winter Holiday party. Only business will be life and death must be done...

Next Tuesday, will be our big end of the fighting year practice and tournament!!!

Toys for Tots. Bring unwrapped new toys for Dragon's Lair's tournament on Saturday. If you can't make that, drop them off at their Excellencies. The toys will go to Pierce county families.

Please donate food to Salvation Army in Puyallup. We will be collecting non-perishable food at the December meeting/Social.