

21st March 2013

Attendees:

**Apologies:** 

Meeting opened: 7.00 pm Meeting closed:

Minutes from the previous meeting tabled and found correct.

Approved: Seconded:

# Words from Their Excellency's Hrolf and Madelaine

pm

Unto the Barony of Ynys Fawr,

Greetings and Happy Easter to all. For many SCA folk this is the season for travelling and pitching a tent. Around the Kingdom of Lochac are many events for this Easter, including Lavitsef, which is being held by the Canton of Lightwood as their first major camping event. Baroness Madelaine will be in attendance on the Saturday and Sunday.

As for any event, we look forward to receiving letters of recommendation from those members of the populace who would like to applaud, or see rewarded, the efforts of their fellow Ynys Fawr members from all parts of the barony, in Service, the Arts, and in any form of Combat. There can be no accolade or recognition if We are unaware of such, so we rely on our populace to let us know who they think are deserving. The good news is that our project to get some award tokens made and out to the people who lack them is well in hand and we hope that the backlog will be cleared up in a few months. The bad news is that His Excellency is painting them and not Her Excellency. If you have been given a Baronial Award in the last few years and do not have a token for it, then please let us, or our Herald, know so that you can receive one.

The end of last month saw the first major overnight Collegium event in the area of St Marys. We were pleased to meet new and returning members, and look forward to seeing many of them at Lavitsef this Easter.

Her Excellency wishes to thank the Incipient Canton of Lightwood for their recent IMOT. As usual she enjoyed it very much. This sentence is in danger of becoming a fixture in our missives.

Lord Wulfgar Jarnisda will be receiving the accolade of Knight at the behest of the Crown of Lochac and the Lochac Order of Chivalry. This will take place at the Rowany Festival, and some members of Our Barony will be there to enjoy all that the Rowany Festival has to offer and to witness this Knighting. We wish everyone a safe and enjoyable journey and look forward to hearing stories, true and otherwise, of their adventures during this time. We urge people to wear some token of the Barony about them and, for those who will be fighting, to try to, at least once, fight together if there is a chance. Above all, stay safe and have fun.

We have received, are still taking, advice and input on the matter of how to treat our younger people in terms of a guard or awards, so please feel free to give us you ideas. We intend to finalise this by the next event in May. Once Her Excellency is finished her current sewing projects she will also be turning her attention to quotes for new Coronets.

Your, in service to the Barony and the SCA

 $X\rho\omega\lambda\phi$ Baron Ynys Fawr

Madelaine Baroness Ynys Fawr

# Officer's Reports

#### A&S Officer: Drusticc inigena Eddarrnonn (Alice Finlayson)

This month saw no less than two very productive collegia, at Liffey and St. Marys.

Well done to all those who contributed their attention and expertise.

#### Chatelaine: Wulfgar Jarnsiða (Dan Russell)

Not sure if they were included in my last report but we've had 4 newcomers attend training. At least 2 have purchased Membership.

#### Constable: Beatrix Aetholsdottir of Jelling (Betty North)

# Sunday Fighter & Archery Training & Collegia

3/02/13	B. North	11am	1mm	0anm	1mnm
10/02/13	N. Calabria	7am	1mm	0anm	0mnm
17/02/13	B. North	11am	1mm	1anm	0mnm
24/02/13	B. North	8am	0mm	0anm	0mnm

No injuries/ incidents reported.

#### Summer Lark, Liffey Falls

9-10/02/13 B. North 14am 0mm 1anm 0mnm

One New Membership Paid – Chifley No injuries/ incidents reported.

#### St. Mary's Collegium

23/02/13 B. North 13am 2mm 3anm 0mnm

[Note: day 2 was cancelled due to much needed rain]

No injuries/incidents reported.

#### Gold Key (South): Beatrix Aetholsdottir of Jelling (Betty North)

Sold one Known World Handbook on the 17/2/13 and received \$50 after repayment of bond on return of costume for 5 non-SCA people attending a UNI demo.

Banked on the 28/2/13 Site Fees \$82, Site Insurance \$10, Gold Key \$50 & Known World Handbook \$37.95

Seneschal: The new Handbooks have been ordered and payed for by Betty North; have you been paid Betty?

# Herald: Declan of Drogheda (Darren West)

Acceptances for January LOAR Aidan Brock NAME

William de Bonnay DEVICE

Nothing from February LOAR

## Knight Marshall: Aiden Brock (Kevin Hotson)

Please see attachment 1 for the Knight Marshalls Report

#### Lists Officer: Simon Malory (Simon Gerrard)

Nothing to Report!

#### Rapier Marshall: Declan of Drogheda (Darren West)

Please see the Knight Marshalls Report.

#### Reeve: Deirdre Ui Neill (Dawn Radell)

Still in the process of changing signatories at the bank but hopefully we will have it sorted be the end of next week. Please see attachment 4 for a copy of the Reeves Report.

Seneschal: Still need to purchase the Double Bell Pavilion (Wedge Tent) from Medieval Fight Club!

#### St Gildas Seneschal: Lothar von Dargun (Chris Belbin)

No report received

#### Seneschal: David de Derlington (David Beresford)

Our Grant Application has been submitted to the Tasmanian Community Fund a copy of which will be available at the meeting.

Events Policy under review! Please see attachment 2.

Words from Kingdom Seneschal! Please see attachment 3.

Proposed changes to Kingdom Law affecting the reporting schedule for Officers were enacted by Their Majesties, Felix and Eva, at the River Haven Baronial Investiture on March 9.

A current version of Kingdom Law and the specific changes made can be found at <a href="http://lochac.sca.org/laws/">http://lochac.sca.org/laws/</a>

#### **Membership Breakdown**

Total Members: 67 (21 minors) Expired: 55
Canton of Lightwood - Current Members: 11 (7 minors) Expired: 2
St Gildas - Current Members: 6 (0 minors) Expired: 10
Ynys Fawr - Current Members: 50 (14 minors) Expired: 43

The Lochac membership page has been recently updated, but there are some conflicting membership counts, I am not entirely sure the count above is a true reflection of our membership; I will send a query and begin sending out emails to expired members, politely asking them to renew their membership.

#### The Canton of Lightwood Seneschal: Adelindis filia Gotefridi (Liz Williamson)

No Report Received

#### Web Minister: Perran of Lyskyret (Peter Apted)

The SCA group on Facebook has now grown to 140 members.

#### Seneschal:

I would like to see new email addresses set up for Officers, for example instead of <a href="mailto:dave367@iinet.net.au">dave367@iinet.net.au</a> I would like to see seneschal@ynysfawr.lochac.sca.org

Please update the Websites Events page and the Reeves details.

# **Events and Demos since last Meeting**

Summer Lark 8-10th February 2013

Report to be finalised by the Steward Lady Elswyth of Bery (Louise Hollingbery)

St Mary's Collegium 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2013

Report to be finalised by the Steward

# **Upcoming Events**

Rowany 28<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2013

Please go to http://festival.lochac.sca.org/ for more information.

**LAVITSEF** (Camping Event and Catered Feast)

29<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2013

The Lightwood Alternative Very Informal Totally Simplified Easter Festivity is not our answer to Rowany Festival, honest it's not! So what if it's a camping event held with singing, archery, collegia and socialising? It has a catered feast on Saturday night Please see attachment 7 for more information.

Site Opens: To be Confirmed

Location: Surges Bay Oval and Hall

Cost: See below.

 Members
 Adults (18+) \$25
 Teenagers (13-17) \$10
 Children (5-12) \$5
 (0-5) \$2

 Non Members
 Adults (18+) \$30
 Teenagers (13-17) \$15
 Children (5-12) \$10
 (0-5) \$7

Steward: Baron Karl Faustus von Aachen <a href="mailto:eric@geeveston.net">eric@geeveston.net</a> Bookings: See the Steward – Booking Deadline 24/03/2013

Ludos pro Omnibus 4<sup>th</sup> May 2013

A great afternoon for all the family, there will be Bocce, Horseshoes, Skittles, Chess, Knuckle Bones, Backgammon, Nine Men's Morris, Alquerque, Checkers, Hoodmans Blind, to name but a few.

For those who are interested we will have a short competition, where teams complete a set selection of games against the clock! This is a Pot Luck Event so please bring a plate of Medieval inspired food to share. (The best dish will also win a small prize!)

We will then finish the evening with a short Medieval Quiz (The Winning Team to receive a small prize).

The Place: The Glenorchy Girl Guide Hall
The Address: Booth Avenue, Glenorchy TAS 7010

The Time: 2 pm to 8 pm

The Cost: \$7 members, \$12 non-members (pay at door) Children under 18 are free (\$5 Non-members)

Steward: David de Derlington (David Beresford) Email <a href="mailto:dave367@iinet.net.au">dave367@iinet.net.au</a> or Mobile 0417 583 463

**May Crown** 4 – 5<sup>th</sup> May 2013

May Crown to be held in the Canton of Burnfield, Gin Gin Queensland

Midwinter 5-7<sup>th</sup> July 2013

Midwinter 2013 will take place July 5th - 7th at Tocal College, hosted by the Barony of Mordenvale (in Paterson, New South Wales). This beautiful green site, based on the layout of a 13th century monastry, will see a Royal changeover, tourney, arts and sciences competitions and classes, performances, children's entertainment, feasting and plenty of Mordenvale hospitality. With accommodation available on site, we are looking forward to a memorable weekend. Want to know more about this event go to <a href="http://lochac.sca.org/mordenvale/midwinter.html">http://lochac.sca.org/mordenvale/midwinter.html</a>

**PROVA DURA 2** 12-14<sup>th</sup> July 2013

Held in Innilgard contact Yevan 0403 289 844 (More details to follow)

## **Fencing Fest and Tourney**

14<sup>th</sup> September 2013

Brave the treacherous, Kraken infested seas for a day of training, discourse and tournament! All in the advancement of the Arts of Defence. The end of the day will see a tournament to decide the Ynys Fawr Baronial Rapier champion before retiring to the Huntington Tavern for dinner and the telling of many stories... A light lunch will be provided. Dinner at the Huntington Tavern, after the event, will cost extra.

The Place: Kempton memorial hall,

The Address: 89 Main Street Kempton Tasmania

The Time: 9am to 6pm

The Cost: \$20 members, \$25 non-members (pay at door)

Steward: Lord Declan of Drogheda (Darren West) call on 03 6273 9018 or 0448 119 002 after 7pm.

#### **Great Southern Gathering 2013**

4-7<sup>th</sup> October 2013

See attachment 3.

#### The Royal Hobart Show 2013

23-26<sup>th</sup> October 2013

Steward: David Beresford

A Combat Arts Demo, Arts and Sciences Demo and a National Arts and Sciences Competition

RHS - Ynys Fawr National A&S Competition

We have decided to stick with the Open Section the same as last year and judge how it goes as far as interest, David Beresford and Cary Lenehan to be judges.

NB: Barbara Moate needs Cary's address

# **Welcome to All Things Medieval**

3<sup>rd</sup> or 17<sup>th</sup> November 2013

Steward: David Beresford

This is a follow up after the Royal Hobart Show to welcome potential members.

**November Crown** 9<sup>th</sup> November 2013

# **Great Southern Gathering Ynys Fawr**

3 – 5<sup>th</sup> October 2014

To be held at Orana, we have a pencil booking at this stage cost is \$800

We need to find a new steward; David Beresford is interested with support.

Volunteers at this stage are Kevin Hotson, David Beresford, but we need more, who is willing to support David to run this event? Other Baronies are willing to help.

# **Regular Events**

A list of all our regular events are now located on our website please go to <a href="http://lochac.sca.org/ynys\_fawr/home/events/past-events/">http://lochac.sca.org/ynys\_fawr/home/events/past-events/</a>

# **Proposed Events**

#### **Burnie-Wynyard Medieval Festival**

21-22<sup>nd</sup> September 2013

Come along and be total thrilled by any number of the exciting attraction at this year's Burnie-Wynyard Medieval Festival, hosted by The Sovereign Military Order of the Knights Templar Tasmania Inc. See Knights Jousting on horseback, and single and group melee swordsmanship competitions. See Belly and highland dancing displays. Live Snake display, Archery displays. There will be a small bar, hot and cold food available. Kid's amusements, test of skill, face painting Pony rides. Do come dressed in your medieval Garb and partake in this amazing spectacle. Guest camping will be available by prior arrangement. There will be light music Saturday evening for the Combatants and our invited guests.

THERE BE WAR 2013

Peter, Nick and Kev would like to do another War sometime this year

#### **Tourney Weekend in 2013**

Oze is considering stewarding a Tourney Weekend.

#### A Tournament of Roses?

David is considering doing a Tournament of Roses style of Event on Valentine's Day Weekend 2014

#### **Bi Monthly IMOTS**

Dan is considering running Bi Monthly IMOT's in Hobart?

#### **Business Carried Forward**

#### **Newcomers Tokens & Baronial Awards**

We need to discuss which option we are going to go with. I sent you a message on FB about these a while back and there was a simple casting of a Viking Ship that I thought would be a good token.

Another suggestion was made that we could pewter cast something ourselves in an open mould or look into 3D printing?

Need artistic rendition painting, computer, in nickel silver

*Seneschal:* This and Baronial Awards is something that is desperately needed and will remain in the agenda for the time being.

#### **New Coronets**

During the meeting members reviewed the proposed new collapsible Baronial Crowns.

1400 -1500 each locally and 700 each off the WEB.

Dan will be helping out with the new coronets

#### **Mouse Guard**

Janine Arnold came up with the idea of creating a Mouse Guard similar to that of Kingdom.

It was thought that it could be called the Squirrel Guard with an Acorn Award.

#### SCA Spec Armour Drop Tester & Safety Tester for Fencing Masks

Purchased! Have we reimbursed Peter?

#### **Storage for Thrones**

The Seneschal has arranged for the storage of the Thrones at his abode, but says that he will not always be able to transport them to Events.

## **Baronial Mural to be Gifted**

It was decided that the Barony would keep two and one would be gifted.

Lilia has accepted the gift and is there anybody who can transport them?

#### **Arming the Canton**

The Canton of Lightwood would like to construct some arrows so we can hold Archery practice on a regular basis without troubling members of the greater Barony.

An approximate cost for this endeavour would be around \$600

This will construct about 100 arrows supplying the Canton with arrows for the foreseeable future and also allowing for the ongoing manufacture.

Break Down: All prices are subject to change and freight.

Fletching Jig	\$100.00		
Shafts	\$150.00		
Blunts	\$150.00		
Nocks	\$ 20.00		
Vanes	\$ 60.00		
Tapering Tool	\$ 17.00		
Fletchtite Glue	\$ 20.00		
Fibre Tape	\$ 21.00		

Action: Nick to do costing on arrows.

Thank You

William de Bonnay Captain of Archers

# **New Business**

# **Bank Account for Lightwood**

The Canton of Lightwood would like to have a bank account



# Pnys Fawr Baronial Knight Marshalls Report

For the period February
Prepared by: Knight Marshall Lord Aiden Brock (Kevin Hotson)
Member number 83034 Expires Nov 30 2013

It must be noted that some of the below activities are doubled up with some members

# Archery @ Cambridge

On Sunday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of February 3 Archers practiced Target Archery.

On Sunday the 10<sup>th</sup> of February 2 Archers practiced their Target Archery.

On Sunday the 17<sup>th</sup> of February 6 Archers practiced their Target Archery.

On Sunday the 24<sup>th</sup> of February 5 Archers practiced their Target Archery.

**Authorisations:** None **Incidents / Injuries:** None reported.

# Heavy Combat Training @ Cambridge

On Sunday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of February we had a total of 3 Heavy Combatants train.

On Sunday the 10<sup>th</sup> of February we had a total of4 Heavy Combatants train.

On Sunday the 17<sup>th</sup> of February we had a total of 2 Heavy Combatants train.

On Sunday the 24<sup>th</sup> of February we had a total of 7 Heavy Combatants train.

**Authorisations:** None **Incidents / Injuries:** none reported.

# Rapier Training @ Cambridge

No training this month

**Authorisations:** None **Incidents / Injuries:** None reported.

# Rapier Training @ North Hobart with Declan of Drogheda

This month was on hold due to building problems

**Authorisations:** None **Incidents / Injuries:** None reported.

# Rapier Training @ Launceston

To date we have not had any input from training in Launceston

**Authorisations:** None **Incidents / Injuries:** None reported.

Yours in Service,

Aiden Brock

(Kevin Hotson)

**Knight Marshal** 

# The Barony of Pnys Fawr

# **Events & Activities Policy**

20<sup>th</sup> March 2013

**Definition:** There are several different types of Events or Activities, such as Kingdom Events where the Crown attends, Baronial Events where the reigning Baron and/or Baroness attend, or an Events where the Crown or their representatives do not attend, A&S Workshops or regular Baronial Training Activities, such as Rapier, Heavy Combat or Archery Training.

No matter what they may be called be they Events, A&S Workshops or Training Activities they are all Events in the eyes of the Kingdom.

Not all Events need to have a Steward, but they must have a Constable or a Constable at Large and if it involves combat of any kind an appropriate authorised Marshall must also be in attendance.

Before an Event can go ahead, an Event Form, Budget and Flyer must be submitted to the local Seneschal for approval, if the Crown or B&B is to be in attendance then they too must also be consulted prior to approval.

The Seneschal should avoid approving Events that may conflict and never approve a Baronial Event should it conflict with a Kingdom Event within the Barony of Ynys Fawr - Tasmania, with the following exceptions.

If a Kingdom Event is in another State, the Barony may still hold a Baronial Event and its regular activities.

Whether there is a Baronial Event in the North or South, the Baronies regular activities may still continue.

The Canton in the South may run an Event or other Activities, while there is a Baronial Event in the North.

# **Kingdom Seneschals Report**

#### **New Seneschals:**

College of St Aldhelm Elena Vesare, January 2013 Shire of Adora Maelgwyn of Adora, January 2013 Barony of Ildhafn Ludwig von Regensberg, March 2013

# New Kingdom Officers:

Exchequer Medb ingen lasachta, March 2013

## **Kingdom Numbers:**

Australian memberships are up 6% from 1358 in December to 1437 in March.

That rate has slowed from what is has been but we are still growing. NZ memberships are up from 130 (the lowest since February 2009) in December to 144 in March (13%). Overall that's a 6% increase for the Kingdom from 1488 in December to 1581 in March.

# **Group Numbers:**

We have two groups over 150 - Rowany and Politarchopolis With River Haven and Stormhold both over 100.

## Fun Stats for the Quarter:

Since November Crown 2010 (not including the Crown held at Festival) attendance at Crown events has ranged from 96 to 201 with an average of 132 people. Profit from these events has ranged from \$1,093 to \$4,090 with an average of \$2,697 (of which half goes to the Kingdom and half to the hosting group).

#### **Crown Event Bids:**

Several groups are planning bids for November Crown 2014. This is excellent. We love to have a choice. So far there are no bids for May Crown 2014 and no plans that I know of for Midwinter 2014.

## Reporting:

In spite of my best efforts to thwart the seneschals with password changes, a new reporting schedule for shires and a short month, almost all managed to report on time this quarter. I'm impressed. Bonus points go to those who named officers, listed activities and events and included lots of detail.

#### **Good Things That Happened:**

- 1. The Australian Registry website has been redone by Lord Nicodemus Novello and is now living on a Lochac server. This has been a major undertaking and in the works for some months. It introduces some new functionality and will be easier to update.
- 2. We've had some very good media coverage. The Age covered Coronation, that led to a radio interview for the Queen on Melbourne radio, that led to an interview for Aneala on Perth radio, that led to an interview for an online article on WA Today.

- 3. The seneschallate database has now been updated to a new framework. Huge thanks are due to Lord Edmund Kerr for a lot of late nights and to the original developer Master Delbert von Strassburg who created an excellent site that served us well for many years.
- 4. Group seneschals now have the ability to create office@group.lochac.sca.org addresses for their officers which they can manage through the seneschallate database. This has been an ongoing project involving several of the masonry team. Several groups are taking advantage of it.
- 5. The Stronger Kingdom Fund has been altered to cover travel expenses for visiting experts rather than the event loss arising from paying for such travel, increased to \$1,500 and publicised more widely. We have still not been inundated with requests but those groups that have availed themselves of the Fund have benefitted greatly from the visits.

## Good Ideas and Things to Try:

- 1. A&S projects for men and kids. Apparently ladies have no trouble finding things to work on at A&S nights but men and kids are a problem. Suggestions welcome.
- 2. A new way of classifying A&S competition entrants 0-2 years in the SCA, 2-10 years and 10 years +. It's a variation on the novice vs experienced categories.
- 3. Themed A&S nights seem popular. Perhaps this is a parallel of the success of structured combat classes. It seems people would like more structure in their lives.
- 4. Giving out newcomer packs on USB sticks or CDs.
- 5. More officers-at-large are always a good thing. Try to get everyone trained in (and if necessary rostered for) at least one office. It's an excellent training ground for future group officers and we all need more of those and these people can share the load making the group officer's job easier.
- 6. I've heard that some meetings get out of hand with the vocal few shouting down the others. That tends to put people off meetings. So here are some things to try:
- a. Raise your hands. It usually only takes one or two people doing this to snap everyone else right back into school mode and they all do it. It makes for a quieter and more orderly meeting.
- b. Go round the room. If the discussion is going round in circles anyway or getting heated then call a hold and go round the room asking each person in turn to speak on the subject. No-one interrupts. Everyone gets a say, including the quiet people who otherwise would not speak and often have useful insights. By the time you get back to the beginning no-one can say they weren't heard and everyone has a pretty good idea about how the room feels.
- c. Get a gavel! It's fun and fun takes the edge off more than yelling at people does. Just beware of the temptation to hit the more annoying people with it.