

Baronial Officers' Meeting, January 6, 2022

Officer's Reports

Baroness' Report (Sciath/Trudi)

- As you know, the pandemic continues to affect how we plan for and participate in Society. I'd like to again thank all of the officers for their continued service during this difficult time.
- I welcome Crespin to the role of content coordinator for the new baronial blog, and I look forward to working with him. Although Angie will continue to be part of this council as Webminster, I'd like to thank her for her time and effort in her work as Chronicler. Wassail for Crespin and Angie for service given and willingness to continue providing service to the Barony!
- In case the situation does improve by the Summer, I have registered the Barony of Rising Waters group for registration for Pennsic War.
- Please reach out to me through Facebook, or via email at risingwaters@gmail.com if there is any way that I can support you in your role.

Minister of Arts and Science Report (Gema/Jennifer)

- Compiling questions for an interview focused on the MoAS role
- Will look at putting classes together in the future.

Seneschal's Report (Aibhilin/Leslie)

*Greetings Ealdormere from your Kingdom Seneschal,
Once again, things are changing in this pandemic driven world and, as before, it's not for the better. In light of the new provincial restrictions announced today, Ealdormere will be temporarily shutting down most of our activities.*

These new restrictions are in effect from 3 – 31 January 2022.

1. *All indoor events are temporarily canceled.*
2. *All martial activities are temporarily canceled.*
3. *Outdoor gatherings at private residences are permitted up to a maximum of 10 people. Social distancing must be maintained.*
4. *Pre-reg, contact tracing, PoV must all be completed.*
5. *Food/drink is allowed outdoors as long as there is a minimum of 2m between each person not of your own physical household.*
6. *While masking outside is not required if 2m social distancing can be maintained, it is strongly encouraged that an individual wear their mask.*

In service,

*Xristina
(Melina Chestley)*

*Seneschal, Ealdormere
Practicum is on line. Wait and see for A and S.*

Signet Report (Gelleia/Jessica)

- Scrolls are in the works for the coronation coming up. I have the materials now to do the tabards, I plan on starting those in the coming weeks.

Marshal's Report (Richard/Andrew)

- 1 There were no practices in December. Only one Baronial member fought at Wassail; Sir Richard
- 2 The insurance is now in place for renting the St. Catharines HS small gym. Thank you Baroness Sciath and Seneschal Mistress Aibhilin for making that happen. Fight practices will eventually be on Wednesday night.
- 3 Fight practices were to start on 12 January. Unfortunately due to the latest Covid waive all martial practices are cancelled this month per Kingdom.
- 4 New rules have been put in place for fight practices and wearing of masks when not fighting. There shall be a marked transition zone between the fighting and seating area. That transition zone is where a fighter can remove their helmet and put on their mask before entering the seating area and vice versa.
- 5 No armouring sessions have been held due to the cold weather (unheated garage) and the latest Covid wave.
- 6 All fighters (armour and rapier) should take this downtime to read the rules.

Archery Marshal Report (Niaka/Susan?)

- Not much to report at this time - it is cold out just now, but I'll look into putting together a distanced

Thrown Weapons Marshal Report (Sciath/Trudi)

- No report at this time. Too cold to throw weapons at this time.
- I will continue to post articles, and links to videos relevant to various types and styles of thrown weapons.

Chronicler Report (vacant)

- I will remain as ChroniclerChonicler because with my new deputy we can keep up with the work required. There is a new email address for submissions to the blog: cataract.risingwaters@gmail.com
- The Cataract is turning into a blog on the website. The link to the blog is now live.
- Propose making the content coordinator is a a deputy role to the Chronicler

○ Passed by council

- I'd like to create a new deputy position for the "Blog Manager" who will be handling most of the work of admining the new blog. Their jobs will basically be
 1. post articles submitted by people who don't have their own access (ie Baroness, social media deputy, webminster)
 2. Once every 3 months send a digest version of the blog to the mailing list & required Kingdom folks
 3. write articles and synopsis of what's been going on in the barony (if we're shy on content)
- Crespin will be that deputy
- The only additional help I need is for people to submit content to this blog.

Webminster Report (Bera/Angie)

1. *Blog Addition*
2. *Added a page called Important Documents, in menu under "Resources" and have added the new Financial Policy to that page.*
3. *Any updates for the event pages please email me to let me know what's needed. If for whatever reason you can't get a hold of me, my social media deputy Rhys has access to most stuff.. Baroness also has admin access to website*
4. *And the usual business - let me know if you have anything you'd like to add to the site, and please report any bugs you might find*
webminister.risingwaters@gmail.com

Herald's Report (Christian/Rhys)

- With Coronation becoming virtual and the organization of rooms being decided by TRMs there will no longer be a Herald's Point at this coming January 22 Coronation
- As I was unable to attend last month's meeting and my report which was sent to the wrong person was not read, I will announce that Angharad verch Kenneric's name has passed through the College of Heralds and been approved.

Chatelaine (Rhys/Christian)

- As this is the new year, I will be contact the Scouts and Guides groups of Niagara region to discuss demo opportunities.
- I am exploring option to have a demo at Pride in the Park St Catharines for 2022.

- I have done one pass-through for Gold Key and have minimized about half. I will be going through once more to hopefully bring us down to about 3 bins of Gold Key. Any serviceable garb that I do not keep will be kept to auction off.
- The silent auction which I was planning for Coronation will no longer be happening as it is going virtual. Garb will be kept to auction off at a future event.
- Exploring the possibility of having a silent auction section on our Baronial website.
- Newcomer Corner for January Coronation will also not be taking place.

Social Media Deputy Report (Rhys/Christian)

- 198 active members
- Top Contributors:
 - Aibhlin fra Skye
 - Reynard De Foch
 - Rohais De Guildeford
- No policy infractions
- With Coronation going virtual we will be making use of the Zoom account for the event; more details from others coming up.

DEI Officer (Sabrina/Annabelle)

- Nothing to report at this time.
- There will be a DEI-focused class at Coronation

Calendar Secretary (Abhilin/Leslie)

- Calendar is up to date.

Exchequer Report (Ieuan/Stuart)

- Met with Leslie and Petra (Kingdom Exchequer) to review and finalize the Baronial Financial Policy. Done!
- Kingdom Exchequer is setting up virtual in-person reviews of the 2021 Q4 ledger and reports.
- There are new report file templates, and cash advance forms for 2022
- Society has declared that all event floats must now be referred to as 'cash advances' This will allow for documenting the practice using a new **Cash Advance Form and Reconciliation Spreadsheet**. When handing out cheques to pre-fund activities (such as buying food for a feast), groups are required to use the Cash Advance Form to record the advance, and the Cash Advance Reconciliation Spreadsheet when the receipts and/or cash is returned.
- Some thoughts on the baronial ledger: a ledger is a planning tool for your group, and should reflect information that would allow anyone to understand the baronial plans that include either an expense or revenue.

- For quarterly reports, we are asked to provide the following a week earlier:
 - Ledger File
 - Event Reports for 2021 (If any.)
 - 2021 Q4 Report File (Excel file, not signed.)
 - Bank Statements (Unsigned is just fine.)
- Our Doomsday/Q4 report is due on February 15, 2022

Old Business

Coronation - January 2022

Will be virtual/virtual no longer an in person event

Coronation itself will be pre-recorded and will have a total of 10 people outside

Mask contest will happen

Call for classes

Monty Python trivia contest.

Stream Holy Grail during the day

Moria is going to talk about the founding of the Kingdom

New comers class on garb

Class on hats

Class on inclusivity

Looking for classes on anything.

End of day closing address

Pub night

Bardic circle.

The Baroness is our technical person

Nika is the scheduling person

Video ad from her highness to edit.

Scaith is doing court adjacent shenanigans

Lady Mary - April 2022

- We will sort Lady Mary out once Coronation is done, at our February meeting.
- Date is still held at New Hope for April 30, 3033

Tobogganing party

- On hold, given the current restrictions in place

Fall crown tourney bid.

- Bid was accepted, we will discuss details next month after Coronation

.New Business

Propose a Baronial Check in. Get some phone number to check in and are members in the Barony and see how they are doing. To be discussed on the Officer lists.

Next meeting: Thursday, February 17, 2022 at 6pm

Meeting adjourned at 6:51pm