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FROM THE BARONAGE



Greetings Lyondemere.

It has been a busy few months. War, Anniversary, Queen's Champion and Coronation were just a few of the great events we attended. Seraphina and I would like to say a big THANK YOU to everyone who comes and helps with set-up, tear-down and everything in between. Spending time with all of you is an amazing experience.

Lyondemere Anniversary was a huge success. Thank you to the entire event staff. From planning to gate to running the tournaments, everything was flawless. It was a group effort and it paid off in a big way. Seraphina and I are so honored to be a part of this Barony. We often say "we are small, but we are mighty." You all made Lyondemere shine.

We wish to say thank you for your service to those who relinquished their offices and to those who assumed them. Your continued support of the Barony is greatly appreciated.

We look forward to a fun time at Great Western War. It is shaping up to be a fantastic event. There is a bardic night planned for Friday evening after dinner. Then on Saturday, next door in the Lantern's Keep encampment, there will be a Vigil/Post Elevation Celebration for the "former" Baron of Lyondemere, Thomas Bordeaux, who was invited to join the Order of the Laurel. He, along with Philip and Marion (and several others) will be visiting us from the Kingdom of Northshield. And don't forget the AMAZING food!!! Arwen, Will and the rest of the chefs will be planning feasts to make your mouths water. More activities will be planned and announced as we get closer to War time.

We also wish to say thank you and fond farewell to Aeduin of Skye and Mary Taran of Glastonbury who will be leaving our fair Barony and Kingdom. You will be greatly missed.

*In Service to the Dream,
Conchobhar & Seraphina
Baron and Baroness of
Lyondemere*

COUNCIL MINUTES

June 10, 2019

Attendees: Conchobhar, Seraphina, Claudia, Mercy, John, Fedelm, Miguel, Borgunna, Arwen, Will, Emma, Cassandre, Lachlan, Avicia, Etiennette, Mercy, Vincenzo, Caellach, Sadhbh

Start time: 7:17 pm

Opening Comments:

Baron & Baroness/ Conchobhar & Seraphina – Welcome to everyone and thank you for coming out!

Seneschal / Claudia – Hi everyone! Let's get to the meeting. This is her last Council meeting as Seneschal. Mercy will be taking over at Anniversary. She expressed that it's been wonderful to serve the Barony for the last 2 1/2 years. She appreciates everyone's confidence in her and support of her. She will still be around but may take a little rest.

Officer Reports

Arts and Sciences / Mercy – We held a weaving class last weekend, taught by Duchess Bridget, and about 10 people showed up. Much fun was had by all! Mistress Finella has agreed to be her deputy and step up at Anniversary.

Chatelaine / Etiennette – She went to the Chatelaine's round table at Collegium this weekend. She will be writing up a review of newcomer's information to send out.

Children / Arwen – She is preparing children's activities for Anniversary.

Chronicler / Aeduin – There is a newsletter in progress. Please send pieces and photos for it!

Constable / Sechen – Not here, no report.

Exchequer / Tetchubah – Not much to report. The bank account has \$10,960.61 net after paying for 3 months of storage. Allocated funds are unchanged. They did receive a check from Calafia for 2018 Potrero volunteer hours.

Herald / Lachlan/Caellach – Caellach went to the herald meeting at Collegium. He worked with 3 submissions (including his own).

Lists / Sechen – Not here, no report. Cassandre will be running the rapier lists.

Marshal (Armored Combat)/ Fearghus – Alexander is running the armored tournament at Anniversary. Vincenzo will coordinate with him to ensure the erics are set up appropriately.

Marshal (Rapier Combat)/ Vincenzo/Sadhbh – Practices are going well. Lyondemere had 4 participants in the Rapier Marshalling class at Collegium.

Marshal (Archery) / Bubba/Miguel – Bubba has given the loaner gear to Winfred. A new captain of archers will be needed.

Sexton / Conchobhar – We still have stuff! Preparations are underway for Anniversary. He has found the rapier regalia.

Webwright / Eilidh/Sadhbh – Sadhbh advised she will be starting training soon and once completed, she will advise when she is ready to step up.

Guild Reports

Bardic – Avicia will plan a bardic summer and barbeque for late Summer and more information will be distributed at that time.

Brewing Guild – No report.

Lyondemere Cooking Guild / Eva – The next meeting is this Sunday, June 23rd.

Scribal / Aliskye, Deputy Emma – There is a scriptorium next Thursday, 6/20 at Aliskye's house. Collegium was a lot of fun and included a Laurel Arts challenge.

Old Business / Upcoming Events

Anniversary (June 29, 2019) – Not much new to share except discussions in the planning meeting. Donations of syrups for the brewers' snow cones and items for the raffle are still welcomed. Also, we want to encourage carpooling.

Cast Iron Chef – The event will not be held this year since it is not already on the calendar. It will be continued next year.

Lyondemere/Gyldenholt Yule (December 7, 2019) – Arwen is the event steward and will be putting together a team. She will be looking at the Masonic hall we used previously as she has connections there.

West Coast Culinary Symposium 2020 – Fundraising is ongoing to support the event. The fundraiser at Altavia made about \$600. They are working on pre-reg planning and planning for the site tokens. The luncheons at Gyldenholt and Lyondemere will be for the keynote speaker and general fund for the event, respectively. THL Avenel is also running a lunch at Summergate Anniversary as well. The fundraisers are to drive the cost down over all and also help offset the deposit which will be due later this year.

New Business:

Great Western Volunteer Shifts – Claudia will post a poll on the baronial Facebook group with a variety of options for shifts so people can indicate their preferences. Signing up early and working night shifts earns double hours!

Next Meeting

Next Baronial Council:

July 8, 2019

End: 7:55 pm

July 15, 2019

Attendees: Conchobhar, Seraphina, Mercy, John, Fedelm, Miguel, Borgunna, Arwen, Will, Celeste, Emma, Avicia, Etiennette, Vincenzo, Caellach, Sadhbh

Start time: 7:30 pm

Opening Comments:

Baron & Baroness/ Conchobhar & Seraphina – Welcome to everyone and thank you for coming out! We attended Coronation last weekend and made presentation to the outgoing and incoming Majesties. News from Privy Council is that the Kingdom is in an improved financial position. One note is that Pentathlon was lightly attended and lost money and that was a financial blow. We also want to thank everyone who came out and was a part of Anniversary. Particular thanks to our new herald who performed flawlessly in his first court ever!

Seneschal / Mercy – Thanks to everyone who came out for Anniversary and particularly my co-event stewards.

2020 tentative calendar dates for Lyondemere events:

Arts & Archery - March 15

WCCS - April 24-26

Anniversary - June 27

Officer Reports

Arts and Sciences / Finella – She apologizes that she cannot make it to the meeting tonight. She is currently working on getting some workshops set up for the barony, so stay tuned!

Chatelaine / Etiennette – She did email her summary for chatelaine resources. There will also be a roundtable at Great Western War. She was active at Anniversary talking to passers-by and handing out cards and flyers. She also thanked those who gave her Gold Key donations at Anniversary. She is looking for a replacement to step up as chatelaine. Mercy will be publicizing the opening.

Children / Arwen – There were youth activities at Anniversary with 10 participants. She has been talking with the new Dreiburgen youth officer and assisting her with ideas and advice. She is looking for a deputy to eventually replace her. She is also looking into

Chronicler / Aeduin – There is a newsletter in progress for early August. Please send pieces and photos for it! He has filed his report for the reign change.

Constable / Sechen – Not here, no report.

Exchequer / Tetchubah – She could not be present but sent a report. Account balances are currently as follows: General fund \$12,546.40, Cash box \$200, archers \$623.65, cooks \$203, WCCS \$2087.38. The Q2 2019 report is nearly complete but she is getting final details from the bank report signers. Checks have been made out for Anniversary expenses and are being signed. Anniversary attendance was around 175 with \$1,766 gate. The raffle made around \$900.

Herald / Caellach – The report has already been submitted for Anniversary.

Lists / Sechen – Not here, no report. She was specifically thanked by Count Alexander for her work at Anniversary in keeping track of the tourney.

Marshal (Armored Combat)/ Fearghus – Not here, no report.

Herald / Caellach – The report has already been submitted for Anniversary.

Lists / Sechen – Not here, no report. She was specifically thanked by Count Alexander for her work at Anniversary in keeping track of the tourney.

Marshal (Armored Combat)/ Fearghus – Not here, no report.

Marshal (Rapier Combat)/ Sadhbh – Gerrick is the new rapier champion and the new format was a success. Practice is going forward as usual this week.

Marshal (Archery) / Bubba/Miguel – Bubba is leaving the kingdom as of Sunday. Emma has volunteered to take over as captain of archers. Miguel is staying on as deputy and she advised Winfred will also likely step up as a lieutenant. Mercy will work with them to ensure the warrants are completed. Emma also is working to complete her range marshal paperwork with the kingdom marshal. She advised that some of the loaner gear might be better kept in storage and will work with the Sexton after she has reviewed and inventoried it.

Sexton / Conchobhar – Everything is put away from Anniversary. He advised that purchasing a new wheeled container for the pavilion would be ideal. He is also working on getting quotes for a replacement duplicate throne for the legacy baronial throne (since 1 was lost due to theft) and also 2 breakdown baronial thrones.

Webwright / Eilidh/Sadhbh – There is a mandate to update the baronial websites to have consistent templates across the kingdom. She needs to determine when the deadline is to complete that and will be working with her deputy on that. Please send her any updates as usual.

Guild Reports

Bardic – We have a new Lyon Bard, Finella Harper. There will be a former Bard of Caid throw-down and the first round of the Bard of Caid competition at Festival of the Rose. There will be bardic circle at Lyondemere on Saturday evening at Great Western War in the evening, cooperatively with Lantern's Keep and Ciar Cu Buidhe. Baron Thomas will be coming out to be part of the celebration. Planning is beginning on a beach bardic event for late summer.

Brewing Guild – No report. Guild is dormant for now.

Lyndemere Cooking Guild / Eva – The next meeting is this Saturday, July 20th at a Lebanese restaurant in Lake Forest. There is discussion about the status of Cast Iron Chef for this year and going forward.

Scribal / Aliskye, Deputy Emma – There is a scriptorium this Thursday, 7/18 at Aliskye's house. Contact Aliskye for address and directions.

Old Business / Upcoming Events

Anniversary (June 29, 2019) – Thank you again to all of the volunteers and staff for the event. It was a really great day and the comments and reactions were positive. We had about 185-200 attendees. Part of that may be due to the date change. Some people left due to parking so future planning may want to account for that. Also, we need to ensure we supply the restrooms with soap and ensure that they are checked. Please send in expense reports for any outstanding items which people still need reimbursement for.

Great Western War (October 2019) – Preregistration is still open but the extra land period has ended. Arwen will be running the food plan with help from Geiri. They also are hoping to get walls painted before war and will work with our A&S officer on setting up a painting party.

West Coast Culinary Symposium 2020 – Planning and fundraising continues for the event. The website will be updated in the next week and they are finalizing pricing. They have raised \$2,000 to date via fundraising.

New Business:

Lyndemere/Gyldenholt Yule (December 7, 2019) – Arwen has a contract from the Masonic lodge in El Segundo and is finalizing pricing based on what we have done previously. Eva will be cooking the feast and there will be a dessert potluck. She is working on having someone(s) coordinate dancing as well. It is a wet site and we do not need to pay for security or corkage fees. The theme will focus on solstice celebrations around the world. She hopes to plan a table decorating contest and other activities. She is also looking for volunteers for the event committee. There will be more information to come.

Next Meeting

Next Baronial Council:

August 12, 2019 (Claudia will run the meeting in Mercy's absence)

End: 8:30 pm

Viking Attacks on Paris: The *Bella parisiacae urbis* of Abbo of Saint-Germain-des-Pres (Dallas Medieval Texts and Translations)

Series: Dallas Medieval Texts and Translations (Book 7) □ **Paperback:** 130 pages

Publisher: Peeters Publishers (December 31, 2007)

In addition to the three part - 2 long and 1 short, - original text, this book has a forward, an introduction, an annotated bibliography, 269 end-notes (not counting the 22 footnotes of the introduction) for fewer than 1400 lines, which makes referring to them while reading a burdensome matter of flipping back and forth continually. At one point there are 5 notes for as many lines. It also includes and index and an additional index of modern authors so no academic is snubbed.

The first two sections concern the direct attacks on Paris by thousands of Danes, as Abbo calls them or sometimes northmen. These attacks were beaten off or bought off over a period from the fall of 885 into 887. Then the timeline becomes sort of a highlight of King Odo's struggles, primarily with his quondam allies, and ends with a renewed series of Viking attacks in 896 about which too little is being done to protect Paris. The third section is an admonition to clerics to avoid gluttony, lust, pride, and greed and to praise God, be upright, honor the king and extol the word of God.

The original is in Latin verse sprinkled with words of Greek origin and some in Greek characters. The translator Nirmal Das, explains that the 115 lines of the third part of the book were copied and distributed more than the 2 historic sections because later clerics liked all the unusual vocabulary Abbo employed, thus implying that he had access to more ancient literature than they did. The text is thick with reference to Greek and Roman mythologies, especially when consigning the attacking Danes to infernal regions. The Christians good but fallen into sin, Danes ultimate evil is the division here, but what is interesting is that other than the Christian/Pagan split the adversaries don't seem so different. Calvary and foot soldiers, bows and swords, nothing is described as unusual or unexpected, these old foes have either been at it for a long time or/and are not so distant cousins who have gone different routes. Certainly there is little of modern French about the names of any of the leaders of the defenders of Paris, they appear to be more Germanic chieftains in their easy understanding of their attackers. The French the Normans brought to England 2 centuries later certainly existed in the western Frankish lands, but the noble defenders of Paris seem to have their cultural home in the German territories.

Some interesting bits:

Abbo makes a snide reference to the Viking custom of meticulous hair care by saying the dead had plenty of water in the Seine to restore their burned locks.

When the Danes withdrew from an assault their wives gave them grief and ordered them back into the fight - so they had women with them who were more than just captives or camp followers.

The Vikings are frequently described as having bows across their backs, and exchanges of arrows are frequent. Spears are mentioned on both sides and swords as well. The Danes put together some feared siege engines, though they seem to have had little substantial success with them. Although the 19th century painting on the cover shows the Vikings using slings, there is no direct evidence that they did, the rocks mentioned are more likely to have been slung from the siege machines. There is a single mention of a thrown rock, though, so it's possible.

A group of twelve defenders, caught in a bridge tower were attacked with a fire wagon and set their hawks free before making their last stand. Hawks are good for catching the odd pigeon for supper during a siege.

At one point the attackers are described as renewing an attack bare-armed and bare-backed (*nudis*) to get a tower in place, though they usually attack with shields held above them. Is the translation obscuring rather than revealing?

The pretty much general failure of arms and even bribes against the northmen was largely because 885 was not very long after the violent division of Charlemagne's empire into three parts, and there seem to be endless divisions in the decade covered by Abbo's poem. The rulers of the portion which included Paris, Neustria, were hard pressed from Aquitaine and, since Odo, count of Paris, was not part of the Carolingian dynasty, he was fighting to hold the crown he had been elected to after the death of Charles the Fat. Charles the Simple, who was elected king while Odo was still alive and survived him gave the northmen Normandy, a large chunk of Odo's brother Robert's Neustrian lands before Robert was elected to succeed him and started the Capet dynasty. The Normans did a better job of warding off vikings from the mouth of the Seine.

There are many miracles of St. Germain and St. Geneviève related along with all the attacks, some of which are considered at least as much defense as the sallies of Count Odo and Abbot Ebohus.

The siege does not seem to be very tight as leaders of the defenders go and return with some reinforcements, always later and with less than suits Abbo.

Basically the northmen wanted to get past the bridges of Paris to raid the rich lands to the south. Occasionally the rulers of Neustria/Western France let them or at least didn't fight them. They stopped attacking more often when they were paid off, but not always, as the leadership was divided or at least the Frankish rulers didn't know who to bribe who could control the whole attacking force.

Other Books of Interest:

A History of the World in 6 Glasses

Publisher: Bloomsbury USA; 1 edition (May 26, 2009)

The beer and wine sections apply to us, and the tea which should proceed the spirits, but well, western centric.

What Have Plants Ever Done for Us?: Western Civilization in Fifty Plants

Publisher: Bodleian Library, University of Oxford (February 15, 2016)

Gives a western centric view of plants, and once again barley for beer is the fist, which is what all of these have in common. Good for what became available where and when. Dates, but not pomegranates.

A Short History of Drunkenness: How, Why, Where, and When Human-kind Has Gotten Merry from the Stone Age to the Present

Publisher: Three Rivers Press (May 8, 2018)

The Egyptians wrote a lot of what we classify as pornography and knew whereof they wrote, if they remembered the morning after.

Odin may have seriously needed his ravens Thought and Memory if he was all the time drunk.

Some monks could get quite tipsy.

Baronial Progress

- **Saturday, September 7 – Angels Anniversary** (in Angels)
- **Saturday, September 14 – Crown Tournament** (in Dun Or)
- **Saturday, September 28 – Rapier Open** (in Isles)
- **Tuesday, October 08 to Monday, October 14 – Great Western War (GWW)**
- **Saturday, October 26 – Dreiburgen Anniversary**
- **Saturday, November 02 – Calafia Anniversary**
- **Saturday, November 09 – Naevehjem Anniversary**
- **Saturday, December 07 – Lyondemere/Gyldenholt Yule**

EMAIL LISTS & GROUPS

Baronial List

<https://scalyondemere.groups.io/g/main/topics>

Archery

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/983706488315263/>

Brewers

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/389455797787896/>

Caid Clothiers

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/CaidClothiers/>

Cooking Guild

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/355580354645898/>

Fighters, mostly rapier

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/819820254813544/>

Caid Art and Sciences

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/521417457879219/>

Lingo Alert! “THL” stands for “The Honorable Lady/Lord.” SCA names, only, are used throughout this document.

Lyondemere Regnum

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