

20151123 Barony of Cynnabar

Center Room, Pierpont Commons.

Activity, Event & Demo Reports

Royal University of the Middle: Baroness Kasha, Ms Claire attended. Had a good time; participated in many good conversations. Classes were diverse. Honor, the Kingdom Bard taught a class in a Byzantine musical form and the class performed at the evening concert. Our late Exchequer Tristan was in attendance and received his Purple Fret.

GDoT: The last check for the site had been dropped off and final budget records are being completed.

Upcoming Baronial Events and Demos

Ann Arbor Christian School Demo, (Thursday December 10, 2015) 6:30 pm. Coordinator: Ceara Site: 5500 Whitmore Lake Rd, Ann Arbor, MI 48105

- We have recruited 2 Fencers, 3 Fighters, 7 Singers. 5-6 Dancers. Several on the team are multi talented. Ceara says then numbers are good as they are.
- If you need more information Write to Ceara. ceara.steph@gmail.com

Wassail (Saturday December 12, 2015) – Steward: Eidy. Site: Chelsea Fairgrounds. 4 pm start. Budget \$575. Closing time: Is WEBSITE correct? It says 10:00 pm

- Is that Clean up with departure later? Eidy has been asked to clarify.

Terpsichore at the Tower (March 5, 2016) St Paul United Church of Christ, Saline, MI Ceara is event steward. Budget \$1000. Breakeven 84 Adults.

- Ceara reports that all is on track for Terp. Staffing is established and teachers are sought. More in January?

St. Cecilia at the Tower (Sat April 30- Sun May 1, 2016) St Paul United Church of Christ, Saline, MI Mistress Jadwiga is event steward. Budget \$400. Breakeven 67 Adults.

No News.

Old Business

Search for Minster of Youth Office:

- Candidates may present their ideas at the first meeting in December, 12/14
- No Applicants yet!
- Requires a background check. See Midrealm Website for more info:
<http://www.midrealm.org/mkyouth/>

- http://www.midrealm.org/marshal/youth_combat.php if a Martial approach to Youth Activities interests you.

Defining Baronial Activities; Improving our required record keeping. 3rd of 3 discussions. CONCLUDED

- As there is not budget or any specific action to be decided we concluded that **this discussion is complete**. The group agreed that it has raised awareness of the issues and will help us to make correct choices going forward.
- **Please thank Baroness Kasha** for the excellent document she compiled from many sources to clarify the issues and proper processes for different kinds of activities. It will be useful.

New Member Engagement and Activities on Campus. 3rd of 3 meetings. CONCLUDED

- This and the following discussions produced lots of brainstorming, and two concrete plans for the immediate future:
- Baron Ermenrich and Baroness Kasha are creating a plan for **"Everything you need to know to Attend and Enjoy an Event."** This will be how to activities to aid newcomers to prepare for and attend a specific event (like Val Day) to help them to get out and to have a great time.

Pre Meeting Activities on Mondays. 3rd of 3 meetings. A discussion about adding a half hour BEFORE the 7 pm meeting time. CONCLUDED

- Baroness Hannah offered to start a **list of Pre Meeting Activities**. Please contact her if you can moderate, lead or teach a session. **We will start in January**. Time may increase to 1 hour if there is interest in the future.

Purchase water and vermin-proof Banker's File Boxes for storage of Cynnabar Files. Budget: \$100. 3rd of 3 meetings APPROVED

- Replace the 2 drawer cabinet with 5-6 Office Depot® Brand Stackable File Tote Box, Letter/Legal Size, 10 13/16"H x 14 1/8"W x 18"D, Clear/Magenta Item # 225624m, \$15.49 online.

Shall the Barony donate \$250 of Baronial Funds to support 50 Year Celebration in July? 3rd of 3 meetings This is for the General Fund of the event, no specific activity.

- **APPROVED**
- Consensus on 11/9, 16, and 23 was very positive. No objections have been reported.

Will there be a Gift Exchange? Yes. December 21, 2015

- SPECIAL MEETING SITE, as Pierpont Commons is closed for Semester Break.
NEW Center Building
North Conference Room
1100 North Main St, Ann Arbor MI 48104
- Find a map and pictures at [facebook.com/NonprofitEnterpriseAtWork](https://www.facebook.com/NonprofitEnterpriseAtWork)

- The Rules, mostly as written by Finn:
To participate, bring a wrapped gift (with no names) of around \$10-ish.
FINN'S Note: NO crap stuff from Straum's basement/house/garage/personage.

This is done in the "Pollyanna" format.

- All wrapped presents are put in the middle.
- People will draw numbers to see what order people go in.
- A person can either pick a new present from the pile and unwrap it for everyone to see or they can "steal" a previously opened present from another person.
- If a person's present is stolen, they may either steal from another person (no stealing directly back from the person who just took yours) or choose to open another gift.
- Note 1: There is a 3 steal limit on any item. That means that a given present may only be stolen 3 times total for the entire event. So the 3rd person to steal an item cannot have it stolen from them again.

Kay notes that this is not how it is done in Sicilian Style...

- Note 2: The person who goes first does not get a chance to steal at the beginning, so they will have one final chance at the very end to steal.

Kay notes that this is Very Nice.

Need a site for 12/21 and 12/28 Meetings. Pierpont Commons is closed between semesters in December. The consensus of officers and attendees was:

- The **Gift Exchange will replace the 12/21 meeting**, held at the **NEW Center**. See above.
- **No Meeting** between Christmas and New Years, **12/28 is canceled**.
- Officer Reports will be skipped for December. Come back for the 4th meeting in January.

Improvements to Baronial Kit: Do we want to create actual Budget items for any of these projects, or wait on them? **Not at this time.**

- **Vincent is willing** to design and build whatever is needed to facilitate bridging the bleachers and for setting up the Cynnabar Heraldic wall hangings
- He also said: "...if we want parts to make yet another list field, I can do that. It probably will cost about \$125.00 (just an off the cuff estimate) for another 3 section square. About 24'x24'.
- Wants to design indoor Portable Holes to make freestanding places to display banners and other heraldry?

Shall we make a Royal Travel Fund Donation? Ermenrich \$ _____ ~~2nd of 3 meetings~~ **Discuss in Jan 2016**

- DECISION DELAYED until January on dollar amount and final approval, until accounts are settled from GDoT.
- Perhaps do the gift at Terpsichore? Perhaps direct the Gift to a purpose other than Travel Fund if TRMs have a project in mind.

New Business

None

Other Group Discussion

NONE

Words from Their Excellencies Ermenrich and Kasha of Cynnabar:

SEE Officer Reports

Status check on Approved Budget Items:

- **Youth box** – continues
- **Stickers with the Baronial Populace Badge** (and maybe name?) \$60-100
 - Gavriil - potential sketch in December.
- **Baronial Trailer dedicated for List Field** is on target for delivery around 11/20. \$3500-\$3950 Black, 5'x12' single axle covered trailer 6 feet tall, lights, inside and out, hitch kit.
 - **Do we have a Trailer?** Delivery date was schedule for 11/20. Kay will ask Crassus and Nezkha

Announcements:

A New Merchant Venture: Grey will be selling Honey labeled by country of origin.

Consider supporting him by sending him a favorite recipe of yours with the right to reproduce it and give it away to encourage sales. I'm sending a couple cocktail recipes.

Johannes is ready to step down as Herald for Cynnabar, and is seeking a Deputy to learn the office and take over.

Officer Reports 11/26/2015

Exchequer (Ilse) – *From Kays' recall:* Last week the report was that we have about \$11,000. Last receipts are still being paid from GDoT.

Webminister (Aaron) – Our Web presence looks good!

Fencing Marshal (William) – Birke sent a message to the Barony last week praising William's work in service of the Fencing Community here. Let that serve as a report on his activities and the state of Defense in Cynnabar.

Min A&S (Aeffe) – The Change of Office Form is signed. There is not a lot in the MOAS Files. I plan to increase them, in part by asking Artists and past MOAS officers to contribute useful material.

Min. Youth (OPEN) –

Chatelaine (Daye) – Nicola's Books has no spots open for groups to do gift wrap. On Dec 3 starting around 2-3 pm there will be a collection of French Medieval STUFF out to view in the Instruction Room.

Chronicler (Gavriil) – We await the next lovely issue of the Citadel.

Herald (Johannes) – Herald's night this month was „weird?>_ (Kay cannot read her notes). Chicken Apocalypse in December, 1st Monday. SEE the announcements. Johannes is seeking someone to take over this office.

Knight Marshal (Gregor) – Practices are continuing to happen at the Michigan Union and attendance has been decent. The weekend before last we had four new fighters in armor and two more waiting in the wings - this was fantastic.

My domesday report deadline is coming up quickly and I'm pleased to report that I will be submitting a rather detailed report of our participants and combat related activities through the year.

Archery Marshal (Candidate in mind: Luisa) –. Grey says Luisa is still planning on taking the office in the spring.

Seneschal (Kay) – I am writing the Quarterly. I am thinking a lot about what makes for good event planning, both inside and outside the Society.

My thanks to those who have expressed interest in moderating the December meetings. Sir Gregoir will lead on 12/14 and Honorable Lady Ceara on 12/21. Please use this set of notes as a template.

Baron and Baroness (Kasha and Ermenrich) –

- WASSAIL is Coming! Send us Award recommendations.
- **Cynnabar will host Pentemere 12th Night 2017.** If you would like to be involved please look over the site for 2016 12th Night in Howell. We have planned to reserve that site in February 2016. Look at Site in general, how it is used this year, set up details that you like or would change, etc.
- **Grand Day of Tournaments 2016:** The Liberty School is reserved.
- Queen Serena put a Thumbs Up photo from GDoT on her Facebook page!
- Enjoy the Season. We are still a Barony.