

(action items are in **bold**)

Baron/ Baroness Comments (TE Maximilian and Gwenllyen)

- Please submit award recommendations. Copy TE when you submit recommendations to the online system.
(<http://www.midrealm.org/op/recommend/login.php?from=/op/recommend/>)
- New Baronial coronets (leather) were crafted by Una and Vlachus.
- North Woods award patches were made by Tristan Silvertoes. A proposal for \$200 to reimburse Tristan was made and passed.
- An augmentation of the Order of the White Wolf was rekindled. Former champions may apply a sword to the award/ patch. Contact TE if you need a small pewter sword for being a former champion.
- Collection of items for the baby project will occur at Val Day.
- Their Royal Highnesses are seeking donations for Pennsic. They are seeking beer (and other alcoholic beverages), benches (a donation of 2 per Barony- this is being organized), bodies (a dedicated 20 person crew for battlefield setup/teardown). They are also seeking donations of food to be used as rations paid to those fighting in war points. **Please contact TRH if interested.**

Officer Reports

Seneschal (Lucien Featherstone) – The Baronial Officer election was held. 33 members of the Barony voted. The new Seneschal is His Excellency, Maximilian der Zauberer, Chatelaine is Her Excellency, Gwenllyen the Minstrel, MOAS is THL Aliyah Bat Asriel, Webminister is Lady Celestria de Cranham. There was not a preferred candidate for Youth Minister, so this will remain an open position. **Please contact Lucien if interested in it.** All officers will officially take over the positions on 1-31 except for Seneschal, which Lucien will fill until Max steps down as Baron in April. A big thank you to Fujiname no Kaede and Rocco Barbarossa for serving as Baronial officers! Well done!

- The polling for a new Baron and Baroness (or Baroness and Baroness) is underway. **Please have votes submitted before 1-27. It is especially important to include comments in addition to the raw numbers.**

Exchequer (Brigida Alderotti),– Will be stepping down in 2018. **Please contact her if interested in being a deputy.**

- There has been no contact from superior officers since October.

Minister of Arts and Sciences (Fujinami no Kaede),– not present, but provided the following report- The current report is not in, but will be soon.

Chronicler (Sugawara no Tokihira), - Report is in.

Herald (Verrix Verrtissignos),– not present but provided the following- Report is in.

Web Minister (Rocco Barbarossa) – The changeover of officer is taking place. **New officers should send information to the Webminister for email forwarding.**

Knights Marshal (Bjarg Kormaksson), not present – No report.

Rapier Marshal (Sugawara no Tokihira),– Report is in

Chatelaine (Gwenllyen the Minstrel), - **Contact the Chatelaine if your group is going to have any demos or the like.**

Minister of Youth (x), Open Position- No report.

It is requested that all Canton officers copy their respective Baronial officer when they report. Baronial officers should copy the Baron and Baroness and the Seneschal. If an officer is unable to make a meeting, a brief report should be sent to the Seneschal beforehand.

Group Reports

Ealdnordwuda

- 12th Night was a success. Profits were split with Kingdom.
- Pentamere Academy of Defense is on February 24. Instructors for classes are still being sought. **Contact Lucien if interested.**
- Practices are Wednesdays at the MSU Pavilion from 6 until 9. Business meetings are the second Wednesday of the month at the same site/time.

Weld Lake

- Planning It Takes My Child X for April 7th. Volunteers are being sought, especially as this event is hosting Their Majesties and a Baronial investiture.
- Another event, 'Grand Tour', is being planned for October.

Hawkland Moor

- Wassail was held in December.
- Tyger Hunt is being planned for Saturday, July 14, with Ale to the Victors on Sunday, July 15 at the same site. TE are seeking Barons and Baronesses for team competitions for the Sunday portion. **Contact TE if interested.**

Fearann Na Criche

- Group rapier marshal lost his warrant. Another marshal has stepped up.
- Group revel has been rescheduled in order to host a meeting with Baronial candidates.
- Practices are Thursday nights in Midland at 6pm at Pateley's. Business meetings are held on the second Sunday of the month at the Barnes and Noble in Saginaw at 1pm.

Altenberg

- Planning is underway for the next Battle of the Inland Seas.
- Business meetings are held on the 4th Monday of the month at the Mt. Clemens Library at 7pm.

Old Business

- None

New Business

- Lucien brought up a proposal to amend the Baronial charter. The proposed change would eliminate the requirement for 3 delegates from each canton to attend Baronial council meetings; they would become *optional*. Each Canton would still have 3 votes (in order to balance out against the votes from each Officer position and Baron and Baroness), but these would be cast by the Seneschal (or their designate if unable to attend). The matter was discussed, especially in light of most Cantons not currently bringing 3 delegates. It was tabled until the next council meeting.
- A discussion was held regarding the terms for Baron and Baroness. The charter remain silent on this issue, as this is covered by Kingdom law. This law (XV-303) states that terms are to be up to 5 years. It was decided to educate the populace that the Barony considers a standard term to be 3 years, with a possible extension of up to a total of 5 years (though other terms are allowed as per Kingdom law). This will remain as a tradition and not be codified into the charter.

- **Please send all meeting times and locations for regularly occurring practices/ meetings to Lucien.** This information will be uploaded to the Baronial Website to better encourage participation and to serve as a point of contact for newer members.

The next meetings will be on 4-15-18, 7-8-18 and 10-14-18 at Brewery Becker. All meetings will begin at 1:30 pm.