

Shire of Lionsdale Council

January 20, 2011

7:00 PM

Common Room –
Geoffrey's Home

Facilitator: Tomas de Courcy – Seneschal **Note taker:** Kayleigh de Leis – A&S Officer

Attendees: Kayleigh; Aine; Sebastian; Tomas; Desiree; Katarina; Rose; Sofia; Wulfstan; Elspeth; Geoffrey; Danitha; Azzah

November council minutes were passed around and approved

Minutes

Agenda item: Officer Reports

Arts & Science Report Attached

Dance Report Attached

Bardic Report Attached

Chatelaine Report Attached

Gold Key *This office is currently open – apply to the Seneschal*

Chronicler *This office is currently open – apply to the Seneschal*

Web minister Report Attached

We have \$8266.78 – we're good

Exchequer Doomsday report is finished – still learning the office
Aine awesome is growing

Inventory of Eisenmarche/Lionsdale done. Has received access to the storage locker. Will be creating an inventory of event lost & found items including photos. Would also like to photograph all Shire property.

Chamberlain

Attn Event Stewards: I require 1 days notice to grant access to the storage locker. I will not transport Shire property to event sites for you. Access to the locker will not be given on the Friday before an event.

Report attached

Herald Discussion: Shire populace badge conflicts, 3 alternate proposals. Katarina and Kayleigh suggest that this item be tabled until the next Council meeting. It is suggested that Wulfstan post all 3 options to the forum so that members of the populace are able to fully understand the options instead of having the blazons announced orally. Katarina strongly suggests that the Scapula Leonis badge not be considered as an option for the populace badge, changing the Scapula Leonis badge would be costly as there are already castings for the token.

Scribe *The scribe was not in attendance and no report was submitted*

Master of Stables Report attached

Rapier Deputy *This office is currently open – apply to the Master of Stables and the Seneschal*

Archery Deputy *The archery deputy was not in attendance, and no report was submitted*

Lists *This office is currently open – apply to the Master of Stables and the Seneschal*

Pied Piper *The pied piper was not in attendance, and no report was submitted*

Seneschal Report attached

Agenda item: Event Bids and Reports

Bard & a Banquet Report to be submitted in February

Winter's Tournament Schedule due ASAP. No other updates

Lionsdale Champions Deferred until **New Business**, discussion needed regarding date

Odin's Playground Currently no bids – OPEN

UFV Demo Director's Fest Apr-May

This demonstration, while fun, does not tend to bring in new members. Council agrees that we will not hold this demonstration in 2011.

Trethewey House Demo We haven't done one in years. Tomas would like to pursue this for 2011 – Council approves

Action items

Person responsible

Deadline

✓ Inquire at Trethewey House regarding a Demonstration

Tomas

Feb

Agenda item: Financial Committee

Report attached.

This month the Shire has been in the process of moving our accounts to TD Bank. Winter's Tournament budget was approved.

Agenda item: Baronial Committee

This committee is being re-formed. Contact the Seneschal if interested.

We have been asked by the King to put together our petition to move to Barony before he steps down.

Old Business:

1. **Tables** – Desiree was unable to purchase the large table as approved by council, funds have been returned
2. **Lionsdale Populace Badge** – Discussed during Herald's report
3. **Gate List** – The proposal to keep a voluntary list of Membership card information at gate has been checked with the Exchequer for Tir Righ and approved. This list will be started at Winter's Tournament by Aine

New Business:

1. **Quarterly reports are due at the end of the month!**
2. **Event dates/Lionsdale Champions** – Sealion War conflicts with our scheduled date for Lionsdale Champions this year. Technically (since Sealion is being held in Seagirt this year) the events can conflict. Sites have been booked for both Sealion War and Lionsdale Champions.

We basically have two options

- a. We keep Lionsdale Champions on the scheduled date and conflict with Sealion. This would mean the field for our heavy championship may be reduced this year.
- b. We move Lionsdale Champions – Tomas has spoken with Baron Ming and Seagirt is unable to move Sealion war. If we do not want to conflict this is our only option. Moving into May would mean bad camping. Moving to June would be wedged between 2 events – our site will not be available on another weekend

Discussion regarding the calendar and conflicts in general. Tomas has been informed that for next calendar year Principality is considering letting every branch pick a single date where no other branch can conflict. Council agrees that Lionsdale would like to reserve the 1st weekend in June as our date.

Council voted on moving Lionsdale Champions to another date. The decision was unanimous to keep Lionsdale Champions on the scheduled weekend

Further to this Katarina presented council with a preliminary bid for Lionsdale Champions with Aine as co-autocrat. The event will feature Equestrian events.

Council voted on the bid for Lionsdale Champions. No objections. Danitha, Katarina, and Sebastian abstained from voting. **PASSED**

3. **Champion Regalia** – Proposal that Lionsdale's Championship regalia and the regalia we inherited from Eisenmarche be merged to form one set of regalia – No objections **PASSED**
4. **Known World Handbook** – Tomas obtained these and requests council approve \$46 in funds for repayment – No objections. Sebastian abstained from voting. **PASSED**
5. **Arts & Sciences supplies** – Kayleigh requests funds (\$45) to purchase supplies for the accolades competition at Winter's Tournament including tokens for the populace to award as accolades. – No objections. Tomas, Kayleigh, Aine, and Sebastian abstain. **PASSED**
6. **Ghost Ridge Fundraiser** – Desiree reports that last year the Principality sponsored this fundraiser and Lionsdale earned approximately \$650. For the 2011 season if Tir Righ is not interested in sponsoring the event Desiree would like to propose the Lionsdale sponsors. No objections – **PASSED IN PRINCIPLE**
7. **Antioch** – Desiree reports that the Principality is once again considering holding this demonstration. There is the potential to change the date from November to April – concern regarding enough follow-up events for newcomers. **Email Desiree** with input regarding the date and she will pass on to Principality.
8. **August Investiture** – Desiree would like to place a Lionsdale Bid for this event using the Fairgrounds as the site. No objections

Next meeting February council will be held in Abbotsford – Tomas will announce the time and place

Motion to adjourn: Wulfstan; **Seconded by:** Katarina

Attachments

Chatelaine Report

Greetings!

Here is my report for November and December 2010 as well as a repost of the report for October so I can make this my quarterly report too :)

October-

Another brief report~ There were no Lionsdale events in October, so no one for me to pester in person :) I am still conversing via email with interested parties, and providing as much information and encouragement about joining us as I can.

November and December-

Things are going along roughly the same as they have been previously- not much happening event-wise, but I am still in contact with newcomers and curious people online.

At Baroness' Birthday Tourney I did see 2 ladies there that I had met at a previous event; they enjoyed themselves enough to come out to another. I talked to them awhile and it seemed they would be attending more in the future.

I received 2 copies of the new Newcomer's Handbook from Tomas in December and have had a read through it- it will be really handy to have! I am happy to have the information in hand in hardcopy so people can have it all in one place and get a feel for the SCA. I find sometimes the online information can be a bit overwhelming for people to sort through.

YIS,

Safiye
Lionsdale Chatelaine

Dance Report

Monthly Lionsdale
Dance Report

Greetings unto the Seneschal of Lionsdale and its populace, the following is the full report for January AS45 being the year 2011.

Lionsdale dance has occurred on Tuesday evening from 7:30 - 9:30 PM . Dance has taken place on December 14th with an attendance of 17 individuals. Dance also took place on January 11th with an attendance of 14 individuals.

The dance group has continued with the fee of \$3 per person, with no student rate available. Everyone has abided by the new pricing.

The testing for La Misura di Ballare is still available. No new testing took place these past months

We had a turn out of five new people in December, three of them from the Sing for Your Supper new comers event that was held the previous weekend. They all seemed to have quite a lot of fun at dance, but did not attend January's class.

This concludes Lionsdale dance report, January AS45 being 2011.

Lady Azzah Lazanice
Lionsdale Minister of Dance

Bardic Report

Short & sweet this month.

- "Sing for Your Supper" was held Dec 11th in Chilliwack and saw more bardic activity happening than the last Principality championship. More on that in the event report.

- The Shire Bardic Championship is being held at Winter Tourney in Chilliwack Feb. 5th. Our current champion has published the parameters of her competition and I look forward to seeing a good turnout of both audience and entrants for the championship.

In service,

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THL Wulfstan Hrafnsson
Deputy A&S Minister for Bardic Arts

A&S Report

Greetings;

Here is my very short report.

Arts & Sciences Officer Report

In November I stepped into my role as the new Arts & Sciences Officer and am still working on obtaining my officer handbook from Sophia. I am currently in the process of preparing my first quarterly report.

In the next month I will begin polling the populace of Lionsdale, both on the forum and at our local events, in regards to the type of Arts & Sciences demonstrations, classes, events people are interested in attending. Any one with suggestions in this regard can email me through the Lionsdale website or talk to me at upcoming events.

There will be two Arts & Sciences competitions at the next Lionsdale event - Winter's Tournament on February 5th. Details of the competitions can be found on the forum. I encourage anyone who is entering for the Championship to contact me ahead of time so I have an idea of how much space to set up. Anyone who needs kitchen space to prepare their feast food for the potluck must inform me in advance so we can coordinate with the autocrat team.

Yours in Service,
Lady Kayleigh de Leis

Herald Report

I have a somewhat lengthy and technical report this month. My apologies for this, but the nature of the content makes this unavoidable.

1. Heraldry for Winter Tourney is being prepared.

2. The Tir Righ College of Herald's submissions people are getting very good at Free Cell. Gentles who wish to submit their name/device/badge for registration are encouraged to do so. Each submission costs only \$10, and they can be processed much more quickly than submissions to the An Tir College were... particularly right now when the Tir Righ heralds don't have a lot of submissions to review! As a

reminder, devices and badges can only be submitted if a gentles name is already submitted or is submitted alongside the heraldry.

3. The submission of our Shire badge hit a snag in the fall when we found conflicts with not only an SCA gentles (which can be got round) but also with major historical heraldry (which can't). I have worked at some other possibilities in the intervening time and now have a few badge ideas to propose.

3a. First, a fairly classic design:

[Fieldless] On a cross formy quadrate sable, a lions face Or. (I would probably reword this as "a lions head cabossed Or", but it means the same thing)

This is being used at present as the (unregistered) badge of the Order of the Scapula Leonis at present, but I have an alternative for that as well. Further, there is nothing wrong with the Scapula token taking the form of our populace badge. It is, after all, intended as a token of service to our populace. It would also be easy to add the lions face to many existing items bearing only the cross.

Two clear potential conflicts, neither insurmountable:

- [Lionsdale, Canton of](#)
 - The following device associated with this name was registered [in February of 1997 \(via An Tir\)](#):
Or, on a cross formy quadrate sable within a laurel wreath vert a lions face Or.

I suspect these guys will give us permission to conflict. I know their herald pretty well.

- [Angelique de Roche](#)
 - The following device associated with this name was registered [in September of 1987 \(via the West\)](#):
Or, on a cross nowy quadrate azure, a lions head cabossed Or.

I'm going to do some deeper digging on this one. I suspect the colour of the cross, if not its form, will give us a CD, and our badge being fieldless already gives us one of the necessary two. If this *is* a conflict, she must have given us permission to conflict in '97 for our device, so we're probably good there. I can go ahead and put together a letter though. I don't anticipate a problem.

There are other fieldless crosses sable - and lots of them - and the rules for crosses are a bit tricky so there may be other conflicts, but I think the tertiary charge will leave us free and clear of most of them.

The downside of this proposal is that it doesn't give any visual recognition of the Eisenmarche part of the branch by incorporating Eisenmarche traditional heraldry.

3a1. If we use this one, a possible Scapula badge would be:

[Fieldless] On a lions head erased Or a cross formy quadrate sable.

I still need to conflict check this one.

The default position for a tertiary charge on an erased beasts head is near the base of the neck, so the cross would in fact be indicating the lions shoulder, thus suggesting the tokens name as well. I am doing

something similar for my personal badge, in fact, though with different charges. I do not believe that either the name or badge of the Scapula are currently registered, so we should make a decision about whether to continue using this token (some of Seagirt's Shire tokens became defunct when they became a Barony, as I understand it) before we go too far ahead with this one.

3b. Secondly, a variant thereof:

[Fieldless] On a cross formy quadrangle sable, a lymphad in full sail reversed Or.

This appears to be clear of conflict. There are lots of ships Or, but I didn't see any as tertiary charges, and if the above is clear then this should be as well.

This has the appeal of combining the two most iconic elements of Lionsdale's and Eisenmarche's traditional heraldry. As Eisenmarche's arms are currently held in trust by the Crown, I will probably need to contact Their Majesty's senior heralds about the procedure for permission to conflict (or releasing the heraldry to us for registry as ancient arms). Again, items bearing the cross alone as our "working badge" would need only to have the ship added on top of it. The downsides are twofold:

- 1) It does not include any lions in any form, which means our badge would not reflect our name. Not a problem, but it may cause confusion.
- 2) The ship would then be very small, and in practice on storage totes, Gold Key tabards and the like often be indistinct as a result.

3c. Finally, the reverse of the above:

[Fieldless] A lymphad in full sail reversed Or, charged upon the sail with a cross formy sable.

Potential conflicts:

- [Ansteorra, Kingdom of](#)
 - The following badge associated with this name was registered [in November of 1993 \(via Ansteorra\)](#):
(Fieldless) On a longship Or, mast unshipped, a mullet of five greater and five lesser points sable.
for the [Ansteorran Longship Company](#)
- [Trimaris, Kingdom of](#)
 - The following badge associated with this name was registered [in February of 1996 \(via Trimaris\)](#):
Azure, a galleon Or.
for [Order of the Golden Galleon](#)

I need to check out what kinds of ships do or don't conflict. I can prepare letters for these as well if needed.

Ships are sufficiently common that there are 74 entries in OANDA just under "Ship, Or", so there may be others I've missed. I *think* the Ansteorran one should be clear, but the award from Trimaris is more troubling.

If clear, this has the same advantages in terms of recognising our bilateral history, but would require more

alteration of existing badge-bearing items. Again, there are no lions. However, the cross charged on the ship would be a lot clearer in most cases than the other way round. This suggestion came from the Principality Seneschal, who knows a thing or two about these matters. It might give a somewhat "Santa Maria" vibe, but we could always just update and start singing "A Ship Called Lionsdale" again...

My favorites are the first two, but there is merit in all three. Putting it to an informal poll on the website might be worthwhile. I can have graphics made up in short order.

This concludes my report.

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THL Wulfstan Hrafnsson
Herald of Lionsdale

Webminister Report

November 18 2010 – January 20 2011

A report of my activities since November 18, 2010.

Activities

- Continued to update website
- Looking for a website updating deputy
- Some issues with the forum and spam bots. I have a temporary solution in place, changing from reCaptcha to a question answer format. Once Google has fixed reCaptcha I intend to return to that anti-spam system.

Website Statistics September

Unique Visitors:	1135
Day of the week most frequented:	Wednesday
Time most frequented:	5 pm
Top three referring sites:	Google Antir Facebook
Average page requests per day:	1732

Future Plans

- Set up e-mail accounts for remaining officers upon request by that officer:
- Put old pawprints online
- Put Great Book online

The Honourable Tomas de Courcy (GdS)
Noah Arney
Shire of Lionsdale Webminister

Seneschal Report

November 18 2010 – January 20 2011

A report of my activities since November 18, 2010.

Activities

- Elspeth and Thora are working on organizing Eisenmarche's locker contents and merging it with our own
- Worked with Tir Righ Calendar to ensure proper placement of Winters Tourney on the calendar due to an issue with Tir Righ Calendar's e-mail
- Talked with their excellencies of Lions Gate and Seagirt regarding Sealion War
- Banking changed over to TD bank

Events

- Bard and a Banquet
- Sing for Your Supper
- Two bids for Winters Tourney

Special Projects

Eisenmarche Merger

- We are currently in the process of merging our and Eisenmarche's locker contents
- We should look into merging the champion regalia from the two groups

Barony of Lionsdale

- The Baronial Inquiry committee will be starting up soon.

Seneschal's Handbook

- Thora is working on this

Constitution and Bylaws

- Currently on hold

Population Statistics September

Members	50
Bad Address	8

Future Plans

- Event Steward's Handbook

Notes

- Quarterly reports are due at the end of the month, please send them to your upline, your local greater officer, and myself.
- Uilliam, Tir Righ Seneschal, is working on a new system for the Tir Righ Calendar. Each branch will have one date that no other branch may conflict with. This way the Prince and Princess will not have to choose between major events, and all branches will be better represented on the calendar.
- Kingdom is debating limiting branches to one or two level one events a year. This will likely not affect us as we went to a system where only Winters Tourney and Lionsdale Champions are level one events last year. Bard and a Banquet and Odin's will be level two events.
- King Skeggi would appreciate it if we had our baronial petition ready by the end of his reign
- There will be a new form coming out soon for photos which are to be posted on our website or printed in the Paw Print. It will require a photo release from every person in a picture who's face is recognizable, with the exception of public areas, such as on the field, or during court. This is not currently an issue for Lionsdale, but may be in the future. I would recommend that we pick an event to have official photos taken at and have everyone through the gate sign a photo release, then use those photos on our website.
- There will be another form coming out in the coming months for the creators of forms, documents or programs. This will stop people from being able to tell the SCA to stop using a form, program, website, etc. that was created for the SCA.
- The Kingdom has standardized ages for the different pay levels at gate. Children are 12 and under, Youth are between 12 and the age of majority (19 in BC), Adults are age of majority and above (19+).
- Royalty's children are now comped similarly to the sitting royalty. This is already the standard in Lionsdale.
- Kingdom Seneschal position is opening up in July.

The Honourable Tomas de Courcy (GdS)

Noah Arney

Seneschal of Lionsdale