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## KINGDOM BARONIAL REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER TO NOVEMBER 2006

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### REGULAR ACTIVITIES

Breakup period for St Florian is the beginning of December through to January.

Monday Night Practice involves both fighter practice and A&S classes.

November Average	A&S 7	FP 14	Total: 21
January Average	A&S 6	FP 12	Total 18
February Average	A&S 8	FP 18	Total 24

It's interesting to note that at the end of 2006, 84% A&S attendees were paid members and only 39% FP attendees were paid members.

Hoping to increase the average attendance to 40 in total. There is a clear opportunity to increase this number particularly in the A&S areas. (Club House is now cool enough to inhabit!)

Gabriel has been co-ordinating formal fighter practice training which has been well received and ensuring more consistent fighters attending.

### EVENTS

No events have been run during the reporting period. (Too hot!)

However, previously I reported that I had outstanding event reports. I now have \*no\* outstanding event reports. Yay me.

### PROBLEMS

Since the 04/12/2006, the football club where we hold our meetings have run games on all fields available over our booking that we have had for the last 7 years. This has continued through to the 19th of February. The president of the football club has received emails, phone calls and conversations in person from Gabriel (who runs FP) and I. I will be negotiating a reduced price (\$) for the times where we have not had full access to the services that we have paid for.

I have contacted the Brisbane City Council and put in an application for our own premises. Evidently there is an 8 year waiting list :( however there is potential for a fantastic site at Dutton Park. Dutton Park is across the river from the University of Queensland and has a "green bridge" (bikes, buses or walking) which takes less than 10 minutes to get from this site to UQ campus!

To add to this, it is also very centrally located for the Barony. The current site is at Graceville which is located at the far western reaches of St Florian (Dinglydell), where many of our members come from the eastern reaches (Diddlydale). I have all my fingers and toes crossed for this site.

### Officers

Approximately half of the officers are demonstrating significant initiative and are doing fabulous things. The other half are really busy/burnt out and are definitely in need of a well deserved break.

### QUESTIONS

#### Does the SCAA have a tax file number?

We would like to open an interest bearing account. This would allow us to have 10k earning significant interest and allows us to use 4k to operate from. With a tax file number, we will not automatically loose 50% to tax. It would be an easy way for us to basically raise our Lochac Levy without having to do a thing!

### **Why is there no section for hospitaller!?**

HOSPITALLER (the most important office IMHO) = Acacia de Navarre

St Florian is currently managing approximately 10 new people (under 6 months).

Looking at intake processes to better manage newbies with a more case management framework with a team of mentors in various fields and interest areas.

Weekly sewing sessions, armouring session to get newbies prepared for festival in progress however more breadth of activity planned post festival to include heraldic consultations and general mentoring by a number of members within the Barony.

Small troupe of actors to manage Abbey Demo in 2007. This will provide a very small financial kickback however the SCA for Queensland will be advertised in Abbey Museum's promotional material. Unknown to what extent or how successful this will be.

Unknown if BMF demo will be happening. This is normally managed by River Haven and supported by us. RH, BW and St Floz will be looking at what other activities and promotional material we can develop to raise awareness and possibly membership in the region.

### **PLANS**

Policy and Procedures from officers are still coming in. Hoping to get this rolling after Rowany Festival.

Current Membership is at 36. Hoping to continue pushing membership to hit 50 in the near future. (Potential growth area is the fighting community).

### **SUMMARY OF OFFICERS**

#### **Marshal - Gabriel de Beaumont**

There have been 2 authorisations during this period. No tourneys during this period. FP is running swimmingly.

There are currently no marshals in training.

There is one other authorised marshal who is a member in the Barony. There has been interest from two parties to become Marshals which needs to be "reinvigorated".

#### **Herald - Helen Wentworth**

For the months of November and December 2006 and January 2007, the following awards have been granted and submissions made:

*BARONIAL AWARDS:* Nil

*KINGDOM AWARDS:* Court Barony to Lilya Bint Barbarossa (a.k.a Lilith de Tara) by Alfar and Gudrun, Twelfth Night

*SUBMISSIONS:* Name and device – Lilya Bint Barbarossa

#### **Arts and Sciences - Cecelia Rosa de la Santa Maria**

In addition to our Monday night meeting, there are various smaller 'casual' A&S functions that happen weekly or bi-weekly. Our lovely Baroness has a casual sewing day on Sunday's at her house. This is usually attended by 4-5 people.

Some 'household' oriented A&S functions are happening such as:

- ✦ MoralezBeaumont (Gabriel and Stanzi) has household sewing bi-weekly (although it is currently weekly in the run up to festival) and runs a monthly open house workshop, and
- ✦ Acacia's Minions meets on a weekly basis to sew...with a newcomer gear and festival gear focus.

Other than sewing, Baron Gabriel is running regular armouring workshops, with a view toward getting more newcomers into armour and authorised.

### **Reeve - Bain of Stornaway**

Due to the abysmal services of the Bank of Queensland, St Florian has closed it's long standing account and opened one with ANZ. (Hizzare for web access to view account movement!)

Current signatories are reeve (Jamie Baggaley) and seneschal (Rachel Vess). Hoping to increase this number in the new year to at least 4 responsible paid members.

The Reeve is yet to finalise monthly reporting from approximately May 2006 (due to BofQ not providing bank statements<grrrr>). The Reeve and Seneschal hope to have these finalised by the end of February.

There are a number of outstanding cheques that require to be written. (Again, another issue with previous account with old signatories moving overseas...) Hoping to finalise this the same time when we catch up with the monthly reporting.

There is currently \$14,711.08 in the account with a further approx \$110 to be banked from Fighter Practice in the next 24 hours.

### **QuarterMaster - Violante de las Andes**

There is no outstanding equipment to date. All equipment is in order. There is a list of equipment that is needed to be purchased.

### **Constable - Raphael du Noir**

All FP/A&S attendees have signed waivers. There have been two injuries at fighter practice being a finger strain and a more significant knee injury. Both required ice.

There have been no events during this period.

No other incidents of note (other than the Baronial Constable breaking a chair and falling on his bottom with no injury which was funny). No lost property has been handed in during this period however there is still outstanding lost property from Buttomy Cooth and other events.

### **Chirurgion**

This office is not required and we do not have a Baronial Chirurgion.

There are several Senior First Aid officers within the Barony and at least one Chirurgion at Large. There are first aid kits made available at events, although we are yet to retrieve the sports one from the Baron to go to Gabriel (in charge of Fighter Practice). The first aid kits are about to be restocked prior to be taken down for Rowany Festival. They then get restocked post festival.

### **Chronicler – Nesta verch Wyn**

Dieu la Vault is the monthly newsletter. It is distributed in hard copy and in soft format. There are 61 names on the soft copy distribution list and approximately 50-100 that get handed out at various events to folks not on email or newbies.

Quarterly publications get distributed in the same way. However, the phone listing for members of St Florian are not to be given to non SCAdian participants.

Website is considerably out of date. Webmaster has had some difficulties with code behind the scene. It is unlikely that this will be finalised prior to festival ☹