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# MISSIVES FROM THE MEETINGS

**DECEMBER 18, 2019**

## OFFICER REPORTS

### **Their Excellencies**

Long Nights: Thank you to everyone who helped at Long Nights. See you at Hero of the Chalice (Jan 4) or 12<sup>th</sup> Night (Jan 5).

Their Excellencies want to know how the church liked us. No news or issues raised so far, so it seems things are good with them. Also asked for thoughts on the site. Attendees thought it worked out well. Next year Soule will be contacted again to see if anything can be worked out there.

Asked for total attendance at Long Nights: 116 paid, 3 no-shows, and there were 12 non-members.

Reminder that 12<sup>th</sup> Night at Their Excellencies' Castle is on Sunday, January 5. Barony of Marcaster on FB for event page and information.

**Seneschal**: The Seneschal asked again for a deputy. Liadan is interested.

**Exchequer**: The current balance is \$9,672.42, which includes the cash payments from Long Nights, but not PayPal. The feast steward refunded \$100 from Long Nights lunch. \$7,014.75 in the general fund, no change to dedicated funds. State of the Barony financials report was published in the quarterly newsletter.

Long Nights: Gross from the event was \$1,290 without PayPal fees. Net from the event is not available yet.

Quartermaster: She has two cases of tablecloths from Long Nights. She needs someone to go with her to put them back in the storage unit. The Baron took items out of storage willy-nilly without checking them out, so there will be a significant amount of coal in his stocking this year.


**Marshal**: Traveling practice was held on Sunday, December 15 in the Shire of Starhaven. Next traveling practice will be Sunday, January 19 in the Shire of Sudrholt. See the Trimar's Traveling Practice page for additional information.

**Chatelaine**: Received a lot of Marcaster items from a previous chatelaine who found and returned them at Long Nights. Picking up loaner garb this week. Seneschal may also have some things to donate.

**Arts & Sciences**: Quarterly report submitted, taking suggestions for Teach the Baroness classes.

**Herald**: Court report submitted for Long Nights.

**Chronicler**: The Fall 2019 (September – November) edition of The Waterspout and the quarterly report were submitted to the Kingdom Chronicler. If you have articles, information, announcements, etc. you would



like to have included/considered for inclusion in the Winter (December 2019-February 2020) newsletter, please send to the chronicler (via FB PM or chronicler@marcaster.com) NLT Monday, February 24. Next newsletter and quarterly report are due by March 1. December meeting minutes will be posted on Marcaster Populace FB page.

## **CURRENT BUSINESS**

**12<sup>th</sup> Night:** January 5, 2PM – 7PM at Their Excellencies' house (The Castle). Bring a dish to share, and gifts for exchange of no more than \$10.

**Drink Coolers:** One of the drink coolers broke and was discarded at Long Nights. The feast stewards suggested that the Barony purchase two new drink coolers/dispensers (large, round Igloo type with spigot). Columella noted that the two she loaned from school are always available to borrow.

## **FUTURE BUSINESS**

**Fall Coronation 2020:** T-shirt fundraiser discussed. Seneschal proposed an art contest for the graphic design to go on the shirts. Theme suggested is Trimaris 2020. New local t-shirt business that may be able to do the shirts. It was noted that a different sanitation crat may be needed. Will discuss further after the holidays.

**Res 2020:** Her Excellency asked to check price and availability at the UU church. Will discuss further after the holidays.

**Largo High and Pinellas County History Days:** Largo HS is Friday, January 17 during school hours, Pinellas County is Friday evening February 28 and Saturday February 29. Asking for volunteers to judge entries, both onsite and remote. Barony will do a prize basket again, did games last year and was well received. Will need someone to organize, can discuss further at January meeting.

**History Bee:** Columella is looking for readers, will need 21 total, pays up to \$135 for the day. Contact her if interested.

**JANUARY 15, 2020**

## **OFFICER REPORTS**

### **Their Excellencies**

Gulf Wars: Gulf Wars is March 14 – 22. If you are going, please be sure to sign up on the volunteer sheet posted on Trimaris Populace on Facebook. Even if you don't know what position you are interested in yet, please pre-register to volunteer. Exchequer reminder – name Marcaster as the group to receive volunteer monies. Trimaris is hosting the Knowne World party this year and needs volunteers including bartenders and other positions. If you are camping at Gulf Wars, please get your tent dimensions including ropes to Baron Torquil of Wyvernwoode so it can be included in the land allotment.

Trident Tourney: Trident Shogatsu: A Japanese New Year's Festival is Friday, January 24 – Sunday, January 26 at Camp Kiwanis in Silver Springs, FL.

Winter Kingdom Art/Sci: Winter Art/Sci on the Steppes is Friday, January 31 – Sunday, February 2 at a new location, Camp Challenge in Sorrento, FL.

Tournament of the Three Ships: Friday, February 7 – Sunday, February 9, Camp Greynolds, Shire of Southkeep.

Spring Coronation: Friday, April 3 – Sunday, April 5 at Camp La Llanada, Lake Wales, FL.

SCA Website: The SCA.org website has a new look. Asked the seneschal to contact the Kingdom Webminister as the link from SCA.org goes to the former seneschal and needs to be updated.

Barony Group Photo: Their Excellencies would like to get a new Barony group picture and update the baronial website. May be able to do this at Res.

Vatican Library Online: The Vatican Library is now digitized and online at <https://digi.vatlib.it/>

**Seneschal**: Congratulated His Excellency for running the Long Nights event. Announced that Liadan will be taking up the Deputy Seneschal role, so there will be an opening in the Chronicler position at the end of the year and a need for a deputy Chronicler. Suggested to set up a Help Wanted type post on Facebook.

**Exchequer**: The current balance is unchanged from last month (\$9,672.42, \$7,014.75 in the general fund, no change to dedicated funds) which includes the cash payments from Long Nights, but not PayPal. The exchequer has contacted Kingdom regarding PayPal money. Will not have total dollars until PayPal is done.

Total attendance at Long Nights was 116. Lunch feast was sold out and got \$100 back from the feastcrats.

Quartermaster: Will return the tablecloths from Long Nights to the storage unit.



## **Marshal**

Practices: Local practice this week is on Saturday in Marcaster at Largo Park. Traveling practice will be held on Sunday, January 19 in the Shire of Sudrholt. See the Trimaris Traveling Practice page for additional information.

Trimaris Archery Day: See Liadan's post in Marcaster Populace. The archery community is discussing holding Trimaris Archery Day (TAD) sometime in April at the Masonic Camp in Wimauma (where Wyvernwoode held Chalice). Please comment on the post if you would be interested in/likely to attend and Liadan will pass that information on to the planners. They are trying to determine if there are enough potential attendees to make the event viable.

**Chatelaine**: Started building the garb closet and will be putting clothing into it this weekend. There were a lot of donations received at Long Nights and after, so she needs to reorganize and inventory garments. Her Excellency suggested taking pictures of each item that can then be posted on the Baronial website to show what is available for loan (a virtual closet).

**Arts & Sciences**: Class on Wednesday, January 29 at 7PM at Their Excellencies' Castle to bottle the mead made in November. Need to set dates/topics for future classes.

**Herald**: Passing around a petition for populace signatures for the Wyverncaster Populace badge submittal. Since it is a group badge instead of personal, the petition is needed to show group support. Wyvernwoode will also be submitting a petition from their populace.

Court report was submitted for Long Nights.

**Chronicler**: December meeting minutes were posted to FB and the website. If you have articles, information, announcements, etc. you would like to have included/considered for inclusion in the Winter (December 2019-February 2020) newsletter, please send to the chronicler (via FB PM or chronicler@marcaster.com) NLT Monday, February 24. Next newsletter and quarterly report are due by March 1. January meeting minutes will be posted tomorrow on the Marcaster Populace FB page.

Baronial Champions' names were updated on the Baronial website.

## **CURRENT BUSINESS**

### **Fall Coronation 2020**

Sanitation/Clean Up Crew: Columella noted again that a different sanitation crat may be needed. The seneschal asked if it would be ok to reach out to households or other groups outside the Barony, and she said yes.

T-Shirt Fundraiser: The seneschal proposed an art contest for the graphic design to go on the shirts. Theme is Trimaris 2020. She will post the contest to Trimaris Populace with entries to be emailed to her.

Reservations: Catriona suggested opening reservations by May 1 to draw more attendees since it is 35<sup>th</sup> year. She will submit paperwork to Kingdom to get it opened by that date. She will need help from anyone who is able to process PayPal payments as well as anyone else who can help at reservations.

Planning: Reginald asked if a Facebook planning group will be set up, Columella set it up during the meeting and added staff to it.

### **Res 2020**

Her Excellency will be the autocrat. The theme is the Art Side of War, with classes based on what a skills/training a knight would require of their squires (other than just fighting) in order to become knights, such as learning a dance, sewing, armoring, etc. She will be polling knights to get opinions and ideas.

Site and Date: Her Excellency asked the seneschal to contact the Clearwater UU church this week for pricing and rooms. No date selected until the site is confirmed. Several people noted that there are other groups discussing art/sci events for the summer, so even though the Kingdom calendar is currently clear it may fill up quickly.

Staffing: Needs a classcrat and possibly a co-crat. Will need to discuss food options, have had successful fundraiser lunches before at Res.

### **Largo High and Pinellas County History Days**

Largo High School History Day: This Friday, January 17 from 7:30 to 1, plus later if anyone wants to stay and judge finals. There will be breakfast provided by Starbucks and a pizza lunch from Sardo's. On site judges are needed as the contest has grown and more entrants were added.

Pinellas County: Friday evening February 28 and Saturday, February 29. Asking for volunteers to judge entries, both onsite and remote. Information will be posted once the county opens its site for volunteers. The organizers asked if the Baron will be there in garb again, really enjoyed it and well received by everyone. Barony will do a medieval games prize basket and need someone to organize.

### **FUTURE BUSINESS**

**History, Academic, and Science Bee Readers:** Columella is looking for readers for History Bee on March 28, Friday evening and Academic and Science Bees on March 29, Saturday. Positions are paid. Contact her if interested.

**FEBRUARY 19, 2020**

## **OFFICER REPORTS**

### **Their Excellencies**

Gulf Wars: Gulf Wars is March 14 – 22, less than one month.

Gift Baskets: If you have anything you would like to donate for Gulf Wars or Spring Coronation gift baskets, please contact Her Excellency.

Irish Investiture: A new SCA Barony will be invested in Ireland in July. Their Excellencies will be attending. They have emailed the seneschal to get information on the new barony's device, colors, etc. They will send out the new barony's information to our populace when received. They plan to put together and send a gift basket in advance of their visit. Any donations for the basket are welcomed. Because of this July trip, Her Excellency will not be able to autocrat Res if it is held in July. See Current Business for more discussions regarding Res.

**Seneschal**: The seneschal is out of town and will provide her report when she returns.

It was noted that next month's meeting is currently scheduled for March 18, which is during Gulf Wars. Columella said the school is closed for spring break that week as well. There was discussion on finding a different location or moving the meeting to the following Wednesday, March 25. The attendees voted to move the meeting to the 25<sup>th</sup>. The Baroness will have His Excellency change the meeting date on Facebook, and Columella will send a request to the school.

**Exchequer**: The current balance is unchanged from last month (\$9,672.42, \$7,014.75 in the general fund, no change to dedicated funds). Officer budgets were discussed; Art/Sci budget was rolled over, and the Chatelaine requested a small increase to cover costs of labels for baronial loaner garb. Budgets will be finalized and approved at the next meeting.

The end of the year financial report was submitted electronically, and the exchequer and seneschal will sign it.

The exchequer is still trying to get resolution on questions about the inter-Baronial charter on comps for visiting nobility. The Baroness was told that there is nothing in writing, and that at all of the events she and the Baron have attended so far they have been comped site fees, cabin, and feast. The exchequer plans to follow up with other exchequers to confirm and to see if there is any written guidance based on previous discussions among the baronies about reducing comps, as they can be a drain on each group's resources.

Quartermaster: Returned the tablecloths from Long Nights to the storage unit.

### **Marshal**

Practices: Wyvernwoode has a demo this Saturday, February 22 at the Southshore Regional Library in Ruskin. Practice will be held at the demo site and they would like to have fighters attend – please see the





[Marcaster/Wyvernwoode Joint Fighter Practice](#) Facebook page for information. Traveling practice was held on Sunday, February 16 in the Shire of Seamarch; no dates or location have been announced yet for the next traveling practice. See the [Trimaris Traveling Practice](#) Facebook page for additional information.

Trimaris Archery Day: Still in discussion; will get updates after Gulf Wars.

**Chatelaine:** Finished the garb closet and has put all of the clothing in it. She still plans to make garment bags for transporting garb. She got a label maker that will print cloth labels and plans to tag every garment. She also has a checkout sheet set up. In addition to garb there are lots of accessories and feast gear available for loan. She also plans to take pictures of the garb, though probably in batches as there is a lot of it. The Chatelaine's report will be done this month; the Seneschal noted that even though the report isn't due until March 1, Kingdom would prefer to get it by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month prior.

**Arts & Sciences:** Good attendance at Their Excellencies' Castle to bottle the mead made in November, but the final product wasn't as expected, definitely a learning experience. Would like to do a cordial making class in the future. Need to set dates/topics/locations for future Teach the Baroness classes. Gwen/Jen will be back at the end of March, so anticipate having access to hold classes at her shop when she returns.

Catriona said that Her Majesty wants to host a mead making class at her house, but it will probably be after Spring Coronation.

Her Excellency thanked JW for the beautiful work he did making a Marcaster brand and stamp for marking Baronial items, particularly the wood pavilion poles (since ours and Wyvernwoode's are almost identical).

**Herald:** The herald submitted the quarterly report. She thanked Melangell for providing emergency back up voice heralding.

**Chronicler:** January meeting minutes were posted to FB and the website. If you have articles, information, announcements, etc. you would like to have included/considered for inclusion in the Winter (December 2019-February 2020) newsletter, please send to the chronicler (via FB PM or [chronicler@marcaster.com](mailto:chronicler@marcaster.com)) NLT Wednesday, February 26. The next newsletter and quarterly report are due by March 1. February meeting minutes will be posted on the Marcaster Populace FB page.

The Kingdom Chronicler nominated The Waterspout for a William Blackfox Award for Best Design and Layout.

As suggested by the Seneschal at the January meeting, the chronicler would like to post a Help Wanted article/page in the Spring Quarter (March-May) newsletter to be published by June 1. For any officers looking for deputies, please provide a brief description of position responsibilities or I can use the description on the Baronial website with a link to your barony email for anyone interested. This can also be cross posted the Baronial FB and populace pages.



## CURRENT BUSINESS

### Fall Coronation 2020

We will discuss at next month's meeting when the seneschal is here.

Catriona plans to open credit card reservations on May 1. Kingdom is still waiting on Camp La Llanada to approve/sign contracts for upcoming events (including Spring Coronation in April), so cabin/bed reservations are still unavailable. There is discussion that the Kingdom is looking for ideas and may consider other sites, including Camp Challenge where Art/Sci was held.

### Res 2020

Because of Their Excellencies' trip to Ireland in July, a new autocrat would be needed for Res if we plan to hold it in July. Her Excellency has not gotten any information yet regarding pricing at the UU Church; the last she heard the seneschal was still waiting on the third party rental management company to respond. Given the difficulty in getting a venue and trying to set a date in the summer that works, not sure what will happen to the event. Concerns were raised about another Res cancellation. Changing the typical summer dates/time of year were discussed. Melangell offered to autocrat if the event could be moved to sometime in September after Fall Coronation. If it is moved to any time other than July, Her Excellency said she will be able to autocrat. Columella said she thinks that we may be able to use Largo High School classrooms and other spaces if we hold Res on a weekend during the school year, most likely later in September. She is going to check on availability and costs (would have to have a plant operator on site, not sure of other costs) and will follow up at the next meeting.

### Pinellas County History Day

Pinellas County: Friday evening February 28 and Saturday, February 29. Would still like to have any volunteers available to judge entries on site.

Catriona is coordinating the prize basket being given for the best medieval/renaissance history project. If you have any medieval games to donate, please get your items to her before next Saturday. Columella also asked for and got several volunteers to pre-select the basket winner from the applications received for the award.

## FUTURE BUSINESS

**History, Academic, and Science Bee Readers:** Columella is looking for readers for History Bee on March 28, Friday evening and Academic and Science Bees on March 29, Saturday. Positions are paid. Contact her if interested.

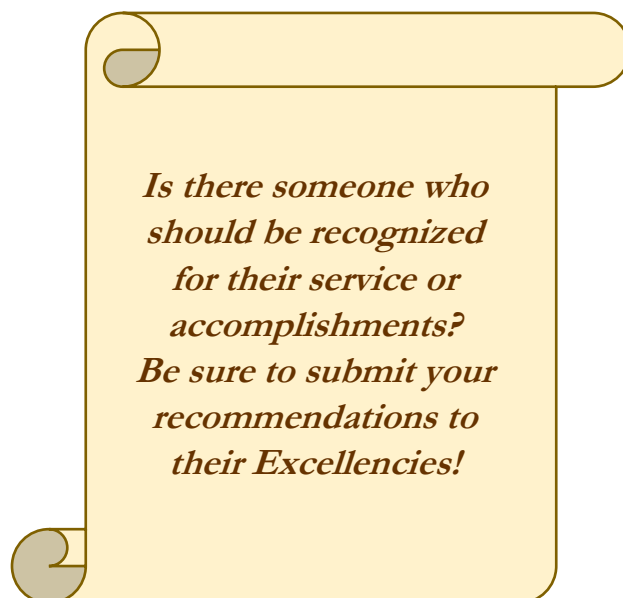
## AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

Congratulations to the new Champions of Marcaster!

☒ <b>Champion of Marcaster:</b>	Drust Thorisson
☒ <b>Defender of the Caravan:</b>	Sir Logan the Gardener
☒ <b>Defender of the Mermaid's Grotto:</b>	Lord Wolff of Darkwater
☒ <b>Youth Champion of Marcaster:</b>	Nolan of Marcaster
☒ <b>Art/Sci Champion of Marcaster:</b>	Siobhan inghean Chormic

Congratulations to those who received Baronial awards at Long Nights. They are well deserved!

☒ <b>Order of the Golden Citadel with Award of Arms:</b>	Gudhrun Junisdottir
☒ <b>Order of the Golden Citadel with Award of Arms:</b>	Liadan ingen Diarmata
☒ <b>Order of the Golden Well:</b>	Lady Annyse and Lord Eirik
☒ <b>Order of the Golden Brazier:</b>	HL Dominic of Narval Dorado
☒ <b>Ring of Chivalry:</b>	Liadan ingen Diarmata



## LOCAL MEETINGS, PRACTICES, AND ACTIVITIES

### Baronial Meetings

6:30PM on the third Wednesday of each month;  
see the Calendar for dates and the Barony's FB page  
for location and other details.

### Combined Weekly Fighter Practices

Marcaster and Wyvernwoode  
Saturday or Sunday, 10AM – 4PM  
Rapier at 10AM, Heavy at 12PM.

Marcaster: Largo Central Park  
101 Central Park Drive, Largo, 33771

Wyvernwoode: MacFarlane Park  
1700 N Macdill Ave, Tampa, FL 33607

Check the [Marcaster/Wyvernwoode Joint Fighter Practice FB Page](#)  
for updates and information

Please contact the  
**Chronicler**  
**by May 25, 2020**  
with any information,  
announcements, or other  
content you would like to  
have included in the  
**Spring Quarter 2020**  
edition of the newsletter.

Other comments,  
suggestions, or input for  
the newsletter are greatly  
encouraged and  
appreciated!

Check the Barony's website and Facebook  
pages at the links below for further  
information on meetings, practices, and  
activities.

[Barony of Marcaster Website, Activities Page](#)

[Marcaster Populace FB Page](#)

[Barony of Marcaster FB Page](#)

## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH 2020	
<b>March 25:</b>	<b>Marcaster Monthly Meeting</b> Largo High School, 6:30PM, Room Room 2-129
<b>March 14-22:</b>	<b><a href="#">Gulf Wars XXIX</a></b> Kingdom of Gleann Abhann, King's Arrow Ranch, Lumberton, MS
APRIL 2020	
<b>April 15:</b>	<b>Marcaster Monthly Meeting</b> Largo High School, 6:30PM, Room Room 2-129
<b>April 3-5:</b>	<b><a href="#">Spring Coronation</a></b> Barony of Castlemere, Camp La Llanada, Lake Wales, FL
<b>April 17-19:</b>	<b><a href="#">Saint George's Faire</a></b> Canton of Mathom Trove, Camp Chowenwa, Green Cove Springs, FL
<b>April 18 :</b>	<b><a href="#">Tournament of the Rose</a></b> Shire of Sea March, Dreher Park, West Palm Beach, FL
MAY 2020	
<b>May 20:</b>	<b>Marcaster Monthly Meeting</b> Largo High School, 6:30PM, Room Room 2-129
<b>May 1 – 3 :</b>	<b><a href="#">Oldenfeld Anniversary</a></b> Barony of Oldenfeld, Tallahassee Bible Church, Tallahassee, FL
<b>May 8 – 10:</b>	<b><a href="#">Gathering of the Clans</a></b> Barony of Darkwater, Camp Kiwanis, Silver Springs, FL
<b>May 22 – 25:</b>	<b><a href="#">Trimaris Memorial Tournament</a></b> Hosted By TBD, Site TBD

Visit the [Kingdom of Trimaris Calendar](#) for additional event information.



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