



The North Wind

Newsletter for the Barony of Lions Gate

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Long Live Baron Griffin and Baroness Caitrin!



The Baron's Column

Ahh...Baron only for a few weeks and right away I have to write my column, at least I have lots of material. We of Lions Gate have every reason to be immensely proud of what our people have achieved. 12th Night was a great success due to the great efforts of some very talented and dedicated individuals. Bernadette Eibhlin A'rd, Sionann in Ui Fhlaitheartaig, Aine inghearn Ui Conchobhar and their team (I would love to name them all but I'm sure I would forget someone, and they all seem to have very long names) who overcame many crises and obstacles, both minor and massive, to create an event to be proud of. Well done to you all.

Not only did Lions Gate shine in putting on this event but our people showed why our Barony is so great. Where to start! The recognition of talent and efforts was overwhelming. Congratulations to Elena de Mainlsvarin, Exchequer extraordinaire, on her elevation to the Order of the Pelican. Just volunteering to be an Exchequer deserves reward but she has gone above and beyond and was most worthy of this recognition. Then we have our two new Grey Goose Shafts, Anika and Ealeen, well done to you both. We cannot forget the amazing display of skill shown by the Rapier fighters of Lions Gate. All those that entered into the Queen's Rapier Championship (and there were many) showed their honour and skill. Of course we were thrilled to see two of our own in the finals, our Rapier Defender and Master of Blades Warrick Drakkar and Don Daimuid de Rosas. Congratulations to you both for a well fought tourney and a most entertaining final. I am confident that the victor, Don Diarmuid, will serve the Kingdom well.

We would be remiss in not mentioning a few friends who received recognition, though they now live beyond our borders still remain closely tied. Thane Einar Guntherson, Yeoman of Lions Gate, was elevated to the Order of The Pelican. It was most enjoyable just to see the look on his face when they called his name. Safie Constantin, the artisan behind the Baronial circlets, was welcomed into the Order of the Laurel. Luther Magnus of Lionsdale became the newest White Scarf. Indeed there was so much happening one did not want to leave Court for fear of missing something.

Hmmm, no there was something else, what the heck was that? Oh yes! Caitrin and I were entrusted with the caretaking of this fine Barony. We wish to extend our sincerest gratitude and warmest regards to Harold Devin and Aurora for the service they have given over the years that they guided our Barony. It is a most difficult job and has not been easy but they have managed admirably.



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A Missive from Our Baroness



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Sir Griffin and I are very pleased to be welcomed into the role of Baron and Baroness of Lions Gate. I am looking forward to many challenges that serving our fair Barony will bring me. It is with great enthusiasm, excitement, and a little dose of anxiety, that I embark on this new journey. In order to serve the Barony effectively, open communication is an important requirement from Ourselves, the Officers and the Populace. I anticipate hearing from many of you so please feel free to contact us with any ideas, concerns or topics you wish to discuss.

I would like to thank Devin and Aurora for the time and attention they have devoted to the Brony for the past five years and wish them all the best in their "retirement".



From the Chronicler's Quill



Lady Ceara inghean ui
Mhadadhain

You may have noticed something different with this edition of The North Wind. Yes, it looks a little different and it is one page shorter. Why? In an effort to combat the ever-rising costs of producing the North Wind, I had a good look at the newsletter and decided that we really don't need to use two pages (1 sheet, double-sided) for a cover page and table of contents. By reducing the document from 5 to 4 pages, we can save approximately 8 cents per unit. Sure, it doesn't seem like a lot, but in reality, it can help us to break even on our costs for producing the North Wind. You aren't losing any content – honest! I've just re-arranged things a bit so that we use space more efficiently and have less "waste". Better to have that then raise the subscription fee, right?

If you have any comments or suggestions, I'd love to hear from you, as always. Your best bet is via email at ccaunce@shaw.ca.

Council Meeting Highlights

Wednesday, January 23, 2008

- Any adult doing supervisory activities with children in the US have to have a security check completed. At the moment, Canadians don't need to do the same....yet. Activities/people it affects is boffer marshals, pied piper, that sort of thing. So any Canadians going south can't volunteer for these activities or hold those related offices. Takes effect on Feb 10th.
- There are no more constables. However, there will be a new "public safety officer" who is a deputy of the seneschal. We are not to use any terms that are associated with law enforcement. We're likely going to use something like "Captain of the Watch". The final ruling will be likely come down in March. These guys are not supposed to do anything except monitor and report. They are not supposed to intervene but get the person in charge of the event (Autocrat) or Seneschal unless it's an emergency. That's it.
- There are lots of demos coming up, including a new massive one for Science World. If you can volunteer your time to help for one or all, it would be most appreciated.
- Website is undergoing a complete overhaul. Some features are not working and may not until the new

12th Night



Now wasn't that a party? Our Barony really showed the Kingdom how to put on an event that was not only successful, but very well organized, beautiful and fun! Who knew that the "pink hotel" would serve to be a pretty decent backdrop for the festivities and meetings of 12th Night? The Autocrat Team must have because it was so well done, I was left in awe. An incredible amount of work went into that event over the course of the year and it showed. What a fabulous way to showcase our Barony and what we're capable of. To the Autocrat Team, and especially Bernadette – thank you for your time commitments and dedication to pull this off. It was no small feat!



Photo by Master John Macandrew



Some Award Highlights

Order of the Pelican: Einar Guntherson (Oak), Elena de Maisnilwarin and William Bennett.

Order of the Laurel: Safie Constantin

Order of the White Scarf: Luther Magnus.

Order of the Grey Goose Shaft: HL Bryant Aeron, Aline da Seez and Anika Steif.

Photos by Lady Ceara inghean ui Mhadadhain, except where noted.

A&S Defenders and Days of Dance

February 9-10, 2008



Location: Masonic Hall in New Westminster

The A&S Defenders Tournament format is as follows: ONE Art entry and ONE Science entry with verbal documentation (15 minutes or so of explanation with some questioning). Better if visual documentation is provided and even better if it has written documentation. Bonus points for being on a spring theme (however tenuous).

Judging will be done using the Principality of Tir Righ judging forms (available online). All entrants are asked to provide some details of their entry by the 31st of January to assist in ensuring judges skilled in their medium are on hand for the event.

Autocrat: Master John Macandrew, lionsgater@yahoo.ca

Lionsdale Winter Tournament

February 23, 2008



Lionsdale is proud to announce its annual Winter Tournament. The site is located at the Atchelitz Hall (6542 Lickman Rd.) on February 23rd 2008. The site opens at 10am with the day turning out the Shire's Arts and Sciences and Rapier Champions starting at 11am. Heavy, Archery and Pied Piper activities will also be held. Look to the Lionsdale website as the date approaches for more details.

A potluck will be in the evening on site at 7:00pm. By mundane last name, please bring: A-N meat, O-T raw or cooked vegetables and U-Z desserts. Please cook for 7-10 people. A kitchen is located on site. Please be discreet with all alcohol.

Info regarding championships to come....

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Site Fees

Ages 13 and over:.....\$12

Ages 6-12:.....\$6

5 years and under:.....Free

Family cap:..... \$30

Non-member surcharge of \$3 Canadian

Directions from Highway 1:

Exit 116 South (towards USA) on to Lickman Road, straight through the (Lickman/Yale) lights and travel 2.4 km. The event site is beside a French school on the left. You have gone too far when you reach a 4-way stop. If lost, call Danika at (604) 302-9714.

Tournament of the Daffodil

Barony of Seagirt
March 15, 2008



Autocrat

Theocharista Doukaina
(250) 381-4788 (before 9 pm)
1-3981 Saanich Road
Victoria, BC V8X 1Y9

Come join Their Highnesses of Tir Righ and Their Excellencies of Seagirt, and have a whale of a good time celebrating the Barony's 10th birthday with us.

There will be Heavy, Light and Archery Tournaments, a variety of Arts and Sciences competitions, a fine Birthday Party Feast, dancing and the pleasure of meeting friends old and new.

March 15, 2008 at the Saanich Fair Grounds, 1528 Stellys Cross Rd, Saanichton, BC V8M 1S8. The site will open at 9:00 am and close at 11:00pm

Competitions that will be held are:

- * The Baron's Costume Competition - The Crusades
- * Autocrat's Competition: A painting that best represents Seagirt
- * Costuming Accessories
- * Daffodil in Any Medium
- * Make Your Own Period Game
- * Art & Science Competition

Event website: <http://members.shaw.ca/daffodil2008/>. Details regarding the feast menu, competitions and pre-registration, plus much more, will be found on the website.

Site Fees

- Adult (Age 19 & over).....\$15
- Youth (Age 13 to 18).....\$10
- Child (Age 12 & under).....Free
- Family Cap....\$40 (2 adults & 2 youth, mundane family relations only)
- Merchant Fee....\$5 (Merchants must pre-register to reserve space)

Feast available ONLY by pre-registration; limited to 150 diners.

- Adult - \$20 (includes site fee)
- Youth - \$15 (includes site fee)
- Child - \$10 (includes site fee)

Without a valid SCA membership card, we will have to charge NMS of \$3.00. Cheques and money orders must be written to "The Barony of Seagirt".

Directions from Victoria and Area

- Proceed by your best route to Blanshard Street / Patricia Bay Highway / Highway 17, going NORTH.
- Turn LEFT onto Island View Road.
- Turn RIGHT onto East Saanich Road
- Turn LEFT onto Stelly's Cross Road
- Turn RIGHT into the Saanich Fairground at 1528 Stelly's Cross Road
- Directions from Swartz Bay Ferry Terminal:
- Proceed from the ferry terminal on Highway 17, going SOUTH.
- Turn RIGHT onto Island View Road
- Carry on with Step 3 of "Directions from Victoria & area".



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- * Bardic Arts - Zulu
- * **Dance - Vacant**
- * **Games - Vacant** (well it should be but Uilliam has the stuff!)



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- * **Waterbearer - Vacant**



Calendar of Events

Events with information included in this issue of the North Wind are indicated in bold.

February

- 9-10 **Days of Dance and A&S Defenders**
- 12 Langley Fundamental School Demo
- 20 Walnut Grove Demo
- 23 **Lionsdale Winter Tournament**
- 27 Baronial Council
- 29 Bransle

March

- 15 **Daffodil Tourney** (Barony of Seagirt)
- 15-23 Science World Demo
- 16 NSCA AGM
- 22-23 Shittimwoode's Grand Ithra
- 26 Baronial Council
- ? Bransle

April

- 11-13 Tir Righ Spring Coronet Tourney (Barony of Seagirt)
- 15 Demo in Burnaby
- 18-20 Sir Edward's Memorial Tournament (Shittimwoode)
- 26 Heavy & Archery Defenders and War Practice
- 23 Baronial Council
- 25 Bransle

Lions Gate Baronial Council is where the "business" side of the Barony is run. All members are encouraged to attend council. Council is held on the 4th Wednesday of the month, 7:30pm at Grace Lutheran Church, 7283 Nelson Avenue in Burnaby.

Please contact the Seneschal, HL Uilliam mac Fearchar mhic Gille Aindraais (Mark Hood) if you have any questions or business for Council. He can be reached at (604) 785-4961 or via mhood@shaw.ca.

The monthly Bransle (pronounced "brawl") is a great social evening where there is plenty of dancing, games, working on projects and general merriment. The best part is basement bargain price of only \$3. C'mon and join in on the fun! Organized by HL Cara d'Aquila.

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