

## the north wind

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### the baron's column

Baron Griffin ap Bedwyr

here has been some discussion lately about a study group for people interested in applying for the Sergeantry. If you have an interest in this it is probably a good idea to start working on it as soon as possible. I certainly encourage anyone to make the effort and take on this challenge. It is not easy though, nor should it be, so the more time devoted to studying all the aspects the better. The testing weekend can be very stressful and busy and if you are not prepared things can go south pretty quick.

I am a big fan of the Sergeantry (now when my lady and I talk about the Sergeantry that includes all disciplines, Sergeant, Yeoman, Gallant, and Courtier); of course I am biased as I am not only the Baron but also a former Sergeant. The reason for the Sergeantry has evolved over the years but I still think it serves a purpose. Ask anyone who has gone through the testing and whether they passed or nor they got something out of it. You maybe be doing it for the challenge, to prove something to yourself, to find a place, or maybe your goal is to serve the Baroness the best way you can. When I was a Sergeant there were many who came from far and wide just to be able to serve Baroness Amanda, some even from out of Kingdom. So if you a leaning towards applying start to put some serious though to it, start your studying now.

Another thought I wanted to put into peoples heads is loaner gear. The other night at fighter/archery practice we had several people who were eager to

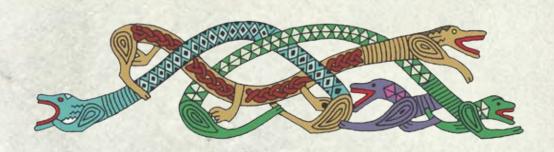
learn and get involved but do not yet have there own gear. We have what is called a Iron Key which like Goldkey for garb is loaner gear for fighters, both heavy and rapier. As far as I know the



rapier gear is pretty good though they could always use more, for heavy we only have enough to outfit one fighter. We also are a little short when it comes to archery loaner gear. So to that end I would like to encourage the citizens of the Barony to consider donating equipment to these loaner piles so we can have more individuals involved in these activities. If you have items to donate you can contact the Master of Stables Cyneric Bearson for Iron Key, for archery officer James Wolfden, and for Steel Key (rapier) Warrick Drakkar. Now remember it doesn't have to be high quality or pretty, just functional. Actually we find that the prettier the stuff is the less likely people are to get their own stuff.

#### did sou know...

On April 1st 1204 the most formidable woman of her age, Eleanor of Aquitaine, died in the monastery at Fontevrault, Anjou. She was 82 years old. She outlived both her husbands and most of her children. Of course many people still remained unconvinced she was really dead or if it was an April fools joke.



### march council highlights

- A heroic effort was made at CelticFest with the snow. Lots of SCA people, not so many event attendees. Overall, very nicely done and lots of fun.
- April 2 (Mon Night) Beaver demo is requested in North Delta – A fighter and a craft person has been requested. No fighting demonstration needed – just a talk on armor
- A couple of Girl Guide demos coming up too.
   Same day as Bardic there is a demo in the evening which should work out fine.
- A proposal for conducting the Watch was tabled. Includes classes to educate/train those who are willing to help, the use of radios and handling of specific types of emergencies, among other things. Stay tuned for classes.
- Next month, we'll be getting a new Chronicler. Ceara's deputy, Beitris, has agreed to step up to the plate which is great. Allows Ceara to take on a Kingdom level job with the College of Heralds. YAY!
- Website has been undergoing some changes, majority have been focused on the calendar. It's being revamped and promises to be quite nifty and functional.
- Some discussion over whether or not, with the email lists we've got, if we really need the forum or office of Dragonward any more. Has technology making it obsolete? The season hasn't really started yet so why don't we wait until the season rolls down and reevaluate in the fall.
- A huge thank you to Myrrim for coordinating the Shoe Making Class and to Alanus and Arunn for coming up to teach it. It was fabulous!

- The Baronial Archer is looking for a 40yd outdoor area for archery shoots as the Burnaby range is not desirable anymore. Cloverdale might work but we'll have to see.
- Farspeaker is complete and will be available for sale at Defenders in April. Should be about \$5 or less for a copy.
- Have you got an idea for eric flagging? A
  call is being put out for anyone with design
  ideas. Submit to Uilliam before April Council.
- Have you got any spare armor? Iron Key is in need of additional pieces, especially helms.
   Talk to Cyneric or Baron Griffin if you have something you can donate.
- Aelana is forming a study group for Courtiers.
- Bids are still being accepted for Clinton up to April 16<sup>th</sup>. If you have one or are planning to submit, please let Uilliam know asap.
- From now until Clinton, an additional Council meeting will be held each month that will be wholly dedicated to dealing with Clinton so that it doesn't take over the regular Council meetings. First one tentatively scheduled for April 16<sup>th</sup>. Stay tuned for updates on the email list.
- John is autocrat for Archery Defenders. The date is set for June 20-21 and the Albion fairgrounds are being considered. Will be combined with the war practice.
- A new Baronial Heralds Tabard is needed. If you want to design, make or both, talk to Uilliam or Caemgen.
- Autocrats are needed for Baroness' Birthday Tourney and Baronial Banquet.

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### Pages Rankings

Initiate's Quest: age 12 - 17

- find a Sponsor
- get written permission from parent or guardian, make the Pages Favor at workshop
- get a Testimonial of Service from a member of the SCA, and a Testimonial of learning by an officer of the SCA

Challenges may be spread over five years of SCA participation between 12 - 17 years of age

Apprentice Page: Basic fundamentals of SCA life

- will complete one of each category of challenges and 3 hours of service

**Journeyman Page**: Build and expand on the fundamentals

 will complete 2 within each of the Categories from the Journeyman Challenges for a total of 16 and 4 hours of service over 2 events

Page: completes the mastery of medieval life

- will complete 3 within each of the Categories from Page challenges for a total of 24 and 5 hours of service over 3 events

**Alumni Page**: awarded one year after graduation from Page Rank for continuing service

#### Apprentice Challenges

#### Chivalry & Comportment Courtesy Seminar:

- know how to serve at a Feast
- know Grievance Procedure
- recognize Coronets, crowns and symbols of orders in An Tir and Tir Righ
- know when to bow/curtsy, assist a person from a kneeling position,

#### History of SCA Kingdom

- Principality map
- Royalty for last 3 years
- history of local group, map its borders

#### **Arts & Sciences**

Research Project on Persona: foods, armour, seige weapon, dogs, toys, dance, poem, music, costume, etc. Detailed list of suggested projects is available

#### Heraldry

- Name & Device
- assist Herald
- know colors, charges, rules of tincture
- ASL alphabet
- know devices of 4 Officers

#### Knowledge of Officer's Duties (e.g. Seneschal)

- instructions for applying for branch office
- give oral report
- describe the service provided for a challenge

#### Martial Arts & Strategy

Categories : Archery, Heavy, Rapier, Equestrian, Thrown Weapon, Whalebone and Boffer, Strategy, Siege Weapons

#### Marshall

- know List rules
- warranting in one Martial Art
- know Marshals rules
- know armor
- know seige strategy from attack or defense
- describe care of horse, armor or archer equipment

#### Service in the SCA (1 - 1.5 hours) Total 3 hours

- Serve as Apprentice Page for 2 local officers,
   Peers, local, Principality or Kingdom Officer (e.g. ListsTable)
- Food Prep for a feast, know food handling rules, serve tables at a local feast

#### Chirurgeon

- know badge
- assist at local event
- know 3 things in kit
- know effects of improper dress on cold day, hot day, rainy day

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#### Some Definitions of Adult Support Persons

**Kingdom Preceptor**: keeps Pages transcripts, receives all reports

**Provost of Pages at Principality Level:** Regional Administrator, reports to Kingdom

**Dean of Pages (at branch level):** reports to Principality

Sponsor: an experienced SCA Member providing moral support, ideas, interest to help the Page achieve their goals. College of Pages Officers and Deputies can be Sponsors if it would create a hardship to find outside adults. A Peer or experienced SCA member accepts a youth in sponsorship that is separate from any oath of fealty, should be of a year's duration, and is renewable as decided between all participants. The College can assist an initiate Page in locating a Sponsor with appropriate interests.

Teachers, Mentors and Volunteers work with the pages on specific classes, service areas and projects in time limited ways to help them achieve their goals. This is a great way for parents to share in the youth activities, learning and teaching alongside their offspring.

Officers at Branch and Principality Level can help us by thinking of services young people 12 - 17 years of age can provide your office at events. This year they are just starting out, but by next year they will be able to provide quite sophisticated levels of service, as you will see by the Challenge levels which will be provided to you.

From time to time we will be advertising for Mentors to meet the interests of young gentles who want to do certain projects.

On the other hand if you have interests you would like to share with young people please register with the College and we will try to match you with a young person who would like to share your interests and services. You may sign up as a Sponsor, short term mentor, service supervisor or as a class teacher.

Yours in Service Aelana Cordovera Dean of Pages, Lions Gate

#### Heraldry Trivia

How much do you know about heraldry? Test your knowledge by taking the quiz below. You will find the answers on page 9.

- 1. What did it mean to blazon a design?
  - a. To announce the awarding of the design to a particular individual.
  - b. To bear the design on your shield during battle.
  - c. To describe the design using proper Heraldic terminology.
  - d. To engrave the design on any metal surface.
- 2, Several different colors and textures are used in Heraldic designs. What is the proper term for these?
  - a. Coloring
  - b. Patterns
  - c. Shades
  - d. Tinctures
- 3. Tinctures are composed of Colours, Metals and what third type?
  - a. Fabrics
  - b. Furs
  - c. Patterns
  - d. Veneers
- 4. What metals are used in Heraldry?
  - a. Bronze, Silver and Gold
  - b. Copper, Silver and Gold
  - c. Copper, Steel and Gold
  - d. Just Silver and Gold
- 5. What is the proper Heraldic term for the Colour red?
  - a. Gules
  - b. Murrey
  - c. Sanguine
  - d. Tawney

### heavs depender tournament

April 18, 2009

The Baron and Baroness of Lions Gate invite you, your inspirations, family, supporters, and any one else you can think of, to the Heavy Defender tournament of the Barony of Lions Gate.

When: 18 April 2009

Where: Warner Loat Park (Piper Ave. Burnaby BC, Canada (From Loughheed Highway: turn South onto Brighton Ave., West on Government which becomes Winston St., then South on Piper, park is on the left.)

A Wonderful rustic site with trees and shade!

Site opens: 9:30 am
Gate opens: 10:00 am
Lists open: 10:00 am

Archery range will be open during the day as per the Baronial Archer or their designate, except during court and tournament finals.

Court: 11:00am

All Heavy defenders are required to be at opening court to be sworn in for the lists. Inspections & tourney after court, format at their Excellencies discretion.

Site closes: 6:00pm

Site fee: Adults 16 & over \$10ea

Youth (13-16) \$5

Family rate (Mundane)\$20.

12 and under are free.

NMS for non members add \$3 each

No Merchant fee, However no food merchants will be on site as per park regulations.

NO ALCOHOL ON SITE. This is a public park.



#### requirements for a defender

Today you enter the lists to vie for the honour of becoming the Baronial Heavy Defender of Lions Gate. The person who carries this title is sworn to uphold the duties of this office, that whenever Their Excellencies marshals Their forces, there shall Their Defender be to battle at Their side, and to defend Their Excellencies and The Barony of Lions Gate against all who would take up arms against Them.

This is a grave responsibility, not to be undertaken lightly, for even as they take their place in Court and at Their Excellencies side, the Defender must know that by their deeds, they show forth the honour and chivalry of this Baronial Court, and the Barony of Lions Gate to all the Known World.

Know well that the Defenders are required, when present, to join the Baron and Baroness at Their Court; that they will represent the Barony when travelling to other lands; that they will strive to attend Baronial Banquet, Baroness' Tournament, and May Bardic of this coming year; that they will compete in the name of Lions Gate throughout the next year; and finally, that they swear fealty or an oath of service to the Barony.

Have those competitors currently holding champion or defender titles from other lands, or those planning on competing in other champion or defender tournaments within the coming year, discussed this with the Baron and Baroness?

Allow any competitors who have not discussed this to do so now.

And know too, that the Defenders of the Barony of Lions Gate will be an active and positive force in the education and proctoring of their skills within our fair Barony, as well as reaching out to travel and shine as an exemplar of skill and teaching ability to the remainder of our strong Principality of Tir Righ, the great Kingdom of An Tir, and beyond.

## tir righ bardic champsionship

THE PRINCIPALITY OF TIR RIGH BARDIC CHAMPIONSHIP IS COMING!!!

he Principality of Tir Righ Bardic Championship will be held at the Spring Coronet Tourney in Eisenmarche, May 22-24, 2009, with Bardic competition taking place on SUNDAY May 24 (time TBA).

#### **PURPOSE:**

The Championship is held to select the one with greatest skill, versatility, knowledge, and creativity in the performing arts. The performing arts can include Vocal music, Instrumental music, Storytelling, Poetry, Drama, Dance, Physical arts (jugglers, acrobats, jesters, magicians, etc).

- Skill will be evaluated on both technical merit and performance in front of an audience.
- Versatility will be evaluated from the number of different performing arts performed.
- Knowledge will be evaluated from documentation presented (whether written or oral).
- Creativity will be evaluated from presentation of original compositions.

#### WHO MAY ENTER:

- 1) Members in good standing of the SCA.
- 2) Residents of Tir Righ for one year and intending to remain a resident for the next year. (The Coronet may grant exceptions.)
- 3) Entrants must have read, understood and agree to abide by the "Duties of a Principality Champion" as delineated in Principality Law, Article III. (see below)
- 4) Entrants must declare their intent to compete, along with what they will be entering, to Their Highnesses of Tir Righ, the Principality Minister of Arts & Sciences, and the Bardic Deputy by April 22
- 5) Entrants must present themselves before Their Highnesses for the Invocation of the Bardic Lists at Court on Saturday May 23.\
- 6) The competition will be held on SUNDAY with the new Champion being announced and invested at closing Court on Sunday.

Deadline to declare intent to compete is April 22. Please read carefully the information below and feel free to contact me for further information, pointers, advice and clarification.

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HL Sionann in Ui Fhlaithbheartaig Skald of Tir Righ Apprentice to Mistress Seiglynda Bardic Officer of Lions Gate

## COMPETITION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE TITLE OF BARDIC CHAMPION OF TIR RIGH/SKALD OF THE NORTH WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:

1. A Letter of Intent must be sent at least one month prior to competition. Letter of intent should include what pieces or research papers you will be presenting, their time period and genre (including whether they will be accompanied and on what instrument/s) so that suitable judges can be arranged ahead of time.

Single Entrants Only. If one or both of your pieces is a group performance (ie: a recorder consort or madrigal group) only ONE member of the group may be competing.

Please send emails to:

- Prince Raknar (prince@tirrigh.org ) and- Princess Chiara (princess@tirrigh.org)
- Mistress Katherine atte Moure (A&S Minster) artsci@tirrigh.org
- Master Stephen of Hunmanby (Deputy A&S Minister - Bardic Arts) - sjfryer@telus.net
- 2. THREE pieces must be presented for competition and judging.
  - a. Each competitor will have up to 15 minutes to present their material before the judges.
  - b. Acceptable Bardic genres may be Music (vocal or instrumental, or combinations thereof)
    Story-telling, Poetry, Dance, Dramatic performance, Mummery, Juggling, puppetry, or any other performance" style acceptable within the SCA.

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- c. Bardic competition pieces presented should be period (between 650-1600AD) from any culture or be SCA acceptable. Points will be given for skill, versatility, knowledge, and originality.
  - Pieces also may be original compositions/ performances, in a period style or SCA acceptable style.
  - You may wish to choose pieces of differing genres, in contrasting styles of the same genre, or different time periods.
- d. One of your pieces may also be presented as a Research Paper.
  - Research papers must be submitted to the Bardic Deputy one month prior to competition to allow judges time to adequately read and digest information presented prior to competitor's Q&A time. Please be sure to include proper bibliography, footnotes and citations.

- e. All pieces and papers will be presented in front of an audience of the populace, in addition to the competition judges.
  - In the case of research papers, please be prepared to offer a short explanation of the content of your paper to those assembled prior to Q&A time.
  - f. Written documentation is required at the time of competition (except for research papers which will be submitted ahead of time). Please bring sufficient copies of your documentation (minimum 3 copies, 4-5 is better.) and be prepared to answer questions about your pieces and documentation from the judges and audience.
  - g. If you require time to "set-up" prior to performance, please inform those who will be running the competition how much time and what you require, prior to competition time.

### spring coroner merchants

#### Here Ye, Here Ye.

Any Merchants of this fair land who are interested in "showing their wares" for the upcoming Spring Coronet, May 22-24th 2009 at the Albion Fairgrounds in Maple Ridge BC are invited to reply back to me for more info and confirmation of space. Any food merchants HAVE to have all required foodsafe information to me by no later than April 7th 2009.

Please include the following information so I can put everyone in a spot that works for us all. I need a brief description of your wares

- Size of your booth and especially the frontage needed
- If you have any special requirements
- Website if you have one
- Official name of your "store"

The site will open aprox 3:00pm on Friday May 22nd, and close Sunday May 24th. Merchant fee will be \$10.00 Canadian even. We are donating half the merchant fee (and other profits) to the principality.

If any want to call me for other info, feel free to call me @ 604-534-4987 evenings.

Kyle Dabbs (Lord Rhun Collbran) www.bcchains.com Castellan of Eisenmarche Silver Galleon, AoA dass of service turn shoe workshop

I would like to thank Alanus (Alan) and Arunn (Pat) for coming up and giving us a wonderful turnshoe workshop. The participants did an amazing job with their shoes; especially fast were Sir Kerrigan and Magnus as Uilliam has already stated. Having said this, you know who to go to get a speedy pair of shoes in the future.

I am taking names for future workshops, and if you will send me an email, I will add your name to the waiting list for the next turnshoe class.

YIS Myrrim english\_marjan@hotmail.com

Well, the Days of Service are behind us. I believe the weekend went well, and the turnshoe making class was well attended and looked like a great time. I've added my name to those who'd take the class when the instructors return.

I'd like to thank Alanus of Bunghea and his wonderful lady (whose name has suddenly escaped me) for their marvelous class. I slipped out of the kitchen constantly to peek at the progress, and everyone looked to be enjoying it. Particularly Sir Kerrigan, who may have thought it was a competition. (He finished both shoes well ahead of everyone, stood up, raised his arms and yelled "Time!")

However, I really have to thank Myrrim for the work she put in getting this class going, arranging everything well ahead of time, and even providing coffee, snacks, coffee, sandwiches, coffee and soup. Even though every time I went to get a cup of coffee, she was moving the pot somewhere else. Your efforts in this weekend were amazing, and very appreciated.

Answers to Heraldry Quiz

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<b>'</b>	Sept	4-7 11-13	Kingdom Crown Tournament Odin's Playground	Terra Pomaria Lionsdale		
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		14	Baroness' Birthday Tourney	Lions Gate		Bids needed

Tir Righ Investiture

**Baronial Banquet** 

Tir Righ

Lions Gate

TBA

Bids needed

20-22

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### compendium



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#### Officer Openings

Anyone who is interested in volunteering for any position should contact the Seneschal, Baron and Baroness at your earliest convenience. For more information about the Offices, either just ask or look it up on the An Tir website.

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