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Baron's Column





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Editor's Letter



The start of this year has not gone well for your Chronicler. Since I got such paltry material, I am putting out this very bare bones Newsletter, and saving what little content I did get for next issue. Sorry for the inconvenience.

April 2013

Date	Branch	Event
24		Baronial Council
Mon - 15		Archery Practice
Thu - 11, 25	*	Archery Practice
Tue - 2, 9, 16, 23, 30		Cloverdale Practice
Thu - 4, 11, 18, 25		Rapier Practice
Sat - 13, Sun - 28	*	Equestrian Practice
Fri - 4		Newcomer's Information Session

May 2013

Date	Branch	Event
11	8 4	Antioch Medieval Fair
17-19	*	May Crown
24-26		SeaLion War
22	*	Baronial Council
Mon - 6, 13, 20, 27		Archery Practice
Thu - 2, 9, 16, 23, 30		Archery Practice
Tue - 7, 14, 27, 28		Cloverdale Practice
Thu - 2, 9, 16, 23, 30		Rapier Practice
Sat - 11, Sun - 26		Equestrian Practice
Fri - 3		Newcomer's Information Session

June 2013

Date	Branch	Event
7-9	8	Tir Righ June Coronet
22-23	8	Tir Righ/Avacal War
26		Baronial Council
Mon - 3, 10, 17, 24	No.	Archery Practice

Upcoming Events

Sealion War: Operation **SHAMU**May 24 - 26, 2013
Mountainaire Campground and RV Park
1094 Spruston Road, Nanimo, BC V9X 1R2

t has come to my attention that Barony of Seagirt has had a small problem of late. It seems that a mild winter and a warm spring has lead to an explosion in their sheep population. Normally, this would be a good thing, but it appears that the flocks of sheep have grown so fast that there is overcrowding. This has lead to increased aggressive behaviour within the flocks.

Yes, I am talking about the dreaded Maaaaad Sheep Disease. I am sure that sooner or later, good Baron Eideard would ask for our assistance in dealing with this problem. He is probably just a little bit embarrassed to have to ask for help.

Oh sure, this is an Island problem and really doesn't affect the quality of life in our fine Barony but I cannot just sit back. Lions Gate is the first Barony of Tir Righ and it is our duty, nay, our privilege, to help our little baby brother Barony with such a serious situation. As such, I am proud to announce

Operation SHAMU.

On May 24th, I plan to lead a small expedition of sheep specialists over to the Rocks. Our goal is to capture a flock of sheep and bring them back to Lions Gate so they can be treated at our Sheep Anger Management University. We hope to train the aggressiveness out of these fine animals and show they would be better served with a more docile nature or in a nice curry. I need everyone here in Lions Gate to help out. We have a bit of time to prepare, so even if you aren't an expert in the field of sheep, we can make you one by May 24th. I plan to make use of our existing practises to learn about sheep.

The first step in helping the Barony out in Operation **SHAMU**, is to go to Heavy Practise, or Rapier Practise, or the Scriptorium, or Bardic Practise or any A&S workshop. We will make sure you learn just what you need to learn.

The second thing to help the Barony out in Operation **SHAMU**, is to come with us on the expedition across the Strait. The cost of renting cogs is expensive, but it is cheaper if we work together. Get your friends together and load your supplies into one cart and share the price between you.

I want to ensure the citizens of Seagirt not to worry. Yes, it might look like an army from a distance. I assure you it is just sheep specialists. Yes, we are well-armed. I assure you that is mostly for show. How good would a bunch of shepherds be in a real battle. Many of them to refer to themselves as dogmeat. Yes, it might look like we are setting up for a permanent visit but, I assure you, we will show up on May 24th, stay the weekend, and then get the flock out of Seagirt!



Upcoming Events

Antioch

May 11th, 09:00 - 17:00 Memorial Peace Park (11900 224 St) in Maple Ridge

Returning once again for it's Third Year in a Row, Shire of Lionsdale and the Barony of Lions Gate presents : Antioch!

This year's event will feature the Antioch Prize Tournament for both Rapier, and Armoured combatants. In addition there will be an epic tournament in each discipline to determine Lions Gate's new Defenders! Come and fight till you can fight no more!

For the artisans among you there will be hands-on crafts to teach the public: come and donate a "Make and Take" project to amaze the mundanes with how skilled they can be! Make-and-Take projects should be small, and easily mastered, such as thread wrapped buttons, kumihimo, or other small projects that can be easily taught, and lovingly crafted. Make-and-Take teachers and A&S Ambassadors are greatly appreciated.

In addition to ALL of the above, demo booths are needed! If you have a skill that will delight and amaze, you are invited to come and demonstrate to the adoring populace! Calligraphers, illuminators, leatherworkers, weavers, spinners, potters and all Demonstrators of Amazing Talents are welcome. Do remember to contact the Event Steward in advance if you require special amenities (such as power, or a hose-able area) for your demonstration.

Bards and Minstrels are needed too! Even though the populace will be delighted and amazed by the things they can watch, and the crafts they can do, we also want them to be entertained! If you can juggle, dance, caper, sing, play music, tell engaging tall tales, then you too should contact the Event Steward and arrange an opportunity to show off your fabulousness!

Come out and support your local branches by demonstrating just how amazing the People of Tir Righ are!

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