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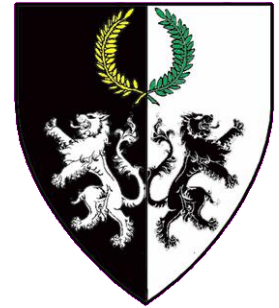
It's All Good Fun ... Until Somebody Loses A Head



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From the Baronial Coronet



Lions Gate!

This past weekend had us returning to the Barony's ancient loat preserve to witness the choosing of Champions. Her Excellency and I had a great time, which I hope was shared by all who attended.

As a result of the great competitions, we have three new Baronial Champions; Cadet Kian O'Ruadhri, as our Rapier Champion, Archos Gareth Haydon is the new Archery Champion, and Sir Griffin ap Bedwyr was named the new Heavy Champion. All three lists were impressive, and we enjoyed watching each competition. Each Champion swore the oath, received their regalia, a small token by the Baroness, and a place in the Baronial court. But WAIT! There's more! As Champion they are also comped for all Champion events, Baronial Banquet (site fee only) and Baroness' Tourney as per our Financial policy. Winning has it's perks.

An A&S competition was arranged as well, and although each entry looked great (or tasted, in one case), Dr Carus won with his water clock.

There was much laughter and cheering coming from the erics as combatants took to the boffers, and many mothers present were given flowers made from jammie dodgers on sticks with mint gummy leaves. Her Excellency tells me it smelled and tasted delicious.

The Bloody Big Axe for the Sergeant with the highest score in the archery competition went to Jaysun the second of House Werner. Although an applicant and not full Sergeant, there was an impromptu meeting of Her Excellency and the Sergeantry present as Jaysun had out-shot the Sergeants on the archery range. It was enthusiastically and unanimously decided that the honour of being awarded the axe go to Jaysun.

During closing court, Her Excellency named another of her inspirations; Michael MacBeign, for Sciences. She was inspired by his passion and devotion to learning how to and building his armour as well as shining it beyond compare. It is a sight to behold.

We also had the great pleasure to pass along the "Honour of the Lion's Strength" to Sir Geoffrey de Rennes and Mistress Rowenna de Roncesvalles. Both are very well known for their service to our Kingdom over many years.

I'd like to send special thanks to Lady Eithne Rose and Lady Carol for attending to Her Excellency so well during this event, and to the lady from Seagirt - whose name I have now completely forgotten - who helped us with court by reading out Sgt Garet's Sergeantry scroll; created by Sgt Miles, and written entirely in French.

Thank you, to Sir Griffin for Stewarding an amazing event.

A very happy,

Uilliam & Caitrina

Baron & Baroness of Lions Gate

Lions Gate Calendar

May

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
			1 Rapier Practice	2 Newcomers Session	3 Fjordland Rising	4
5	6 Outdoor Practice	7	8 Rapier Practice	9	10 Lions Gate Champions	11
12 Dance Practice	13 Outdoor Practice	14	15 Rapier Practice	16 Baronial Social	17 May Crown	18
19	20 Outdoor Practice	21	22 Rapier Practice	23	24 Sealion War Picnic	25
26 Dance Practice	27 Outdoor Practice	28	29 Rapier Practice Council Meeting	30	31	

June

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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2	3 Outdoor Practice	4	5 Rapier Practice	6 Newcomers	7	8 Scriptorium
9 Dance Practice	10 Outdoor Practice	11	12 Rapier Practice	13 Tir Righ Coronet	14	15
16	17 Outdoor Practice	18	19 Rapier Practice	20 Baronial Social	21 Lionsdale Champions	22
23 Dance Practice	24 Outdoor Practice	25	26 Rapier Practice Council Meeting	27	28	29
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Practise Moves Outdoors

The Tuesday Fight Practice has moved outdoors to the yard of

Please note the summer location change for the Tuesday fight practice, effective May 6th. The practice is at Sargeant Cyneric and Her Ladyship Arianna's place just up the hill from the usual fight practice, so still in Cloverdale.

It's at 18239 60th Ave and it will be there for the whole summer if it seems to work well for everyone. Pools not up yet but should be by the end of May. Anyone paying their \$5.00 is welcome to come splash and play. All the money raised from summer fight practices will go towards the rental for the winter practice site. See you there!

Lions Gate Social

May 16th / June 20th

Do you miss the Bransles that Lions Gate use to hold at the Mason's Hall? Then you might want to check out the Lions Gate Social Night hosted by Niall an Bacach at the common room of his co-op. Here is Niall's description of the Baronial Social

I have been asked to describe the Baronial Social event that happens on the third Friday of the month.

I guess I would say it's very close to a Baronial Bransle, a fun night where what ever we want to do we will. It's a combination project night, meet and greet, sharing of information and treats, and getting to know each other in the Barony. We see each other at events but don't really get a chance to know each other. This is the way to do that.

I am open to people bringing whatever they want to share except alcohol - sorry this is a Co-op and neighbors are all around the room.

Wearing garb is optional. The next two Fridays of the Social will be a Book Swap so feel free to bring any books you no longer want to keep. I do have to say if your books remain please take them back home. I have no way of passing the leftovers on, thanks.

If you have an idea of something you want to see happen at the Social by all means let me know. We have already had a Fabric swap which was fun, and we

can do it again sometime. We have worked on garb, devices and welcomed new participants. They are always welcome.

If you have questions contact me – Niall an Bacach
Thanks.

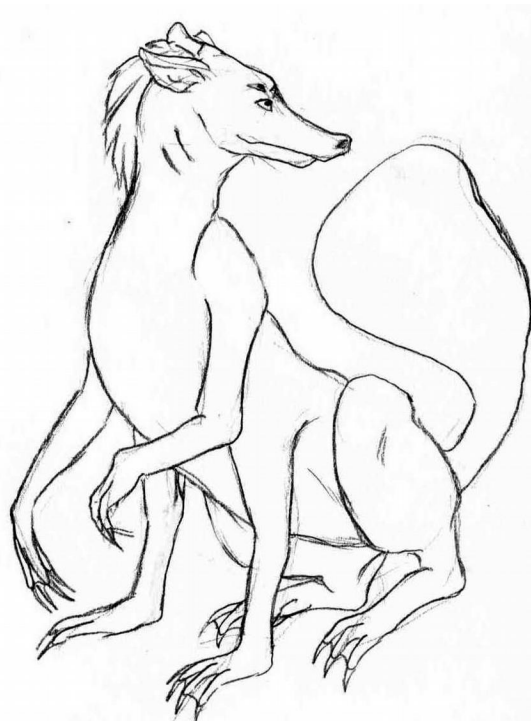
May Crown

May 16-18, 2014

Toppenish Rodeo & Livestock Association, 500 South Division St., Toppenish, WA

Site fee: \$20 Adults; \$10 Youth (10-17); Children 9 and under free; NMS applies

The Baronies of Madrone and Vulcanfeldt send word to the far reaches of this noble Kingdom: As Heirs to the Sable Thrones must be sought once more, we invite all An Tirans to converge upon the great Barony of Vulcanfeldt this coming May to compete, inspire or bear witness to the Crown Tournament of An Tir. For your enjoyment and to test your skills we offer all manner of competitions and entertainments, including the Crown Tournament, Squires' and rapier tournaments, archery competitions, and Arts & Sciences displays and competitions.



WAR!

...has finally stopped between two ancient enemies. Eideard and Uilliam, respected and respective Barons of Seagirt and Lions Gate have brought the endless fighting to an end; they have declared that their two Baronies shall now enjoy a magnificent and well-earned peace, to last while these two noble men bear their Baronial Coronets. So unless something happens to either one of them, we'll have an enjoyable spring picnic full of friendly competitions.

All We Are Asking Is Give Picnic A Chance

In this great time of peace, we the populace of Lions Gate and Seagirt, shall revel in the merriment of many delightful activities. These are team activities, with points being awarded to each successful side.

May the best Barony win and may we all enjoy this festivity led by love and unity!

- 1) Friendly heavy field "competition"
- 2) Fun-filled rapier field "competition"
- 3) Target Archery
- 4) Bardic: Best performance themed for "The End of Battle". This can be a lay on the futility of war, a victory march, or anything similar and related.
- 5) A&S: Most heraldic encampment. Flags! Labels on everything! Colour, pageantry, and devices!
- 6) Merchant Point: Our merchants will all have a list on which to record anyone who makes a purchase, and which Barony for which they declare. The declared Barony with the most number purchases wins the point.
- 7) The Children's Point (best of three):
 - a. Children's archery
 - b. Boffer tourney (knock the block off your opponent's helm)
 - c. Thrown weapons (castle cut-out bean-bag toss)

Picnicking Is Good For The Economy

Scenario's for Heavy Combat, Sealion Picnic

- 1) Opening scenario:
 - a) Each side declares 12 fighters and a champion. The fighters kneel on opposite sides of a picnic blanket

(one Seagirtian, one Lions Gater on each blanket), scattered about on the grass of the field. Should one side have less than 12, then we go with their total force...and reduce the number of blankets.

b) The Champions insult each other, throw down, and battle to the death! (War point)

c) At conclusion of that fight, immediately as one (or both) drops dead, an air-horn blows and lay-on begins for all our other kneeling picnic goers. There is no war point for the team melee; this is melee for the heck of it (or revenge). This is a team melee, and one side will have their surviving champion to assist them (well, if he survives). Please remember this is a melee, and death from behind does not apply in a melee – do not hit your foe from behind, move into their line of sight before you engage!

2) Once the dust clears and we have a surviving last side standing...we move (after a water break) to an open field battle, with the side you chose to fight for when you arrived, (after all, our field being a level field) for a war point. Combat archery is in play.

3) Bridge battle (just 'cause), for a war point. Loser must also agree that ferries are a foolish invention, and we should build a bridge. Combat archery is NOT in play.

4) Castle battles - timed to hack your way in, unlimited resurrections on the outside, 2 resurrections (thus, 3 lives) on the inside. War point to the fastest to crush the defenders. Combat archery is in play. War point for this one.

5) Woods battle again for the last war point of the 5. The winner of the Castle battle can chose to fight this as an open field battle instead if they wish, as the woods are moderately untamed. Combat archery is in play.

6) If anyone is still breathing at that point, zombie battles to exhaust the lot of you.

May 23-25, 2014

The Grene Wode, 25133 0 Ave, Aldergrove BC

Site fee: \$20 Adults; Youths \$10; children 12 and under free: Day fee: \$15 Adults; \$7 youth: NMS Applies

Scroll of the Month



**This is the Baronial Warrant presented to
Mistress Caitrin for Heraldic Garb.**

**Do you know an artisan from Lions Gate
that is deserving of a Baronial Warrant
for the products they make.**

Let the Baron and Baroness know!

Next Scriptorium: June 8th

The Baron's Column

Greetings Lions Gate!

(Every single month? You want me to do this every month? don't know if I've got that many words. Was the last Baron this difficult to work with? Okay... I'll try...)

Last month, I spoke briefly regarding the Courtiers of Lions Gate, and their future as members of the Sergeantry. Since then, we've come to a conclusion, and we let the Courtiers know that we're going to remove them from the Order of the Sergeantry to create a new Order of the Courtiers, to be separate-but-similar to the Sergeantry. Her Excellency then followed up with the Sergeantry themselves, to let them know of this outcome. The Order of the Courtier will swear fealty to the Baron, rather than the Baroness; this division is fairly standard throughout An Tir.



In the next little while, we will be republishing the guide books for both of these Orders, to assist anyone interested in becoming a member, and to give existing members guidelines on expectations, responsibilities, and their rights as members.

The Order of the Courtier will change some, specifically to remove most of the martial-related activities in their testing and obligations. There will be a greater emphasis on their "core focus" of A&S or Service. Along with that, we are adopting the division of Courtiers that most Baronies have; Artisans (an A&S Courtier) and Stewards (Service Courtiers). Each of these will have specific guidelines, tests, and trials, and thus have responsibilities delineated by their given focus.

You'll hear these guidelines in greater detail soon; it is our intention to have the Courtier Handbook done in time for Sealion, which gives any potential applicants time to decide and submit their intentions.

We hope that these changes will enable the Order of the Courtier to grow and flourish as a unit separate from the martial Order of the Sergeantry, showing the skill of the Artisans and Stewards of this Barony.

Baron Uilliam

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