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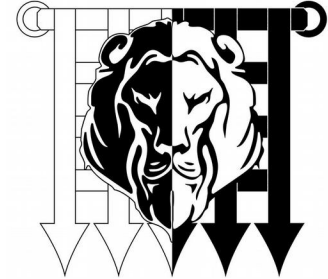


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The Baroness' Column

I've been asked a few questions about the Lions Gate Sergeantry lately and even heard them referred to as "servants of the Barony". It got me to thinking that perhaps an article on who and what the Sergeantry are may clear up a lot of the confusion.



In the days when An Tir was a Principality of the Kingdom of the West, the Crown granted the landed Baronesses the right to recognize Sergeants; those armored fighters who meet the requirements of the rank and are willing to serve and swear fealty to their Baroness. In the years since, this rank has expanded to include Yeomen who specialize in missile combat, and Gallants who show prowess in rapier combat.

Candidates must petition the Baroness for permission to participate in the trials, then prepare to participate in a weekend of performance, written and oral testing. Candidates are tested in the arts, sciences, warfare, courtly manners, dancing, heraldry, games, and their "core skill" in their martial activity. Candidates are encouraged to seek out members of the Sergeantry for assistance in preparing for the testing.

Successful candidates swear direct fealty to the Baroness of Lions Gate, and act as her protectors and military advisers.

So to recap, the Sergeantry of Lions Gate serve and swear fealty to their **Baroness**. This does not make them servants of the Barony or the populace. Although you will often find members of the Order of the Sergeantry jumping in to help anyone who needs it, it's my hope that their assistance is not assumed or expected. They have earned and deserve the respect that is due their rank.

In Service to the Dream and the Sergeantry I hold dear,

Baroness Caitrina

Baron Uilliam

Lions Gate Calendar

September

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
1	2	3	4 Rapier Archery	5	6	7
8 Archery	9 Fight	10	11 Rapier Archery	12	13	14
15 Archery	16 Fight	17	18 Rapier Archery	19	20 Tides Turning	21
22 Archery	23 Fight	24	25 Rapier Archery	26	27 Tir Righ A&S/Bardic	28
29 Archery	30 Fight					

October

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		1	2 Rapier Archery	3	4	5
6 Archery	7 Fight	8	9 Rapier Archery	10	11	12
13 Archery	14 Fight	15	16 Rapier Archery	17 Newcomers Social	18	19
20 Archery	21 Fight	22	23 Rapier Archery Council	24	25	26
27 Archery	28 Fight	29	30 Rapier Archery	31		

Lions Gate Practices

Archery – Archery practice occurs every Monday and Thursday at the Burnaby Archery Range. Time is dependent on availability of a Target Archery Marshal and, as we move into fall, available light. Membership with the Burnaby Archers is a requirement to shoot on this range.

Combat – Armoured and Rapier combat practice occurs every Tuesday Night. Until October, the practice is held at Cyneric and Arianna's house, 18239 60th Avenue, Surrey. In October, the practice will move to the Alice MacKay building in the Cloverdale Fairgrounds.

Rapier – Rapier Practice occurs every Thursday Night at the Justice Institute in New Westminster. There is space for armoured combat as well but care must be taken to protect the wooden flooring.

Arts and Science – A&S practice happens once a month at a member's home. Next scheduled meeting is September 22. Future meetings are being planned.

Newcomer/Baronial Social – A general social meeting for both newcomers and long term members to get together and socialize. This will be alternating between different locations.

Upcoming Events

Tides Turning

When: September 20

Where: Camp Byng (Lower Meadow) 2139 Lower Creek Road Roberts Creek, BC V0N 2W6

Across the Fall changing waters, in the Western land of Tir Righ, the newly acknowledged Shire of Fordland calls to all Lords, Ladies, Knights, and commons to gather on the 20th day in the month of September in celebration of Tides Turning. Contests (Archery, Rapier, Heavy) and Court will be held, food shall be had, many skills (1/2 Dirty Dozen & A&S) will be on display, and company shall be shared. To end the day in style, the 2nd Annual Fjordland Swimsuit Competition shall be held followed by informal Bardic circle and socializing at the waters edge. Your presence is requested by the Shire to attend.

Tir Righ A & S and Bardic Championships

When: September 27 – September 28

Where: James Bay New Horizons Society 234 Menzies St. Victoria, BC V8T 5H9

The time of the Tir Righ A&S and Bardic Championship draws nigh! In the fair Barony of Seagirt Come join the mighty Prince and Princess of Tir Righ as they oversee the selection of a new Skald and Scholar of Tir Righ. As well as the competitions there will be much revelry and merriment, with a potluck and Tavern night on Saturday Evening. For the Potluck, The Barony of Seagirt will provide the main course; attendees are asked to bring sides and desserts. A full grocery store is located near the event site. TUTOR sessions will also take place, for class and registration info please visit: <http://tirrigh.org/tutr/registration.php>

V-Con Demo**When:** Oct 3 – 5, 2014**Where:** Sheraton Guildford

Lions Gate is hosting a table (and hopefully a combat demo) at V-Con; this year's theme is "Military Might". For more information, contact Baron James Wolfden.

Tournament of the Golden Swan**When:** October 10 – October 13**Where:** Bighorn Squadron Air Cadet Hangar 5856 Cessna Street Oliver, BC V0H 1T0

Welcome all to the thirtieth anniversary of the Tournament of the Golden Swan. In addition to classes and Swan activities, there will be a rapier tourney and archery, and we're working on providing a heavy tourney. There will also be a bardic competition and the Jawbone of the Ass competition, and much more. Please check our websites, goldenswan.org and appledore.ca for more information.

Freeze Off**When:** October 18 – October 19**Where:** Grandview Acres 3499 Long Lake Road, Knutsford, B.C.

Nestled among the sun drenched hills of Ramsgaard lays an oasis of forest and fields, soon to be blasted with the colourful tents and frocks of citizens galore as we gather to frolic, feast, and fight! Heed the call and join the festivities. Ring out the harvest season! Or simply gather to eat, fight, and be merry.

Tir Righ Coronet Tournament**When:** October 24 – October 26**Where:** **Best Western Plus Mission City Lodge**, 32281 Lougheed Highway, Mission, BC

Verdant summer turns to autumn glory as the wheel turns. Gather, proud Tir Righ, to witness as fierce warriors fight to honor their inspirations and reach for the ring that is the coronet and new Heirs to the Storm Thrones emerge. Join us for celebrations, the tourney, classes, rapier, squires, and cadets tourneys, merchants and more!

Baroness' Inspirational Tournament**When:** November 15**Where:** Shannon Hall and Alice McKay Building 6050A 176th Street, Cloverdale, BC

Come join our Excellencies of Lions Gate, Uilliam and Caitrina at this years Baroness' Inspirational Tournament !! There will be TUTOR classes, youth combat fighting, games, Baroness' Heavy tournament, merchants, Baroness' Rapier tournament, Gerhard's Riposte, court!, pot luck dinner, music, fine ale and more.

The Joy is In the Doing

by

THL Wulfstan Hrafnsson

A few years ago now, a national leader exhorted the citizens he served to “ask not what your country can do for you; ask what you can do for your country.” For us in the SCA, that is our kingdom, our principality, our branch. So, what can you do for kingdom, principality and branch? Well, I'm glad you asked.

Our Society is at its heart a volunteer organisation. It functions only as a result of the talents and the toil of the people who see a need and step up to say “I can do that,” and then do it. And there is always a need for people to do just that, in big ways and small. So what can you do?

You can take on an office. Branches, principalities and kingdoms all have a group of people, usually called the Council or Curia, who hold offices at those levels. Often, especially at the branch level, there are vacant offices just waiting for someone to take them on. If that's too daunting, take a look at what offices you might be interested in filling someday, and talk to the current officer. They may be looking for a deputy – a really good way to learn the job, and very helpful, too! - and they'll certainly be happy to talk about what their office is all about and what duties it entails.

You can volunteer at events. Event stewards always need more people to sit gate, herald, marshal, serve as waterbearers, help set up, help clean up, sit gate (yes, well spotted), run lists, and any number of other things. If you've played for a while, you could act as a Chatelaine, showing newcomers around the event, answering their questions and introducing them to people. If you're newer, you could shadow someone doing one of those tasks, and learn from them; they're sure to appreciate both the company and the help. Some of these things, like lists and the marshallate, require specific training; if you're interested in those jobs, speak to the people you see doing them. They'll be able to tell you what's required, and if the necessary training can't happen right away, they'll be able to tell you where and when it can.

You can become a member. Not only do you save the cost of NMS – and time signing waivers – at events as a paid member of the SCA, but you're eligible to fight or be an inspiration in major tournaments, hold office and compete in championships. But more than that, taking out membership is a statement of belonging, a way of saying that you are a part of the Society, that you have made an investment in it and a commitment to it, that this is the organisation and these are the people to whom you will give your talents and your time.

Volunteering is important, meaningful, rewarding, and fun. No matter who you are, there is something in our Society that you can do. No matter what you do, *do something*. It's where the joy is.

What was your most memorable moment of Crown?

As I reflect back on the September Crown event there are many happy memories that course through my brain. I keep going back however to the moment when I walked past the YAC combatants in the Noble Eric and was impressed by their appearance. They had beautiful armour and weaponry and were behaving in a most exemplary manner.

Memorable moments can be from seeing a friend be richly rewarded for hard work:



JM – Probably the one where I cried. Ceara's elevation

Arianna – Savaric winning.

Garet – the wave of cheers when the “local” boy won

Or the obvious personal meaning to the recipient when receiving an award:

Fiona – Steinn receiving an award from the Ladies of Valorous Estate (or was it Ladies of the Rose...hmm.) and breaking down on his way to kneel

Angelica Gallant – hmm...most memorable was actually a series of moments that culminated in my son receiving the YAC Chivalry award at court. And what was most memorable about all of it was just the huge amount of honour, generosity and service I received that made it all happen.

Doing something you have never tried before or rarely get the opportunity to do can provide many a memorable moment:

Eithne – Marshaling for the first time.

Rose Cam-buel – lot's sitting at gate on Friday signing people in and seeing their happy faces, Early town cry and doing a personal one for a Certain Pelican who was in the shower. Marshaling on the

crown list field for the first time..... that was cool i haven't marshaled in 15 years... That was amazing.. This was my event to do things I normally wouldn't do (except for town cry) and I enjoyed every second of it....

Kathy Kersey Carpenter – I have been involved in the SCA for about 11 years now, mostly active with my 2 sons who are now grown and both still active. My husband comes along every once in a while, just to be with me. We are wheat farmers in Southeastern Washington and we decided to make a longer, long weekend out of it. As soon as I saw the line up of classes I got quite excited and started figuring out what I could take. Neil has never taken any classes, he usually just hangs out and visits with friends. Saturday was busy with meetings in the morning and then I took 2 classes in the afternoon. By Sunday Neil realized that he would be alone while I was enjoying more classes. The perfect opportunity! As we walked through the site towards Merchants Row I suggested that he come to Forsooth English with me. What a revelation! Neil and Stefano di Armani clicked right off the bat! He was engaged and enjoying himself!! After lunch I came back to take Silk Painting – which was marvelous – and suggested that Neil return to Stefano for Mockery, Satire and Parody. Not only did he enjoy that class, as I watched while painting silk, he and Stefano spent quite a while post class talking! Everyone we met at the Grene Wode was welcoming, fun and dedicated to the dream of the SCA. The teachers we met will forever be in my heart and I look forward to meeting them again. Thanks to this experience, I think we may have made a believer of my somewhat reluctant lord and husband!

Seeing special moments can be varied:



Catrina – I'd have to say the amazing feast put on by Jacqueline and company. It gave me the opportunity to not only sit down with the Baron and Baroness of Wyewood but getting to know them much better and leaving the event with two new close friends...and possibly an opportunity for war.

Arion the Wanderer – Assuming that we are talking about Sept Crown: The Arcuarius Tourney was fantastic! It was great to see a good turn out of strong women as well as strong men. The format was a crowd pleaser as well

Briony Seedhouse – Yes. Most memorable moment was watching Sir Gaylen the Smiling get called up to court, so he goes skipping in and thumps into a kneeling position, landing full force onto his spurs. He jumps up with a yelp, takes them off and then proceeds to drop them into his shirt while everyone is

laughing.

Brianna – Singing a polish folk song in English to a middle eastern rhythm in eerie two part harmony with my sister, while three dancers moved and swirled around us.

Cassandra (the esteemed Event Steward)– Standing before the King and Queen with Miles to be presented for the Crown Lists. Closely followed to looking at the stars and listening to Bardic from Baron and Baroness's fire pit, with no modern distractions.



But always it is about the people we know and have made connections with:

Kenneth – Listening to James Llewellyn herald for the person who was going to fight for him and feeling sympathy for this fighter who was soon to be tent pegged.

Gareth Wood – When I checked in at troll. As I finished I turned around and discovered my good friend Archos Morigan from Montengarde was right behind me, having just arrived herself.

For me it's always about seeing people I haven't seen in ages.



This is why we keep coming back. The site was beautiful, the people amiable, the weather mostly cooperative and diverse people coming together to create a special memorable moment of the ages.

Baroness Margaret Hamilton of Stirlingshire

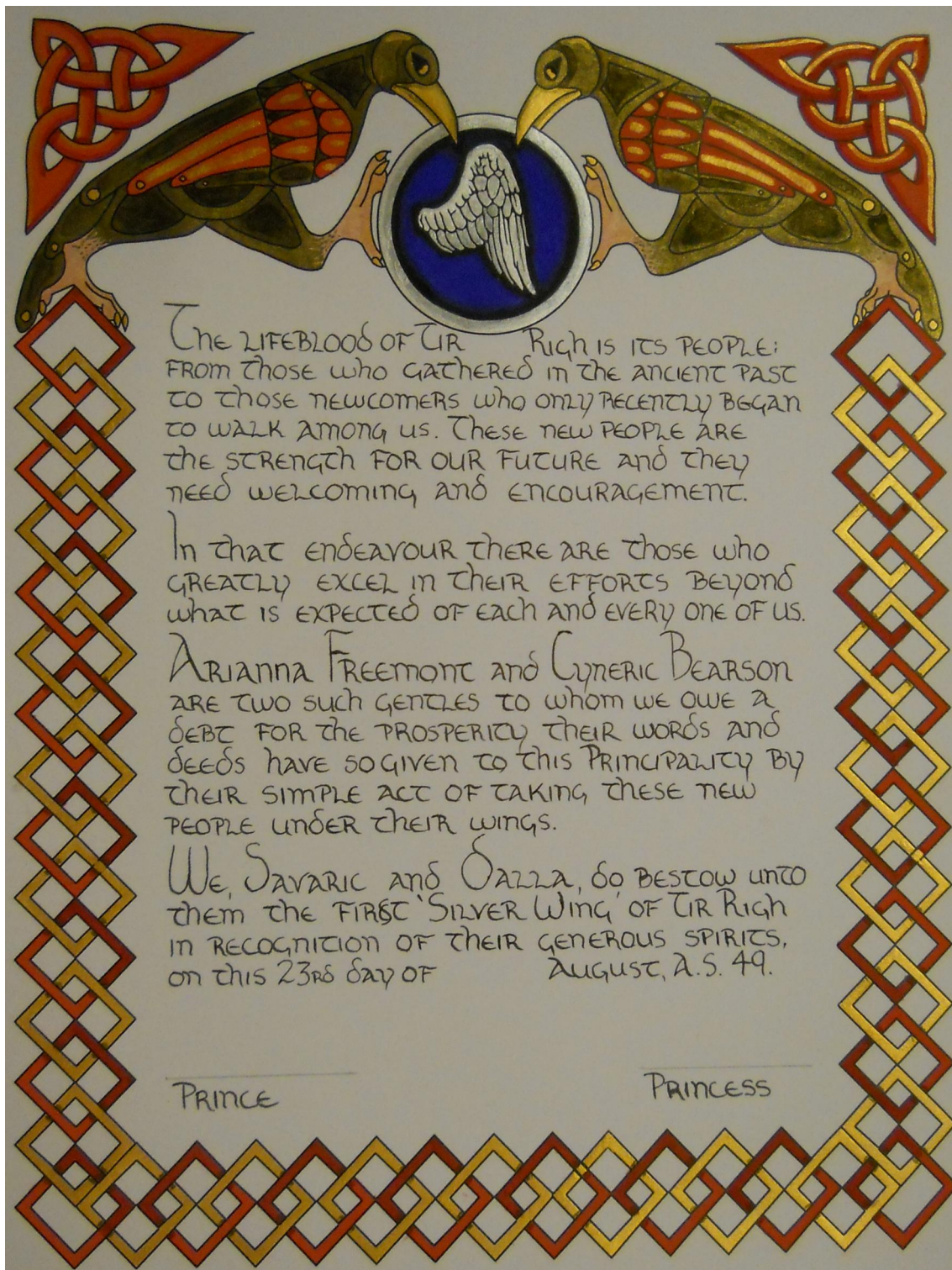
**Ode to Mon Baroness - for Amanda Kendal
written by Sgt Guenther of Lions Gate
mka S. Guenther**

**How does one say thank you
For what you've given me
Something of yourself
with truth and honesty**

**How does one say thank you
for a gift more rich than gold
A very special something
that can't be bought
and can't be sold**

**How can I say thank you
For the me you've shown to me
in the mirror
of your soul**

Scroll of the Month



THE LIFE BLOOD OF TIR RIGH IS ITS PEOPLE; FROM THOSE WHO GATHERED IN THE ANCIENT PAST TO THOSE NEWCOMERS WHO ONLY RECENTLY BEGAN TO WALK AMONG US. THESE NEW PEOPLE ARE THE STRENGTH FOR OUR FUTURE AND THEY NEED WELCOMING AND ENCOURAGEMENT.

IN THAT ENDEAVOUR THERE ARE THOSE WHO GREATLY EXCEL IN THEIR EFFORTS BEYOND WHAT IS EXPECTED OF EACH AND EVERY ONE OF US.

ARIANNA FREEMONT AND CYNERIC BEARSON ARE TWO SUCH GENTLES TO WHOM WE OWE A DEBT FOR THE PROSPERITY THEIR WORDS AND DEEDS HAVE SO GIVEN TO THIS PRINCIPALITY BY THEIR SIMPLE ACT OF TAKING THESE NEW PEOPLE UNDER THEIR WINGS.

WE, SAVARIC AND DALZA, DO BESTOW UNTO THEM THE FIRST 'SILVER WING' OF TIR RIGH IN RECOGNITION OF THEIR GENEROUS SPIRITS, ON THIS 23RD DAY OF AUGUST, A.S. 49.

PRINCE

PRINCESS

The Silver Wing is a new Principality Award given to those individuals that go above and beyond in taking newcomers under their wing and helping in our society.

The first recipients of this award are Arianna Freemont and Cyneric Bearson.

The scroll designer is Jadwiga. Painter and calligrapher is Sionann in Ui Fhlaitbheartaig.

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