



Rest In Peace



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Her Ladyship Isobel fitz Gilbert

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From the Baron and Baroness

Hullo Lions Gate! I know, I haven't been very good at writing these columns this year. I think this is my ... second? Third? I can't promise that I'll try to get more out next year, but I'll **try** to try. I've been selling the virtues of a newsletter for the Principality, but I've been neglecting that of our Barony, as well as Baron James' ~~pleading demands threats begging~~ gentle suggestions. My goal for this coming year is to have something more to publish here.

As the nights grow darker, I do reflect on the year coming to an end. This has been personally a good year, full of fun and friends, good food and great events. Her Excellency and I thank everyone in the Barony who helped create the world we live in, and the mighty enablers of our group who encourage others to do the same. Without the support of all of you, we certainly wouldn't be having as much fun as we are. We'd also likely be standing lonely in a cold, dark parking lot, and that isn't fun at all.

But this has also been a year of sorrow, as Lions Gate lost some bright lights in our lands. John of Chilham in February, Daffyd ap Morran in April, and more recently Valentinia McLost and Isobel fitz Gilbert, this November. While some of them hadn't been seen much in recent years, we remember the contributions that their smiles and energy brought to this Barony, and their art that made this wet and grey land brighter.

As we add a log to the fire, we look forward to warmer and sunnier days ahead; heavy-hearted that old friends won't be joining us in the trip, but excited to get to know the new friends we'll meet on the way. Her Excellency and I wish you the best for this holiday season, and hope that you find it with good friends and good food, celebrating however you may.

And if you find a moment, snuggled up with your loved ones before a fire, we ask that you raise a glass with us, and toast...

To brighter days, and absent friends.

Merry Christmas, Lions Gate.

William & Caitrina
Baron & Baroness of Lions Gate



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Lions Gate Calendar

January			
3, 10, 17, 24, 30	Sunday	Archery/Equestrian Practice	The Grene Wode, 25133 0 Avenue, Langley, BC
5, 12, 19, 26	Tuesday	Cloverdale Fight Practice	Alice Mackay Building
7, 14, 21, 28	Thursday	Rapier Practice	Justice Institute
8 – 10	Fri – Sun	An Tir 12 th Night	DoubleTree Hilton – Portland, 1000 NE Multnomah Street, Portland, OR
15	Friday	Baronial Social	825 Salsbury Dr, Vancouver
16	Saturday	Lion Stage	Salvation Army White Rock Church 15417 Roper Ave, White Rock
20	Wednesday	A&S Night	233 Third St, New Westminster
23	Saturday	AllThings	The Grene Wode, 25133 0 Avenue, Langley, BC
28	Thursday	Baronial Council	2518 East Hastings Street, Vancouver
February			
2, 9, 16, 23	Tuesday	Cloverdale Fight Practice	Alice Mackay Building
4, 11, 18, 25	Thursday	Rapier Practice	Justice Institute
6 – 7	Sat – Sun	Winter's End	Kelly Creek Community School 2341 Zillinsky Rd, Powell River
7, 14, 21, 28	Sunday	Archery/Equestrian Practice	The Grene Wode, 25133 0 Avenue, Langley, BC
13	Saturday	AllThings	The Grene Wode, 25133 0 Avenue, Langley, BC
17	Wednesday	A&S Night	233 Third St, New Westminster
19 – 21	Fri – Sun	Tir Righ February Investiture	Camp Lutherwood 1185 Roy Road, Bellingham, WA
25	Thursday	Baronial Council	2518 East Hastings Street, Vancouver
27	Saturday	Canterbury Fayre	Lochdale Hall 490 Sperling Ave, Burnaby, BC

Lions Gate Practices

Archery/Equestrian – Practices are held at the Grene Wode every Sunday from 10 AM to 4 PM.

Cloverdale Fight Practice – Armoured and Rapier combat practice occurs every Tuesday Night at the Alice MacKay Building. Check the facebook site for the most up to date information.

Rapier – Rapier Practice occurs every Thursday Night at the Justice Institute in New Westminster. Heavy fighters welcome but please use something to prevent your knee armour from damaging the wooden floor.

Arts and Science – A&S practice happens once a month at a member's home.

Dance – Dance practice happens every two weeks at 13325 Old Yale Rd in Surrey. Take Sky train to Surrey Center, then walk South, past the mall, keeping the mall on left. Walking along University Dr. to Old Yale Rd. Walk to the main doors, and on the right hand side is a patio and the meeting room for the dance practice

AllThings Practice – The AllThings continue to happen regularly at the Grene Wode Manor Farm in Langley. We have space to do Equestrian, Rapier, Heavy, Archery, Thrown Weapons and even Combat Archery! As well, plenty of room to dance, crafting, gaming, or for quiet socializing, and a fully functional kitchen, so we usually do a potluck in the evenings! Gate is open at 9, and the site closes in the late evening, so there is time to do most of what you want! Cost is \$5 per person, children and youth free! Contact HL Briana nic h'Eusaidh for more information!

Upcoming Events

An Tir 12th Night

January 8 – 10, 2016

Event Steward: Iuliana de la Sara

Event Fee: \$20 – plus \$5 NMS No Charge for youth 18 and under.

Location: DoubleTree Hilton – Portland, 1000 NE Multnomah Street, Portland, OR

Come join Their Majesties, King Havordh and Queen Mary Grace in their last court. Watch Prince Eirik and Princess Driffina step up as Their Replacements. Rapier Fighters may fight for the Honour of the Queen in Queen's Rapier Tournament. Other activities include a Black and White Ball, a Period Fashion Show, a performance of The Tempest by the An Tir Players, and many fine merchants.

Lion Stage

January 16, 2016

Event Steward: Wulfstan Hrafnsson

Event Fee: \$15 – plus \$5 NMS No Charge for youth 18 and under.

Location: Salvation Army White Rock Church, 15417 Roper Ave, White Rock

Want to perform, but not to compete? Got an A&S project you want to share? Have a work in progress you want to practice and get feedback on? Then have we got an event for you!

Performance space. Non-competitive feedback. Peer speed-dating. Masterclasses. Discussion groups. Classes. Yummy day food. A fantastic potluck feast.

Lion Stage! This is your stage. Come and take it.

Gate opens 9:00am, closes 9:00pm (site will be open for setup at 8)

Winter's End

February 6 – 7, 2016

Event Steward: Stephan of Hunmanaby

Location: Kelly Creek Community School, 2341 Zillinsky Rd, Powell River

False Isle hosts their annual TUTR session.

Tir Righ February Investiture

February 19 – 21, 2016

Event Steward:

Event Fee: \$20 – plus \$5 NMS No Charge for youth 18 and under.

Feast Fee: \$20

Location: Camp Lutherwood, 1185 Roy Road, Bellingham, WA

Travel to our friends in Thornwood or is it still Shittimwoode to witness the step down of Prince Vikingr and Princess Lishina and the step up of Tanist Thorwulf and Ban-Tanist Wulfwyn.

Canterbury Fayre

February 27, 2016

Event Steward: Morweena

Event Fee: \$10 – plus \$5 NMS No Charge for youth 18 and under.

Tavern Fee (for those arriving after 7 PM) \$5

Location: Lochdale Hall, 490 Sperling Ave, Burnaby, BC

In the air there is a hint of spring to come. Faces are bright, smiles are welcoming. Come into the hall, filled with the sound of storytelling and song. Artisans and scientists are explaining their creations... you stop a moment in front of a game board to engage in a rousing game of.. chess or nine man morris.

You have wandered into Canterbury Fayre

Join the Baron and Baroness of Lions Gate as the new Champions of the Arts and Sciences and Bardic are chosen. Making its debut this year is the Games Champion, how will it be decided? Who will show their strategic skill. Come support those willing to defend the Barony in times of War and Peace.

During the day artisans can display their crafts and workshop with other artisans, come see what they do.

Many will have traveled the Knowne World and come to linger, come join for conversation or perhaps just sit and drink it all in.

Information on the championships and other activities including bardic, children's activities, any TUTOR classes, and Newcomer Meet up coming soon!

Chronicler Position Still Open

This issue marks my 16th issue of The North Wind that I have published since I stepped down as Baron. I also published 8 issues before stepping up as Baron. And, if need be, I will do another year's worth. However, my term of Chronicler is officially up in January. I can extend for one more year but I don't mind the break. I could probably find some other office to do or some event to run. I wouldn't be bored, I promise.

You, yes, you could be the next Lions Gate Chronicler instead. Don't get me wrong, it is like pulling teeth to get articles. And, yeah, everybody is doing social media so facebook is pretty much the real Baronial 'zine', these days. Still, putting out the newsletter can be a lot of fun. Taking minutes at council is also part of the job. Not as much fun but keeps you in the know. I do the newsletter using Open Office but any word processor or desktop publishing program will work.

If you interested, then let me, the seneschal, the Baron and Baroness know. I can hand the reins over to you right away or work with you over a time period until you feel comfortable taking over. Either way, I will be another person you can bug to do articles and reports.

Huzzah!!!

Some recent awards for the fine citizens of Lions Gate

Baroness' Inspirational Tournament

Azemar de Toulouse
Cassandra Wineday of Newingate
Caoimhe ingen Domnaille
Katelijne van der Ast
Guidobaldo Marco Odo Romeo d'Aquila

Mistress Agnes Cresseywyke
HL Brigitte die Arrogante
HL Ciana dl Libri
HL Eleanor Odlowe

Brynmor Raven
Laric Godwin
Eithne Rose

Eithne Rose
Eva of Lions Gate

Kenneth of Shaftesbury
Angharad verch Cennydd
Kenneth of Shaftesbury

Baroness' Inspirations

Jaqueline Lefleur
Galeth ap Edwin
Terry the New
Warrick Drakker
Fergus of Glamis
Serge Fjetland (Fjordland)
Briana nic h'Eusaidh

Hafoc
Silver Pillar
Red Flame
l'Etoile d'Argent
Raven of Tir Righ

Silver Lance
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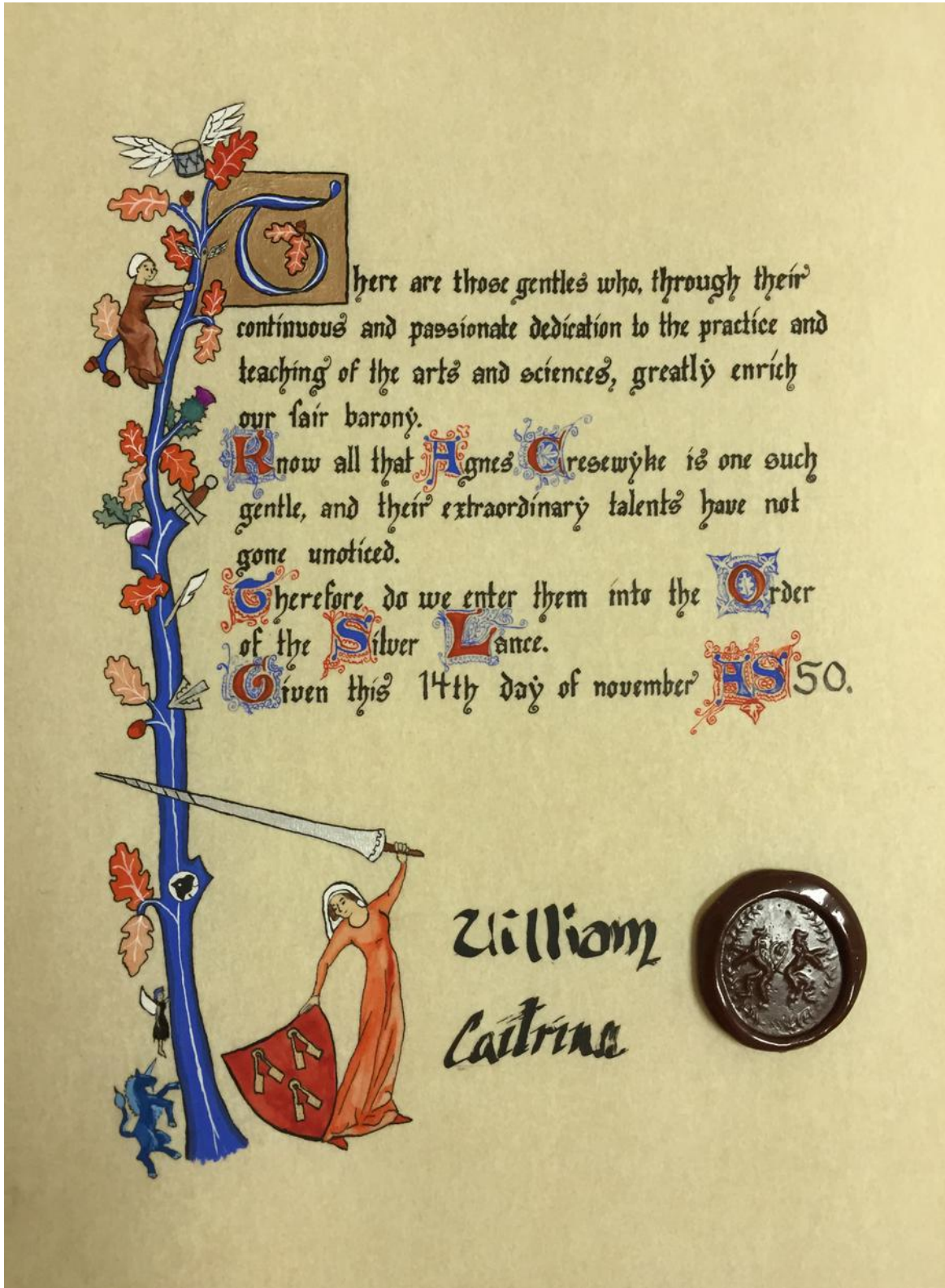
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Goutte de Sang
Award of Arms

Company of Archers
Company of Archers
Golden Bolt

Archery
Arts
Combat
Thrown Weapons
Service
Rapier
Equestrian

Scroll of the Month



There are those gentles who, through their continuous and passionate dedication to the practice and teaching of the arts and sciences, greatly enrich our fair barony.

Now all that **A**gnes **C**resewyke is one such gentle, and their extraordinary talents have not gone unnoticed.

Therefore do we enter them into the **O**rders of the **S**ilver **L**ance.

Given this 14th day of november **MS** 50.

**William
Castrus**



This month's scroll was done by HL Ciana de'Libre in secrecy since the recipient is the Baronial Scribe!

Compendium



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