



The North Wind

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From the Baron

As near as I can tell, from this hall way up in the north of Lions Gate, there is currently snow covering every inch of our Barony. Through the window, world looks cold and white, and while the winds strip what leaves remain on the trees, inside there is a nice fire, some quiet music, and a glass of warmed wine.

Another year has passed, this our third as Baron and Baroness. Although we have offered to stay in the position for another three-year term, as of this moment we have yet to hear the results of the King's polling. Whatever the results are, you should all know how much we've enjoyed our time on the Lions Gate thrones, and we would not regret leaving now. There are still many things we'd like to accomplish, but we'll be continuing those regardless of the outcome.

Speaking of thrones, I hope by now that most of you have seen the new chairs created by Andar the Red. Works of art, they are, and very comfortable. In the new year, we'll be asking for bids once again, for cushions to be made. They're comfortable, but we do tend to be sitting in them for long periods.

Last month, during the Baroness' Tournament, we added one more Champion to the Lions Gate roster; the first Youth Armoured Combat Champion. A hearty congratulations to young Phaelen! Swearing him in as Champion was a great feeling, but watching Viscount Christian – our Heavy Champion – try to stand a little taller when Phaelen stepped in beside him made it even more worth while. I'm excited to see this community grow, and know that Phaelen will help inspire more youth to get involved in this marshal activity.

And finally, Her Excellency and I wish every one of you the best for this holiday season. No matter how you celebrate or where you find yourself, may this season be filled with laughter and love, good friends and good health.

Slàinte!

Baron William



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A Missive from the outgoing Chronicler

I have been a bad Chronicler this last year. In 2015, I put out 9 issues of the North Wind in 2015 but this will be only the third issue this year. My apologies. I lost the mojo there but still proud of the issues I have done.

James Irvein will be taking over the reins and I won't disappear as I have promised that I will still be submitting articles. And, if I get that mojo back, they might even be good enough for James to publish.

The role of Chronicler is an interesting anachronism in our Society of Creative Anachronism. When the SCA was young, a mimeographed fanzine was a great way to spread information. In our digital age, most people are getting their information from internet and checking their facebook feed every few minutes. Even if I was able to publish monthly, the news in the zine would already be buried 100 posts deep in your facebook feed.

I do miss the days of printing a fanzine on a Gestetner. It was the BCSFAzine newsletter (and sometimes Not The BCSFAzine) rather than The North Wind. Still fun as it was a group effort with the smell of printing ink and ozone from the electrostenciller in the air. No corflu though. Even I am not that old. Photocopiers would take over from the Gestetner which took some of the fun of actually publishing the zine away.

I would like to thank all the scribes that contributed to the Scroll of the Month, all the photographers who were willing to give permission for their photographs to be used on the covers and interior stories, and to the various contributors of stories and articles with a special throw out to Dr. Carus for his Ask Dr. Carus articles that he provided when I first started doing The North Wind and continued doing until I ran out of questions to ask him.

Of course I have to thank Their Excellencies for providing me a Baron's or Baroness' column every issue. Since it has been a while since the last North Wind, there is some catch-up to do. I figure we should tackle this month by month starting with ...

The Merry Month of May

Lions Gate hosted both May Champions and Sealion War in May. Since it has been 40 years since Lions Gate became a Barony, May Champions also included a revel to celebrate that. The Championship Tournaments were held in Warner Loat Park which the Barony has been using for most of those 40 years. The first event held at Warner Loat Park was the Outdoor Games Tournament held June 12-13, 1976 and featured a 100 yard dash in full armour as well the usual activities.

In addition to May Champions and Sealion War, many Lions Gater headed south to May Crown to see Her Ladyship Arianna Freemont of Clan McBeighn elevated to Order of the Pelican for her outstanding service to the Barony, the Principality of Tir Righ, and the Kingdom of An Tir.

Here are some other awards that the Lions Gate citizens received in May.

Arianna Freemont of the Clan MacBeighn	Pelican	May 21, 2016 (AS LI)
Kolfinna of Lion's Gate	Goutte de Sang	May 21, 2016 (AS LI)
William Sutherland	WOAW	May 21, 2016 (AS LI)
Kenneth of Shaftesbury	WOAW	May 21, 2016 (AS LI)
Maminka the Bohemian	Award of Arms	May 7, 2016 (AS LI)
Viven of Shaftesbury	Silver Wing	May 28, 2016 (AS LI)
Isabeau Fiona the Archer	l'Etoile d'Argent	May 28, 2016 (AS LI)

Caitrin ni Cingeadh	Cornucopia	May 28, 2016 (AS LI)
Myfanwy Milay	Award of Arms	May 28, 2016 (AS LI)
Wulfric Osbeorn	Award of Arms	May 28, 2016 (AS LI)
Mikolaj Thorkelwicz	Silver Pillar	May 28, 2016 (AS LI)
Loki of Lions Gate	Award of Arms	May 28, 2016 (AS LI)
Briana nic h'Eusaidh	Silver Lyre	May 28, 2016 (AS LI)
William of House Werner	Award of Arms	May 28, 2016 (AS LI)
Sorcha of House Werner	Award of Arms	May 28, 2016 (AS LI)
Jayson of House Werner	Silver Wing	May 28, 2016 (AS LI)
Caitrin ni Cingeadh	Cornucopia	May 28, 2016 (AS LI)

May Champions

May Champions, held on May 14th A.S. 51 in our magnificent loat preserve, saw a great series of tournaments in Lions Gate. The day was bright and sunny, and we had 110 good friends join us in the park.

At opening court, we welcomed everyone to the event, then asked each current champion to speak on the conventions of their respective tournaments. During this, Lord Seamus McKinneach, Rapier Champion, was entered into the Order of the Lions Claw for his service to our Barony. We then held the invocation for the list of the first Thrown Weapons Champion, followed by a combined invocation for the Heavy, Rapier, and Archery Champions.

This was a fantastic moment. We had 15 entrants into the Heavy Combat list, 23 in Archery, 9 in Rapier, and 15 people in the first Thrown Weapons tournament!

The Rapier Tournament began first, although the Archery and Thrown Weapons were running throughout the day. We were able to witness most of the Rapier list, and were excited to see Duke Ieuan Gower claim victory over Cailean McQuarrie. Cailean also lost a somewhat painful battle with the ground, as he fell into a split which he assured me he'd never managed previously.

The Archery tournament wrapped up next, with the finals featuring HL Isabeau Fiona the Archer, and Marcus Hugo Knout. After shooting at clay disks, balloons, and a tiny seashell I think because they were way too far away for **these** eyes to see correctly, Marcus claimed the championship.

At the Thrown Weapons range, the finals came down to Don Warrick Drakkar, who'd scored the highest in knives, and Airtrenat daughter of Gafne, scoring the highest with axes. After five throws each with their respective weapons, Don Warrick won the tournament.

Meanwhile, competition in the Heavy Combat tournament was glorious and fierce. It began with two round-robin bouts, and ended in a best-of-**nine** series with Lord Randal son of William facing our current champion, Viscount Christian Bane. The combat was grueling but in the end, Viscount Christian remains as our Heavy Champion.



Photo courtesy of Archos Aline de Seez

We held a closing court, to swear in the new Champions, to thank everyone for coming, and to begin sending people off to the evening's revelry down the road. During this, Her Excellency Caitrina released her previous Inspirations, and chose her new inspirations.

Giuliana di Castiglione, Archery

Mary Craver, Arts

Randall son of William, Combat

James Irvein, Equestrian

Brother Emrys, Rapier

Sorcha of House Werner, Sciences

Eva de Lille, Service

Airtrenat daughter of Gafne, Thrown Weapons

One of my favourite pieces of court business is when we call forward any present who are attending their first event, and this particular moment was made even better when our new Archery Champion stepped forward from behind his place at our court, to join those gathered. How's THAT for your first event?

A personal favourite moment of the day came when swearing in those late-comers to the heavy tournament. Our herald was off competing in either the archery or thrown weapons tournament, and most of our usual heralds were kneeling before us ready to be sworn in. While looking around quickly for an appropriate individual, I fell upon an obvious choice. And so it was that the great Sir Morgan of Aberystwyth, the first Sable Loat Pursuivant of Lions Gate, heralded for us. Sir Morgan, I hope you know what an amazing pleasure and honour this was for Caitrina and I, both of us former Sable Loat Pursuivant as well.

Later that evening, we gathered for a feast and tavern celebrating the 40th anniversary of the Barony of Lions Gate. There was ham, with accompanying sauce (a kind of red-eye gravy), and I'm sure other food. Oh, turkey. With more ham.

During ham, we held a final court, with Baroness Caitrina giving scrolls to her previous Inspirations who were too busy at the feast hall to be present at the park. Our herald, HL Cáemgen mac Garbith (Kevin Gougelet), then called into court the Order of the Lions Claw, but when asked to call forward the new member, did not have the name on hand. It then came as a surprise when handed the card on which was written his name. He was entered into the Order, and court was closed.

To HL Cassandra Wineday (Joanne Loney) and her steward team, heartfelt congratulations on a job very well done. This was an historic event, in an historic location, and a joy to be part of. To our Barony, you have our love and thanks, combined with a huge amount of pride. To those who couldn't make it, we missed you, and you missed a heck of a party.

Huzzahs to our new Champions!

Heavy Combat: Viscount Christian Bane

Archery: Marcus Hugo Knout

Rapier: Duke Ieuan Gower

Thrown Weapons: Don Warrick Drakkar

And to the new members of the Order of the Lions Claw, Lord Seamus McKinneach and HL Cáemgen mac Garbith, huzzahs as well!

Uilliam & Caitrina,

Baron & Baroness of Lions Gate

Sealion War



Photo by Saraeant Miles FitzHubert

And now, having slept in my own chambers, been warmed by fire and hot water, donned clean (dry) clothing, and removed the earth from just about everything, I'll tell a tale of war.

Lions Gate, it saddens me to tell you all that our armies were not able to withstand the forces of Seagirt, bolstered as they were by the hordes from multiple shires throughout our Principality. The surprising treachery within my own household makes me want to tell dad what they did, but we haven't seen him lately. (You jerks. I'm so proud.)

It was muddy, it was wet, and it was absolutely great fun.

Three of our champions faced their counterpart from Seagirt, settling one-third of their respective war point. Thank you Viscount Christian Bane (Armoured), Duke Ieuan Gower (Rapier), and Marcus Hugo Knout (Archery), for your efforts in this war. Further thanks to Viscount Christian and Duke Ieuan for leading our Armoured and Rapier armies. Thank you to everyone who came out to defend our great barony from the invaders from across the sea; your efforts were amazing and a pleasure to watch, when we could. A hearty thank you to Brother Emrys, who won the Bardic point for Lions Gate with the song he'd written at 4am that morning, "Dammit, House Sigis", and to young Elaine (daughter of Theodore and Isobeau Fiona the Archer), for winning the Games point for Lions Gate, eliminating /me/ in the process.

I would like to take a personal moment to show pride in my house, the Clan MacAndrew, who took all three pieces of the Archery point. HL Ceamgen won the group archery shoot, Lady Miranda took the Champions' battle, and Herbacious dominated in thrown weapons. However, Miranda is currently Archery Champion for both Seagirt and Hartwood, and – for some reason – Herbacious from Ramsgaard declared for Seagirt! Archery point to Seagirt.

The war was well fought in all categories. All seven points were won through struggle, and none were completely dominated by one Barony. At the end of the war, Lions Gate took the Rapier, Bardic, and Games point, while Seagirt held Armoured, Archery, A&S, and the Children's point. However, the well-known heavy Lions Gate rains and our famed bogs were a great boon to us; once I'd acknowledged Baron Connall's victory, he and Baroness Leticia decided that they didn't want to deal with yet another muddy marshland, and returned to their rock in the sea, victorious, but without their prize.

To our event stewards Garet and Brianna, you put on an incredible event, and we are thankful and proud that you took this on. To all the people who volunteered their time to keep this event running through rain and mud, you're all amazing. I will leave it to the steward team to name you, as I know I'd forget many names, and likely don't know all who were helping. Thank you to our Clan, who kept us

fed, warm, dry, laughing, and (mostly) sane.

Once the war had settled, His Highness Thorwulf commanded that we bickering cousins end our war once and for all. Baron Connall and I shook hands, swearing that for as long as Their Highnesses sit the Storm Thrones, there will be peace between us. Long live Thorwulf and Wulfwyn!

His Highness also called for us to combine our people, and join Him in bringing war to Avacal, in this year's AT War. And so, finally at peace with our neighbours, we can turn our attention to the east, where trouble brews in the upstart kingdom.

Lions Gate! To War!

Uilliam & Caitrina

Baron & Baroness of Lions Gate

June Flowers

Well, the May showers continued into June but fortunately the Barony did not hold any events in June. Still, some of our citizens got recognized at the Tir Righ Coronet and at Ducal Wars which were both hosted by Coill Mhor.

Agnes Cresewyke	Cornucopia	Jun 11, 2016 (AS LI)
James Irvein	Award of Arms	Jun 23, 2016 (AS LI)
Arianna Freemont of the Clan MacBeighn	Hafoc	Jun 23, 2016 (AS LI)
Nikolas of the Wolfpack	Award of Arms	Jun 24, 2016 (AS LI)

Have I mentioned to you that I spent some years in my youth living just outside Coill Mhor? We called it Coill Lhes. Think it is cold down here in Lions Gate. In Coill Lhes, I remember one winter when it was so cold that we had to start a second fire to thaw out the first fire.

Speaking of Creative Anachronisms, I watched Neil Armstrong land on the moon from inside a log cabin where we had a wood stove for heat, got our water from a well using a rope and bucket, and a pit toilet out back (which was really a treat on those cold winters previously mentioned.)

Hey, that brings us to

The Month of Julius Caesar aka July

We saw a new King and Queen crowned this month and the Known World's newest Kingdom, Avacal, invaded the borders of Tir Righ. We also saw the return of Tournament of Armies at the end of the month.

And still more Huzzahs for our populace

Inga Burga	Award of Arms	Jul 30, 2016 (AS LI)
Davin	Award of Arms	Jul 30, 2016 (AS LI)
Cailean McQuarrie	Award of Arms	Jul 30, 2016 (AS LI)
Eric Anderson	Silver Sparkes	Jul 30, 2016 (AS LI)
Ander the Red	Award of Arms	Jul 30, 2016 (AS LI)
Elora	Silver Pillar	Jul 30, 2016 (AS LI)
Sibhaidh of Lough Neagh	Award of Arms	Jul 30, 2016 (AS LI)
William Sutherland	Silver Pillar	Jul 30, 2016 (AS LI)
Constantina Aurelia	Award of Arms	Jul 30, 2016 (AS LI)

Becoming a Warlord

OR How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love this Game

by Lady Malie Rennick

Tournament of Armies was coming, and I didn't know who I'd be fighting for. I knew that I'd be likely following my Don, but we were having trouble deciding on any of the declared warlords... one had already scooped up a lot of the higher level rapier fighters, and the others had some backings from the heavy, arts & sciences, and service communities, so we were at a loss.



Photo courtesy of Lady Ylva Annarsdottir

And so, the Thursday before the event, I was speaking with my Don about all this, and wondering what we'd do for the weekend. Now Warwick didn't want to lead an army, as he had created the format, and felt it would be gaming the system if he was a Warlord and was also advising the Event Steward on the finer points of the tournament. Wolfpack (with whom we'd fought in the past) were ready to field an army, but no one really wanted to be the Warlord there either, due to a variety of reasons. So, up pipes Malie (that's me!) and says "Well, gee, I guess I could be the face of the Army... you guys run the on-field stuff and I'll be the Warlord". And thus was born Malie's Marauders.

Friday morning, I rattled off an introduction piece for opening court, based on Norse poetic structures themed around the concept of "The Return". Saturday morning before Court I prompted my Army about their parts in about a minute and off we went, processing into Court, banging shields and generally making enough noise to wake the dead. We had managed to also procure the services of their then Highness' Tir Righ, Thorwulf and Wulfwyn, through the donation of a variety of items intended to improve the visual importance of the Tir Righ pavilion.

As the day progressed, the coins kept pouring in. The Marauders were victorious on the rapier field, and it seemed each time I turned around there was someone handing me coins for Service. I soude single-handedly lead the Arts & Sciences component for us, creating four different items out of the small bag of supplies we had been given, and using up every item in the bag!

Sunday saw the heavy fighters take the field for the final battles, and using the coins granted by everyone's hard work, Malie's Marauders left the field victorious. I was honoured and inspired by all the effort everyone had put in at the last minute, and humbled by their trust in an upstart rapier fighter to lead them. Lions Gate history was made that day, as I am the first non-heavy combatant Warlord, and the first female Warlord, but there is no way I could have been either of those things without the group behind me, kicking butt and taking names!

In Service,

Malie Rennick,

Warlord of Lions Gate

Wow, It's August Already!

August has been the traditional date for Lions Gate Sargeantry Trials which soon became the Sargeant and Yeoman Trials and then Sargeant, Yeoman, and Gallant Trials and then the Sargeant, Yeoman, Gallant, and Courtier Trials. This year it would have been the Sargeant, Yeoman, Gallant, Courtier, and Lancer Trials except that a wise Coronet renamed it simply to The Trials.

More recognition in August for more people.

Jakemina Arwemakeres

Award of Arms Aug 27, 2016 (AS LI)

Duncan Ross

Goutte de Sang Aug 27, 2016 (AS LI)

Piper Dei Volpi

Sable Chime Aug 27, 2016 (AS LI)

Heléne d'Anjou

Inspirational Consort Aug 27, 2016 (AS LI)

Vikingr Eiricksson

Knight Aug 27, 2016 (AS LI)

The Trials

Well, dear Barony, now that the Great Unpacking has begun, I'll take a moment to speak of The Trials.

It was hot.

Yet, while it continued to be hot, many great things occurred. The first – and the single reason we held the event – were the Trials. Six brave gentles had previously declared their intent to test this year; three Sergeants and a Yeoman, and for the first time, two Lancers. Just prior to the weekend, our single Yeoman candidate had to back out, but that left us with the five applicants. On a bright and hot (I'd mentioned that, I believe) Saturday morning, the Sargeantry and Courtiers of the Barony began putting the candidates through their Trials.



Photo courtesy of Sir Morgan

As this was underway, we held the Barony's first Cut & Thrust Champion Tournament. We had four

entrants into the list, and being honourable combatants all, they decided that the format for this first tournament would be more along the lines of a demonstration to the viewing populace, a showing of skills in this newer martial art. They further requested that Her Excellency and I, following the demonstration, choose which of the entrants we believed to show the greater skill, and name them the first Cut & Thrust Champion. For this opportunity, we thanked them all very very very very very much, and made them promise never to do this to us again. After the tourney, we spoke privately with each of the combatants, as well as other members of the populace who caught the display. And while the skill of each of the entrants was great, to quote another "but in terms of sheer cut-and-thrustery...." we named Master Guidobaldo d'Aquila as our premier Cut & Thrust Champion!

The evening found the people of the Barony dancing, then singing around the bardic fire. Many great songs were sung and stories told. Candidates fell into bed, to await further trials in the morning. I would like to take a moment to thank each of the five who entered these Trials. They are not an easy series of tests to get through, and they were certainly not designed to be. They were made to test your skills, your knowledge, your stamina, and your perseverance. Each of you stepped up to be tested and examined, and even announcing your intention to try shows a bravery few possess. This was an emotionally and physically draining weekend, and we are proud of you for going through it.

At final court, William Werner – known also as William the Younger – was welcomed into the Order of the Sergeantry, as a Sergeant of Lions Gate. Huzzah William!

Thank you, to everyone who came out to witness these Trials. It was hot, and everything was hot. We moved final court twice just to keep things in the shade. Thank you, to the members of the Orders of the Sergeantry and the Courtiers, who came together to put the candidates through their tests. Thank you to the Premier Lancer from Aquaterra, Dominico Taddio, who came to help test our Lancer candidates. Finally, a hearty and joyous THANK YOU to the event steward team, Ciana de'Libri, Eleanor Odlowe, and Kian O'Ruadhri; despite the trials and troubles you three went through to ensure this weekend Happened, you held an amazing event. I can only hope you're as proud of the job you've done as Her Excellency and I are of you. Well done.

In Service,
Uilliam & Caitrina,
Baron & Baroness of Lions Gate

September or Winter is Coming (maybe)

September was a quiet month for Lions Gate but a good time to get out and visit our neighbours with September Crown, Odin's Playground, Tides Turning, and the Tir Righ A&S/Bardic Championship. As you can see a previous Lions Gate Bardic Champion did quite well at the Principality Championship.

Brynja Kortsdottir	Silver Pillar	Sep 24, 2016 (AS LI)
Adelaide of Lions Gate	Award of Arms	Sep 24, 2016 (AS LI)
Brynja Kortsdottir	Bardic Champion	Sep 24, 2016 (AS LI)

If Winter is coming, it might be a good time to fatten up which leads us to...

October, the start of the feast season.

I am told that the three F's of the SCA are Fighting, Feasting, and proper Fiscal management of your resources so you can afford to go to events. You might have heard it differently but that is what I am sticking to. In the old days of the SCA, people used to talk about a War Season and a Feast Season. Simply put, if the weather was nice enough to camp it was War Season and, if it wasn't, well, you still want to get together with your friends right? Why not throw a big Medieval Feast?

And if you are willing to step and organize a big Medieval Feast, you probably deserve some recognition for that (and all the other hard work you've done).

Fithir inghean Aaron (Lions Gate)	Award of Arms	Oct 1, 2016 (AS LI)
Brother Emrys (Lions Gate)	Award of Arms	Oct 1, 2016 (AS LI)
Eleanor Odlowe	Lions Claw	Oct 1, 2016 (AS LI)
Jaqueline Lefleur	Silver Lance	Oct 1, 2016 (AS LI)
Isabeau Fiona the Archer	Silver Lance	Oct 1, 2016 (AS LI)

Turkish Delights: Lions Gate Baronial Banquet

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Menu

First Course: cold appetizers (Table Display)

Greek Pita Bread
Borek (small stuffed bread rolls)
Three Cheeses
Hamine (slow boiled eggs)
Cacik (cucumber and yogurt salad)
Salatit Khodar Meshakel (fresh vegetable salad)
Hummus Dip with Paprika
Tzatziki Dip
Cumin-Spiced Salt

First Service: hot appetizers

Spanakopita (spinach and feta in phyllo pastry)
Tatbila (savory fried beef and onion in phyllo pastry)
Midye Tavasi (deep-fried mussels)
Eggah bi Kousa (egg and zucchini bake)
Beef and Lamb Kebab
Garlic Yogurt Dip
Tarator Sauce

Third Course: first entrees

Havuç Corbasi (carrot soup)
Chicken Stuffed with Dried Fruits
Tyropita (egg and cheese pie)

Moussaka (eggplant and beef casserole)
Cumin Rice Pilaf

Fourth Course:

Rutabiya (meatballs stuffed with almonds and dates)
Mishmishiya (lamb and apricots)
Kousa bi Gebna (zucchini baked with cheese)
Kotopita (chicken in phyllo)
Coriander Rice Pilav
Cinnamon Yogurt Dip

Fifth Course: desserts

Dates stuffed with spiced cream cheese and walnuts
Baklava (layers of phyllo and spiced pistachios, sweetened with honey)
Ekmehk (a delicately spiced pudding on a crust of honey-baked, shredded phyllo)
Balouza Muhallabia (a creamy jelly, decorated with nuts)

Beverages will include lemon infused water, mint infused water, and Sekanjeban (a refreshing, sweetened mint and vinegar syrup.)

November – A time to be Inspired

Lions Gate hosted the Tir Righ November Coronet before hosting our annual Baroness' Inspirational Tournament.

Isabella Lucrezia Veneziano Martini	Cornucopia	Nov 5, 2016 (AS LI)
Mjorna Al-Rakkasa Lauritsdottir	Award of Arms	Nov 19, 2016 (AS LI)
Malie Rennick	Silver Pillar	Nov 19, 2016 (AS LI)
Ylva Annarsdottir	l'Etoile d'Argent	Nov 5, 2016 (AS LI)

Baroness' Inspirational Tournament



Photo courtesy of Lady Ylva Annarsdottir

At Baroness' Tourney last month we saw a lot going on. Court was on the biggish side with the Baron of Seagirt, our Tanist, the Prince and Princess of Tir Righ AND of the Summits. It was 16 hours of fun, laughter and inspiration (the event was 16 hours, not court). Dame Arianna and her team did an amazing job putting this event together again this year. Arianna has been the event steward for all three of the Baroness' Tourneys since I stepped up as Baroness. If our polling to remain Baron and Baroness is granted by the King and Queen I will be looking to others to take on stewarding this event. Arianna has more than earned a break.

At the event I named my inspirations for the next 6 months. They are...

Archery - Her Ladyship Delwyn verch Ynyr

Arts – Bryntyeach MacQuarrie

Equestrian – Rayne

Combat – Sgt Jayson of House Werner

Rapier – Lord Cailean McQuarrie

Service – Denis

Science – His Lordship William Sutherland

Thrown Weapons – Archos Kenneth of Shaftsbury

Each of these gentles are an inspiration in so many ways not only to myself but to many others as well. HUZDAH to you all.

As everyone knows, the Baronial polling took place at the event to see if the populace supports our request to stay on as your Baron and Baroness. As of writting this, we've not heard the results from their Majesties yet so this could possibly have been my last Baroness Tourney as the sitting Baroness. As I



Photo Courtesy of Lady Ylva Annarsdottir

said while addressing the fighters entering the Heavy Combat Tourney at the event, I have felt so honoured and privileged to hold this position. My favourite part? When some of the fighters yelled, "Three more years!".

I know I will have fond memories of this event for years to come. My thanks to all.

Warm regards,

Baroness Caitrín

Omígod, I managed to catch up. It's December!

But since we are in midst of a Snowpocalypse (which will probably be rain by the time you read this), nothing much happened in December. But it is fun to listen to all the Ex-Easteners talk. "You call this snow. Hell, back east this is swimsuit weather." Time to move onto

Upcoming Events

Tír Rígh Investure

February 17-19, 2017

Drum beats rise into the North and the time turns as resplendent Prince and Princess leaun and Gwyneth celebrate their Reign, and prepare to welcome the dawn of the next age of their successors, Viscount Sir Einar, the Mighty Oak, and the Inspiringly Talented Mistress Tangwystl.

Fair Tir Rígh also pulses with anticipation - Who will come with steel and heart ready? Who approaches the field with skill and swiftness to emerge victorious? Who will be the new Scar of Tir Rígh?

Artisans and merchants will tempt with goods and talents beyond compare. Come and learn, watch and listen as history in these fairer Middle Ages springs alive.

Schedule Coming Soon

Registration Fee for Members \$20 (adult 19 and over)

Registration Fee for non-members \$25 (adult 19 and over)

Registration Fee for Ages 0 to 18 - Free

Nearby hotel with room block (15 rooms):

Best Western Rainbow Country Inn & Conference Centre

43971 Industrial Way

Chilliwack, BC

604-795-5039

To reserve rooms in our block, you will need to call directly to the hotel (number above) to book your own room. Block is under - "SCA - Society for Creative Anachronism". Rate is \$109.99 plus taxes (CAN \$). Rooms remaining in the block will be released as of February 3, so call prior to that date to reserve.

Lion Stage

February 25, 2017

Welcome to the second annual Lion Stage event!

Taking place February 25, 2017, and hosted by the Barony of Lions Gate in the greater Vancouver area of BC, this is an intimate one-day event celebrating the performance arts.

Would you like the opportunity to perform without the pressure of a competition? Would you like to get feedback on a work in progress? Would you like to share your research about the style or content of performances in some part of period?

We are not just looking for musicians (although of course we love musicians too) so jugglers, puppeteers, bellydancers, orators, joke-tellers, stage magicians, or whatever your performance be, come share it with us!

(I will have to draw the line at trick riders and sharpshooters, though. This is an indoor venue.)

For those who prefer to learn and listen, this is your event too! Drop in on the performance hall, take a TUTOR class or two. Attend any of the informal discussion panels, on a variety of subjects relating to performance in period and in the SCA. Peer speed dating and a potluck feast will wrap up the day.

The Salvation Army White Rock Church

15417 Roper Ave, White Rock, British Columbia V4B 2G4

Gate opens at 9am. Off site by 9pm.

Adults: \$15

Members: \$10

Children & Youth Free

Make cheques payable to The Barony of Lions Gate

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Lions Gate Practices

Archery – Practices are held at the Grene Wode every Sunday year round. The practice starts at noon and goes till 5 pm. Royal Rounds range and a beginner range are almost always set up, and a potluck lunch is shared to help build the community and keep the arrows flying! Once a month there is a FUNdraiser featuring silly targets and/or interesting archery games! Site fee is \$5 per adult and \$2 for youth. As these are practices the NMS does not apply and garb is not required. More information may be had from Delwyn (Kim Laven). In October, practices are scheduled for both Saturday and Sunday for archers to push their averages. Sure, that is almost a year away but now you know.

Equestrian – Practices are held at the Grene Wode on Sundays. Equestrian can start at 9 am, if there is interest. Weekly practices are planned to be building skills (specific weapons or games, or specific riding challenges). Trail rides after the arena work are also planned.

Horse use fees apply: \$20 for riders in a Grene Wode program, \$30 for those coming from outside. A brief horsemanship skills assessment is necessary before a Grene Wode horse can be used: the Marshalls will ensure riders and horses are matched according to skills and training. More information may be had from Briana nic h'Eusaidh (Nancy Hedge) or Cassandra Wineday (Joanne Loney)

Youth Armoured Combat – Practices are held at the Grene Wode every other Sunday from 2 to 4 PM.

Cloverdale Fight Practice – Armoured and Rapier combat practice occurs every Tuesday Night 7-10 PM at the Shannon Hall at the Cloverdale Fairgrounds. We need better turnout or practice might have to stop. See the facebook for details.

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 twice a month at a member's home. The first meeting is for classes and the second meeting is more social and working on projects.

Compendium



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