



THE NORTH WIND

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Canterbury Fayre

April 1, 2017

We invite all to attend and witness as we choose our Bardic, A&S, and games champions, and then enjoy a feast hosted by our Black Kettle cooking guild.

There will also be classes, merchants, tavern, heraldry consult table, and Court of Fools.

Slovenian Hall
5762 Sprott St,
Burnaby, BC

Lions Gate Champions Tournament

May 13, 2017

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Warner Loat Park
4252 Piper Avenue,
Burnaby, BC

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From The Baron

A hearty and spring-filled ...er.. a sunny and warm... the skies are... hm.

It isn't snowing, and hello Lions Gate.

I'd like to start this by thanking all of you – the people of Lions Gate – for giving me another chance to spend time with my love, Her Excellency Caitrina, as your Baron & Baroness. I'm honoured that you would allow us to continue, and look forward to the coming years.

And so, on the subject of awards.

As many of you know, when we were running for Baron and Baroness some three-plus years ago, one of the things we'd said we wanted to do was increase the number of awards given out in this Barony. Last year, we introduced the "Order of the Silver Lance", for excellence in the Arts & Sciences. Today, we're adding another award to Lions Gate's list, named as a result of some excellent heraldic maneuverings.

“The Loat” will be awarded for outstanding service to the Barony of Lions Gate. This will **absolutely not** replace the “Order of the Lions Claw”, which will remain Lions Gate’s award for vast and long-term service to the Barony. The Loat will be awarded to people who do A Thing, and deserved to be recognized. As this is not an “order”, any recipient could receive it multiple times over the years.

And so, what we need from you, dear Barony, are two things. First: Recommendations. I’m certain it will take some time for people to get used to this one, but please, if you see someone doing something amazing for the Barony or her people, please let us know.

The second thing: We need a token. A symbol of the award, a loat. We may have them cast, we may get other ideas. We don’t know yet. Please, give us your ideas for The Loat.

So. What is a loat, you ask? Well, the history of this beloved animal can be found on the Baronial website (http://lionsgate.tirrih.org/history_beasts.html), but it is a beast unique to the Barony of Lions Gate. There is only one such beast registered with the College of Heraldry, and that of a baby sea-loat, belonging to the first herald for Lions Gate, the amazing Sir Morgan of Aberystwyth. The heraldic title for Lions Gate’s herald is “Sable Loat Pursuivant”. Those heraldic maneuverings that I mentioned involved transferring that title from the Kingdom of An Tir, to the Barony of Lions Gate. And with that title, comes the ability to use the Loat for other purposes, such as this new award.

For heralds and loats, huzzah!

Baron Uilliam

Lion Stage

We had a great day February 25th at Lion Stage. This year's event saw a significantly bigger turnout than last year, with even more things to do. There were bardic performances and discussion groups throughout the day, along with a full track of TUTR classes, Peer Speed Dating in the afternoon, yummy day food and a fantastic potluck feast, dinnertime entertainment, and the very popular auctioning off of some fine, albeit probably cursed, items on behalf of our fair Barony (did anyone ever exorcise that poor fencer from that book?).

It's a common occurrence at big events like wars, Crowns and Championships that one has to pick and choose from among a smorgasbord of activities – do I fight in this tournament or take that class? Do I help out at gate

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or pick that Laurel's brain about my project? – and I think that was true of Lion Stage this year as well. There was certainly plenty to choose from, and I don't think anyone went home hungry or could complain of being bored throughout the day!

Probably my favourite thing about this event is the “brave new bard” aspect, because its non-competitive, open-feedback approach creates a low-stakes way for gentles of all different levels of experience and ability to showcase something they're working on or try out something new on an audience for the first time. It was great to see teachers I hadn't seen teach before, performers I hadn't seen perform before, and even a first-time event steward at the helm! We have so much potential for growth and excellence in Lions Gate, and so many amazing people doing so many great things to build on our traditions, and it was fantastic to see that happening at this event, and seeing people having such fun making it happen.

On which note – and I won't mention names for fear of forgetting someone – a huge “thank you” to everyone who helped to make it happen, whether by organizing some part of the day or teaching, performing, cooking, sitting gate, helping to set up or clean up, leading discussions, taking classes, joining in on discussions, giving feedback, donating auction items or buying them... or trying to buy back items you'd donated in the first place; for all the things you did, to everyone who was there, thank you. I hope you enjoyed the day as much as I did, and I'm looking forward to what the future holds for the event with two words, one anagram, and no punctuation.

~ THL Wulfstan Hrafnsson

Co-Steward, Lion Stage AS 51

Courtier of Lions Gate

Apprentice to Lærðimoðir Gala Eriksdottir, OL

Upcoming Events

Date	Event	Location	Cost*	Event Steward
April 1, 2017	Canterbury Fayre	Slovanian Hall	\$20	HL Briana nic h'Eusaidh
May 13, 2017	Lions Gate Champions	Warner Loat Park	\$15	Baron James Wolfden
May 27-28, 2017	SeaLion War	Seagirt		
Aug 4-7, 2017	Tournament of Armies	Island 22		Mistress Ceara inghean ui Mhadadhain
Sept 1-3, 2017	September Crown	Thornwood	\$25	Duke UlfR Blodfotur Fallgrson
Sept 15-17, 2017	The Trials	Island 22		Seeking Bids
Oct 21, 2017	Baronial Banquet			Seeking Bids
Nov 18, 2017	Baroness's Inspiration			Seeking Bids

* members pay \$5 less. Children/Youth are free at most events.

Canterbury Fayre

April 1, 2017 - 9AM to 11PM

Slovenian Hall, 5762 Sprott St, Burnaby, BC, V5G 1T7

Adults \$20 / Members \$15 / No Charge for Youth

Tavern only (5pm onwards) - \$15 / \$10 for Members

Feast - additional \$20 / \$12 for Youth (tickets are limited)

Champions' Competitions

Champions are meant to be an inspiration and role model for teaching and encouraging others. Champions represent the Barony both at home and at other branches' events through leadership and example.

The declaration period for Arts & Science and Bardic Competitions has closed, but all are welcome to declare for Games on the day of. In addition, the populace is asked to help judge the A&S and Bardic championships by voting for their favourite entry in the populace choice category.

For more information, please liaise with the Baronial Minister of Arts & Sciences, Her Ladyship Eleanor Odlowe. If you would like to judge, please email her with your name, fealty ties, and areas of expertise.

Largess at Canterbury Fayre

The people have spoken! Simultaneous largess competitions at Canterbury Fayre! First is a single entry largess competition with a populace choice prize and a Baroness' choice prize. Second is a triple entry largess competition (enter three of the same type of item) with the populace choice winner getting one of each entry and a Baroness' choice prize.

Please make sure all entries are tagged with your name and home branch. You are welcome to enter both competitions if you so choose.

Lions Gate Champions Tournament

May 13, 2017 - 9:00 AM to 5 PM

\$10 Members / \$15 Non-members / No Charge for Youth

Warner Loat Park, 4252 Piper Avenue, Burnaby, BC, V5A 3B4

Be it known to all who may be lovers of Chivalry that there will be held on the 13th of May at the historic site of Warner Loat Park a series of Champion Tournaments for the Barony of Lions Gate.

Champions will be chosen in Archery, Armoured Combat, Rapier, and Thrown Weapons.

All challengers are summoned to vie in single combat for the right to be named Champions and stand by their Dread Baron in times of war.

There will also be space for more gentle pursuits such as boules or pall mall. Artisans are encouraged to bring a display piece based around the theme of a Lionsgator in any medium.

Lions Gate Practices

Unless noted, the fee for practices is \$5 per adult. Youth are \$2 at any Grene Wode practice, and free for all other practices. As these are practices the NMS does not apply and garb is not required. For more information about any of the practices, please contact the relevant officer (listed on the last page of the newsletter) or check the Lions Gate Calendar at <http://lionsgate.tirrih.org/events.html> for exact dates and cancellations.

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! 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.

Thursday evening practices are held at the Burnaby range, 6 pm to dusk, in the spring and summer. You **MUST** have a Burnaby Archers Membership in order to shoot at this range. There are absolutely **NO** guest passes.

Arts & Science

A free 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.

We are also adding some classes to help support the Tuesday Night Fight Practice. The purpose of these classes are to have more people attend the practices and pay site fee. Each class will cost the same as the fee fighters pay: \$5. If an instructor requires more of a fee for supply costs we will indicate that in the description.

Black Kettle

A free cooks' meeting happens on the second Wednesday evening of the month at a member's home. Bring some food to share, period or otherwise, and join fellow food enthusiasts as we experiment with deliciousness!

Dance

Dance practices are held every other Tuesday at the Cloverdale practices, 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm in the Shannon Hall. The fee for dancers is only \$3.

Equestrian

Practices are held at the Grene Wode on Sundays. Equestrian can start at 9 am, if there is interest. Practices will be held monthly, with weekly practices a possibility pending interest and marshal availability. Riders are welcome to request that specific weapons or games, or specific riding challenges be tackled at practices. Trail rides after the arena work will also happen pending interest and good weather.

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 Marshals will ensure riders and horses are matched according to skills and training.

Heavy Combat

Armoured combat practice occurs every Tuesday Night 7 pm to 10 pm in the Shannon Hall at the Cloverdale Fairgrounds. We need better turnout or practice might have to stop.

Heavy fighters are also welcome at the Thursday Night practices at the Justice Institute in New Westminster, but please use something to prevent your knee armour from damaging the wooden floor.

Rapier & Cut and Thrust

Rapier Practice occurs every Thursday Night 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm at the Justice Institute in New Westminster.

Rapier fighters are also welcome at the Tuesday Night practices at Cloverdale Fairgrounds.

Scribal Arts

There are no scriptoriums currently scheduled.

Youth Armoured Combat

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

Meetings and Social Nights

Unless noted, all meetings and socials are free. As these are meetings the NMS does not apply and garb is not required.

Baronial Council

Fourth Wednesday of the month (usually not held in December).

Until further notice the meetings will be held at Constance Court, 2518 East Hastings, Vancouver, BC

The building is "Constance Court", on the corner of Hastings and Kamloops above the Vancity. To enter the building buzz 518, take the elevator to the second floor and go down the hall to the 1st glass door on the left.

Baronial council is where the "business" side of the Barony is run. All members are encouraged to attend, and there is no cost associated with council.

Social Nights

There are no social nights currently scheduled.

Compendium



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