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On the Cover: Fortunately this was an XXX event, because as all the snow blew in, people needed to be friendly to keep warm. And a good time was had by all. Photo by Ulf Magnussen.

Hey YOU! Yah, you. Why isn't your photo on the cover? Cause you forgot to send in your photo (or drawing/painting/sketch/artwork), that's why. Get with the program already! :editor

The Baron's Column

Baron Griffin ap Bedwyr



Greetings once again to the good people of Lions Gate. Well, our good friends Sir Savaric (former Defender of Lions Gate and his lady Mistress Safiyaeare the new Tanist and banTanist of Tir Righ. Huzzah on their victory and we wish them the best for their upcoming Investiture in May.

We have a very busy summer coming up with many wars, tourneys, and other contests and competitions to keep us occupied. As many of you are probably already aware, Tir Righ is now at war with Avacal. We will meet their forces on the field of battle at the end of June. This comes soon after Sealion war so the forces of the Barony should be well ready to fight for our Prince. I hope to see as

many of you as possible at this war. I also look forward to seeing you all at Defenders Tourney and May Bardic, whether to compete or just to observe and cheer on those that do.

We are still looking for bids for a new pair of Baronial Chairs. We would like to have people's ideas in by May Bardic. As well there are also bids needed for the design and production of a Baronial Coin. We have heard questions and vague mutterings, but as yet nothing concrete. If any of you saw the coins at Daffodil this year you will have an idea of what we want. We know there are many talented Artisans in the Barony, who are more than capable of taking on these projects.



Council Meeting Highlights

April 2008

Constitution:

It's that time again. Talking about creating a Baronial Constitution. This is fair warning... If You Want To Have Your Say, show up at next month's Council Meeting.

So far all that has happened is that our duly appointed Heads of State are putting together a proposal for how this thing can be looked at.

Details for a VERY Transparent evaluation will be presented next meeting. If you do not show up, you are trusting those who do to make the proper decisions.

North Wind:

It is time for the North Wind to go to an entirely Digital Format. We will no longer be offering hard copies of the newsletter. This month's

Issue #315 will be the last Issue to offer hard copy subscription service.

Those who have outstanding subscriptions should contact the Chronicler to resolve refund concerns.

Clinton War:

It looks like the Clinton War this year will be Lions Gate, Eisenmarche and Lionsdale against all comers (opponent list to follow).

Final word on that from the Eisenmarche Council shortly. **Needed for Clinton:** Teachers for Classes to be held on site, Someone to be in charge of the Parking Situation, and most importantly Cheap Photocopying!

For all the details on what was discussed at Council, visit the Baronial website for a complete copy of the meeting minutes.

From the Sable Loat



Our outgoing Sable Loat herald Has created a "Demo Package" for Lions Gate Heraldry/Heralds.

Information and activities are both stored in an easy to transport format.

This new package can be utilized even if a Herald is not available to attend a Demo.

Do please remember that this Office is now Vacant, and is in Dire need of an Individual

who wants to make it their own. Please consider volunteering today.

For Information on Becoming the Sable Loat Pursuivat (Branch Herald)

Please Contact the Lions gate Seneschal
seneschal@lionsgate.antir.sca.org

Lions Gate Council

From the A&S Minister



Lions Gate Arts and Sciences April 2008

A very quiet month but that was good after the March we had.

28 March - Bransle: Taught some kumihimo and worked with some of the newbies from the Science world demo. The Hair Club for Women was active compliments of Lady Sina. **Apr 16** - King George School Demo coordinated by Aelana Cordovera. Thanks to Aelana, Dr. Carus for his Alchemical display and lectures, Vivienne of Shaftsbury's stick weaving.

Games report: March 28, Bransle: The games table was very busy between the regular players and the many newbies that joined in for the fun.

Bardic report Apr 12 - Tir Righ Spring Coronet - Bardic report - Tir Righ's newest Bardic Champion - *Lady Sionann in Ui Fhlaitheheartiag of Lions Gate.*

Master John Macandrew, OP
Lions Gate Minister of A&S
Lions Gate A&S Defender

From the Master of Blades



With only two "official" rapier practises for April, there is little to report. However it IS worth noting that more fighters (including the MOB) are now attending the Monday uber-practice in Cloverdale with the Heavies and the Archers. No lessons are offered but much sparring occurs.

We had an injury at the April 7th practice in Cloverdale - a fighter had an old injury on his wrist re-injured from several hits to the same spot from a variety of fighters. His wrist is now in a tensor bandage. All involved fighters have been updated on the situation and discussions have ensued.

At the "official" April 10th practise in New Westminster this same fighter injured a finger during warmup. That finger is now taped. This fighter is not disabled by these injuries and will be participating at Sir Eddies this weekend (albeit while wearing my

steel demi-gauntlets to avoid re-injury). This fighter has had several discussions with MOB on how to better protect himself from injury.

With SeaLion War quickly approaching, we are planning a Rapier War practise at the upcoming LG Defender's event. We hope this will give the newer fighters some firsthand experience in fighting in a war scenario.

So far it looks like we should see between 15-20 fighters attend.

We have acquired a free steel locker. It does need some repairs and paint. Warrick is using the Practice funds (and including receipts) to obtain sheet metal, nuts and bolts, paint and other sundries to effect repairs. The locker should be in place in May and the Steel Key will be secure. (Which means Warrick will not have to haul it around with him any longer)

~Lady Sina di Andreas Valori
reporting deputy to Lord John Warrick Draker,
Lions Gate Master of Blades

From the Chronicler



This month is hopefully the Last month of hard copy issues of the North Wind. In this day and age, we must look at how we as a Society can lessen our Environmental Impact, and for us, going Digital would seem to be the way to go. It seems to be a crime to print so many sheets of paper for such a small circulation, and so I am recommending to council that the North Wind follow The Sentinel and go fully digital with the next issue. I am also approaching Council about making the North Wind free to all denizens of Lionsgate and perhaps to other groups as well, so that our information will

actually reach the large number of people that it is intended to inform. After all, it is a Branch Newsletter. The whole Branch should read it.

Anyone who has extensive collections of North Wind back issues please contact the Chronicler, Aristophanes chronicler@lionsgate.antir.sca.org as he is trying to digitize a complete collection to CD and is missing a number of Issues. Said CD's will be available for sale once the project is complete.

**HE Aristophanes the Younger
Chronicler, Lions Gate**

From the Exchequer



1. Baronial account as at April 23, 2008 was \$8,776.88.
 - a. Dedicated funds – Baronial Chairs is \$55
2. Estimated expenses, not including events, to the end of the year are \$5,524.
 - a. Practices: Heavy.....\$2000
 - b. Practices: Dance.....\$420
 - c. Storage.....\$1760
 - d. Masonic Hall Rental.....\$1344

3. Outstanding Advances Receivable are \$1,232
 - May Bardic site deposit.....\$150
 - Grace Lutheran church
 - Key deposits.....\$175
 - a. Outstanding issues
 - i. A&S 2006.....\$400
 - ii. Rapier steel key.....\$325
 - iii. Baronial Banquet... \$32

4. Currently working on the First Quarter report due May 1st.

**HL Anika Steif,
Exchequer, Lions Gate**



Lions Gate Calendar of Events

Events with information included in this issue of the North Wind are indicated in **bold**.

May

- 3** **May Bardic & Defenders Tourney**
- 9-11 Tir Righ Investiture
- 16-18 May Crown
- 23 Bransle
- 28 North Wind Submission Deadline
- 28 Lionsgate Baronial Council
- 30** **June faire**

June

- 7 Relay for Life
- 14 Sealion War
- 20 Summer Solstice

***Lions Gate Baronial Council.** All members are encouraged to attend. Council is held on the 4th Wednesday of the month, 7:30pm at Varying Locations. Check the Website for details.

Want your Event Listed here? Send in your Copy! It's Worth a Try!
We do try to print all local copy, but only if we have some!

May Bardic & Defender's tourney

May 3rd 2008

The sun is shining. The bards are singing. The grass is growing. It must be time for Lions Gate annual celebration of Springtime - May Bardic. Come picnic with us at the village market and listen to our bards compete for the honour of being Lions Gate Bardic Defender. Or perhaps, a game of boules is more to your liking. Stroll through the market stalls to see the latest treasures from the artists and scientists of the Barony. Or just relax with friends over some mulled cider or some tea brought in from the far east. **When:** May 3 2008, 10:00 AM - 10:00 PM
Where: Sunrise Park Hall, 1950 Windermere Street, Vancouver, V5M 3R2 **This is a dry event.**

June Faire

May 30th-June 1st 2008

Their Excellencies Cedric and Brigid invite you to join with their populace as we celebrate our 26th annual June Faire for a full weekend of festivities. Experience feats of armored combat, the finesse of rapier, high flying missiles, the skillful displays of artisans and the beauty of the bardic arts. As well as some of the finest, handpicked merchants in the known world. This is our annual Demo for the public, please show off your best for the moderns who attend. The Faire is moving this year to a beautiful, newly developed yet, primitive site within the Port Gamble community just a few minutes on foot, from town and amenities. The site is without power or water and we encourage you to prepare for all possibilities. Visit www.portgamble.com for community info Town Address: 1 View Way, Port Gamble Wa, 98364. SCA Hours: Friday 10AM- Sunday 5pm Camping Fees are \$10 per Adult \$5 per Minor (5-17) 4 and under free; 30.00 Family Cap NMS of 3.00 applies. Day Trip is \$5.00 adult. 15 and under free Make checks payable to "Barony of Dragons Laire, SCA inc."

Announcement / Not Official Event Copy

What? No Warren War in Shitemwoode this year?

Nah, we're working on swapped weekends with Autumn War for the weekend after Sept Crown 2008. Look to see more details on this grand battle between the Baronies of Aquaterra and Lions Gate in next month's newsletter and in the July issue of The Crier.

Points of interest:

1. The new website is now up and running. If everyone would please double check to make certain their info is correctly listed (if in fact it should be listed) and let us know of any damaged/non working links, errors or omissions, we would be grateful.

2. The North Wind is seeking content. This can be musings on your pet project, reviews of books or research studies done recently, reviews on events etc. Whatever tickles you. In the absence of subscriber participation, I will be filling the pages with MY mental ramblings, as well as (with permission) poorly written adolescent love poems left on the doorstep of my 17 year old niece, shopping lists and excerpts from gaming and technical manuals from the 1970's. Consider this fair warning.



3. The Baron and Baroness have graciously offered the populace a pair of commissions to make bids on. A new Baronial Coin/award token, and a pair of Thrones for their Excellencies. All interested Artisans should get their butts in gear and make some bids to perform these worthy tasks. Details can be had from the B&B directly.

4. The Farspeaker Directory is being undertaken as a HUGE NEW THING. Please make certain that you contact the makers with your Current, Correct Information. Lionsgate is cooperating with the other 2 branches in our immediate (Eisenmarche and Lionsdale) vicinity to make 1 single (Master) 3 branch Farspeaker.

Everyone should participate if possible. Contact the B&B for details.

Vacancies:

There are a serious number of Officer Vacancies in the Barony. I know everyone has a busy life and many of us have served before, but do remember, unless everyone helps, things like the Science World demo and Baronial Banquet can not happen.



Please consider calling up an Officer and Volunteering for one of the Vacant Positions. Some need special skills like Chirurgeon, but most only require a willingness to help out and a can do attitude.

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Autumn War 2008

The Baronies of Blatha An Oir and Stromgard will again meet on the field of Battle

5 days of WAR



Join us August 7-11, 2008 in Randle



More info at <http://www.blathaanoir.org>

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More to come next month

No SH*T, There

I was...

(a continuing story)

For many years, I was a Master Merchant in An-Tir. For those of you old enough to remember, An-Tir is the Kingdom of which Tir-Righ is a Part (a small part perhaps, but the best part in my humble opinion.).

During those years, I travelled nearly every week to some exotic locale, selling Mead and Silks to Pacific Islanders, or Steel and Leather goods to Landlocked Shires, or Letters of Marque to wayward Pirate Ships. Every Week, a new adventure.

The thing about being a Merchant is that you can be bored stupid while certain things are happening.

Court for instance is somewhere that Merchants rarely go (unless seized and carried by thugs...) because we have to guard our wares from raccoons and other thieves who do not attend court either.

As a general Rule, I have been very lucky that on the rare occasions when I have attended Court, there have always been some startling or amusing events to make it worthwhile.

I remember one occasion when I had been dragged into a 12th Night Court by a very friendly/sarcastic Duchess who wanted to “watch all the fun of the Coronation”.

I was not keen, but I went. I stood there while the new King and Queen were enthroned. I drifted off to sleep a few times, but my lovely Duchess dutifully poked me in the ribs every time I started snoring, so that I could wake up and experience “more of the Joy...”.

Imagine my delirious rush of adrenaline when I was awakened about 2 minutes before the Fealty ceremonies were over. There was a company of Pikemen wandering down to take their turn swearing Fealty to the Crown, and one

of these fellows caught my eye in particular. He was a bit wobbly on his feet and seemed out of step with the rest of the fellows. We later found out that he was almost incapacitated with nerves, this being the first time he had appeared before the King in this way. Nonetheless, he persisted, moving down in front until he was nearly in the King’s lap.

Then all of the Pikemen bowed at once, as good Liegemen will. The problem is no one had told this poor wobbly fellow how to deal with his Pike while bowing, so it bowed with him. And since he was right in front, directly before the King, as he bowed, his Pike slowly and gracefully swept down and struck the King in the head. Essentially assassinating a King only minutes on the throne, while the Kingdom Champion and the Herald, and the assorted other Worthies of the Realm stood and watched in fascination. The King had a great sense of humour as it turned out, and he immediately pardoned the poor fellow for Regicide, took his Pike from him, and held it between himself and his Champion, occasionally waving it around.

This had the immediate effect of making the Champion quite nervous, and rightly so. Eventually the Champion could take the suspense no more and whispered something we could not hear in the ear of the King.

At once the King yelled out in his booming voice” No NO. If THAT happens again, your services will no longer be required!”

Amidst the general giggles and guffaws, the Champion was finally able to wrest the Pike from the King’s hand and Court went back to normal.

BA “Never piss off a Bard”





- * **Their Royal Majesties of An Tir** – King Cedric Rolfsson and Queen Elizabeth Owles (crown@antir.sca.org).



- * **Their Highnesses of Tir Righ** – Prince Owain and Princess Wrenn (prince@tirrigh.org, princess@tirrigh.org).



- * **Baron & Baroness of Lions Gate** - TE Griffin Ap Bedwyr and Caitrin ni Cingeadh (griffcait@shaw.ca). 12159 – 222 St. Maple Ridge, V2X 5W4

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- **Games - Vacant**



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- **Chirurgion - Vacant**
- **Waterbearer - Vacant**

Seasonal reminders:

*The first day of the Summer Season is
May 2nd, 2008*

happy beltane

Have a marvellous May Day

*Remember that as of May 1st, it is (Usually) safe to plant your flowers outside
with no more fear of frost suddenly appearing.*

YOUR TAXES ARE SUPPOSED TO BE FILED BY NOW.

Mow your lawn!