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On the Cover: Aerial View of Lions Gate's Pride and Joy. "Clinton War"

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



Lions Gate Calendar of Events

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

August

1-4 Clinton
15-17 SYG&C
29-1 September Crown

September

5-7 Tir Righ Coronet
12-14 Warren War
27 Kingdom Bardic

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.

The Baron's Column

Baron Griffin ap Bedwyr

It saddens me that once again I must talk about the passing of a friend. This one hits much closer to home. Donna Lasairiona has left us after a long and valiant battle against cancer, unfortunately this is one opponent that in the end she could not defeat.

We have lost a White Scarf, a Guardian, a Claw, an artist, a friend and a loved one. Many have wondered how best to honour her memory and there are many good ways to do so.

Give blood in her name, contribute to cancer related causes (we have lost many friends and family to this disease), and of course to follow her example and put your heart and soul into what you love whether that is family, fighting, arts or service. We will miss you Lasairiona but you will live on in all that you have left us.

I look forward to seeing many of you at Clinton War. There are many interesting war



points but one I would like to see many people going for is the service point. Take some time over the war weekend to volunteer in some capacity, be it gate or chatelaine, pied piper or the much dreaded but equally much needed biffy duty. All are appreciated and go to help your side win the war.

Did anyone take time to recognize the anniversary of an event of great historical significance that occurred on July 4th? On this date in the year 1187 the armies of the Crusader state of Jerusalem were defeated at the battle of Hattin,

The crusaders were caught in the open on the way to Tiberius and were almost entirely wiped out by the armies of Saladin. This opened the way for a Saracen conquest of Jerusalem and the surrounding areas and led to the third Crusade.



Council Meeting Highlights

July 2008

Unavailable at time of publication.

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

From the Chronicler

Hi everyone. This month's issue is really short. It is a result of there being a very small amount of copy and very little time to harrass people about it. I am sorry, and next month's issue will include all of the



late copy from this issue, as well as all of the new copy from August.

HE Aristophanes, Chronicler Lions Gate

From the A&S Minister

M'lords and Ladies,

My first year as Baronial A&S officer has almost passed me by and I can gladly say it has been a lot of fun. Are we, as a cohesive group where I want us to be? No, but then I didn't expect to be. At my age I think in much longer time frames.

I consider the Barony of Lions Gate the premier group to do any activity. So it is my thought that the arts and sciences community should lead the way in Tir Righ through example not only in A&S but in service. It should be the place to come for the best classes, the best contests, and our artists should be upfront in the A&S competitions not only locally but at all levels. We should be supporting our neighbours by participating when they are kind enough to include A&S opportunities making it comfortable and fun for all.

In mid April I posted to many lists a contest to be held at SYG&C requesting a map of Warner Loat park. Besides the map itself you are to supply one page of documentation. Your documentation can be on any portion of your map process: the map style, the paint used, the type of paper, etc. Have fun, get your kids involved. Make your mapping of the site a family picnic. The contest is just for fun.

Additionally I would like to have another un-official A&S meeting similar to last years. This gives us a



good opportunity to discuss what we have been up to and where we would like to be in the future.

For more pressing matters. The Autocrat team for Kingdom Bardic needs approximately six high quality prizes to offer for the different category winners at the event. We would prefer the prizes be made by the local area artists as this provides a wonderful opportunity to showcase our A&S skills. So far only one artist, Isolde the Celt, has stepped forward. Imagine your word fame as the King or Queen passes your gift to the deserving Bardic Champion.

Lastly I have been playing of late with a simple form of weaving that I am hoping to teach kids of all ages. I am including the link so other non-weavers like me can give it a try and am also hoping that some weavers can give it a shot to help guide us though the processes with their greater experience.

<http://www.princetonol.com/groups/iad/lessons/middle/weave.htm>

Have a great summer everyone.

Master John Macandrew
A&S Minister Lions Gate
A&S Champion Lions Gate

No SH*T, There I was...

(a continuing story)

...with a brand new tent.

You would expect that In was the happiest guy in the world, no?

What I should tell you is this.... I made the tent. As I was leaving for A&W war I was sewing the last seam.

We got it in the car, and we were happy. We had saved about \$1000 by buying the fabric on sale and sewing it ourselves. It was beautiful.

So, as I was saying, we were off to A&W. We drove several hours to a site on the Westie side of the Border, pulled in to my Merchant space and began to set up.

We pulled out the tent, which caused a lot of comments as it was flaming red, and began to lay it out for assembly.

We remembered to bring the stakes and the hammer this time, and even the ropes, so we were very pleased with ourselves.

The unloading of the truck was almost done and the heat of the day was blistering, so I turned to my assistant and said "Grab the poles from the roof so we can get some shade here".

"Poles?"

"Poles"

"What poles?, We didn't buy the poles yet"
At this point the 3 women who were travelling with us walked up to me and their leader said:

"Listen carefully. I am only going to say this once. We are leaving for a quick trip into town for some cold drinks. You are staying here. We will be gone for a maximum of 45 minutes. When we return, there will be a tent with all of its poles assembled and the chairs and tables will be set up for us so we can be out of the sun."

"Do not disappoint me."

Then she turned away, got into the truck and drove off, leaving us there to fix our fubar.

We quickly ascertained that no one had spare poles, so we set about acquiring lumber and walking sticks from various deadfalls and a scrap heap, which we Duct taped into about the right shape and by using all of our spare rope and 3 extra rolls of tape, finally got the tent upright just under the wire.

As the women returned we stood proudly before our tent, bowed and welcomed the womenfolk inside, whereupon we were a little surprised by their reaction.

They were laughing.

A lot.

Very loudly.

I turned around to see what they were pointing at just in time to see my tent sagging and sinking to the ground like a Tim Burton earthquake.

Did you know that Duct tape melts? I did not. Now I do.

Want to know the really disturbing thing?

Duct tape only melts once. Then it sets like cement when it cools. One of the Westies told us that last fact just before a cloud covered the sun and we frantically pushed out makeshift poles back into position.

The Duct tape cooled and set, and we had a nightmarish Escheresque looking tent with some very disturbing angles, but no way to fix them without a chainsaw.

Checklists are important.

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"Never piss off a Bard"





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