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**On the Cover:** The God's way of saying "Enough already with the talking"

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**.

## September

5-7 Tir Righ Coronet  
12-14 Warren War  
24 Lions Gate Council  
27 **Kingdom Bardic**

## October

10-13 Golden Swan (Cragmere)  
18 Harvest Feast (Appledore)  
22 Lions Gate Council  
25-26 Lionsdale Fall University

**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*

Well it is very refreshing to start this column with a welcome rather than a goodbye.

While most of us were enjoying ourselves at Clinton our own Courtier Rosalinde McAllister was giving birth to her lovely little daughter Elizabeth. Now when I say little I mean little. That is one tiny baby. One would have thought she would be a little larger seeing as Krenn is the father, though I'm sure Rose was ok with the way it worked out. So welcome to the newest citizen of Lions Gate, though it makes one feel a little old to see someone who grew up in the SCA having children...come to think of it one of the Rhumlets just got married, Ah how time goes by.

Once again I send out word to the citizens of Lions Gate to come support your Barony in time of war. We must now turn our attention to the south and force Aquaterra to take responsibility for Point Roberts once again. For a small piece of land it is more trouble than it is worth. So let us meet in Shitterwoode to let them know we no longer want it and they will take it whether they want it or not.

There has been a great deal of discussion lately about war archery and heavy helmet requirements. Recently there have been a number of incidents where war archery blunts have penetrated the eye slots of helmets. There as yet have been no major injuries, but in that we have



been lucky and there have been a few scary moments as a result of these incidents. Because of this we have had to tighten up the inspection of helmets, particularly when it comes to the space between the bars of the faceage.

The current ABC's state the distance between bars can be no greater than 1 inch. That has not changed, despite what some people think. I heard a lot of cries of "But it passed before!" at Clinton. What has changed is that now marshals will be following the letter of the law and any helmets that do not pass will be failed. In most cases all that would be required to fix it will be a little hammering, though some helmets may require a more radical refit.

It would probably be a good idea to check your helmets before you go to an event and get failed there, simply find a 1 inch dowel and try and pass it through your bars, if it goes through you fail if not you're good to go. Of course you should probably do this on a regular basis as bars do bend with use.

Another change that has come from all of this is that all combat archery blunts must now be 1½ inch in diameter (was 1¼) with no more than 1 inch of padding on the tip. If your arrows or bolts do not meet this specification they will fail.

Take the time, check all your gear and let's all play safe.

## Council Meeting Highlights

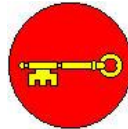
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Existing term limits for Officers will now be enforced. Volunteer now, we need you.

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

## SENESCHAL SCRIBBLES



You know, I've been going through some old issues of the North Wind recently. Particularly, I've been re-reading the writings of Seneschal/es of the past with a viewpoint I hadn't had previously. And you know something? It all sounds too familiar; “HELP!”

There are still a few officer positions vacant, and in a Barony the size of ours, I find this baffling. Is it that the general populace felt they can't do the job, or don't have the expertise needed? Is everyone waiting for someone else to fill it? Are you hoping you'll be asked?

One of the discussions we'll be having over the next few months involves imposing a mandatory two-year term of office for Baronial Officers. This isn't designed to be a way of getting rid of people who've been doing a job for years and years, but a way of getting new people **thinking** about taking on an office. If an office isn't vacant, you seldom think about taking it on. But if the office will be open for applications in a couple of months – even if the current officer is doing a great job – maybe you'll think about stepping up. In discussions with the Principality Seneschale, it's come to light that we already have such limits in place, we just seldom follow them.

So, in accordance with Kingdom and Principality Law, all officers serving the Barony of Lions Gate are subject to two-year terms of office. Most of our officers are “warranted”, meaning their Principality (or sometimes Kingdom) superior officer has signed the papers submitted, saying that they agree with the Barony's choice of officer, and

making them “official”. The paperwork also contains a list of signatures of other Baronial officers, agreeing to work with the new officer. A couple of months prior to the end of the two-year term, the populace is invited to apply for the upcoming position. Now, we're not as absolute when it comes to extensions as the Kingdom and Principality officers are, mostly because of our population. If nobody else applies for a position for years, we can easily keep submitting one-year extensions until someone else steps up or the current officer keels over dead. I'd really rather not get to that point.

So watch for openings and notifications! Offer to help any office you might be interested in. Maybe even just offer to be a deputy with no aspirations of taking the office on. For anyone interesting in getting into serving the Barony, the newest vacant office is Gold Key. This is the office that provides basic loaner garb to newcomers at events. This is a great starting point for anyone, particularly new members. We still are looking for Heralds, the Captain of the Baronial Watch, Chirurgeon, and Waterbearer.

And finally, because I've been asked and corrected regarding this several times already; the office I currently hold is titled “Seneschal” if held by a man, and “Seneschale” if held by a woman.

I don't make this stuff up.

Baronial Curmudgeon,  
Uilliam, Seneschal Lions Gate.

## 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. I am still awaiting the first issue of 2 new permanent columns, and I am excited about them. Or I was, before deadline. Oh well, perhaps next month.



Please send in your photos, articles, reviews etc. This thing gets boring if I am the only one writing.

Thanks,

**HE Aristophanes, Chronicler Lions Gate**

## Kingdom Bardic Championship 27<sup>th</sup> September, 2008



GREETINGS TO THE BARDS OF THE GREAT KINGDOM OF AN TIR!

Kingdom Bardic Championship will be upon us before we know it. The date is September 26, 27 and 28, in the beautiful Barony of Lions Gate

(<http://www.lionsgate.antir.sca.org/>) Vancouver, BC, in the fabulous Principality of Tir Righ!

The deadline to enter the Bardic Championship, either as a full entrant, or a single entry, is fast approaching! Letters of intent for all entries must be received by August 1, 2008. Please send your letter of interest either by snail mail to the Kingdom Arts & Sciences Minister, or email (preferred) to each of the following:

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Your letter should include the following;

Your SCA and Modern names

Your branch

The name of anyone you are in fealty to

A description of what you entry or entries are. This should include

the time and place the entries are based on.

Contact information, email and phone number is required.

The type of entrant you are, Single Entrant, In-Depth Feedback or Overall Champion

Information on the basic rules can be found at:

<http://www.currentmiddleages.org/kbc/rules.php>





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### Chirurgeon - Vacant

- **Waterbearer - Vacant**