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The Baron's Column

Baron Griffin ap Bedwyr

In the last month or so we have done several demos and we have another major demo coming up on March 14-15 for the CelticFest. All this has got me thinking about how we present ourselves to the public. Do we emphasize the historical aspects or the made up SCAisms that we see all the time but accept as part of the game? I suppose much of that can be answered in looking at what the purpose for any particular demo is. If we are going to a school to supplement their units on medieval history or an organization like the 'Sons of Norway' to celebrate a particular historic event, then obviously we need to accentuate the historical aspects. Over time, I have seen, at demos like this, people in blatantly inaccurate (and sometimes indecent) garb or equipment. In these cases, we are trying to present a picture that is not served by half-naked belly dancers and fighters in blue plastic armour with running shoes. Of course if the purpose of a demo is strictly to promote the SCA or drum up membership then we can relax these restrictions a bit. Still, a little bit of common sense is in order so we can see that like will attract like and we have to think about what image people will come away with as being an example of what we look for. I know that some people like to emphasize the word "Creative" in our name, but remember that is not a license to ignore accuracy and history to suit your purposes.



I don't want this to come across as a lecture but it is something we have to think about when interacting with the public at large and even at regular events.

Now coming up this month is one way you can start working towards a more, well-rounded medieval presentation. We will be having a Baronial day of service/workshop event. There will be opportunities to contribute to Baronial projects, learn interesting skills or get information about a subject that interests you. We hope to see many people there to get a good start on the upcoming tourney season.

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Welsh wear leeks every March 1 to commemorate David, patron saint of Wales who advised Welsh warriors to wear leeks in their hats to distinguish them from their enemies in a battle against the Saxons. The first historical record of David is the *Annales Cambriae*, which gives the year of his death as 601, though other historians have offered alternate dates. There is no precise record of the date of his death, but his Saint's Day is celebrated on March 1. ♣

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Council Highlights

February 2009

- * Several major demos in the last month. A couple of minor demos had to be declined as they were during the daytime. What if we did a one-day school demo that was done on the weekend. Let's work on it and see if we can figure this out so it works. Or we could just stop doing demos...
- * Caitrina's Gold Key fundraiser at Newcomers raised \$80!
- * We have a new **List Mistress** – Dame Elena
- * **University of Tir Righ Session** – April 4-5 Joint session with Lionsdale planned. We don't have a site for the event. We need a minimum of 4 classrooms, a ready room and an area where we can have Court. Would like to do a two day event with a little something in the evening. Tracks/streams for Sergeantry or Officers are being considered. If you have ideas or want to help, contact Aine or Elena.
- * **September Coronet** - Sir Kerrigan has approached the Barony about holding September Coronet in Sechelt / Fjordland (with Lions Gate as the host). They really want to have an event over there. They have a site in mind but they can't do it themselves so we would need to sponsor it. More information will be gathered.
- * **Surrey Musuem** - They are doing a big medieval thing for 3 months during the summer which sounds quite cool. No request for a demo yet but they have sent us info.
- * **Farspeaker** - Elena says it's almost ready. Stay tuned.
- * **So what did YOU think of the revamped Necomers/A&S/Days of Dance event?**
- * Heavy Defenders will be at Warner Loat Park. Miles is the Autocrat. ♣



Calendar of Events

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Month	EVENT	BRANCH	LOCATION	AUTOCRAT
March	7-8 Kingdom Arts & Sciences	Wastekeep	Pasco, WA	
March	14-15 CelticFest Demo	Lions Gate	Vancouver	Seneschal & Demo Coord.
March	14 Daffodil	Seagirt	Victoria	
March	21-22 Days of Service	Lions Gate	Mason's Hall	
March	24 North Wind Deadline			
March	25 Baronial Council			
March	27 Bransle			
April	4-5 University of Tir Righ Session	Lions Gate	TBA	Aine & Elena
April	18 Heavy Defender Tournament	Lions Gate	Burnaby	Miles Fitzhubert
April	21 North Wind Deadline			
April	22 Baronial Council			
April	24 Bransle			
April	24-26 Sir Edward's Memorial Tournament	Shittemwoode	Whatcom Co, WA	
May	2 May Bardic & Bardic Defenders	Lions Gate	Vancouver	Margaret of Stirlingshire
May	15-18 Kingdom Crown Tournament	Montengarde		
May	22 Bransle			
May	22-24 Tir Righ Coronet Tournament	Eisenmarche		
May	26 North Wind deadline			
May	27 Baronial Council			
June	5-7 Sealion War	Seagirt	Victoria	
June	20 Archery Defender and War Practice	Lions Gate		Bid needed
June	23 North Wind deadline			
June	24 Baronial Council			
June	26 Bransle			
June	26-28 Tir Righ - Avacal War	Ramsgaard		
July	2-5 An Tir - West War	Tymberhavene	Gold Beach, OR	
July	10-12 Stranded Mermaid	False Isle		
July	17-19 Kingdom Coronation	Three Mountains		
July	22 Baronial Council			
July	31 Clinton War begins	Lions Gate	Clinton	
August	1-3 Clinton War	Lions Gate	Clinton	Bid needed
August	21-23 Seagirt Summer Tourney	Seagirt	Victoria	
August	21-23 Warren War	Shittemwoode		
August	25 North Wind deadline			
August	26 Baronial Council			
August	28-30 Tir Righ Investiture	TBA		
August	?? SYGC	Lions Gate	TBA	TBA
September	4-7 Kingdom Crown Tournament	Terra Pomaria		
September	11-13 Odin's Playground	Lionsdale		
September	25-27 Tir Righ Coronet Tourney	Tir Righ	TBA	
October	17-18 Freeze Off	Ramsgaard		
November	6-8 Fall Crown Council	TBA		
November	14 Baroness' Birthday Tourney	Lions Gate		Bid needed
November	20-22 Tir Righ Investiture	Tir Righ	TBA	
December	5 Baronial Banquet	Lions Gate		Bid needed

*Lions Gate Baronial Council is where the "business" side of the Barony is run. All members are encouraged to attend council. Council is held on the 4th Wednesday of the month, 7:30pm at the home of HL Uilliam (our Seneschal) and his lovely wife, HL Caitrina. The address is 3174 Sechelt Drive in Coquitlam.

Please contact the Seneschal, HL Uilliam mac Fearchar mhic Gille Aindrais (Mark Hood) if you have any questions or business for Council. He can be reached at (604) 785-4961 or via mhood@shaw.ca. ♣

CelticFest Demo

The CelticFest demo will be held during the "Celtic Village" portion of the fair; from 11am-5pm Saturday March 14th, and 10am-5pm Sunday March 14th. We have moderately free reign to be there doing all manner of interaction with the public, including music, dance, spinning or whichever. They're looking for "colour", and I know we can provide it. If you want to come out and show off, please let myself (Uilliam), Caemgan (Kevin), or Aelana know.

Twice on Saturday (11-11:30 and 1:30-2), and once on Sunday (2:30-3), we have centre stage for combat demonstration. Again, please let us know if you can make it to this.

On Sunday from 11-1, we have been invited to take part in their St Patrick's Parade. This is a huge parade, and should be a lot of fun.

This has the opportunity of turning into a lot of exposure for us, much like the Science World demo last year. Let's show off how much fun we have.

Rhiannon is organizing the Parade on Sunday. rhiannon.9@shaw.ca. Bring banners, flags and your best outfit.

Genevieve is organizing the Chatelaine table and this may be our organizing point. Gryphonshold@shaw.ca. Stay tuned.

Colin is organizing the Fighter's pavilion, and will need guardsmen/people for our "stuff." colinmhart@shawcable.com

Aelana is organizing the colour people, who will be populating the Medieval Village.

We're looking for entertainers, magicians, jugglers, musicians, singers and people to walk around the Village in early period "Celtic" clothing on both Saturday and Sunday. Aelana will find out what space might be available for weaving, carpentry and other "craft workshops" though it is likely there is not much room for a static A&S display.

Stay tuned for more information as it comes in.

For information on CelticFest itself, direct from the organizer, visit www.celticfestvancouver.com.



The Days of Service

The weekend following Celtic Fest, we have the Mason's Hall booked for two days of Doing Stuff. The only thing we've booked for certain is the marvelous shoe making workshop that Marjan has arranged, but the idea is to hold a couple of days worth of getting projects done, garb sewn, or workshops held, before Spring arrives and we're all too busy to do any of that.

Does anyone have ideas of what we'd like to get done? Is there some work that needs doing on Baronial equipment? This is the perfect time to plan it out and get it done. What about **ERIC FLAGGING???**

In Service,
Uilliam
Seneschal Lions Gate

The 32nd Annual Daffodil Tourney

March 14, 2009

Come join Their Excellencies Ming and Elena, the Baron and Baroness of Seagirt, as they host the grand tournaments to choose their Defender (armoured combat), Captain of the Grenadiers (rapier), and the NEW Marksman of Seagirt (archery). The evening will culminate in a grand feast.

Due to unforeseen circumstances, Daffodil will be held at two venues.

Full up to date details at
http://members.shaw.ca/daffodil_as43

Site #1 Opens at 9 am

The NADEN DRILL Hall at CFB Esquimalt
 670 Admirals Road Esquimalt BC

PLEASE HAVE PHOTO ID TO PRESENT TO THE COMMISSIONAIRES AT THE SECURITY GATE

This site will host the following:

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| 9:30 am | Armour inspection commences for Armoured Combat and Rapier |
| 10:30 am | Opening court |
| 12:00 noon | Heavy Fighting and Rapier Tourney Starts |
| 4:00 pm | Tourneys complete |

Site #2 Opens at 1:00 pm

The Ambrosia Conference and Events Centre
 638 Fisgard Street Victoria BC

This site will host the following:

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| 2:00 pm | Archery Tournament starts |
| 5:00 pm | Closing court |
| 6:00 pm | Feast starts |
| 10:30 pm | Last Call |
| 11:00 pm | Clean up commences |
| Midnight | Site closes |

FYI Note to Lions Gaters – This is the same weekend as the CelticFest Demo.

Site Fees - NMS of \$3 applies

Adult (including feast)	\$25
Youth 13-18(including feast)	\$20
Child 12 & under (including feast)	\$15
Family cap	\$75

Day Fees

Adult	\$10
Youth	\$5
12 and under	Free

Cut off for feast tickets is March 7th; no feast tickets sold at the door. Tickets are non-refundable. Make cheques payable to "Barony of Seagirt"

There will be a cash bar in the evening; no outside alcohol allowed

Please have all minor waivers and consent forms filled out ahead for all underage children. Forms at <http://www.antir.sca.org/Pubs/forms/>. Underage children coming without their parents must have a form signed by their parents designating an accompanying adult as their guardian for the event.

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May Bardic

May 2, 2009

Sunshine, games, great bardic and friends. What more could you want?

Come join the challengers for the Lions Gate Bardic Defender as we celebrate Spring's call to song and story. There will be games, both indoor and out, there will be performers and artisans, there will be food and a potluck feast.

The stories, poems, and songs that fill our lives tell us who we are, where we've been, and where we are going. Our traditions are passed among us by words. We aim to showcase how integral the Bardic Arts are in our lives. Come and add to the legend.

Site: Sunrise Community Hall
1950 Windemere St.
Vancouver, B.C.

Time: 10 am to 10 pm.

Cost: Adults \$10
Youth 13-18 \$5
12 and under free
\$3 NMS will be collected

Make checks payable to "The Barony of Lions Gate"

Directions:

From Hwy #1 East or West take 1st Ave West exit. Travel west on 1st Avenue one full block. Turn left at Rupert, traveling south. Travel 2 blocks and turn right at 3rd Ave. Parking is on the street.

Autocrats:

HL Margaret Hamilton of Stirlingshire (Marg Galbraith-Hamilton)
ghmargaret@yahoo.ca
(604) 589-3292

HL Fiona the Archer (Tamala Arm) tamala@telus.net

Competition Format

Unto the Bards of the Barony of Lions Gate and surrounding regions does Master John MacAndrew, Bardic Defender of Lions Gate, bid welcome. At the upcoming May Bardic, the hall will echo with the

joyous sounds of the singers, musicians, storytellers, (dancers?) and poets of our fair land as they test their skills to become the newest Bardic Defender of the Barony.

The tournament format this year is thus:

There will be three categories of entrants:

- **Newcomer** - those who have *never competed* in a Bardic competition.
- **Novice** - those who have competed in *no more than three* competitions.
- **Experienced** - those who have competed in *more than three* competitions.

All entrants must compete as individuals.

Deadline for entries will be announced closer to the event so we may coordinate the appropriate judges.

All entrants will require two performance pieces which may or may not be in the same genre: one with documentation and one without. The piece with documentation will be performed before judges to determine the winner of each category (newcomer, novice, and experienced). We will be using the Principality judging forms and you can get them in advance at ...

http://www.tirrih.org/library/forms/008_AS_Performance_Arts.pdf

Please read the judging form. You will be judged on:

- Initial impression (5 points)
- Delivery/ambiance (5 points)
- Oral presentation of supporting materials (15 points)
- Documentation (25 points)
- Authenticity and performance (25 points)
- Technical ability (5 points)
- Complexity of piece (20 points)

If you have any questions on how to maximize your documentation points towards the judging forms, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Once the judges have determined the winners of each category (newbie, novice, experienced), the category winners will take the stage once more with a final performance piece to determine the overall winner. This piece will not require documentation as it will be more directed to audience enjoyment. All audience members will have one vote to determine the new Bardic Defender of Lions Gate.

The performer with the greatest number of votes will be the new Bardic Defender of Lions Gate.

Additionally there will be prizes for each of the genre categories as well as a few surprises.

Come to compete or come to have fun. It promises to be a wonderful day.

Master John MacAndrew, OP
Lions Gate Bardic Defender ♣

Lions Gate Company of Archers

A message from His Lordship James Wolfden, Baronial Archer

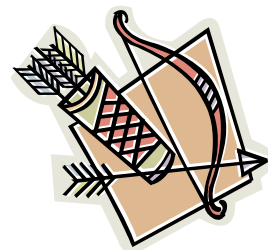
The Lions Gate Company of Archers recognizes archers in excellence in marksmanship, versatility in gear they shoot, and in their pursuit of period archery. . Archers would have to complete the following to be accepted into the Company in the year of qualification: (Old scores do not count.)

Royal Round Requirements

1. An archer must have a combined average of 160 or better over any three Royal Round classes.
2. Each class must have a minimum average of 40.
3. At least one of the classes must be from the period classes (Period Longbow, Period Open, or Period Crossbow)

Service Requirements

1. An archer must be either a Target Archery Marshal (any level) or the Combat Archery equivalent (soon to be rolled under Heavy Marshal).
1. An archer must participate in at least four of the following optional shoots:
 - a. IKAC
 - b. An Tir York Round
 - c. Lions Gate Archery Defender Tourney
 - d. Clout Shoot
 - e. Popinjay Shoot
 - f. Flight Shoot
 - g. Mark Shoot at a distance 50 yards or greater
 - h. Combat Archery Box Tourney
 - i. Participation on Lions Gate side as a combat archer in Sealion War or Clinton War or Warren War.



Expectations of the group (individuals or team)

1. Run the archery lines at events
2. Be an ambassador for the Company when abroad
3. Run a company shoot at Defenders that features one of the optional shoots
4. Hold an annual dinner meeting to discuss the Company and suggest changes
5. Perform service to the Barony not related to archery (i.e. help setup/breakdown, run gate, etc.)

The Captain of the Company is expected to encourage period archery by example. The Captain will be determined by highest aggregate of period Royal Round averages (Period Longbow + Period Open + Period Crossbow. ♣

Do you know anyone In Ireland?!!!

I am planning to fly there before the year's end and would prefer to stay with, and pay, REAL people to camp on their couch, get taken to local pubs, attend SCA events, and just generally immerse m'self in normal Irish life for a few weeks ...tis better than paying over-inflated prices to hotels, car rental companies, and tour bus companies and such. I'll even help buy groceries!

Teakha, SCA'er since 2006

email: thebluemitchell135@hotmail.com

cell: (778) 551-0520 ♣

Wanted: Lap Harp (Vancouver Area)

NO ROSEwood harp-shaped objects made in Pakistan (they are not playable). A lap harp for camping, please. Case or no case, not wire strung. Gut or nylon is fine. Will pay up to \$400.00. Contact Brandy at cbtrca@shaw.ca



Huzzah for the newest Arts & Sciences Defender of Lions Gate!



Her Ladyship Aelana Cordovera with her beautiful Late Period Icon of Dona Lasairiona

Compendium



- * **Their Royal Majesties of An Tir** – King Vik Vikingsson and Queen Inga the Unfettered (king@antir.sca.org, queen@antir.sca.org).



- * **Their Highnesses of Tir Righ** – Prince Raknar Guntharsson and Princess Chiara La Fiamma (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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* **Dance** - VACANT

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- * **Lists** - Dame Elena de Maisnilwarin, lists@lionsgate.antir.sca.org

* **Chirurgeon** - VACANT

Officer Openings

Anyone who is interested in volunteering for any position should contact the Seneschal, Baron and Baroness at your earliest convenience. For more information about the Offices, either just ask or look it up on the An Tir website