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SYGC
2009

the baron's column

Baron Griffin ap Bedwyr

To start with this month I would like to send congratulations to those who tried out for the Sergentry at the SYGC event. It is a difficult and emotional task and these candidates performed well under pressure. To those who made it, Bernadette Eibhlan Ard, Harleigh Dhai, and Ceara, well done. And to Laric, you also have done well, take what you have learned and keep working, we hope to see you again next year.

A few people have uncovered information recently that puts some medieval perspective on the ranks of the Sergentry. Many look at it as an SCAism created to fill some void or need, in actuality much of what is done is based on real medieval practice or information. Caitrin and I have tried to add more of our flavor to the testing, particularly when it comes to persona development in the hopes of nudging

people to be more period and authentic in their thinking. It was nice to see this year, as well as last, the bardic presentations reflect this.

Now I have a bone to pick with my people. At this year's Warren War the forces of Lions Gate were sorely outnumbered. Now I realize that we were up against Sport of Kings but there were still many who did not go there that were also not at Warren War. We only barely missed being saddled with Point Roberts again for another year, now if we had better representation we could have done much better. This is an event I would like people to plan for next year and we can really put on a good showing.



In 1339 Edward III of England declared war on France, beginning what would become known as the Hundred Years war. This war was the backdrop to some of the most famous medieval battles in history, Poitiers, Crecy, and of course Agincourt and it saw the long bow reach the pinnacle of its success as a weapon of war.



John of Hainaut besieging Aubenton (1340). (BNF, FR 2643) Jean Froissart, Chronicles fol. 60 Flandres, Bruges 15th Century.

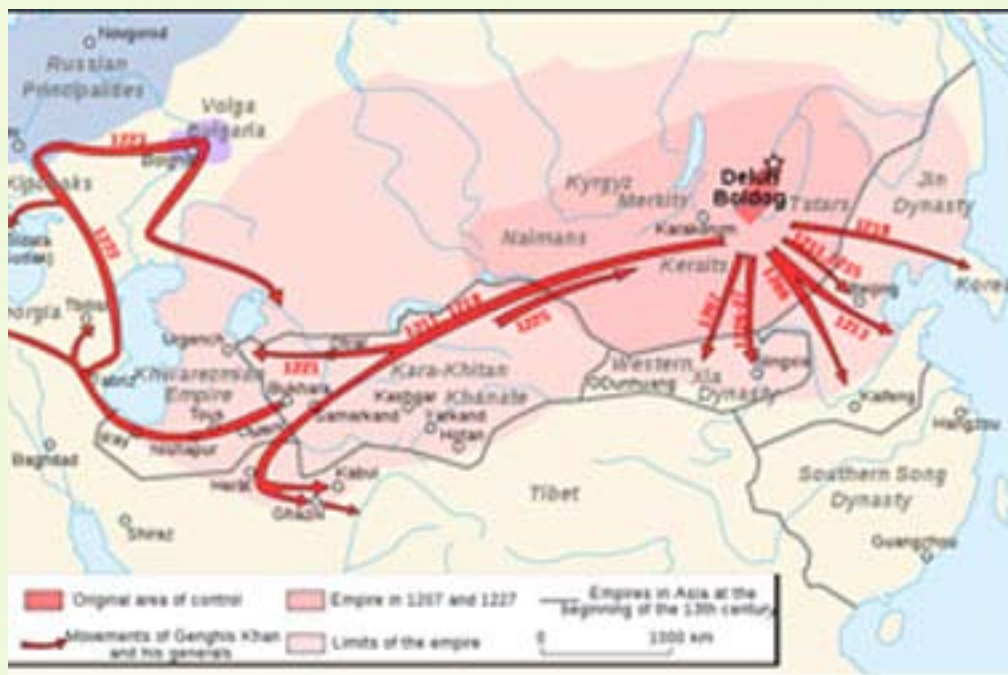
the baron's column - august

You have probably noticed lately that our Kingdom is a very busy place. There are a great number of events happening and only so many weekends to have them. We have shire events, Baronial events, Principality and Kingdom events. There are events coming up that I for one would like to go to, but due to a number of changes that have occurred this year some of these conflict with traditional Lions Gate events. Some of the major changes have come from the rescheduling of Tir Righ's major events which has thrown a bit of a monkey wrench into the works, though I am assured that it won't happen again so next year won't be so bad. We do not want to have to move any of our traditional events and will try to avoid that if we can but sometimes circumstances work against us. Another circumstance that has worked against us from time to time is getting sites, particularly indoor sites for events such as Baroness's Birthday and Baronial Banquet. Sites for these events are hard to come by and are increasingly more expensive to rent. We would like to work towards having a database of suitable sites so that when we need to find one we know where to go. So if you know of any places let us or the Seneschal know. The more eyes out there the better. Another area where we need more eyes is for awards. We cannot be everywhere or see everything but we don't want to overlook deserving individuals. So if you know of someone who you feel deserves recognition let us know. There may be some way we can recognize their efforts either within the Barony or at a Principality or Kingdom level.



I would like to send a thank you note out to all those who have given the Baroness and I support over the last little while. We have had to make some very hard decisions but those difficulties are made easier by the kind words and positive thoughts that have come from all of you. Thank you all very much.

For all you Mongols out there, on the 18th of August 1227 Genghis Khan died. The cause of death is a mystery, perhaps because of Genghis's order to shroud his passing with secrecy. So seriously do the heirs take this command that they kill almost anyone who sees the funeral procession. The great conqueror's grave is not marked—to discourage grave robbers—and no one has found it yet. Rising from obscure origins, Genghis (also Chingis) Khan united the tribes of Mongolia under one rule, then began a series of conquests that took his armies to China in the east and to the Adriatic in the west. He built an impressive empire that his grandson Kublai took to even greater heights, but he is most well known as a ruthless destroyer.



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JULY COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

JULY 23, 2009 7:30PM

REPORTS

SENECHAL – WILLIAM

GOLD KEY – WILLIAM

No report, however, a bunch of work is being done so this is good.

DEMO COORDINATOR – VIVIEN

Discussion of Surrey and problems with demo requests.

EXCHEQUER – ANIKA

1. Baronial account as of July 23 is \$12,333.80
2. Estimated expenses for the year, not including events, are approx \$5,840
 - a. Monday \$1,600
 - b. Thursday \$800
 - c. Storage \$1,100
 - d. Masonic Hall rental \$840
 - e. NSCA insurance \$1,500
3. Outstanding receivables approx \$400
4. Remaining payables for the Northwind subscriptions (\$147) have been written off due to lack of response. The funds have been entered to Direct Donations.

CHRONICLER – BEITRIS

Nothing to report but will be meeting with all deputies in the near future to start planning.

CHATELAINE – VIVIEN

Greetings from new Chatelaine. Informed that Rhiannon from Eisenmarche will be the new Dance Mistress and regular practices will resume.

HERALD – CAEGMEN SABLE LOAT

Not here. Apologies for not coming but he's still injured from his escapades at Coronet. Working with a few new clients and is extremely pleased that people are reaching him electronically. At May Bardic, did some consulting. Participating in Town Crier at Coronet. Will be at most events,

BARONESS' BIRTHDAY & BARONIAL BANQUET

We don't have sites for either event. We need to book these soon. Heck, we don't have an autocrat either. Anika and Morweena has been looking at sites for Banquet. Algae said we could get the site in Delta we used last year too. Ceara will autocrat Baroness' Tourney if we get Cloverdale again.

ARCHERY DEFENDERS

John requested a gate float of \$500.

MERCHANT LINK ON BARONIAL SITE

Discussion on creating merchant links on website. To be decided upon next meeting after further investigation.

EISENMARCHE – GHOST RIDGE

Requested Lions Gate participate in the Hallowe'en event at Albion Fairgrounds. Agreed.

CLINTON

Letter to be sent to Clinton Town informing them that the event this year is not a formal SCA event.

august council highlights

august 27, 2009 7:30pm

REPORTS

SENECHAL – UILLIAM

The new seneschal will be accepting her position at the Baroness tourney; will be deputy till. Uilliam will be Deputy Seneschal afterwards to ensure a smooth transition.

DEMO COORDINATOR – VIVIEN

We have two requests for demo-- one from a school in Coquitlam Grade 8. The other request is from Surrey Museum for a pirates demo. The SCA officially does not do pirate demos; referred to Arne who will told he is not representing the SCA in this matter. Surrey Museum also asked for contacts for other groups in our area.

WATCH –

Went to Quad War to observe and came back with all kinds of ideas. Some good observations on Security – tokens, ids, all alcohol is sponsored, needed wrist band to attend alcohol events, Chirugeons had obvious baldrics to make them easily identifiable. We will be helping at Odins in September.

GOLD KEY – VIVIEN.

Have collected gold key and assumed duties and will now be bringing it back and forth to Bransle.

CHATELAINE – VIVIEN

Discussion of when to hold the Newcomers event; i.e., when (spring vs fall), combine or not combine with A & S and/or Days of Dance. Preference seemed to be old format but there could be two tracks of A& S (old/new); where (the Mason's Hall is unavailable on Sundays), Sappertons may be good hall. Decision to defer until next meeting. Interested parties to submit their ideas before then.

CHAMBERLAIN

Nothing to report

EXCHEQUER ANIKA

Baronial account as of August 26 is \$11,738.16

To be deposited:

- i. SYGC float..... \$500
- ii. SYGC gate

Estimated expenses for the year, not including events, are approx \$5,500.

Practices

- i. Monday..... \$1,200
- ii. Thursday (4th & 1st qtrs)..... \$1,440

Storage (incl Jan 2010) \$880

Masonic Hall rental \$500

NSCA insurance..... \$1,500

Outstanding receivables \$811.67 (Includes \$500 for SYGC float)

WEBMINISTER – LORD ROTHGAR

We have a new version of the calendar online. Want to add some enhancements in the future that will all individual users to add their own events and create an individualized calendar.

BARONESS TOURNEY

Date change for Baroness' Tourney from 14th of November to 7th of November.

PIED PIPER

No report

DRAGONWARD – WENDY .

Nothing much to report other than tried to find ride for investiture.

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A&S – JOHN

An amazing presentation by our newest Courtier, Ceara, who presented a book binding display and an amazing handout on Autocratting. Look for this handout at a website near you and hopefully a UTR date coming soon.

Thanks to the judges who assisted: Aelana, Alienor, Aine, and Her Excellency the Baroness.

Lastly I will be stepping down as Lions Gates A&S Minister next month, I have been speaking with my deputy and I do believe she is interested in stepping up so we will have at least one candidate.

BARD – SIOBNNAN

nothing to report

HERALD – KEVIN

nothing to report

SCRIBE –

Nothing to report

BARON'S REPORT

Not a lot to report . There were no injuries at Warren War and a very low turnout from Lions Gate. Rapiers did very well. It was unfortunate the lack of representation of Lions Gate at siege cooking contest and siege costuming

ARCHERY – JAMES

Continuing practices with a Mini archery tournament

BLADES –

No injuries/accidents to report. There is an observed problem with split between padding in hockey gloves since that split allows thrust. We should require covering split. Warrick gave 439.65 to deputy to give to Exchequer.

LISTS – ELENA

Nothing to report

DANCE MISTRESSS

HL Vivien and Rhianna talked about using Sapperton Hall on Thursday nights for dance from 730-930. Will find out from caretaker. Hope to

start in 2 wks Rhianna has new stereo to use with dance. Vivien has copied all dance music from previous dance mistress.

Motion: To provide a float of \$100 for Bransle and additional \$50 float for pop.

Motion carried

BARONIAL BANQUET – JACQUELINE

Should have budget in place soon. Everything on track except for a hall. Chang suggested using Our Lady of Fatima which has been used in the past but apparently that has become too small and they may be limiting the rental to people who are associated with the church. Jacqueline will follow up on Heritage Hall. Must have NACS membership to autocrat. Jacqueline should have budget in place soon.

UNIVERSITY TIR RIGH SESSION – SIONNAN

Session Oct 24/25. It is a garlic feast. \$10/adult \$5/children and will be held at St. Andrews United Church in Maple Ridge. Desiree from Eisenmarch co-autocrat.

Motion: To provide \$100 for deposit at St. Andrews church.

Motion carried

BARONESS TOURNAMENT

Date is now November 7th. Ceara will call re hall date and submit budget next meeting.

SENESCHAL

SYGC was a great event thank you to Kevin even though he was sick. Kevin has \$100 to give back.

When I attended curia a branch had brought \$350 in travel funds. At Sea Lion War we signed over site token money. Will give another travel donation at University of Tir Righ, amount to be decided in September.

HALLOWEEN

Re: the Halloween event during Halloween week in Maple Ridge. You guarantee to provide your vignette for 6 nights. We need to coordinate with Desiree on this to see what is required. Uilliam will follow up with Desiree and advise.

TIR RIGH A&S CHAMPIONSHIP & THE UNIVERSITY OF TIR RIGH OCTOBER 24, 2009

THE BARONS OF LIONS GATE

Their Highnesses of Tir Righ, Ulgar & Renee, invite One and All to come and witness the fierce battle for Champion of Arts & Sciences in Tir Righ...

Or perhaps you wish to enter the fray yourself... Come and participate in classes, something for everyone, hosted by the University of Tir Righ... Come savour the flavours, mingle with friends, enjoy some entertainment and attend Their Highnesses Court and a memorable Feast for the senses...

SITE ADDRESS

St. Andrew's United Church
22165 Dewdney Trunk Road
Maple Ridge, BC V2X 3H7

Site Opens 8:00am / Closes 11:59pm.

SITE FEES

Make cheques payable to "Barony of Lions Gate".

\$15 / Adult Member (\$18 for Non-Members)

\$8 / Youth (13-17 years)

12 & under FREE

Evening Reveal only - \$5 plus NMS

(Feast Tickets NOT included... See below for Feast ticket info.)

FEAST

To tickle your taste buds, HL Kensae McBeighn will bring his sumptuous, not to be missed, GARLIC FEAST!!! Every remove will feature garlic in some way, including dessert (trust me, you'll like it), however for the slightly less aromatic, a non-garlic dish will also be available with each remove. Menu will be posted closer to the date.

Doors open: 6:30pm Dinner: 7:00pm

Feast Fees:

\$10/Adult

\$5/ Youth or Child

\$5 Off-board.

Feast Tickets must be purchased in advance.

For Tix please contact HL Morweena of House Descardo. Tickets are confirmed only when payment is received and electronic/email receipt is issued.

Please put "Feast Tickets" in the subject of your email TO morweena@yahoo.ca

A&S COMPETITION INFO

For more information on the A&S competition requirements, go to:

<http://www.tirrigh.org/library/artsandsci/>

- Or contact -

Tir Righ A&S Officer

Mistress Katherine atte Moure

604-839-3636 (no calls after 9 pm, please)

artsci@tirrigh.org

- or -

Tir Righ A&S Champion

Baroness Anastasia Alexandrovna Andreeva (OL)

artscichampion@tirrigh.org

UNIVERSITY OF TIR RIGH

Class list and information will be posted to the lists as it comes available. For inquiries regarding UTR classes please contact:

HL Aine inghean Uí Conchobhair

smennill@shaw.ca

604-708-3350 (No calls after 9pm please)

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I am happy to report, by the grace of Their Majesties, we have a new member of the Order of the Grey Goose Shaft.

Morweena was inducted into the Order at Tir Righ Investiture this past Saturday. Megan Althea, Thomas of Appledore, James Wolfden, and myself were there to welcome her. Her white brace was made by her Goose - Master John MacAndrew, unable to attend due to a family emergency.

Master John has given us much coaching and inspiration over the years. Now all his goslings have flown the nest. He is to be congratulated on being a good mother.

Margaret Hamilton of Stirlingshire

PRINCIPALITY RAPIER MARSHAL POSITION OPENING

Greetings unto the populous of Tir Righ! I am in search of a replacement Principality Rapier Marshal as I must step down. Here is an opportunity to do some service for this great Principality! Applicants should be familiar with the new ruleset and have been a senior marshal for at least 2 years, have good mediation skills, and good communication skills.

Responsibilities include quarterly reports, Marshalling Principality events, and mediating disputes. Warmongering can also be an asset. Applications should include why you would be a good choice and any information you think we should know. Full SCA resume is not required!

Please send any applications by Sept 21st to rapier@tirrigh.org, marshal@tirrigh.org, rapier@antir.org and prince@tirrigh.org princess@tirrigh.org.

The Order of the Grey Goose Shaft (OGGS) was created in the West Kingdom as a reward to those who had contributed greatly to the target and combat archery communities. Although the West Kingdom dropped the award in favor of the Royal Company of Archers, in the Principality, and later the Kingdom of An Tir, the OGGS flourished, rising from a non-armigerous award to its current Grant-level status. Members of the OGGS wear a medallion of a goose surrounded by four arrows as in a mascle. By tradition, members of the OGGS are permitted to use the title Archos (pronounced ar-kos) before their name and wear the white bracer as a symbol of the Order.

Members look for well-rounded individuals who display target skills, marshallate knowledge, war and tournament combat experience, arts and sciences abilities, teaching, leadership, and the chivalric ideals and graces of the SCA.

Members of the OGGS are permitted to take students who are known singularly as an Arcuarius (Latin for archer; pronounced ar-koo-ar-EE-oos) or plurally as Arcuarii (pronounced ar-koo-AR-ee). Arcuarii are the only people in An Tir permitted, by custom, to wear red bracers. Traditionally the major charge of the OGGS member is emblazoned on their Arcuarius' red bracer.

NOTE FROM THE CHRONICLER

TO ALL AUTOCRATS

So that all events are included in the North Wind and the website, please ensure event copy is sent to the chronicler and copied to the Webminister BEFORE the last date of submission for the North Wind which is the Wednesday before Council meeting. The sooner we get your copy, the sooner we can begin to advertise it for you!

TO EVERYONE

If anyone takes pictures of an event and could share them to be used in the Northwind or would like to write something about the event, please let me know. It's always so much more interesting if pictures can be included of our members enjoying themselves and receiving honours at our events.

Riddle me not

Excerpts from: Riddles from the Exeter Book. An Anthology of Old English Poetry. Charles W. Kennedy, translator. New York: Oxford University Press, 1960.

I am valued by men, fetched from afar, Gleaned on the hill-slopes, gathered in groves,
 In dale and on down. All day through the air, Wings bore me aloft, and brought me with cunning
 Safe under roof. Men steeped me in vats. Now I have power to pummel and bind,
 To cast to the earth, old man and young. Soon he shall find who reaches to seize me,
 Pits force against force, that he's flat on the ground, Stripped of his strength if he cease not his folly,
 Loud in his speech, but of power despoiled To manage his mind, his hands or his feet.
 Now ask me my name, who can bind men on earth, And lay fools low in the light of day.

Time was when I was weapon and warrior; Now the young hero hoods me with gold,
 and twisted silver. At times men kiss me. At times I speak and summon to battle
 Loyal companions. At times a courser, Bears me o'er marchland. At times a ship
 Bears me o'er the billows, brightly adorned. At times a fair maiden fills me with breath;
 At times hard and headless I lie on the board, Bereft of beauty. At times I hang
 Winsome on wall, richly embellished, Where revelers drink. At times a warrior
 Bears me on a horse, a battle adornment, And I swallow, bright-shining, the breath from his bosom.
 At times with my strains I summon the heroes, Proudly to wine. At times I win back
 Spoil from the spoiler, with sounding voice, Put foemen to flight. Now ask what I'm called.

A lonely wanderer, wounded with iron, I am smitten with war-blades, sated with strife,
 Worn with the sword-edge; I have seen many battles, Much hazardous fighting, oft without hope
 Of comforts or help in the carnage of war Ere I perish and fall in the fighting of men.
 The leavings of hammers, the handiwork of smiths, Batter and bite me, hard-edged and sharp;
 The brunt of the battle I am doomed to endure. In all the folk-stead no leech could I find
 With wort or simple to heal my wounds; But day and night with the deadly blows



events calendar

September

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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Sept

- 4-7 Kingdom Crown Tournament Terra Pomaria
- 11-13 Odin's Playground Lionsdale Chilliwack, BC
- 24 Baronial Council
- 25-27 Tir Righ Coronet Tourney Seagirt TBA

October

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Oct

- 10-12 Tournament of the Golden Swan Shire of Appledore
- 17-18 Freeze Off Ramsgaard
- 22 Baronial Council
- 23 Tir Righ A & S Championship/UTR Lions Gate Maple Ridge, BC

November

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Nov

- 6-8 Fall Crown Council TBA
- 7 Baroness' Birthday Tourney Lions Gate
- 20-22 Tir Righ Investiture Tir Righ TBA
- 26 Baronial Council

December

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Dec

- 5 Baronial Banquet Lions Gate

compendium



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



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RIDDLE ME NOT ANSWERS

1. Honey-mead
2. Horn
3. Shield