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the baron's column

Baron Griffin ap Bedwyr

First off, let me say that I tend to do a lot of reading. I know that may come as little surprise to some people but I felt that needed to be established before I got into this month's column. I would like to talk about books. Most people I know in the SCA also read a great deal, it is one of the best ways we have of finding out about the time period we adopt. Whether it is the crafts, clothing, weapons, armour, whatever aspect we are looking at, books are by far the best source for information. You certainly can't trust movies, and while some shows on the History channel are good, they do not have the detail you can only get from books. So it is to books we go to fill out our knowledge of the Middle Ages. Most people will look at nonfiction sources, and yes, for pure information these are by far your best bet, but do they allow you to get a real feel for what it was like to live in those times? There are a few nonfiction books that can do that for you, but for me to really immerse myself in the times there is nothing better than a good fiction novel. Historical fiction is a huge market these days, from the steamy romance novels set in Medieval Scotland (if we go by these novels one would think that the Scots were the most romantic nation on earth) to the most well researched account of actual historical events. Not all will help you get a clear picture of the real Middle Ages but some are certainly very good. Here are a few of my favorite authors in this genre.

One of the authors that got me started in historical fiction is Sharon Kay Penman who has many books about the lives of English and Welsh rulers of the Medieval period. Her first book was *A Sunne in Splendour*, about Richard III and his path to the throne, although my personal favorites are her Welsh books, *Here be Dragons*, *Falls the Shadow*, and *The Reckoning*. This trilogy is set in 12th and 13th century England and follows the Welsh-English conflict during those years leading up to Edward I's

conquest of Wales. She has also written a number of murder mysteries set in this time period.

Another author who covers the same period is Edith Pargeter who told this story in her *Brothers Gwynedd* quartet. She, too, has written murder mysteries under the pseudonym Ellis Peters who many will recognize as the author of the wonderful *Cadfeal* series.

For those interested in earlier medieaval history, there is Morgan Llewellyn who writes about ancient Ireland; and, if Romano-Britain is your interest, there is the Arthurian *A Dream of Eagles* series by Jack Whyte (lots of interesting detail in these ones).

Now for 'down and dirty', outright action there is none better then Bernard Cornwell. Probably one of the most prolific historical fiction writers out there, he has brought us a vast array of novels covering many historical periods—from the building of Stonehenge to the Napoleonic Wars in his *Sharpe* series. For Viking enthusiasts, there is his *Saxon* series; and for those archers out there, you can't beat his *Grail Quest* trilogy or his latest, the excellent *Azincourt*.

These are but a few of the many historical novels that I have enjoyed and feel give one a real sense of what it might have been like in medieval times. There are many more and maybe I will share those at a later date. Of course I am always looking for more myself, so if anyone has any suggestions let me know.

On Nov 17th 1558, upon the death of her sister Mary, Elizabeth Tudor became Queen of England amid bonfires and much ringing of bells. She would not be officially crowned until January.



seneschal scribbles

I BLAME JOHN.

When the position of Baronial Seneschal came up for applications two plus years ago, my first thoughts were, “Oh jeez! Who on earth are they ever going to find to take THAT awful job??” Lions Gate has a long history of burning Seneschals. Occasionally, there are stakes and pitchforks involved. Mistress Elizabeth Braidwood did a fantastic job of holding down the fort while the Barony put out the word. I joked and talked with my household about the next sacrifice for the position, and pondered the many people I thought might be crazy enough to attempt taking it on.

And then, one day, Master John MacAndrew pointed to me and said, “What about you?”

My name was never on my list.

I thought he was crazy for a while. I thought about it, and realised that maybe I could take it on. I talked to a few people I trusted, and after their encouragement, applied. Unfortunately, the phone call I got later was one of those good news/bad news things. Baron Devin called me up to say “Congratulations, you’re the new Seneschal, and your first job is to find a new Baron and Baroness.” Talk about jumping in with both feet.

It doesn’t seem that long ago. A lot of things didn’t seem that long ago, suddenly. Like, when we implemented two-year terms-of-office for Baronial Officers. Well, as I’ve mentioned before, my two years has come to an end. At Baronial Council on the 22nd of October, I handed the Mallet of Table Banging over to your new Seneschale, Francesca Wallace Drakkar (Miriam Donnelly). She is an excellent choice for this office, and I know she’s going to bring a lot of organisation and enthusiasm to the Barony.

While we’re on the subject of two-year-terms, we have a couple of offices accepting applications. Several months ago, Master John MacAndrew submitted his resignation as Minister of Arts & Sciences. So far, we have not received any applications for the job. If you’re at

all interested, or want more information, please let us all know. Don’t make me send John after you.

Last month, Lord Kerry announced his desire to step down as Baronial Gamesmaster. Again, if you’re interested, you need to apply. This is a great, fun job to hold, and is the first office I held some 20 years ago? Really?

At October’s Council, the Honourable Lord James Wolfden let us know that he would like to step down as Baronial Archer, come April 2010. While this is a distance away, it will sneak up on us quickly, so think about it.

Several other officers are also coming soon to the end of their two-year term. While we certainly don’t want to get rid of anyone, this is an opportunity to get more people interested in taking on an office, or give the current officer a break. Watch the North Wind and the Lions Gate email list for coming information on these offices.

Also at this last council meeting, an era came to an end when it was decided that the Barony no longer needed an office of Dragonward. When the position was created in the early 90’s, we relied on phoning each other to coordinate rides to events. Having one person in the Barony who could act as a mediator between those who needed a ride, and those who had room in a vehicle, was vital to ensure everyone got where they needed to be. In a time when everyone can (and do) post messages to a couple of vast email lists, we’ve come to realise that the position is superfluous. Thank you Winifryd Doiron, for taking this job on the past year or so, and trying to create more resources for the populace. A large ‘HUZZAH!’ to Genevieve Barbotta, who held this position from (about) 1996 until stepping down in 2008. And thanks to Algea McBeighn, who (if I’m not terribly mistaken here) was Lions Gate’s first Dragonward, creating the office in 1992, and turning it over to Genevieve four years later.

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october council highlights

october 22, 2009 7:30pm

REPORTS

SENESCHAL – WILLIAM

There has been discussion about largesse and getting a tax receipt for it, especially merchants, and what happens once you give it to nobles. . Largesse is a private gift – not a donation to the society. Largesse is not treated as an asset and is not entered into a ledger at any time. No SCA funds are to be used to create or confer largesse.

SCA Legal contacts. If any member of the society is contacted by an attorney, only the SCA seneschal is the legal contact. Any local kingdom or society officers should not be sending letters to lawyers.

This is my last council meeting as seneschal. I will remain as deputy Seneschal until February when I will be stepping up as principality Seneschal.

DEMO COORDINATOR – VIVIEN

Nothing to report

WATCH –

No report

GOLD KEY – VIVIEN

No report

CHATELAINE – VIVIEN

No report. Working on garlic feast.

CHAMBERLAIN

No report

EXCHEQUER ANIKA

1. Baronial account as of October 22 is \$12,631.73

a. To be deposited:

i. Garlic Feast

2. Estimated expenses for the year, not including events, are approx \$3,900.

a. Practices

i. Monday \$700

ii. Thursday (4th qtr) \$700

b. Storage (incl Jan 2010) \$660

c. Masonic Hall rental \$330

d. NSCA insurance \$1,500 – still no word

3. Outstanding receivables \$146.37

a. Includes

i. \$100 outstanding issues

ii. \$500 float

iii. \$500 hall deposit

iv. \$150 expenses advance

Please note!

- I will not be attending the meeting until near the end. I will hopefully be there by 8:30 for cheque signing and/or additional cheques to be made.
- Sue Davis will be requesting a new cheque for the Dance Practice stereo.
- Quarterly report is in electronically, but must update one piece of expired membership info.

WEBMINISTER – LORD ROTHGAR

No report

PIED PIPER

No report

DRAGONWARD – WENDY

No report

A&S – JOHN

Very quiet month most are out of town. Research paper competition. UTR A & S lots of Lions Gate representation in that. And lots of Lions Gate instructors

HERALD – KEVIN

No report.

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COUNCIL CONTINUED FROM P. 4**SCRIBE – MILES**

Due to mundane scheduling, I will not be attending council this evening:

The Lions Gate scribes are continuing the process of creating the Baroness' champions scroll charters.

The LG defenders , Knott Yett Charter , The Baron's Lion Claw charter has been completed.

My Deputy Baronial Scribe, Aelana Cordovera ran a small but successful Lions Gate Scribe drop in/ scriptorium Sunday October 18 , and intends to have more on November 15 and December

13 2009. I will be attending when possible.

She has sent out an email to the known scribbles at this time and will see how they progress.

DANCE MISTRESS – RHIANNON

Dance practice going well. Have receipts.

GAMESMASTER – KERRY

Kerry offered resignation. Have seen no applications. Will hold off on that one until someone applies.

ARCHERY – JAMES

Practices are continuing. Indoor practice 4-6 people. Three classes coming up at UTR. Would like to step down in April.

BLADES – WARWICK

No injuries or incidents to report. Our attendance continues to fluctuate but we seem to be averaging 12 people a class. Lord Callen and I have brought back structured classes in an effort to whip our fighters into shape for tournament season. We are bringing in some sport fencing philosophy and drills and mixing them with the more historical techniques with good results.

We are still running a Cut n Thrust practice in parallel with Rapier and are continuing to see growth, with Don Godfrey being our newest authorized Cut n Thrust fighter. I would like to think growth is being spurred by our newly formed Company of Defense.

Lions Gate Rapier Fighters made a good showing at the Frozen Lily Prize Tournament in Ramsgaard, with LG fighters placing 1st (Warwick) 2nd (Don Godfrey) and 3rd (Lord Lucian) in a record field of 26 fighters. A Cut n Thrust demo followed which generated much interest. Lucian and Warwick are making arrangements to head up in the near future to run a day of training followed by CnT authorizations. An excellent event in an excellent shire.

BARD – SIOBNNAN

Haven't done anything this month as bard.

OFFICES

A discussion was held regarding the offices that may no longer be needed.

Ambassador – could go to both lionsgate/ lionsdale/eisenmarche liaison

Explorer – person who would go out and try to find many sites as they could that the barony could use.

Discussion: does it need to be an office or can it be assigned as task by seneschal?

Suggestion by Jaqueline to get feedback after each event about the sites to put into info database. Ceara has db built. This role could be liaison for autocrats, e.g., Chatelaine or deputy seneschal.

Dragonward. No longer needed. Thank you to those who have done it.

Cut and thrust marshall– There is a principality cut and thrust marshall. It is not a requirement yet for our Barony. This office would be deputy of stables. Barony to begin the process of creating a C & T deputy marshall and will advertise for the position of cut thrust.

Officers resigning after 2 yr terms. Blades and Stables have been here longer than 2 yrs. Maximum of 3 years. We currently have no process in place if no one applies. Suggestion: to speak to the officer. Post it. If no one steps forward, incumbent can continue.

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COUNCIL CONTINUED FROM p. 5**BARONESS REPORT**

We have the winter court schedule. Baroness birthday tourney is the major court for the year so most of court business will be conducted there. Any recommendations please get them in asap. Should we have baroness defenders for a year rather than 6 months?

BARONS REPORT

CALENDAR for next year:

These dates have been sent to principality calendar but are not yet on kingdom calendar.

UTR Tir Righ

Nov 7 Baroness' Tourney
 Nov 21 Lionsdale Bard and Banquet
 Nov 28 False Isle
 Dec 5 Baronial Banquet
 Dec 12 Seagirt Yule Feast
 Jan 8-10 12th night Glynnmere Ocean Shores

2010

Feb 6/7 A & S days of dance/newcomers

No date yet reserved for newcomers

May 1 Baronial Bardic

June 5/6 Sea Lion War (here)

July 10/11 Archery and Heavy Defenders tournament

Jul 31-Aug 3 Lions Gate Tournament of Armies: enter as a group not as individual, need to have 15 points; armies would donate to prize chest; winners would get prize chest

Aug 14/15 SYGC

Nov 13 Baroness/Rapiers Tournament

Dec 4 Baronial Banquet

BARONESS TOURNAMENT - CEARA

- bringing back potluck in evening
- Inspirations - bring favour - populace will vote
- games tournament
- merchants spots are booked

- dancing/general revelry after court
- trying to get better beer from rodeo assoc.
- best potluck presentation
- Prince/Princess will be there
- There will be a raised stage

Does the barony wish to make a contribution to the potluck?

Budget: could make \$875 Barony will be supplying birthday cake

Do we need a secondary gate?

Volunteers - 8am setup 9:30 gate opens

Francesca will ask rapiers to help

Motion: To give \$700 for gate float \$200 for cake supplies, etc.

All in favour - passed

BARONIAL BANQUET - JACQUELINE

- Tokens will be linen napkins
- Tavern badge is being made
- Should have basic menu end of this week
- Tickets done
- Décor fine
- Music - Collegium will provide
- Comfort food and lots of meat
- Ceremonial cleansing washing up

Baronial tablecloths:

We had 11 black tablecloths, have been pricing tablecloths

Motion:

To spend up to \$400 buying 30 new tablecloths

All in favour. Passed.

TIR RIGH A & S - SIONNAN

in 2 days, decided not to put up pavilion 2 cut/thrust classes cancelled. Need people to help put up baronial pavilion, will be picking up stuff tomorrow. Feast is in hand. Classes are filling up. Feast 80 tickets sold not including comps, and staff. Hall opens at 8 am. Closing court 6:15 classes end 6 feast starts at 7.

Meeting adjourned 9:30 pm

seneschal scribbles cont.

On that note, one of the latest projects I'm working on is putting together a complete list of all the officers in the history of Lions Gate. I'm going to continue this, and I hope eventually it will be on our website. The following list therefore isn't exact, but is fairly close as far as I can tell thus far. I'll be asking more people for more information on all the others, but here lists all the Seneschals/Seneschales for the Lions Gate.

the Shire of Lions Gate

- AS 9 - Vladimir Karpentoffski
AS 10 - Seadhga of Green Mountain

the Barony of Lions Gate

- AS 11 - Seadhga of Green Mountain
AS 11-12 - Duncan BogCameron
AS 13-15 - Alexa of Krasnadar
AS 15-16 - Harold of Warrington
AS 16-27 - Maelen of Catcott
AS 27-28 - Ariadne of Evesham
AS 28-34 - Eriu of Tlachtga
AS 35-41 - Padraigin o'Bhauhaig
AS 41 - Donatello Sanudo
AS 41 - Elizabeth Braidwood (interim)
AS 42-44 - Uilliam mac Fearchair mhic Gillie
Aindrias

And now,

AS 44-current - Francesca Wallace Drakkar

Congrats, kiddo. I think you're going to be amazing.

Thank you to the Barony for the great ride; it's been fun. Honestly. Thank you Baron Devin and Mistress Elizabeth Braidwood for choosing me from the great list of people who applied. To Their Excellencies Griffin and Caitrin, thank you for your faith and support through these years; it's been a pleasure and an honour working with you both. You've been simply fantastic as Baron and Baroness.

I have the joy of being part of a great household, the Clan MacAndrew. Thanks to each of you; you all do what you do, and everything gets done. It's made the job a lot easier knowing you're all there.

Thanks specifically to John, for pointing the finger at me.

And the biggest thanks go to my beloved wife, the marvelous Caitrina. Your support, encouragement, and belief in me let me know that I could do the job. I couldn't do it without you.

Uilliam,

Deputy Seneschal, Lions Gate.



TIR RIGH A&S CHAMPIONSHIP & THE UNIVERSITY OF TIR RIGH

OCTOBER 24, 2009

This year's Tir Righ & A&S Championship was the cornerstone for an whole new event. Not only was there a terrific A&S Championship, but it was held in concert with The University of Tir Righ, who sponsored a number of great classes.

NEXT year this event will ALSO see the Tir Righ Bardic Championships, and the new Skald of Tir Righ will be chosen. Start preparing you entries...

competition will be awesome...

The A&S competition this year was fierce. All of the entries were of high caliber, from an amazing display of leatherworking, painting, stamping and pouch construction, to a full head to toe 10th century



Viking clothing and bone working display... a Viking navigational device and an ingenious Cloak-to-Tent garment... a display of painted Icons, Blackwork embroidered pouch and a period trestle table... Every one was an amazing effort and a sight to behold.

In the end, the victor was chosen to be HL Aelena Cordovera, and a hearty HUZAZH resounded. Congratulations!

Much gratitude to Mistress Yrsa and Mistress Kate for organising the A&S Competition and to the Judges for their time and expertise given.



The University of Tir Righ held a number of great classes ranging from Archery and Cut & Thrust classes, Blackwork Embroidery to Naalbinding, Skaldic, Lute and Music of the Silk Road, Knotworking, Basket Weaving, various Clothing classes... and the list goes on... It seemed everyone had something to do and enjoyed the classes and camaraderie. Many Thanks to the Teachers and Students alike especially for your patience and adaptability. Many Thanks also to HL Aine inghean Chonchobhair and TUTR for organising the classes and teachers so we all had something to learn and do.



TIR RIGH A & S CONT.

Throughout the day, we were all tormented and tantalized by the aromas wafting from the kitchen and drooled in anticipation of the evening feast to come. And indeed, it was. Presented by HL Kensae McBeighn and his tireless crew of cooks and servers, the fragrant Garlic Feast was a delight to all who attended and I'm certain no-one left hungry or without a happily pungent grin. Be sure not to miss the next one...

Their Highnesses of Tir Righ graced us with their court and handed out several awards to worthy recipients. HUZAH to all...

The Baron of Lions Gate presented unto Their Highnesses, on behalf of the Barony of Lions Gate, 6 white tablecloths and 12 blue table-runners made by Lady Leweke. May they be well used in future and much Thanks to Lady Leweke for her time in making this special gift.



As with any event, it takes a small army of people to pull off any event. My heartfelt gratitude to those people who arrived on site before *I* was even on site, in order to help set-up, carry stuff, decorate, cook, and do all the myriad things that need done... and to those who stayed after the event and to the bitter end to help clean and pack-up... and to those who sat at Gate all day long... and every other little thing that goes unnoticed or acknowledged...

Special thanks to Lord Laric Godwin, HL Morweena of House Descardo, HL Desiree, HL Kensae McBeighn, Lady Leweke, Lady Ylas of Lions Gate and to EVERYONE else I may have missed here... THANK-YOU!!!



Despite a couple of hiccups, like the Baronial Pavilion's "wardrobe malfunction" (sorry about that), the event went very well. I heard nary a complaint from anyone and in fact every comment was positive, so a good time must have been had by all. Thank-You all for attending and making it a great event.

I look forward to next year's combined A&S and Bardic Competition AND TUTOR session. If this year is any indication, NEXT year should be AMAZING!!!

See you there!!!

Yours in Service,

HL Sionann in Ui Fhlaithbheartaig
(Happy EX-Autocrat)



BARONESS' BIRTHDAY TOURNEY

NOVEMBER 7, 2009

Come join the Barony of Lions Gate as we celebrate Baroness Caitrin with a Winter Tourney in honour of Her Birthday. There will be lots to do and see!

There will be two rapier tournaments – Lions Gate Defender and Gerhard's Riposte. There will be the Annual Unbelted Heavy Tournament. Perhaps there will be something of the A&S variety as well to round things out. And if that's not enough, there will be dancing, games, music, Pied Piper, merchants and socializing too. The complete details will be available online via the Kingdom Calendar. It will be updated regularly. If there is info you need and it's not there, please contact the Autocrat.

TOURNAMENTS

LIONS GATE DEFENDER OF RAPIER TOURNAMENT

The Baron and Baroness would like all competitors in the defender tourney to know that as a part of this rank, the two victors this day will be expected over the next year to:

- Defend Their Excellencies and the Barony of Lions Gate against all who would take up arms against Them whenever possible;
- When present, to join us at Our courts;
- Represent the Barony when travelling to other branches;
- Attend the three major local events, being Banquet, Baronesses and May Bardic;
- Compete in the name of Lions Gate over the next year; and,
- Swear fealty to their Excellencies or Lions Gate or an oath of service to the Barony.

The Rapier Defender's tourney details will be confirmed at Court. You must be present at the

Rapier Invocation at Opening Court first thing in the morning (see schedule) in order to compete for Lions Gate Defender of Rapier.

Those competitors holding champion/defender titles from other branches or planning on competing in other branch competitions for the next year should speak with the Baron or Baroness.

GERHARD'S RIPOSTE TOURNAMENT

We will be celebrating in tournament the anniversary of "Gerhard's Riposte" (formerly known as Fibreglass Champion). This is a tournament for ALL Fighters authorized for less than a year. You must also have a patron to recommend you and be accepted by the Master of Blades, who will be advised by attending White Scarves. Questions about the tourney format can be directed to our Master of Blades, HL Warwick Drakkar.

Continuing with a new tradition started last year, there will also be a Chivalry prize awarded to a rapier fighter in Dona Lasairiona inghean Uilliam na Seoltadh's name.



Image from Giacomo di Grassi
Ragione di adoprare sicuramente. 1570.
Acc. Nov 1, 2009 at <http://www.thearma.org.org>

HEAVY TOURNAMENT

The heavy tourney will follow some of the Lions Gate traditions. To enter the lists, you must do two things:

1. Bring an item for the prize table
2. Challenge a Knight to a round (this does not count as a death for the tourney).

Belted fighters will be included in the tourney fighting till the quarterfinals. If there are enough Knights participating (and if eric space allows), we will branch off into two separate tourneys, so that when the day is through we will have both an unbelted and a belted winner for the day.

PRIZES

There will be a prize for the winners of these tourneys, and everyone will be able to participate in the prize table.

Please note that the Sergeant who excels for the day in fighting will be awarded the Boar Spear for the next year—a tribute from Sir Gerhard Kendal of Westmoreland.

LISTS

Lists will open immediately after Opening Court. Heavy and Rapier fighting is scheduled to begin at 11:00 promptly as we only have the Alice McKay Hall until 3:00pm. Please pass the word to all fighters.

Rapier Lists: Dame Elena de Mainslwarin
Heavy Lists: HL Algae

ARTS & SCIENCES CONTEST

"INSPIRATIONS"

Since this a big tourney day, let's have a contest on inspiring our fighters to win. Create a favour or some other token to inspire and bring it to the event to be displayed with your name and who your inspiration is for the day. No documentation required.

There will be a prize for the favourite entry selected by Her Excellency, Baroness Caitrin, and the favourite of the Populace. Voting tokens will be handed out at Gate as you come in. Voting

will begin after morning Court once the display has been set up.

GAMES TOURNAMENT

Provided by HL Uilliam and HL Caitrina

MERCHANTS

Merchanting will be in Shannon Hall only or, for those merchants who wish to brave the elements, space could be arranged outdoors as well.

Merchant Coordinator: Lord Adam Fairamay

PIED PIPER

Activities for children will be available at the event during the day. All children must be accompanied by an adult during participation. Remember, this is not a babysitting service.

Pied Piper: Baron Stefano di Armani

DAY FOOD

Food during the day will be available from the Cloverdale Rodeo Concession from 11 am to 3 pm.

POTLUCK AND TAVERN

Reviving the tradition of Tourney's in the past.... we're having a potluck!

Participants are encouraged to bring a copy of their recipe or at least to note if their dish has any common allergens in it (ie. nuts, wheat, dairy).

Please make a dish enough for 10 people. There is a kitchen on site for cooling and warming but no cooking.

According to first letter of your mundane last name:

- A-D: Salads, breads, cheese, pickles
- E-J: Rice, pasta and taters
- K-M: Meats
- N-R: All things veggie
- S-Z: Desserts

This is a guide so if you really wish, if you have something that is your specialty and/or are dying to try a period dish, by all means do so. There will be a prize for best presentation of a dish!

baroness' birthdays tourney

november 7, 2009

SCHEDULE

8:00 am	Site opens for set up crew
9:30 am	Event and Rapier List Open
10 - 10:30 am	Opening Court including Rapier Defender Tourney
Invocation	
10:30 - 11 am	Heavy List Opens
11:00 am	Heavy Tourney Begins
Defender of Rapier Tourney Begins (Gerhard's Riposte immediately after Rapier tourney)	
11 am - 3 pm	Cloverdale concession open
3:00 pm	Alice McKay Hall Closes
5:30 pm	Potluck and Tavern (after Court)
7:00 pm	Baronial Court
After Court - Dancing and Games	
10:30 pm	Tavern Closes
11:00 pm	Clean up begins
Midnight	Site Closes

SITE FEES

Adult SCA Members	\$12
Adult Non-SCA Members	\$15
Minors (13-18).....	\$5
Child 12 & Under.....	Free
Family Cap*	\$30

(*Family Cap: Max 2 Adults & their minor children, modern immediate family only. Does not include NMS.)

All fees listed are in Canadian funds; USD accepted at par. Make cheques payable to 'Barony of Lions Gate'.

LOCATION

The Shannon Hall at the Cloverdale Rodeo & Exhibition Fairgrounds located at 6050A - 176 Street, Cloverdale, BC, V3S 4E7.

DIRECTIONS

> From the US: Use the Pacific Truck Border Crossing. Continue North on 176th Street through Surrey to 60th Avenue. Turn right and enter the Cloverdale Rodeo parking lot through Gate #4. SCA directional signs will be posted to help guide you.

> From the East and West: Take Hwy 1 to 176th Street, travel south until you reach 60th Avenue, turn left and enter the Cloverdale Rodeo parking lot through Gate #4. SCA directional signs will be posted to help guide you.

Depending on where you live, it might be easier to take Hwy 10 to 176th Street, travel North on 176 until you reach 60th Avenue, then turn right.

Autocrat: HL Ceara inghean ui Mhadadhain, ccaunce@shaw.ca, (604) 574-6364.

No calls after 9pm please.

Shadowcrats learning the ropes: HL Caitrina and Lady Myrrim de Lancaster

BARONIAL ARCHER POSITION OPEN

The time has come to prepare for my departure from the role of Baronial Archer.

It is the desire of the Barony to have such officer positions have a tenure of two years and I also think this is a good idea. My two years has actually come and gone. I have served under four Seneschals now. Yes, I am including you, EB, even if it was an interim position.

One of my major goals was to integrate archery into the other martial aspects and make the archery community more visible to the whole SCA community. At events, archery is often stuck in some back field for safety reasons. I wanted archery to be out more front and center --- well, front and to the right or left moreso but still very visible. Sometimes, this meant an archery range that had to be shutdown because of heavy or rapier activity and sometimes, the site wouldn't allow it all. The integration of archery into the Monday Night Fight practise was something I am quite proud of.

I have indicated my desire to stay in the position until the end of March, the start of the outdoor season. This is partially so that our brand new Seneschal doesn't feel that all her officers are leaving at the same time and partially to allow



Luttrell Psalter, 1325-1335 fol. 147V

someone to step up to plate and transition into the role if they desire.

The primary role of the Baronial Archer is to ensure that archery happens at both practises and events and to send in monthly reports to the Master of Stables and quarterly reports to the Principality Archer. New blood bring new goals and new life.

If you are interested you can either apply to the Seneschal and the Baron and Baroness or just come and talk to me if you want more information.

In Service,

HL James Wolfden, OGGs
Baronial Archer

LIONS GATE COUNCIL POSITIONS OPEN

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE MORE INVOLVED IN THE DECISION OF LIONS GATE? DO YOU FEEL YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO OFFER IN SERVICE? THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS ARE SEEKING VOLUNTEERS. ALL ARE INVITED TO APPLY BY EXPRESSING THEIR INTEREST TO THE NEW SENESCHALE, FRANCESCA, AND TO THE BARON AND BARONESS.

DEPUTY SENESCHAL(E)

BARONIAL GAMESMASTER

PIED PIPER

MINISTER OF ARTS AND SCIENCE

BARONIAL ARCHER

Lions Gate Baronial Banquet

SATURDAY DECEMBER 5, 2009

NEW WESTMINSTER, BC

In the dark days of winter is the time to exchange stories of victories past and hard won achievements, feast upon foods good for the soul, and dance to bring joy to the ear and heart. The populace of Lions Gate is invited to honor their undoubted Excellencies, Baron Sir Griffin ap Bedwyr and Baroness Caitrin ni Cingeadh at a night of feasting, celebration, and dancing at the Griffin & Acorn Tavern.

Feast upon hearty foods of the 12th century Welsh countryside as crafted by chef Sir Yusuf ben Joseph. Celebrate those recognized at Baronial court. Delight at the dulcet tones of Collegium Leonum. Dance with the guidance of our Mistress of Dance, HL Rhiannon ap Gwynedd. Baronial court will take place upon completion of the main feast. Sweets and dancing to commence immediately thereafter. There will be a cash bar. No other alcohol permitted at the venue.

Saturday, December 5, 2009

Doors 5 pm Feasting 6 pm Baronial Court 8 pm Close 11pm

Tickets \$20 (plus \$3 NMS fee for non-members)

\$10 for children 5-12 years. Children under 5 FREE.

(Please make cheques out to Barony of Lions Gate.) All fees in Canadian funds. US dollars accepted at par.

Tickets sold only in advance. Please contact the event steward for tickets.

Event Steward: HL Jaqueline Lefleur (Kirsten Masse) SCAJaqueline@shaw.ca or 778-355-4906 (no phone calls after 8 pm please.)

Volunteers needed! Assistance for set up, signage, kitchen scullery, gate, and tear down will be received with gratitude and thanks. Please contact the event steward.

SITE INFORMATION:

Glenbrook Park Amenities Centre
76 Jamieson Court, New Westminister, BC

www.glenbrookpark.com

The venue is wheelchair accessible and has parking onsite.

Open candle flames not permitted! Candle holders must have walls that surround the entire flame.

Directions: From the east, via highway #1, head over the Port Mann bridge, and take exit 40, Brunett Ave, heading west and south. Follow Brunett and merge left with Columbia Street. Turn right at Richmond Street, then left at the second

street, which is Jamieson Court. The site is a half block down. Parking on site and on the street.

From the south and west, via Marine Way, Queensborough or Pattullo bridges, make your way eastward to Columbia Street in New Westminister. Heading east on Columbia, turn left at Richmond street, then proceed as above.

bookbinding classes

Over the period of one year, students will gain a hands on acquaintance with bookbinding structures and materials for the medieval period in Europe, Muslim and Far Eastern countries. In addition, styles of book cover decoration will be demonstrated and suitable calligraphy and illumination will be discussed. The course provides a basic progress for artisans and an in-depth understanding for judges of bookbinding skills. For all classes, all tools will be supplied, but students may bring a ruler, pencil, bone folder, triangle, and awl if they have them on hand. Below is the amended schedule. All Vancouver classes are held at 203 - 2518 East Hastings St. Buzz 518 Common Room

3. Coptic Sewn boards (3-4 hours)

Max 8 Cost \$10 for handout and materials Sunday Nov 8 11 am - 3 pm Vancouver

4. Anglo Saxon and Carolingian (6 -8 hours) Apply a leather cover

Max 8 cost \$15 for handout and materials. Sunday Dec 13 10 - 4 pm Vancouver

5. Romanesque, 12th C Monastic (6 - 8 hours) Leather cover, simple clasp, sewing frame

Max 8 cost \$ 15 for handout and materials Sunday Jan 17 10 - 4 Vancouver

6. Gothic Books: 14 - 15 C Scholastic (9-12 hours) Sewing frame, leather cover, simple clasp, headbands

Max 8 Cost \$15 for supplies and handout. Sunday Feb 14 10-4 Vancouver + 1 evening TBA

7. Renaissance -Limp Parchment (3 - 4 hours)

Max 8 Cost \$10 for hand made paper covers, though parchment may be available for an extra charge. Sun. March 14 Vancouver or Fri March 19 Bransle

8. Islamic Books (3 -4 hours)

Max 8 Cost \$12 Sunday April 18 Vancouver

9. Chinese and Japanese Books (3 - 4 hours)

Max 8 - 12 Cost \$7 for handout and supplies Friday May 28 Bransle?

10. Paper Marbling - inside cover decorations during the Renaissance (3-4 hours)

Max 8 10 Cost \$10 All materials will be supplied Friday June 25 Bransle

TREETINGS IONS GATE SCRIBES and all wanna be scribes

This season's second scribal workshop will be Sunday 18 at 11 am - 4:30 pm.

We will have Principality, Lions Gate and Ithra charters to paint, so if you have paints bring them along.

Bring scrolls and charters to show and tell.

You can sign up for an original scroll and get started right away.

LOCATION:

#203 - 2518 Hastings Street (1 block off Nanaimo) Vancouver BC BUZZ 518

the kingdom armourers guild returns

After several years of inactivity, the An Tir Guild of Armourers, Weaponsmiths, & Jewelers is reforming. Wilhelm the Far Traveller has moved to the west side of the mountains, and has taken again the mantle of the Guildmaster. The Barony of Aqua Terra is providing startup support.

The Armourers Guild will again provide instruction in armour-building, research resources, and as a finding service for low cost or free materials. It also publishes the members' research and projects in the Guild's Armourers Annual.

The Guild headquarters is at a new, purpose-built shop in Snohomish WA, about two hours south of Lions Gate. The shop is set up for armour/weapon construction, blacksmithing, and shortly, iron smelting. There is an upstairs classroom/library/war gaming table/indoor crash space. Next to the shop building, there is a large camping area with 50 yard archery range.

Currently, the Guild has a goodly supply of 55 gal. HDPE black barrels to share. Come and get all you need. The stuff makes good looking, quick lamellar armour and moldable plates.

Past members are needed to reactivate the Guild and get our treasury returned to our control. Lions Gate provided the foundation of the Guild when it was established. When the Guild is officially reformed at Ursalmus 2010, new memberships will be encouraged. Please contact the Guildmaster.

To arrange a workshop, a visitation, or just check in, contact:

Master Wilhelm the Far Traveller

wilhelm@nwinfo.net

(360) 348-7081

LIONS GATE MERCHANT DIRECTORY NOW ONLINE

[HTTP://WWW.LIONSGATE.ANTIR.SCA.ORG/PUBLIC/BARONY.MERCHANTS.PHP](http://www.lionsgate.antir.sca.org/public/barony.merchants.php)

Thank you to those merchants who sent in their information to get the directory started. Currently we have 8 merchants listed, and hope to add many more. Links to the directory can be found under the newcomers heading as well as the barony heading.

For those merchants who have sent their information to me, please review your listing and send me any changes you would like made. You will see that many still have room for more text within the

space provided. Also, based on the information sent to me, I expanded the information provided as needed. Some of you have yet to send me a picture.

Please send me any further updates or new listings as you can.

Thanks.



Lord Rothgar of Lions Gate (mka Andrew Hiscock)
Webminister for the Barony of Lions Gate

<http://www.lionsgate.antir.sca.org>
778-808-2929






events calendar

November						
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21 
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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Nov

- 6-8 Fall Crown Council
- 7 Baroness' Birthday Tourney Lions Gate Cloverdale, BC
- 20-22 Tir Righ Investiture Tir Righ TBA
- 21 Bard and a Banquet Lionsdale
- 26 Baronial Council
- 27 Bransle

December						
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Dec

- 5 Baronial Banquet Lions Gate New West
- 12 Yule Feast Seagirt Victoria, BC

January						
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Jan

- 8-10 An Tir 12th Night GlynnMere

February						
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14	15	16	17	18	19	20

Feb

- 6-7 A & S, Days of Dance Lions Gate

compendium



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



Their Highnesses of Tir Righ – Prince Ulfgar Thorvaldsson and Princess Renee de Josselin (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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