

The North Wind

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The Baron's Column

Baron Griffin ap Bedwyr

Well it is now official and the list of couples who are willing to step up and accept the job of Baron and Baroness of Lions Gate have been made public. Even as I write they are beginning to face the inquiring minds and sharp witted questions of the populace. I wish them well on this journey; if you want this job you had better be prepared for anything and develop a thick skin.

Now that Caitrin and I approach the end of our tenure as Baronial couple we try to think of those people who deserve reward and recognition. In that regard we would like to ask for your help. If there is anyone out there who you feel has been overlooked and is deserving of recognition, let us know. If there is a Baronial award we can bestow or a word we can put in the ear of royalty we will try to do so.

Coming up this month Lionsdale is hosting their great Viking event, Odin's Playground. It looks like it will be a lot of fun as Sir Oak is the event steward. Now Oak has a unique way of looking at things and that is certainly reflected in what is planned for this event. Now if you want to get into the Viking frame of mind I would heartily recommend the Oathsworn book series by Robert Low. This series follows a band of

Norse warriors as they fight and travel the world. I just finished the forth book, The Prow Beast, but I suggest you start with The Whale Road. Now these books are not for the squeamish or faint of heart. If you like your heroes noble and pure then these are not the stories for you, but if you don't mind a bit of nasty brutish action then jump right in.

And now a crass commercial announcement, I have rattan, a bunch of it. If you need rattan (and who doesn't) come see me. Only \$20 a nine foot pole, best price you'll find for the good stuff. Get it while it lasts.

On September 1st 1339 Edward III, King of England, declared war on France. Now this in itself was not unusual but in this case it began what would become known as the Hundred Years War. During this conflict some of the greatest battles of the Medieval period would be fought and the English archer with his longbow would come to prominence and rise to be one of the most deadly and formidable weapons of warfare.



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Council Highlights

September 2010

Just the Gnu's

Citizens of Lions Gate have a new source for news with the arrival of the LG-Announce email list. This will not replace the existing the Lions gate email list which will carry on in all its drama.

The LG-Announce email list was designed for those of you that would still like to get event news and those important Baronial announcements without all that drama. This is a moderated list and is just for announcements. If you want to discuss things, you have to use either the lions gate list or the social media of your choice.

To join the LG-announce list, please subscribe here: <http://missives.antir.sca.org/mailman/listinfo/lg-announce> ... enter in the required information. You will then receive a confirmation email, which will provide further instructions on joining the list.

It was also decided at Council that all officers will be added to the LG-Announce email list by the Webminister.

Callen Interim Seneschal

Callen Drakkar has stepped into the Seneschal role while Francesca takes a leave of absence to attend to some mundane issues.

The position would have fallen to Ceara, the drop dead deputy, but as she is a Baronial candidate it was given to Callen.

The Principality Seneschal, Uilliam Macandrew, will be overseeing the Baronial polling because of his experience in the past with it.

Sable Loaf Needs You

Do you like to pronounce names with no vowels?

If the answer is yes, then you might want to be a voice herald and the Barony needs you. Contact Caemgen, our Sable Loaf, for an exciting career as a voice herald.

For more information on what was said at Council, check out the Council Minutes for May 2010 now posted at the Barony's website - <http://lionsgate.antir.sca.org/public/council.minutes.shtml>

A New Dance-hall?

The \$2 increase in practice fees has killed the dance practise attendance. Dance Mistress, Rhiannon, reported at Council. Many dancers feeling the effect of the economic slowdown just could not afford the price hike.

Her Ladyship Rhiannon did poll the dancers and found they would be interested in coming back if a cheaper solution was found and Rhiannon has found one in an amenity hall in a co-op building. The hall will be available free of charge and the practise fee will go to a donation basis.

The Sapperton Hall is booked for September so the Dance Practise will make the move in October.

Newcomers Info Session

Want to become a bard but don't know where to start? What's all this heraldry stuff about? Dreamed of being Robin Hood but don't know where the practise is?

The Newcomers Info Session meets at the Starbucks at the Holdom Skytrain Station on the first Friday of every month where you can learn all of that and more.

You don't have to be a newcomer to attend. Just come and socialize .

Ghost Ridge Spooks Again




The Principality of Tir Righ will once again take part in the Ghost Ridge event held at the Albion Fairgrounds in Maple Ridge every Halloween. The Ghost Ridge™ project is a community haunted house where different stations are run by the various volunteer groups that use the Maple Ridge facilities. Last year, Ghost Ridge raised \$3000 in total.

Dress rehearsals will be starting soon. Since this is not a medieval event, we do not need to do a medieval themed station. We are currently looking at doing a funeral parlour, a corn maze, and the Portals of Hell.






Calendar of Events

September-2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 Rapier Archery Dance	3 Crown Tourney	4 Crown Tourney
5 Crown Tourney	6 Crown Tourney	7	8	9 Rapier Archery	10 Meet & Greet Baronial Candidates at the Bransle	11
12	13 Cloverdale Practice	14	15	16 Rapier Archery Dance	17	18
19	20 Cloverdale Practice	21	22 North Wind Deadline	23 Rapier Archery Council*	24 Coronet Tourney 	25 Coronet Tourney 
26 Coronet Tourney 	27 Cloverdale Practice	28	29	30 Rapier Archery	1	2

October 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Newcomer Info Session	2
3	4 Cloverdale Practice	5 Deadline for advanced polling forms	6	7 Rapier Archery	8 Baronial Opinion Poll at Bransle	9
10	11 Cloverdale Practice	12	13	14 Rapier Archery Dance	15	16
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***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 Thursday of the month, 7:30pm at the Sapperton Pensioner's Hall, 318 Keary Street, New Westminster (across from Royal Columbian Hospital)

September Crown

Hosted by the Barony of Glymm Mere

Event Steward: Baron Godric ap Rhys

Time: September 3 – 6, 2010

Site: Nix Ranch, 220 Nix Road, Chehalis, WA 98532.

As the day dawns bright, so does the light that shines in the eyes of those readying themselves for battle. It is not just the heavy fighters of An Tir who prepare to show their skill. In the days ahead, an equestrian champion will display their mastery and an archery protector shall prove him or herself worthy of a place in Their Majesties court, as well. Their Majesties' heir will also be chosen in the heavy tournament displaying the fighters' bravery and prowess.

Fee: \$15 adults, \$7 youth (8-17), ages 7 and younger are free. Family cap \$44. NMS of \$5 applies

Meet and Greet the Baronial Candidates

Time: 7:00 PM, September 10, 2010

Site: Masonic Hall

Come and meet your Baronial Candidates at the traditional Bransle location (the Masons' Hall in New Westminster) for introductions, followed by a question and answer session.

While there will still be a Bransle on the lower floor, **there is no fee** to come in to the Meet & Greet, nor is garb required. If you're going to just "pop in" to the meet & greet, but plan to hang out most of the night at the Bransle, please wear garb and pay the gate fee.

Tir Righ Coronet

Hosted by the Shire of Eisenmarche

Event Steward: Desiree Chirastella

Time: September 24 – 26, 2010

Site: Albion Fairgrounds, 23588 105th Avenue, Maple Ridge, BC.

Come witness the coming of a new age. This September we gather on the banks of the mighty Fraser River to be part of history as it is written. Be on hand as the great warriors of Tir Righ compete to determine who will be the rightful heirs to the Storm Thrones. Share your wealth of knowledge,

take time to garner new information, visit with friends old and new, shop among the merchants or simply relax and enjoy the weekend.

Archers of Tir Righ, it is time to wax your bows and trim your fletchings. The Tir Righ Archery Champion will be decided by a tourney designed by Archos Thomas of Appledore

Fees: Adults \$15, Youth (13-18) \$10, Children 12 and younger free, family cap \$50, merchant fee \$10 NMS of \$5 applies

Tir Righ Investiture

Hosted by the Shire of Lionsdale

Event Steward: Hlaefdige Thora Golvik

Time: August 27-29

Come witness the ascension of Alden and Katherine, the rightful heirs of Tir Righ, as they rise to claim the Storm Thrones.

See the heroes fight for the right to be called Scourge of the North, Champion of Tir Righ.

Enjoy activities in Rapier, Archery, Arts and Science, Bardic, and children activities as well.

Baronial Polling

Time: 7:00 PM, October 8, 2010

Advanced Polling: October 5, 2010

Site: Masonic Hall

Baron Griffin ap Bedwyr and Baroness Caitrin ni Cingeadh will be stepping down at the end of their three year term on November 6th, 2010. An opinion poll will be conducted on October 8th to assist Their Majesties in selecting the Barony's next Baron and Baroness.

Their Majesties wish to offer an advance polling date of October 5th to those who will be unavailable for the October 8th polling. Polling forms are available to all paid SCA members living within the boundaries (postal codes) of the Barony and to all Baronial Officers and members of the Sergeantry by contacting His Lordship [Uilliam MacAndrew](#). All e-mails, comments and "advance polling forms" must be postmarked by October 5th and returned to Their Majesties. Those members living outside the Barony and any non-members wishing to comment should send their comments directly to Their Majesties.



Ask Doctor Carus

Dear Dr. Carus:

The other day I was washing my favourite silver spoon, when I noticed the silver chipping off. "Egads," I cried, "it's plated!" Imagine my dismay in realizing my treasured family heirloom was a fake. When did they start making silver plated items, and were they more prevalent or popular than solid silver? Bonus question: Was there any social stigma surrounding having plate versus

the solid stuff? Sincerely, Penny Cuillère

My Lady Cuillère,

Last issue, I discussed just what makes gold so great. That was the Sweat of the Sun; now for the Tears of the Moon. Silver (= Argentum, "shiny"; symbol Ag) is also classed as "noble", since it too is found as native nuggets. However, the metal is also refined from various silver ores – that often occur with lead ones, making lead metal a waste byproduct of the silver industry, which is why it's classically been so cheap. Silver will also slowly react with air – the resulting thin film or "tarnish" of surface oxide protects the underlying metal from further corrosion, like the patina of copper alloys but unlike the flaking rust of iron; traces of hydrogen sulfide, such as from flatulence and rotten eggs, turns this to darker Ag₂S.

Though silver is thus not as "immortal" as gold, still it too can be readily beaten into foil, drawn into wire, cast into ingots, or stamped with the image of Caesar. And it has one trick that gold has not: it's poison. Not that you and I would notice (except to permanently turn blue, were we to ingest enough of its dust or salts – called "argyria"), but enough slowly leaches from a surface to kill any nearby poor bacteria, who lack the heavy-metal flushing machinery of we multicellulars. Hence, less disease from improperly-washed plates and utensils if they're actual "silverware", or from river-water in silver ewers (Herodotus *The Histories*, 5th C. BC, Book 1, s. 188); hence, physicians applying silver-impregnated ointments and plasters to wounds against infection (Pliny *Natural History*, 1st C. AD, Book 33 Ch. 35); hence, a reputation amongst the Folk as an apotropaic against other "demonic" phenomena (e.g. Evil-infused sorcerers, vampires & werewolves).

For this purpose then, there need only be silver at the surface. Gluing leaf on by hand was known from Antiquity, and long did Alchemy do "silvering" of base metal objects (and eventually, of glass mirrors) by applying liquid mercury-silver amalgam (such as still used in dentistry) then evaporating the mercury in hot oil (Al-Razi, M./Lat. Rhazes *Sirr Al-Asrar/The Secret of Secrets*, 10th C.; Biringuccio, V. *De la Pirotechnia*, 1540); while "hot-dipping" of sheet iron into molten tin to make "tinplate" dates from the 16th C. However, the first mass-produced "silver plate" (today called "Old Sheffield Plate") only appeared in 1743, by heat-fusing silver sheets to copper slabs, and rolling and forming them together into "silver" buttons etc at ¼ the price (no longer now just for those proverbially born with silver spoons in their mouths! *Deb. Proc. Congress U.S.*, 1801); wares in this material became more socially acceptable (i.e. less seen as attempts at affectation, or counterfeit) after the English Parliament in 1784 allowed the maker to add a Maker's Mark, as was previously only used to certify items as solid silver (or rather, "Sterling", a standard and more durable alloy, with 7.25% copper). From about 1840, even thinner layers of silver were deposited onto copper, nickel or pewter objects by "electroplating".

All such "silver plate" can be distinguished in that the Real Thing should bear "Sterling", "925", or some other Hallmark on top of the Maker's Mark; or, if you don't trust that, by density (copper & nickel ca. 8.9 g/mL, silver 10.5 g/mL), or by the look of a discrete scratch, especially after touched with nitric acid; also, silver is the most thermally conductive of all metals, and a solid piece briefly touched to the inside of the experienced wrist will feel colder than if it was mostly something else. "Poor man's silver" in Period included pewter (an alloy mostly of tin, and sometimes in those days, some lead – ick!), and iron or mild steel; today, it's aluminum, nickel-copper ("melchior"), and stainless steel.

Any pits and scratches through the silver layer will quickly spread as the underlying base metal acts as a sacrificial anode ("red plague", if copper). You can prolong the life of your silver plate (typically, 30 years of heavy use) by prompt and brief washing, then storing dry (a bit of camphor nearby scavenges any trace of nasty sulphurous vapours); and re-brightening, not through polishing off any tarnish, but by reversing the corrosion reaction through contact with aluminum foil in baking soda and water (<http://scifun.chem.wisc.edu/homeexpts/TARNISH.html> – not quite Period, but neither, I'm afraid, is your heirloom). Eventually, when the silver layer finally wears through (as yours has, my poor Lady!), it can still be replated – consult your local Silverware Outlet.

Looking Good In Black!

The Barony is back in black once again thanks to the quick actions of the Baronial Financial Committee and some successful events.

Anika reported that the bank balance as of August 26th was over \$10,000 again. More importantly, the expenses for the year were estimated at \$3700 and the float and gate from SYGC was still to be deposited.

The success of the Tournament of Armies with the increased practise fees and cost cutting helped turn things around.

We still need to watch our spending as some costs are continuing to rise. The HST will added an extra \$180 to the cost of the locker rental for next year. The income statement for April – June is included below.

Income Statement For the 2QTR 2010

Income	
Direct Contributions/Donations	\$ 215.14
Activity Related	
Income from Demos and Activity Fees	864.00
Event Income	4,890.06
Other Sales Income	0.00
Other Income	0.00
Total Gross Income	<u><u>\$ 5,969.20</u></u>
Expenses	
Bad Debts	\$ 0.00
Bank Service Charges	14.95
Equipment Rental & Maintenance	324.80
Food	0.00
General Supplies	1,262.18
Insurance (Non-SCA) - NSCA refund	-4,014.71
Occupancy & Site Charges	6,834.27
Postage & Shipping, PO Box Rental	42.41
Printing & Publications	68.26
Travel (Ferry cost for Sealion)	59.20
Subtotal Expenses	<u>\$ 4,591.36</u>
Other Expenses	0.00
Donations to Other 501(c)(3) Organizations - aka NMS	363.00
Funds Transferred Out to Another SCA Account	
Within Kingdom - insurance certificates	165.25
Outside Kingdom	0.00
Total Expenses	<u><u>\$ 5,119.61</u></u>
Net Income	<u><u>\$ 849.59</u></u>

HUZZAH!

New Sergeant

Second time around was the charm for Laric Godwin as he earned his Sargeantry belt under the sweltering heat at SYGC held in Allco Park in Maple Ridge. The event drew out around 100 people and earned the Barony just over \$200 after expenses.

In addition, the event steward Ceara was presented with her scroll for earning the rank of Courtier in last year's Sargeantry Trials.

Wear Sunscreen



photo by Alzbieta of Lions Gate

Whether you want advice on how to prevent melanoma or whether that charge should be rampant or ululant, Her Ladyship Caitrina inghean Andriasia is always quick with an answer. She is, indeed, a pillar in our Society and was recognized as such when she was called forth, and welcomed into the Order of the Silver Pillar.

It's your call on the rampart or the ululant but trust her on the sunscreen.

Raven's Blood

Dame Elena de Maisnilwarin was called forth, and Their Highnesses, Prince Ieuan and Princess Gwyneth, did welcome her into the Order of the Raven's Blood.

The Raven's Blood is an a mark of favour given once per reign to an individual who embodies the ideals of the Society.

A New Scourge

Viscount Ieuan Gower defeated all contenders to with the armoured combat champion and become the Scourge of Tir Righ.

Goutte De Sang

Danitha and Sebastian from our nearby Shire and former Canton of Lionsdale received their Goutte De Sang.

Proud Papa

Caitlin and Quinn Wolfden, the daughter of your friendly neighbourhood chronicler, received their Award of Arms from Prince Ieuan and Princess Gwyneth. Yes, we managed to surprise them. The family dog, Spike, was on hand to witness the occasion.



photo by Alzbieta of Lions Gate

Good Booth

Have you spotted a merchant booth that made you feel like you were in an enchanted ground? King Tiernan and Queen Miranda have created a new award called the Good Booth to award those merchants that strive for greater period authenticity in both their merchandise and their pavilion to display their wares. The first recipient of the award is Lynn the Weaver from Wastekeep. If you feel a merchant locally meets the criteria, write Their Majesties and let them know.

Who's on Vigil

Breaking news from Crown reports that Baroness Caitrin has been put on vigil for the Pelican and Arminius for the Chivalry.

Scroll of the Month

A scroll is presented and briefly shown to the populace at court. Then often we never see it again.

A travesty that needs to be corrected and fine use of the power of the press.

The Scroll of the Month for September is Baron Griffin's Hafoc done by Mistress Agnes Cresewyke.

Agnes reports that the materials used are gouache, ink, and gold leaf on paper and that it was done in the style of his persona's time.

Baron Griffin received the award and scroll from Prince Ieuan Gower at this year's Sealion War.



photo by Agnes Cresewyke

Do you have a scroll that you would like to submit to Scroll of the Month?

Send a photograph or scan to me at chronicler@lionsgate.antir.sca.org and let me know a little history of the scroll.

If you are not the scribe, please ask their permission first!

Arts and Science Showcase

This month we feature a Laurel and her student with very different projects. Photographs have been taken by the artists and used with their permission.



1. Hand-raised copper vessel with Sterling Silver topped lid by Safiye al-Konstantiniyye
2. A tablet woven band by Eleanor Odlowe
3. A 16th Century German Shirt by Eleanor Odlowe
4. Pictish Seahorses by Safiye al-Konstantiniyye

Compendium



* Their Royal Majesties of An Tir – King Tiernan Mor Dal Cais and Queen Miranda Faoltiarna (king@antir.sca.org, queen@antir.sca.org).



* **Their Highnesses of Tir Righ** – Prince Alden ap Owain and Princess Katherine atte Moure (prince@tirrigh.org, princess@tirrigh.org).

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Investiture – What a blast!



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