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The Baron's Column

Greetings Lions Gate! I hope that this past season found you well, and in the company of good friends and family. Her Excellency and I had a beautiful holiday, and much bird and drink were consumed. The turning of the year reminds us that it's now been a full year since she and I stepped up as your Baron and Baroness, and while we have to say thank you again (thank you!), we need to let you all know that we're having an absolute blast! The past year has been a great deal of fun; although there was work to be done too, working with - and for - a group like Lions Gate reminds us why we joined this family.

However, you may have heard that there was shenanigans in Seagirt late last month. Our neighbour to the west was holding their Yule celebration, and Her Excellency Roxanne 'Caitrina' Hood and I happened to be in the area, looking for new ventures and interesting territory. We discovered one such great hall. Located near the water, it was large and full of comforting furnishings. We brought with us swatches of Lions Gate-coloured fabric and devices of measurement, but were interrupted in our investigations of this hall; apparently the Barony of Seagirt had claimed the hall, and were in the midst of holding court.

We tried to tell them to ignore us and carry on, but they insisted we cease. Luckily, Her Highness Lenora was present as well, and we were invited into court. She naturally sat between us and the Baron & Baroness of Seagirt, so that we could all keep peace.

In the evening court, the Baroness Lions Gate and I - in an attempt to apologize for interrupting their court - offered a gift of largess from the Barony and people of Lions Gate. However, in an unfortunate random happenstance, the head of one of Seagirt's missing messengers tumbled out of the basket I was carrying.

People of Lions Gate; I urge you to be more careful with the bodies of messengers from Seagirt. Such carelessness could lead to ... something.

Baron Uilliam



Baronial Officer Job Posting

Do you like money? More to the point, do you like counting money? Does balancing books turn you on? At the very least, would you like one of the coolest officer titles in the Barony?

If you answered yes to any one of the above questions, the Barony of Lions Gate may have just the job for you. We are looking for a new Chancellor of the Exchequer.

Yes, that's the actual title of the office. Pretty cool sounding. Of course, the flip side of a cool job title is that it does come with a fair amount of work and responsibility. Bookkeeping or prior treasurer experience will be a big asset.

Please submit your application to the Seneschal and the Baron and Baroness before the Council meeting.

Lions Gate Calendar

January

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
			1	2	3	4
5	6 Fight	7	8	9	10	11
				12 th Night		
12	13 Fight	14	15	16 Newcomers Social	17	18
A&S	19 Fight	20	21	22 Council	23	24
				Ursalmas		
26	27 Fight	28	29	30	31	
				Lionsdale Winter Tourney		

February

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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2	3 Fight	4	5	6 Bransle	7	8
				Winter's End TUTR		
9	10 Fight	11	12	13	14	15
16	17 Fight	18	19	20	21	22
				Tir Righ February Investiture		
23	24 Fight	25	26	27 Newcomers Social	28	

Lions Gate Practices

Archery – It's cold and wet in the deep dark night. So no archery practice. Go find paradise by the dashboard light.

Combat – Armoured and Rapier combat practice occurs every Tuesday Night. Until October, the practice is held at Cyneric and Arianna's house, 18239 60th Avenue, Surrey. In October, the practice will move to the Alice MacKay building in the Cloverdale Fairgrounds.

Rapier – Rapier Practice normally occurs every Thursday Night at the Justice Institute in New Westminster. However, practice is temporarily suspended because we are waiting on some paper work. Check the website and facebook page for updates when it resumes (probably mid-February).

Arts and Science – A&S practice happens once a month at a member's home. Next planned meeting is January 19th. Check the Baronial Facebook page for details.

Bransle – A social meeting in garb held in North Surrey every other month. Next one is February 6th.

Newcomer/Baronial Social – A general social meeting held in Vancouver for both newcomers and long term members to get together and socialize. Next dates are January 16th and February 27th.

Upcoming Events

Ursalmas Medieval Faire

When: January 23 – January 25, 2015

Where: Evergreen State Fairgrounds, Munroe, Washington

Aquaterra's premiere event and demo runs once again with various prize tourneys in all martial disciplines to draw Lionsgators down in force.

Lionsdale Winter Tourney

When: January 31, 2015

Where: Pitt Meadows Heritage Hall, Pitt Meadows

The Shire of Lionsdale always hosts a fun tournament in the winter time. For those who don't like to swing rattan or show off their fancy footwork with a blade in one hand and a dagger in the other, the Winter Tourney also hosts the Lionsdale Arts and Science Championship. This year theme is focused not on Winter but on Spring with the entrants showing how their persona would prepare for spring. The dark days are ending so is it time to prepare for planting or sewing your warm weather clothes or mending your armour. Documentation should be between 2-5 pages (not including bibliography). There should be a visual display to show your process and there will be an oral presentation as well.

Winter's End TUTR

When: February 7 – February 8

Where: Kelly Creek Community School, Powell River, BC

The Shire of False Isle invites you to a TUTR session where you can learn new skills to keep you active during the last days of winter. Preliminary classes announced include basic blackwork embroidery, cooking for the feast, how to write a filk, introduction to medieval musical instruments, pysanki, target arrow construction, and many more.

Tir Righ February Investiture**When:** February 21**Where:** Maritime Labour Centre, Vancouver

Lions Gate is proud to host the Investiture of Sir Olen and Viscountess Chiara as they step up to become Tir Righ's next Prince and Princess. There will also be a tournament to determine the next Scar of Tir Righ (Rapier).

Daffodil Tournament**When:** March 14**Where:** Cowichan Exhibition Grounds, Duncan

Come one an all and enjoy the festivities of the Barony of Seagirt's Daffodil Tournament! There will be exciting tournaments to determine Seagirt's newest Defender (heavy) and Captain of the Grenadiers (rapier). There will be amazing prizes and a delectable feast! There will also be thrilling archery and arts and science contests! This year's tournament is War of Roses themed, so as you enter gate choose which house you side with: York or Lancaster!

Canterbury Fayre**When:** March 28**Where:** ???

Event Steward Needed!!! This event will host the A&S Championship and the Bardic Championship tournaments. A site is being looked into. On calendar as March 21 but EIF is in process to change date.

Champions Tournament**When:** May 23**Where:** Warner Loat Park, Burnaby

Yes, we will return once again to this historic site in search of the elusive Loat. Tournaments will be held to determine heavy combat, archery, and rapier champions. Unfortunately, we are not allowed to camp in the park anymore so this will be a day event. I'm sure there will be a few after parties planned.

Sealion War**When:** May 29 – 31**Where:** Somewhere in bowels of Seagirt

As long as we can avoid any more accidents with messengers from Seagirt, I am sure this will just blow over and we will drink tea from dainty cups together while eating bonbons.

Compendium



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