

## Tir Righ Investiture



*The Storm Prince and The Storm Princess, Olen and Chiara*  
*photo by Adina Mounsey*

Nobody comes to an event for court, right? Well, over 300 people came to the Tir Righ Investiture which features a whole lot of court.

For me, the highlight was welcoming two new members into the Order of the Grey Goose. Wulfwyn of Meduseld was called up first and Elora of Lions Gate was called up next. Having shot alongside both of them, it was a great pleasure to stand up and speak of their prowess.

Of course, there were lots of other highlights. Our Lions Gate Rapier Champion, Kian, won the Rapier Tournament to become the Scar of Tir Righ. If you are close enough to kill him, he may have already killed you. Snaer of Fjordland received his Havoc despite picking a fight early in the day with a young gentle from Lions Gate, Phaelen. Actually, when Phaelen showed up for the YAC tournament, he was the only youth fighting. Snaer graciously donned armour so Phaelen could fight.

Other awards included Mary Craver and Corey receiving their Award of Arms. Huzzah to our new Lady and Lord. I think Corey is thinking of taking on the Germanic last name of Vater.

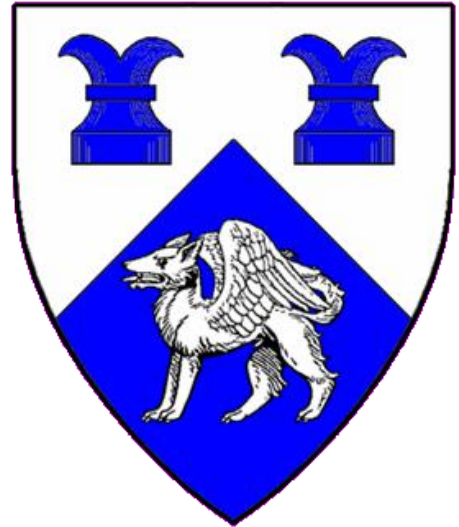
Aibinn and Caoimhe both received Silver Pillars for the service they have done to the Principality.

The event steward, Duke Ulfr was recognized with The Raven which is awarded only once per reign to an individual who embodies the ideals of our Society.

# The Baron's Column

I promised Baron James that I'd write something, and so I shall. You'd think it wouldn't be that hard, but so far...

Canterbury Faire is coming soon, probably right about the time you read this. I look forward to seeing and hearing all the competitors in our Arts & Sciences and Bardic Championship Tournaments, as well as ALL THE OTHER STUFF this day is going to bring! The event steward team has certainly put together a great schedule of activities and classes, so I do hope we'll see as many folk out to the Grenowode as possible. This is the first time we'll be holding these two competitions on this site, and we will be looking at it with an eye for – possibly – combining all Championships into one weekend. If there was ever a site we could do this on, it would be the Grenowode. We'll talk about that more next year.



Also, the Baron and Baroness of Seagirt will be attending, so ... you know ... watch out for shenanigans.

I'm excited for the coming season of war! Perhaps not as excited as Her Excellency Caitrina, who has her own armour under construction, and should be on the field as a combat archer, should the need ever arise. I don't believe it should, but you never quite know how fragile the peace really is.

Canterbury Faire last year was our first Lions Gate event as Baron and Baroness, and I'd like to thank you all for giving us the opportunity to have so much fun. Every person who held office, sat gate, organized classes, ran events, swept up at the end of a night... you've made this whole thing work, and enabled others to enjoy the pastime we love. Thank you.

So, let's go have fun!

*Baron William*

## About the North Wind

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## Lions Gate Calendar

### March

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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2	3 Combat	4	5 Rapier	6	7	8
9	10 Combat	11	12 Rapier	13	14	15
A&S 16	17 Combat	18	19 Rapier	20 Newcomers Social	21 Canterbury Fayre	22 Allthings Practice
23	24 Combat	25	26 Rapier Council	27	28	29
30	31 Combat					

### April

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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A&S 13	14 Combat	15	16 Rapier	17 Newcomers Social	18 Allthings Practice	19
20	21 Combat	22	23 Rapier Council	24	25	26
27	28 Combat	29	30 Rapier			

## Lions Gate Practices

**Archery** – Almost there for outdoor practices. Get your Burnaby Archers membership starting April.

**Combat** – Armoured and Rapier combat practice occurs every Tuesday Night at the Alice MacKay building in the Cloverdale Fairgrounds.

**Rapier** – Rapier Practice occurs every Thursday Night at the Justice Institute in New Westminster. Heavy fighters welcome but please use something to prevent your knee armour from damaging the wooden floor.

**Arts and Science** – A&S practice happens once a month at a member's home. Next planned meetings are February 16<sup>th</sup>, March 16<sup>th</sup>, and April 13<sup>th</sup>. Check the Baronial Facebook page for details.

**Bransle** – A social meeting in garb held in North Surrey every other month.

**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 March 20<sup>th</sup> and April 17<sup>th</sup>.

## Upcoming Events

### Allthings Practice

**When:** March 22

**Where:** The Grene Wode

**Site Fee:** \$5

A practice for All The Things!

Equestrian, Archery, Heavy Armoured, Light Armoured, Thrown Weapons, Cut and Thrust, Dance, Bardic, and other Arts and Sciences! The evening will see a potluck feast and games, dance and bardic. There is room for classes and workshops, socialising and hobnobbing as well as honing your particular skills in the Medieval Arts we love. To volunteer to teach or Marshall an area, please contact Briana (Nancy Hedge).

### Lions Gate Champions Tournaments

**When:** May 23

**Where:** Warner Loat Park, Burnaby, BC

**Site Fee:** \$10

Who will stand and defend the honour of Lions Gate and its undoubted Baron and Baroness?

On the Hallowed Grounds of the Warner Loat Park, three martial champions will be decided. Those thick of neck and strong of arm may choose to fight in the Heavy Armoured Combat Tournament. For those that are more fleet of foot with a more cavalier attitude may prefer the Rapier Combat Tournament. If you laugh at such fighters knowing that with your hawk-like vision and a steady arm, you can kill them from a 100 yards away, perhaps the Archery Tournament will be your choice.

Choose your weapons. Choose your tournament. Win and you will be a Champion of Lions Gate.

For those of a more gentler nature, please come and join us as well. There will be Boules and Croquet.

For those with an artistic nature, I invite you to participate in a competition to produce a Loat in any medium. I would also invite all our artisans to come and sell your wares.

Please bring a picnic lunch.

# Canterbury Faire

## March 21

### The Grene Wode

### Site Fee: \$15

The Barony of Lions Gate's premier Spring event is hosted this year at the lovely Grene Wode in Langley, BC. A day of classes and socializing, with an evening's fun including a Games Tournament and Tavern, using all the amenities the site has to offer.

The opulent Red Room will house the Arts and Sciences and Bardic Championships.

The Great Hall will host Lions Gate's finest merchants and Guilds during the day, and will see much revelry and dance at the potluck in the evening.

Other spaces are available for the numerous classes planned.

Day food and caffeination will be offered as well, to ensure you have the energy to enjoy the day's festivities!

The evening will feature a potluck revel, so bring your favourite dishes to share.

Site fee is \$15, with no NMS, and in keeping with Kingdom policy children and youth are free!

**Contests a plenty are planned:** (Any and all donations of Prizes are very welcome!)

Merchants: Best Booth, and Best Hagglers

Games: Most Games Played, Most Dances Danced

Dance: Most Dances Danced, Most Stylish Dancer, Most Games Played

Arts and Sciences: Super Six Largesse, Artisans Choice

Bardic: Mobs Choice, Bards Choice

Potluck: Favourite Dish and Most Period Presentation

Also an informative Pilgrimage Trail has been laid out over the site, and participants may learn something new about the ancient city of Canterbury should they visit all the stations, and earn a Pilgrim's Token!

### **Are you ready for the largess competition?**

Competition 1 is a Super 6 competition for anyone 16 and up to enter. The populace will choose the winner who will then get one of each of the entries.

Competition 2 is also a Super 6 competition but for those ages 10 to 15 as I've been told the youth of the Barony would like to have a competition just for them. Same rules apply. Populace will choose the winner who will then get one of each of the entries.

BOTH Competitions will have a Baroness' Choice and the winners will be given a special prize. The winners will be chosen by yours truly.

### **Did we mention TUTR?**

In the Morning, we have

**Pewter Mold Casting Part 1** with Mistress Meresigha Stonegatta of Witham and HL Aelana Cordovera

This is a two part course with the second part happening in the afternoon. Cost: \$12

**Fundamentals of Bowmaking** with Archos James Wolfden

This course is designed to show you how to get started in making a selfbow. Cost \$2

**Largesse 101** with HL Jadwiga

Learn what makes good largesse for your Shire, Barony, Principality, or Kingdom. Cost \$4/\$6 depending on the kit you want to make.

**Inkle Weave** with Mistress Caitrin ni Cingeadh

Learn the skills required to inkle weave. Cost: \$3

**Two Sword – Bellatrix Style** with Duke Paul

The class teaches the techniques and strategy of the Bellatrix system of fighting with the two-sword style against different weapons.

**Cut and Thrust – German Longsword** with Master Guidobaldo Marco Odo Romeo d'Aquila

This class is for experienced fighters to help them understand and practise German Longsword. Cost: \$3

In the afternoon

**Pewter Mold Casting Part 2** with Mistress Meresigha Stonegatta of Witham and HL Aelana Cordovera**Intermediate Inkle Loom Pick-Up Weave** with Master Guidobaldo Marco Odo Romeo d'Aquila

This class is for those that are already familiar with inkle looms and want to learn more. Cost: \$3

**Questions and Answers with Duke Paul**

It's question and answers with Duke Paul and maybe some practice of the techniques discussed

**Mendhi Mystery** with Shadiyah Mehndi

It wouldn't be a mystery if I told you about it but Shadiyah might....

**Talk on World Travel** with HL Kenzie McBeighn

Many medieval pilgrims did just that on religious quests, opening their eyes and minds to new thoughts, dress, and foods. Modern day traveller Kenzie McBeighn has done that as well and will talk on his experiences through North and South America.

**Haversack Design and Construction** with Mistress Caitrin ni Cingeadh

Learn the skills and techniques to create your own haversack. Cost: \$5

**Fletching** with Archos James Wolfden

This course will teach you how to make your own arrows from shafts. Cost: \$5

**How to Make the Most of Your Heraldry** with Eithne Rose

This course will explore the many things you can apply your heraldry to, from banners to garb to everything in between

**Who Do You Think You Are?** With Mistress Agnes of Cresweke

This course is a casual discussion about researching, creating, and living in a persona.

**Walk the Spring Wode** with HL Donatello Sanuto

Just what it says it is.

And where is this all happening?

The Grene Wode

25133 0 Avenue,

Langley, BC

## The Order of Valiance



Recently, Society has approved the Fourth Order of Peerage, The Order of Defense. This new order recognizes excellence and Peer Like Qualities in the Rapier and Cut and Thrust Martial Activities.

A proposal has recently been submitted to the SCA Board of Directors to be discussed at the April 18<sup>th</sup> Board meeting for a Fifth Order of Peerage, The Order of Valiance, an omnibus peerage to handle all martial activities not already covered by the Order of Chivalry and the new Order of Defense.

The proposal was drafted from the input from over 850 people from across the Known World. All Kingdoms had representation including the soon to be Kingdom of Avacal.

The key proposal is to have a peerage that will not only handle existing Martial activities like archery, siege weapons, thrown weapons, and equestrian but to have a peerage that can handle future martial activities.

The Census done in 2010 indicated that 22% of people that indicated they stopped participating in the SCA did so because they felt they were not appreciated. It is hoped that by adding an omnibus martial peerage we will a means of recognizing our members and thus encouraging them to keep playing.

Target archery already has a wide participation with numbers rivaling that heavy armoured combat and target archery (with trickle-downs to combat archery) is growing in popularity through popular media including The Hunger Games and The Arrow. The SCA is natural place for many of the people interested in these shows to learn more about archery. Retaining these people will not solely depend on recognition but it is a big factor.

The proposal can be found on the web at <http://endlesskills.net/valianceproposal.pdf>

Comments can be sent to the BOD at [directors@sca.org](mailto:directors@sca.org)

Let them know if you are in favour of this proposal and why.

Have Fun. Play Fair.

Baron James Wolfden, OGGS

## Compendium



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