



The North Wind

Newsletter of the Barony of Lions Gate

January - March
AS LVIII

Barons Column

Greetings all: Spring has sprung and we are ready for a new season of Medieval fun. Our Monday All Thing and Practice is rolling along nicely and if you haven't made it out I encourage you to make your way there. We would love to see you. The All Thing and Practice will not change to Tuesdays until Mid May. The exact date will be forthcoming, so everyone is aware. We have heard good things regarding our new Archery practice location. I will endeavor to make my way there soon and I hope to see lots of pew pews. April has two events with seven of our nine championships taking place. Come to Canterbury Fool and Lions Gate Champions to see our Games, Bardic, Arts & Science, Thrown Weapons, Target Archery, Rapier and Heavy Armoured Combatants compete. The competitions will be fierce and entertaining. At Daffodil the Coronets of Seagirt and their pet Orca sported shenanigans, taking liberties with the pet Lion of the Coronets of Lions Gate. After some discussion between Her Excellency and Her Excellency it was decided that the shenanigans would be resolved with WAR! Come support your loving Baroness as the forces of Lions Gate cross the azure waters and show the Seagirtians the Pride of Lions Gate. This will be happening the last weekend in May. As always, my friends, stay safe and enjoy your medievalling.

-Baron Cyneric Bearson

Past Events

12th night

January 13-15

In the Barony of Adiantum the populace of An Tir witnessed the step down of His and Her Royal Majesties Octamasades and Achaxe to welcome the new reign of King Athos and Queen Alianora.

-Dagny i Fyrði



Queen Alianora at 12th Night Photo by Denise Marsden



King Athos at 12th Night Photo by Denise Marsden

Ursulmas Fight/Demo Tournament

January 31

Ursulmas Through New Eyes

I found myself at the Evergreen State Fairgrounds in Barony of Aquaterra, and the scene replayed itself over and over again. Every time I mentioned this was my first Ursulmas, people would give me this confused look.

“Really? There’s no way.”

“You’ve never been?”

“Well, there’s more stick than you can eat here!”

They weren’t kidding! Ursulmas, one of the Kingdom’s premiere fighting events, was two full days of tournaments followed by pick-ups, then more tournaments and more pick-ups! I ended up being in my armour for the full two days, fighting in not only the main tournament, but also the Never-Won-A-Tourney Tourney, as well as the Period Armour Tourney. Good thing I got bounced from the Sunday tourney early, because it was an absolute hoot watching the over-40’s ham it up during their concurrent tourney. Fighters using other fighters as marionettes and group highland jigs were only a couple of the highlights of fighters having a great time.

Overall the atmosphere was energizing and filled with fun and smiling faces. I recommend visiting as I will be back to wave sticks once again!

-Nereugei



Decimus and Jacomina at Ursulmas - Photo by Denise Marsden

Investiture

February 18

The Investiture of Prionnsa Argyle and Gormflaith Bernadette was held in the Shire of Lionsdale at Pitt Meadows Heritage Hall and stewarded by Mistress Desiree.

King Athos and Queen Alianora were there to witness Prince Saif carried dramatically by four gentles on a throne to Princess Alessandra as they stepped down from their well-regarded and joyous reign.

Viscount Sir William McBrennan of the Barony of Seagirt was awarded the Raven of Tir Righ, a symbol of veneration. He was bestowed a tombstone and an earthenware mug adorned with a unkindness of ravens. Now when he loses his mug all gentles will know to return it on swift wings to the Raven. Tombstone aside; Long Live Sir William McBrennan! Caw caw!

Rapier Champion Davin Adair passed the torch forward to new Champion Viscountess Gemma Delaroche, the winner of the Rapier Champions Tournament, which was held after court. Of Lions Gate, Loki and Seamus McKinneach fought gallantly and finished in the top eight and Decimus Aurelius skillfully made it to the championship semi-finals.

Our Lions Gate populace showed off their talents at the Investiture Arts and Science tables. A History of Tapestry presented by Etan Moira MacNessa was accompanied by beautifully woven images of saints recreated from medieval masterpieces. Rosalind McAllistair showed her prowess with a pair of finely beaded English glove/gauntlets, a blackwork cap and enlightened us with information on the Bayoux Tapestry and more. Morweena goch Bengrych showed off her lovely tablet woven trims and leg wraps. Margaret Hamilton of Stirlingshire showed her gorgeous natural dyes. Finally, Sitt Marie bint Yussuf al Nasrani displayed a wondrous collection of Medieval Palestinian and Egyptian Silks and tile work.

-Dagny i Fyrði



Prionnsa Argyle and Gormflaith Bernadette at Investiture



Baron Cyneric Bearson at Fan Expo

Fan Expo February 18-20

Fan Expo is a three-day bonanza celebrating comics, sci-fi, horror, anime and gaming held at the Vancouver Convention Centre. Saethryth de Apeleia, unhindered by a bout of laryngitis, organized the team of SCAdians who rocked our demonstration for the second year in a row. The evidence of our awesomeness is our invite back from last year, which was our first year attending since Fan Expo debuted in Vancouver in 2012!

Our cozy crowded demo table was filled to the brim with medieval delights. I saw Malyss Makneile painting scrolls, Guidobaldo Marco Odo Romeo d'Aquila's display of tablet woven trims and Sadhbh Bheag inghean Toirrdhealbhaigh was on a side quest showing her fibre arts at a separate table. There were good gentles of our lands and as far as Cold Keep and Seagirt proudly showing inclusivity and diversity in age, race, gender and sharing the joys of all we do.

Lastly, our fighters excited the crowd with public Boffer Fights and live Demonstrations. Our chivalrous heavy fighters stood their ground (literally not moving) while the public whacked them to "death". All sacrifice aside, we were once again well-received by Fan Expo coordinators and generated positive interest from potential newcomers to the SCA.

-Dagny i Fyrði

Langley Demo February 21

On a chilly February night, The Barony of Lions Gate came together with Langley Fundamentals School to hold a Medieval Faire. This medieval faire is an annual event that has been taking place for more than 20 years where the grade 8's and 9's come garbed up in 11th – 15th century English costumes and learn history from our volunteers. After a feast, the kids split up into 5 Anglo-Saxon Kingdoms that rotated through classrooms and gyms learning about medieval combat, rapier fighting, arms and armoury, fiber arts, scribal arts and music.

Our most appreciated volunteers united to share their medieval knowledge with the students. In one gym a handful of heavy fighters demonstrated tournament style battles. In another gym the kids were shown 14-17th century swords, explained the history of rapier swords being a street fighting weapon and got to see live SCA style fights. The Arms and Armour classroom had a table filled with armaments and the kids asked questions and tried on armour pieces. Next, the students were taught about medieval instruments like recorders and the saltare. In another room they learned what tablet weaving was and got to try out hoop embroidery stitches. Lastly, everyone was fascinated by the scribal arts as they were able to partake in making their own pigments from rocks and minerals. After

creating their own pigments, they took pigment to paper and enjoyed painting their own bookmarks.

As always, the Faire ran smoothly and was enjoyed by students, parents, and teachers alike. I hear the only improvement that could be made is having even more volunteers for next year! Thank you, Lions Gate, for sharing what you love and donating your time!

-Dagny i Fyrði



Scribal Paints at Langley Demo

Kingdom Arts and Science & Queen's Rapier Championship

February 24-26

I have a story to tell how 5 Tir Righ fighters went south just two days ago to earn the honour of the Queen. Having a rule of 60 inches of steel, two fighters had to find a new off hand weapon for their fights. After many battles, two of our Fighters reached top 8.

A few more brave battles and it was down to two fighters, one of them was Davin. The finals were best out of 5. The opponent won the first and won the second, but His Lordship Davin took the next 2 battles. Tied! In the 5th and finale battle, Davin lost. Now you would think him done, but no he challenged for the Kingdom garter, but was quickly

put down. He is not down heartened for he has asked fair maid Kim for her hand and she said yes. Well done Jacomina, Giuliana, Davin, Magdalena and Rosalie.

-Katherine O'Daire

The Return of Daffodil

March 18

The Return of Daffodil was a triumphant success! Hail the hero's who put it all together in only a month! HL Anne Greystoke and her team did an amazing job. It was wonderful to see so many familiar faces doing all the things they love to do. The Rapier tournament was fast and furious with HL Seamus MacDonald emerging as the victor, securing the championship for the second time in a row. The Heavy Defender list was 20 deep, and, in the end, it was Sir Mikolaj standing victorious. They also held their traditional competition for "a Daffodil in any medium", there were two levels, novice and advanced and these were won by Lady Giovanna de Sollario from Hartwood and Mistress Alicia LeWilfulle. There were classes, merchants, a super six competition and an amazing Mediterranean feast provided by Signora Aspasia and her team. Delightful detail to note...the class on making pasta provided the pasta for the event feast! Baroness Aniko of Seagirt was garbed in a lovely Daffodil coloured gown with the words "As the Sea parts...Seagirt Rises" embellishing the skirt. Truly a delightful event and a wonderful start to this year's event season.

-Baroness Arianna Freemont

Arts and Sciences

On the first Monday of every month our populace rejoices in an online show and tell for the Arts and Sciences. Please visit the Principality of Tir Righ Facebook page to see what wonderful things everyone is working on!



-Leather Archery Bracer made with stingray skin by Angharad verch Cenydd

Jaqueline Lefleur has announced that she will be posting a little about TUTR and how you can be involved on the Principality of Tir Righ Facebook page on Tuesdays.

Bardic

An Tir Monthly Online Bardic is held on zoom on the first of every month at 7pm PST details posted on the Tir Righ Facebook page by Briahnnna Colette La Trouvere of the Barony of Dragon's Mist

Guilds, Groups and Practices

Steel Practice

Rapier and Cut & Thrust

Thursdays, 7-9 pm

Contact: Jacomina (lionsgate.rapier@tirrigh.org)

Ecole Irvine Elementary School

3862 Wellington Street, Port Coquitlam

**Enter the small gym around the back of the school

Dance

Wednesdays, 7-9 pm

Contact: Roesia (lionsgate.dance@tirrigh.org)

Options Community Services

13352 Old Yale Road, Surrey

Heavy Fighting, Rapier and all-things

Mondays 7-9 pm

Contact: Decimus (lionsgate.marshall@tirrigh.org)

Westwinds Community Church

6331 176th Street, Cloverdale

please note we enter the property from the back entrance off 175a Street

Archery and Thrown Weapons

Sundays 1 pm onwards

Contact: Angharad (lionsgate.archery@tirrigh.org)

Cornwall Ridge Farm

21955 16 Ave, Langley Township

Chronicler's Closing

It has been a joy to put together this newsletter to celebrate and inform the populace of The Barony of Lions Gate. I owe a huge Huzzah to so many individuals in Lions Gate for helping me.

As our first newsletter in quite some time we would love to hear your feedback! Our goal is to make the North Wind a publication our good gentles want to read, and which represents our Barony. Please e-mail the chronicler if you have thoughts you'd like to share.

We also want your cover-art submissions, limericks, stories, crossword puzzles, riddles etc. for our next issue. Submissions must be sent to LionsGate.Chronicler@tirrigh.org. Cover art must be

on letter sized paper and include space for "The North Wind, The Newsletter of the Barony of Lions Gate, Issue #"

Please Credit yourself on your art.

Theme: Medieval Flora and Fauna

Deadline: June 25, 2023

Please see this wonderful past example:



-Dagny i Fyrði

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-Lions Gate Heraldry by Elspeth Farre

Lions Gate Calendar A.S.IV

Please visit antir.org/events for more events and event details throughout the Kingdom of An Tir.

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April 1
Canterbury Fayre

April 14-16
Golden Fleece

April 29
Lions Gate Champions

| SEPTEMBER | | | | | | |
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September 15-17
Hartwood Fall Fair and Demo

September 15-17
Holmgang by Krakafjord

September 22-24
Tir Righ Arts, Sciences & Bardic Championships

September 29-1
Forest Champions and Bent Bodkin by Coill Mhor

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May 19 – 21
May Crown

May 26-28
SeaLion War

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October 14
Salon Artificum @ Pitt Meadows Heritage Hall

October 28
Lions Gate Baronial Banquet

| JUNE | | | | | | |
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June 9 – 11
Tir Righ June Coronet

June 23-25
Ducal War North

June 24
Athenaeum

June 27 – 2
An Tir West War

| NOVEMBER | | | | | | |
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November 3-5
Tir Righ November Coronet

November 18
Lions Gate Baroness' Inspiration Tournament

November 25
Hartwood Yule

| JULY | | | | | | |
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June 30-2
Cold Keep Defenders Tournament

July 3-7
Penguin Crusade

July 7-9
25th Fields of Gold

July 14-16
July Coronation

| DECEMBER | | | | | | |
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August 4-7
Lions War

August 18-20
Lions Gate Trials

August 25-27
Tir Righ August Investiture

Bullying & Harassment Policy

The SCA **prohibits harassment and bullying** of all individuals and groups. If you are subjected to harassment, bullying, or retaliation, or if you become aware of anyone being harassed or bullied, contact/report to **LionsGate.Seneschal@tirrigh.org**. If you need to further escalate a report you can do so through the Principality or Kingdom Seneschal, the President of the SCA, or your Kingdom's Board Ombudsman.

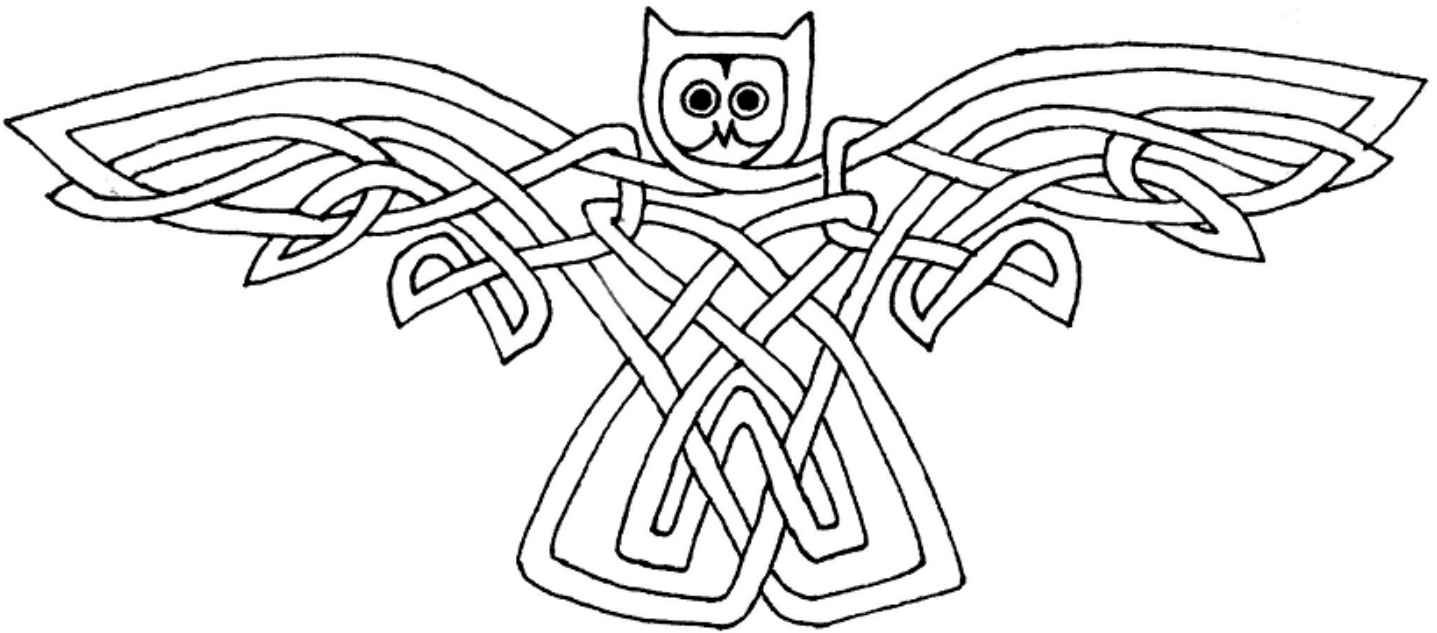
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Lions Gate Financial Policy

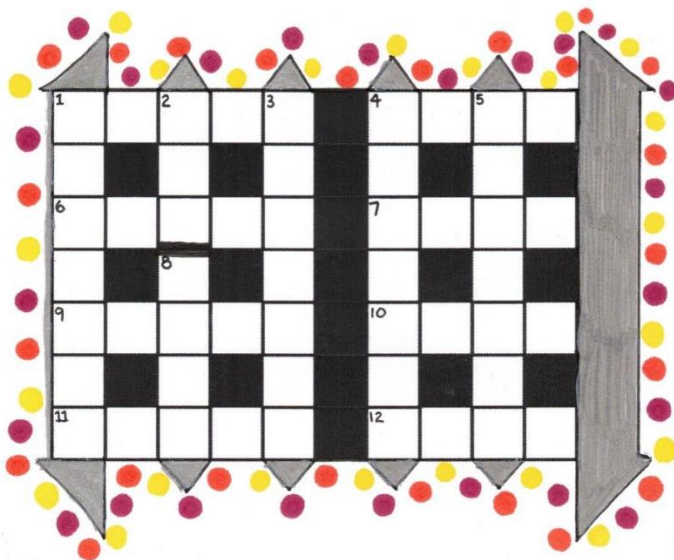
The currently approved Financial Policy shall be available on the Lions Gate website, in its entirety. The page for the policy documents is currently:

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Knotwork Owel by Elspeth Farre



Across

1. Royal symbols of England and An Tir
4. Portcullis, garden entryway
6. Shadow
7. An Tir sunshine
9. Modern Aspasia
10. _____ & Sciences
11. Replaced the bassinet in the 15th century
12. A regular meeting or restricting calories

Down

1. A type of shrubberies
2. Roundest Royal Regalia
3. Ocean wrapped
4. Founding Baron
8. Flower of Scotland, prickly in temper
13. Given by the royal hand and _____

Crossword by Briana Cassia