

Barony of Lions Gate Council – November 15, 2023

Officers and Deputies

Office	SCA Name	Modern Name	Attended
Baronial Coronet	Baroness Arianna Freemont	Dawn Malin	X
Baronial Coronet	Baron Cyneric Bearson	Darren Cocking	X
Seneschal	Nereügei Kitad-un	Victor Lo	X
Deputy seneschal	Jacomina van Vossenbrouck	Karen Meijer	X
Exchequer	Sorcha Inghean Triein	Melissa Martensen	
Deputy exchequer	Azure McGregor	Jacqueline Gregory	X
Family activities coordinator			
Chamberlain	Sadhbh Bheag inghean Toirrdhealbhaigh	Angela Gallant	X
Gold Key Deputy			
Games	Uilliam mac Fearchair mhic Gille Aindrais	Mark Hood	
Chatelaine	Sæthryth de Apeleia	Reena Muljiani	
Deputy chatelaine			
Herald (Sable Loat) *pending	Ro Magdalena Freyin	Courtney Racine	X
Chronicler	Dagny i Fyrði	Terralyn Gray	
Deputy Chronicler			
Scribe	Brynja Kortsdottir	Briony Seedhouse	X
Social Media	Etienne Racine	Michael Racine	X
Webminister	Bleddyn Pwllgwyngyll	James Humphrey	
Stables	porbjorn of Lions Gate	Kris Larsen	X
Stables Deputy			
Archery	Angharad Verch Cenydd	Amy Dolphin	
Archery Deputy	Gunnar Stigandsson (the Wanderer)	Simon Thomsen	
Equestrian			
Lists			
Blades (Rapier)	Giuliana di Castiglione	Jenny Lang	X
Thrown Weapons	Sara e Rosa	Kimberlyn Weston	X
Thrown Weapons Deputy	Koga of the Wolfpack	Billy Wong	
Youth Armoured Combat			
Office	SCA Name	Modern Name	Attended

Arts & Science	Etan na Garmna Casail	Trish Graham	X
Bardic Arts			
Dance	Roesia du Bois	Wendy Humphrey	
TUTR Coordinator	Millicent of Eaglescliff	Tina Johnston	

Guests:

SCA Name	Modern Name
Caemgen mac Garbith ui Andrais	Kevin Garvey
Tanikh bint Farida al Tabibah	Joanne Burrows
Elspeth Farre	Andrea Matthews
Drekah	Jason Thoreson

1. Approval of minutes: October 2023

No minutes to approve, will approve October 2023 and November 2023 minutes in January 2024

2. Seneschal report

It is often said the only constant in life is change. Baroness' Inspiration Tournament and Baronial Banquet will be the last flourish before we enter the quiet months, a time for celebration and coming together, and a chance to reflect and renew. 2023 was a year not without its challenges, but we saw so many successes because of the strengths of the populace and the willingness to pull together and work as a team toward a common goal.

I can see the potential that the new year brings under new stewardship. Our incoming Seneschal Jacomina will bring a fresh perspective to the office and I know she will strive to serve the Barony to the utmost. A few fresh faces amongst the officer corps are sure to bring new ideas to the table as well. I have no doubt Lions Gate will continue to lead by example.

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Nereugei

Reminder: Please check your branch email account weekly if not more frequently.

- You can access it via a free app on your phone, or outlook.com on your phone or computer.
- Reliably checking your official Officer correspondence is a part of the position.
- Repeated issues with communication will be followed up with, and we will see how to best support officers.

Reminder: Officer Reports are requested by Monday evening the same week as council.

- This allows me time to follow up with any absent reports.
- Reports are a quick way to show you are active, that there are activities taking place in your area and to let council know of any potential issues or victories!

3. Exchequer report

2023 Financial YTD:

Income of \$45,229.49 and expenses of \$40,677.98 shows as a net income of \$4,551.51 for 2023 so far.

Available Funds

As of November 10, 2023, total available funds are \$23,933.15

Receivables & Other Assets \$ 600 Murrayville Hall Dec 2 Banquet

\$ 500 gate float Azure for Baroness Inspiration

Prepaid expenses: \$2,726.85 Public Storage locker 12 months (get July 2024 free)

\$997.50 Banquet site expense Dec 2 2023

\$700 Feast food advance Joanne Burrows

Current Items:

Budget for 2024: Motion to approve as presented Angela, Trish seconded.

Jacomina and Nereugei abstains, hearing no Nays, motion passes.

Please email the exchequer to arrange for funds to be deposited
Lionsgate.exchequer@tirrigh.org or to submit expenses associated with your budgeted amount for 2023 for your office.

Return-It Express Donations

· For the first eleven months of 2023, Lions Gate has received \$374.80 in direct bottle donations.

· The account phone number code is 604-608-1976

· Please remember to use clear or translucent bags when dropping off cans/bottles. Do not make them heavy (spread out the glass bottles over multiple bags if necessary) Do not include foreign/USA items.

· Some locations now require scanning before dropping off your bags

4. Past event reports

none

5. Upcoming events

Baroness' Inspiration Tournament November 18, 2023 (same date as Collegium)

Baronial Banquet December 2, 2023 - Murrayville Hall (Sadhbh/Sara/Tanikh)

Sadhbh describes the shape of the night for Banquet, including the schedule and some of the highlights.

Thorbjorn gives us a last minute update for Baroness' Inspiration Tourney. Kitchen equipment has been sorted out with chamberlain, and Etan gave some details about the A&S gathering opportunities.

Masks are now optional but recommended at all Lions Gate events including practices, but as Society wants to remind the populace that *"No matter what safety precautions we put in place, there is no substitute for each individual being educated about the risk to themselves and their loved ones and making responsible choices to protect themselves and others from this virus."*

6. Officer Vacancies

Note: greater offices are required to have a deputy in case the officer needs to step away.

Ideally all officers that are stepping down need to advertise their vacancy 3 months in advance, if we get applicants we can "hire" after 30 days and leave 60 days to train/shadow and hand over the role. All jobs are to be posted. Interested parties write to their Excellencies and the Seneschal to apply, and the outgoing officer can supply a recommendation.

Incoming Officers

- None

Vacancies

- Lists (now) - Sorcha inghean Triein will train at Baroness Inspiration to take over in March 2024 once Azure as Exchequer deputy steps up.
- YAC – Youth Armoured Combat
- YAFA – Youth and Family Achievements (Background checks must be renewed every two years)
- TUTOR Coordinator – paperwork side of the role

New and Extending Officers

Applications for incoming officers to be reviewed by Their Excellencies, the seneschalate and supervising officers.

7. Baronial Business - Continuing

Event site explorers

Thinking we need to create a deputy position for someone to specialize in this process.

[Spreadsheet](#) available of possible event sites, Azure has contacted many of them for details

Azure suggests making site calling its own office. Perhaps the Tir Righ event deputies can be notified and labour combined.

Banquet

Murrayville Hall has been booked for Dec 2nd, 2023. Preparations continue!

FanExpo 2024

The event has posted their dates. Unfortunately it again conflicts with February Investiture. “Event” page is up on Facebook, our Baroness and Chatelaine are organizing.

Saturday is also Investiture, so one of the B&B will be there and one will be at FanExpo. If you’re not going to Investiture, please let the B&B know so you can attend FanExpo!

Langley Fundamental School Demo

We’ve been contacted to see if February 27, 2024 is a date that works for the Barony to run their annual demo. Sadhbh?

Baroness’ Inspirational Tournament

Shannon Hall and Alice McKay are locked in for November 18th. Insurance has been ordered, complete with liquor for tavern! Head Gate will be Azure.

Sunshine Coast practice

Conversations have been ongoing with members on the Sunshine Coast since the news came down that they would be joining the Barony of Lions Gate. We will set up a Google form to

assess their needs and find out what they would like to do for a practice space on the Sunshine Coast.

8. Baronial Business – New

Event Teams Needed!

Both Lions Gate Champions (May 4) and SeaLion War (May 31-Jun 2) do not have event teams at the moment. Please consider asking people you know who you feel will be able to step into those roles; without an event team these events will not run!

Nereugei to post about needed event teams and deadlines for those applications.

What's On Abbotsford

Contacted through Sadhbh, a fellow named Adam, who has been to a couple of events pre-COVID, reached out to see if we had interest in writing some content for his publication in return for some ad space. Do we have writers interested in doing an article? It would be a risk-free and cost-free way to advertise for both us and for Lionsdale.

Can we connect Adam with Dalla?

Sadhbh will connect Adam with Dalla.

Event Schedule 2023/2024

Date Reservation Forms have been registered with Kingdom Calendar for the following events and dates:

Baroness' Tourney November 18, 2023 Shannon Hall and Alice McKay Cloverdale (Porbjorn)

Baronial Banquet December 2, 2023 - Murrayville Hall (Sadhbh/Sara/Tanikh)

FanExpo Demo – Feb 17-19, 2024 (Baroness/Saethryth)

Langley Fundamental School Demo – tentatively February 27, 2024

Canterbury Fayre – April 20, 2024 (Roesia, DRF submitted)

Lions Gate Champions – May 4, 2024 (No team, DRF submitted)

SeaLion War – May 31-June 2, 2024 (No team, DRF submitted)

9. Coronet report

Greetings!

Everyone ready for Saturday? We are mostly ready. But we are very excited. I am expecting a lot of people and its going to be great. There will be gentles from the south coming up as well as lots from the interior. Our event stewards are doing a great job.

Then get ready for Baronial Banquet as it is going to be a Geat time! Dust off your dancing shoes, warm up those vocal cords and wake up your tastebuds.

We have Warner Loat Park booked and confirmed for Lions Gate Champions. (Star Wars Day ... cough cough) We need an event team to run this and so think about it and lets see some bids. We would like to ask for award recommendations. If you see someone deserving of a Baronial award, see if they have it already with the handy dandy An Tir OP database. If they don't then please send it to us a recommendation.

The holiday season is coming and myself and Arianna want to wish everyone a fun and heartwarming holiday for whichever religion you follow or if you don't practice any at all. We want be on the record to thank Nereugei for the exceptional job you have done as seneschal. You handled this job and this unruly barony admirably and with grace. Even the issues that cropped up at our first Lions War at Clinton (of which there were many). A heartfelt thank you my friend.

As always please stay safe and enjoy yourselves. We love you all.

Cyneric & Arianna

Meeting concluded at 8:07 pm.

10. Next Council meeting

Online via zoom; January 17, 2024 at 7:30 pm PST

11. Officer reports appendix

Officer reports as received by November 14, 2023;

Chronicler - Dagny i Fyrdi Jan 2023-Jan 2025

Chatelaine – Saethryth – Jan 2022-Jan 2024

Chamberlain - Sadhbh Bheag Feb 2022-Feb 2024

We have had an increased interest by some of our populace to update and maintain many of our pieces of deco and erics. This is wonderful and I sincerely thank them for stepping up!

We have a couple more events this year with lots of deco and kitchen equipment to be used. Things seem to be flowing along nicely!

Herald - Sable Loat Pursuivant - Ro Oct 2023-Oct 2025

Stables - Porbjorn of Lions Gate Oct 2023 – Oct 2025

September saw 4 practices, with 34, 26, 24, and 25 attendees, for a total 114 with 5 non member sign ins.

October saw 5 practices with 39, 27, 36, 31, and 25 attendees for a total 172 with 14 non member sign ins.

Thus far, November has seen 1 practice with 31 attendees with 5 non members sign ins.

No injuries have been brought to my attention, with great fun had by all.

Archery - Angharad Verch Cenydd Aug 2022-Aug 2024

Blades – Giuliana di Castiglione Oct 2023-Oct 2025

Thursday practices are happening with the usual group of 4 or 5 people, trying to get the word out and encourage more people to start coming. Currently sourcing replacement fencing masks, a gorget, a dagger and a new sword bag.

Lists - VACANT

Thrown Weapons – Sara e Rosa August 2023 – August 2025

Equestrian – VACANT

Youth Armoured Combat - VACANT

Arts & Sciences- Etan Oct 2023-Oct 2025

There will be a Fibre artis meet and greet at Baroness Inspiration, and Rosalind has organized a display for works in progress.

Monday nights Althing much arting happens, including scroll painting, costuming planning and advice, and Dagny has taught a nalbinding class for 2 weeks.

More to report than I realized at first.

Dance- Roesia du Bois Mar 2022 – Mar 2024

Oct 18 - 10 dancers and 11 dances

Oct 25 - 8 dancers and 11 dances

Nov 1 - only 4 dancers and yet we still did 9 dances!

Nov 8 - 11 dancers and 10 dances

Games – Baron Uilliam Sep 2022-Sep 2024

Scribe - Brynja Kortsdottir Feb 2022- Feb 2024

Social Media – Etienne Oct 2023-Oct 2025

Have begun process of handing this deputy role to the new officer, having emailed them the social media society and kingdom documents and sent a FB friend request so i can add them as an admin on the FB page and group.

Will tidy this email account and provide log in information by the end of this week

Webminister – Bleddyn – Jun 2022 – Jun 2024

After some fiddling around, the Award Recommendations form should now work! I have also updated some Calendar entries with upcoming events. The Facebook import function has stopped working for some reason, so I have had to do a lot manually. It looks like it has something to do with changes to Facebook rather than Word Press; puzzling.

Family activities – VACANT

The University of Tir Righ - VACANT

2023 Approved Budget:

Barony of Lions Gate - 2023 Budget					
Office	Item	Category	Amount	Paid	2024
Baronial Coronet	Award necklaces	General Supplies	\$75	\$203	\$225
Baronial Coronet	Award tokens	General Supplies	\$25		\$25
Baronial Coronet	Coronet cleaning	Equipment Rental & Maintenance	\$50		\$50
Exchequer	Postage (NMR)	Postage & Shipping	\$40		\$50
Exchequer (Chamberlain)	repair supplies	General Supplies	\$75		\$100
Seneschal	postage, Zoom	Postage & Shipping, Telephone	\$400	\$153.18	\$400
Arts & Sciences	photocopying, pens, etc	General Supplies	\$50		\$50
Chatelaine	photocopying, etc	General Supplies	\$200		\$200
2023	Storage locker rental	Occupancy (Event Related)	\$4,674.60	\$4,674.60	\$5143
Lists	photocopying, paint	General Supplies	\$25		\$25
Marshal (Archery)	archery supplies	General Supplies	\$200		\$200
Marshal (Equestrian)	equestrian supplies	General Supplies	\$100		\$100
Marshal (Rapier)	rapier supplies	General Supplies	\$200		\$200
Marshal (Stables)	Heavy fighter supplies	General Supplies	\$100		\$200
Marshal (Thrown Weapons)	thrown weapons supplies	General Supplies	\$125		\$200
Marshal (YAC)	YAC supplies	General Supplies	\$100	\$20	\$100
Scribe	scribal supplies (paint/pens/parchment)	General Supplies	\$200	\$33.14	\$200
TUTR	photocopying	General Supplies	\$100		\$100
RBC Bank Charges	Bank Fees				\$78
Archery/TW Site	Site rental (variable)				\$1,650
Allthing Practice	Westwinds (fall/winter)				\$2,610
Rapier/Steel	Thursday Practice				\$1,350
Insurance	Two Practice sites				\$250*
Total Requests			\$6,739.60		\$13,606