

Barony of Lions Gate Council – July 17, 2024

Officers and Deputies

Office	SCA Name	Modern Name	Attended
Baronial Coronet	Baroness <u>Arianna Freemont</u>	Dawn Malin	YES
Baronial Coronet	Baron <u>Cyneric Bearson</u>	Darren Cocking	YES
Seneschal	<u>Jacomina van Vossenbrouck</u>	Karen Meijer	YES
Deputy seneschal	<u>Nereügei Kitad-un</u>	Victor Lo	
Exchequer	<u>Azure McGregor</u>	Jacqueline Gregory	
Deputy exchequer	Anika Styf	Christi Frank	
Family activities coordinator			
Chamberlain	Lokki	Stephen Jones	YES
Gold Key Deputy			
Games	<u>Uilliam mac Fearchair mhic Gille Aindrais</u>	Mark Hood	
Chatelaine	Shahar Mulji	Reena Muljiani	
Deputy chatelaine			
Herald (Sable Loat)	<u>Ro Magdalena Freyin</u>	Courtney Racine	
Chronicler	Dagny i Fyrdi	Terralyn Gray	
Deputy Chronicler			
Scribe	Katharina Rein	Dana Lamarche	
Social Media	<u>Etienne Racine</u>	Michael Racine	
Webminister	<u>Bleddyn Pwllgwyngyll</u>	James Humphrey	YES
Stables	<u>porbjorn of Lions Gate</u>	Kris Larsen	
Stables Deputy			
Archery	<u>Angharad Verch Cenydd</u>	Amy Dolphin	
Archery Deputy	<u>Gunnar Stigandsson (the Wanderer)</u>	Simon Thomsen	
Equestrian			
Lists	<u>Sorcha Inghean Triein</u>	Melissa Martensen	
Blades (Rapier)	<u>Giuliana di Castiglione</u>	Jenny Lang	
Thrown Weapons	<u>Sara La Rosa</u>	Kimberlyn Weston	
Thrown Weapons Deputy	<u>Koga of the Wolfpack</u>	Billy Wong	
Youth Armoured Combat			

Office	SCA Name	Modern Name	Attended
Arts & Science	<u>Etan na Garmna Casail</u>	Trish Graham	
Bardic Arts			
Dance	Delgrade McAllister	Caralyn Andersen	
TUTR Coordinator	<u>Millicent of Eaglescliff</u>	Tina Johnston	

Guests:

SCA Name	Modern Name
Jaqueline Lefleur	Kirsten Masse
Elspeth Farre	Andrea Matthews
Roesia du Bois	Wendy Blackshaw Humphrey
Gwenllian Froste	Jessica Burch
Elvina Effynewoode	Jacqueline Lee
Drekka Thoreson	Jason Thoreson
Brynja Kortsdottir	Briony Seedhouse
Sadhbh Bheag	Angela Gallant
Pak Nammo	Nathalie
Gloria	Gloria Marrero

1. Approval of minutes: June 2024

Motion to approve the Lions Gate council minutes from June 2024:

Moved: Elvina; Seconded: Lokki; Vote: Nays: none; Abstentions: one; June 2024 minutes approved as written.

2. Seneschal report

Good evening, friends!

We're truly into Summer now and I hope everyone is staying cool.

Some of us went to An Tir West War in the south of Oregon (where our own Baron and the rest of the Tir Righ archery squad received a war band honour for their combat archery skills!) but other than that things have been pretty quiet. I hope we're all looking forward to Lions War soon and I hope to see many of you there!

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!

IF YOU DO NOT HAVE ACCESS TO YOUR OFFICER EMAIL, please email the seneschal and they will reset your password!

3. Exchequer report

All accounts have been reconciled and are up to date.

Sea Lion War Gate \$6643.91 deposited and \$800 Gate float returned.

Westwinds Community Church has been paid up to date.

All NMS arrived on time to the Kingdom NMS Deputy. We met at AnTir West War. She's awesome.

Insurance for Lions War has been paid.

One month of the storage locker paid for while waiting for statement (arrived). New cheque total \$4885.65 for the whole year, minus the single payment.

Quarterly reports were, in fact, easier the second time around and will be submitted early.

The account, effective July 15th, 2024 has \$37,036.98 in it.

Current Items

Please email the exchequer to arrange for funds to be deposited lionsgate.exchequer@tirrigh.org or to submit expenses associated with budgets for 2024 offices.

Return It Express Donations

Return It deposited \$47.05 Another deposit pending \$33.75 for \$80.80 total

The account phone number is **604-608-1976**

Please remember to always use clear or translucent bags when dropping off cans/bottles. Do not make them heavy (spread out the weight) Do not include foreign/USA items, Some locations require scanning in the QR codes on the labels before dropping off bags.

4. Past event reports

No past events

5. Upcoming events

Lions War – August 2-5, 2024 @Clinton – event steward Brynja Kortsdottir

Insurance has been ordered for this event and a FB event has been created. Dumpster has been arranged. Equestrian can no longer be held as Briana is not available due to work. Will announce on the Kingdom web site. Monitoring forest fires. Have contacted MICs about equipment transport. Still to contact Molly; will do when she returns. Still need to contact Juliana about combat archery competition plans. Warwick Drakkar is discussing heavy combat with Vikingr. Discussing court scheduling.

TUTR classes? Maria will not be available. Tina not available. Madame Jaqueline will post a call out for assistance on the two TUTR Facebook groups.

Trials – September 20-22, 2024 @Albion Fairgrounds – event stewards Þórbjorn of Lions Gate and Sadhbh Bheag inghean Toirrdhealbhaigh.

Contacting testers. Schedule before next Council. We will have all members of the Sergeantry presented among the testers. There will be TUTR classes, merchants (Mistress Caitrina is merchant o'crat.) Megan Althea is planning to attend as Yeoman. Briana is planning to attend as Lancer.

Baroness' Inspiration Tournament - November 16, 2024 @Cloverdale Fairgrounds: Shannon Hall and Alice McKay Building - event stewards Jacqueline Lefleur and Mikhail Kurganovic.

Site contract signed. \$2948.48. \$1000 of this is the security deposit. We have the board room for use as a Royal ready room. The kitchen is not in working order. Fridge is not functioning. It can be used as a warming kitchen and as a serving space. Food will have to change to a potluck. Bar area is functional.

Madame Jaqueline requests a copy of the contract for reference (and amount). Officers can look forward to an email about the event soon.

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

Vacancies

- No interest in Chronicler position yet. **This is a required office, please if you know of anyone who can fill it let the seneschal know!**
- YAC – Youth Armoured Combat
- YAFA – Youth and Family Achievements (Background checks must be renewed every two years)

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

Baroness Arianna suggested a drafted letter of introduction to approach farms, but is unsure who to write that and what it should include. **Need to choose someone to draft it and include photos to entice them into a modern contract with us.

Sunshine Coast practice - update

These practices are still going

Wulfwyn is taking care of the paperwork aspect for the time being. First sign in sheets received by seneschal!

New missile site for practice

Practices have started at Lu'ma Stables and are going well. Additional Friday eve practice added. First practice 8 archers; second practice 4 archers; third practice 12 people combined.

New Baronial Kneeler

Her Excellency Arianna proposes a new padded portable raised kneeler be commissioned for the Barony to use. Jacomina will take pictures about the Kingdom kneeler. Design under discussion. Deputy seneschal proposes that we put out the proposal to tender.

***Action item – Seneschal to investigate process of putting this out for tender. Consider a budget?** This is being investigated

Lions Gate polling

We have received approval from their Royal Highnesses for the following dates:

- Letters of intent and resumes deadline: **Sept 15, midnight.**
Two sets of candidates have come forwards so far.
- Baronial Meet & Greet: After council on **Sept 18, 8 pm.**
- Online/Digital polling: Open **Sept 21-28.**

The following notice will appear in the Crier:

Barony of Lions Gate– Baronial Polling

Baron Cyneric Beresone and Baroness Arianna Freemont would like to request nominations for those who would succeed them as the next Coronets of Lion's Gate. Letters of Intent and Resumes should be sent to Maestra Ana de la Sara, An Tir Polling Deputy, at pollings@antir.org by Midnight Sept 15th. A Baronial meet and greet with the populace – Sept 18th at 8pm via Zoom. Online/Digital polling –Open September 21st-28th. Only paid members are eligible to participate through the official polling form. Anyone who is not a paid member, or who lives outside the official zipcodes is welcome to use the same polling link to submit their comments to the Crown directly, however, they will be earmarked as non-members. More information can be found at <https://antir.org/online-baronial-polling/> . Change over to Happen at Baroness Inspirational Tournament, November 16 2024

Additional questions may be directed to the Seneschal of Lion's Gate, or the An Tir Polling Deputy.

Fjordland assets

Seneschal is following up on this as per last month's action items

8. Baronial Business – New

Event Schedule 2024

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

- Lions War – August 2-5, 2024 (DRF, EIF Submitted, Crier copy submitted)
- Trials - Albion fairgrounds contract signed and paid for, September 20-22 (EIF submitted)
- Baroness Inspiration Tournament - November 16 2024 (DRF submitted, Hall contract signed.)
- Lions Gate Champions – April 5, 2025. Planned Star Trek theme: First Contact. (DRF submitted)

We are reminded to update the An Tir Calendar with all the same updates for event related items we currently post to Facebook. Many people rely on the Calendar for information or who do not use Facebook.

9. Coronet report

Greetings all,

Summer is here! (In case you didn't notice). Try not to melt out there. The society is implementing a heat index rule so that marshals can cancel activities if the heat index is above 39.4 °C. I think this is a good thing for everyone's safety.

We are excited for our upcoming events. We will be attending July Coronation to see our friends step down and King and Queen and welcome our new Queen with her seasoned King by her side. This will be an elevation vigil party galore with nine people being elevated. As you can imagine there will be lots of court also. It should be grand.

After that we have WAR!!! We are having a discussion with our Prince and Princes regarding the legitimate Capital of An Tir. If you have feelings in regard to this matter you should join us (or join them I guess) so we can finally decide this matter. And I can categorically say that these discussions will not lead to violence. That would be terrible – but good for the economy of course. We encourage everyone to attend as this is a very special site for us as well as lots of others. It is so much fun.

I want to thank Elvina for the lovely calligraphy she added to my Raven Scroll/Travel Box. It will be at Lions War, and I encourage all to check it out. It really is a work of art with all the woodwork and the Calligraphy now accomplished along with a pewter casting of the Principality seal, so it won't melt in the Clinton Heat.

We are happy that our stepdown will be at Baroness' Inspiration Tournament in November. I had a conversation with Her Royal Highness, so that will be big with lots in attendance. We are relived and excited that the date we wanted is happening.

For those that we will not see at July Coronation we will see you on Tuesday at our house along with the 70-90 other people we get coming out.

Stay cool if you can.

Baroness Arianna and Baron Cyneric

10. Next Council meeting

Online via Zoom; Aug 21, 2024 at 7:30 pm **PDT**

Moved to adjourn meeting: Elspeth; Seconded: Roesia

The meeting was adjourned as of 8:09 pm.

/JLF

11. Officer Reports Appendix

Officer reports as received by July 16, 2024;

Chronicler -

Chatelaine – Saethryth – Jan 2024-Jan 2026

Did a small demo late last month. It went well and we got a few interested people. Nothing to report aside from that.

Chamberlain - Lokki - May 2024 - May 2026

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

Stables - Porbjorn of Lions Gate Oct 2023 – Oct 2025

Since our last council meeting, we have had 4 practices.

June 18th: 44

June 25th: 79

July 2nd: 64

July 9th: 54

No injuries have been reported, looking forward to seeing you at council.

Archery - Angharad Verch Cenydd Aug 2022-Aug 2024

Blades – Giuliana di Castiglione Oct 2023-Oct 2025

Lists - Sorcha Inghean Triein Mar 2024 - Mar 2026

Nothing from Lists this month.

Thrown Weapons – Sara e Rosa August 2023 – August 2025

Equestrian – VACANT

Youth Armoured Combat – VACANT

Arts & Sciences- Etan - Oct 2023-Oct 2025

Dance - Delgrade McAllister - Mar 2024 – Mar 2026

June 19 - 6 dancers & 11 dances

June 26 - 5 dancers & 8 dances

July 3 - 7 dancers & 11 dances

July 10 - 4 dancers & 12 dances

Games – Baron Uilliam Sep 2022-Sep 2024

Scribe - Katarina - May 2024- May 2026

one event to report on June 22nd there was a demo held at Collector Con. Activity: 10+ attendees painted bookmarks with designs inspired by medieval manuscripts to learn how we do scribal arts and paint charters in the SCA.

Social Media – Etienne - Oct 2023-Oct 2025

Webminister – Bleddyn – Jun 2022 – Jun 2024

I recently updated the calendar and Regular Practices page to reflect some changes, including the move of Archery and Thrown Weapons to a new locale - Lu'ma Stables - and addition of an extra Friday night practice; huzzah! While I haven't had the chance to attend yet, I am eager to get my bow twang-thunking again. I am a Briton though who, like his mysterious accessoried crystal wall required for communicating with the ethereal Web, does not do well with this heat wave we be having to endure at present.

Family activities – VACANT

The University of Tir Righ – VACANT

2024 Approved Budget:

Barony of Lions Gate - 2024 Budget				
Office	Item	Category	Amount	Paid
Baronial Coronet	Award necklaces	General Supplies	\$225	
Baronial Coronet	Award tokens	General Supplies	\$25	
Baronial Coronet	Coronet cleaning	Equipment Rental & Maintenance	\$50	
Exchequer	Postage (NMR)	Postage & Shipping	\$50	
Exchequer (Chamberlain)	repair supplies	General Supplies	\$100	
Seneschal	postage, Zoom	Postage & Shipping, Telephone	\$400	\$240.69
Arts & Sciences	photocopying, pens, etc	General Supplies	\$50	
Chatelaine	photocopying, etc	General Supplies	\$200	
2024	Storage locker rental	Occupancy (Event Related)	\$5143	
Lists	photocopying, paint	General Supplies	\$25	\$0
Marshal (Archery)	archery supplies	General Supplies	\$200	
Marshal (Equestrian)	equestrian supplies	General Supplies	\$100	
Marshal (Rapier)	rapier supplies	General Supplies	\$200	
Marshal (Stables)	Heavy fighter supplies	General Supplies	\$200	
Marshal (Thrown Weapons)	thrown weapons supplies	General Supplies	\$200	
Marshal (YAC)	YAC supplies	General Supplies	\$100	
Scribe	scribal supplies (paint/pens/parchment)	General Supplies	\$200	
TUTR	photocopying	General Supplies	\$100	
RBC Bank Charges	Bank Fees	Bank Fees	\$78	\$22.50
Archery/TW Site	Site rental (variable)		\$1,650	
Allthing Practice	Westwinds (fall/winter)		\$2,610	\$1,890
Rapier/Steel	Thursday Practice		\$1,350	
Insurance	Two Practice sites		\$250*	
Total Requests			\$13,606	