

Barony of Lions Gate Council – October 16, 2024

Officers and Deputies

Office	SCA Name	Modern Name	Attended
Baronial Coronet	Baroness <u>Arianna Freemont</u>	Dawn Malin	X
Baronial Coronet	Baron <u>Cyneric Bearson</u>	Darren Cocking	X
Seneschal	<u>Jacomina van Vossenbrouck</u>	Karen Meijer	X
Deputy seneschal	<u>Nereügei Kitad-un</u>	Victor Lo	X
Exchequer	<u>Azure McGregor</u>	Jacqueline Gregory	X
Deputy exchequer	<u>Anika Styf</u>	Christi Frank	
Family activities coordinator			
Chamberlain	<u>Lokki</u>	Stephen Jones	X
Gold Key Deputy			
Games	<u>Uilliam mac Fearchair mhic Gille Aindrais</u>	Mark Hood	
Chatelaine	<u>Shahar Mulji</u>	Reena Muljiani	X
Deputy chatelaine			
Herald (Sable Loat)	<u>Ro Magdalena Freyin</u>	Courtney Racine	
Chronicler	Dagny i Fyrði	Terralyn Gray	
Deputy Chronicler			
Scribe	<u>Katharina Rein</u>	Dana Lamarche	X
Social Media	<u>Etienne Racine</u>	Michael Racine	
Webminister	<u>Bleddyn Pwllgwyngyll</u>	James Humphrey	X
Stables	<u>Porbjorn of Lions Gate</u>	Kris Larsen	X
Stables Deputy			
Archery	<u>Angharad Verch Cenydd</u>	Amy Dolphin	
Archery Deputy	<u>Gunnar Stigandsson</u> (the Wanderer)	Simon Thomsen	

Office	SCA Name	Modern Name	Attended
Equestrian			
Lists	<u>Sorcha Inghean Triein</u>	Melissa Martensen	X
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			
Arts & Science	<u>Etan na Garmna Casail</u>	Trish Graham	X
Bardic Arts			
Dance	<u>Delgrade McAllister</u>	Caralyn Andersen	
TUTR Coordinator	<u>Millicent of Eaglescliff</u>	Tina Johnston	X

Guests:

SCA Name	Modern Name
Gala	Sheila
Elvina	
Dalla in Fagra	Tamara Young
Jacqueline	
Katarzyna Dziemieszkowa	Amber Thompson
	Dana Boyd
Malyss Makneile	
Elena de Maisnilwarin	
Cáemgen mac Garbith ui Andrais	Kevin Garvey

1. Approval of minutes: September 2024

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

It was moved by Sorcha and seconded by Etan that we approve the September 2024 minutes. No nays, no abstentions, CARRIED.

2. Seneschal report

I had been away for a while and I didn't want to steal the thunder of the Baron and Baroness at their last meeting. Thanks to our candidates for putting their names forward as the new Coronets for Lions Gate, and congratulations to our new Excellencies.

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, signed, sealed and scanned for our digital records effective October 14, 2024 There was an audit from SCA Kingdom. We gave them what they wanted. No news is good news. Trials Happened. I really love that event; did a lightning raid and took the Gate & Float Home, then deposited all. Thank you for the fast collection and hand off turn around.

NMS for Trials arrived to a happy Kingdom Officer. We are a good Barony! If you owe me Gate sheets, or gate collections for Practices, I make attempts to be at the All Thing at least once a month. Quarterly Reports finalized, waiting for seneschal signature before scanning and submitting to Principality.

Return It Express Processed a deposit to Lions Gate September 29th for \$254.70

The account, effective October 15th, 2024 has \$36,270.90

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 \$335.50 total for 2024 so far.

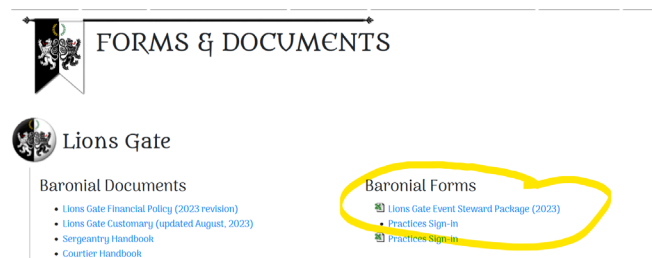
The account phone number is **604-608-1976**

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

Reminder to complete the Event Steward Package spreadsheet (2023 version) in order to propose a bid for an event you'd like to run, which is located and downloadable from the Barony of Lions Gate website, under Business – Forms

<https://lionsgate.tirrigh.org/forms/>



The last part of your task as event steward is filling out the Part 4 tab labelled Gate Report and Part 5 tab labelled Event Report after the event and submitting this to your seneschal and exchequer for filing and inclusion in the council minutes. This is how we find out if your event had a profit or loss.

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

Torbjorn says Trials was a massive success with two passing applicants. He will submit the post-event report shortly. The revised site layout seemed effective to comply with the site requirements regarding camping on the war field. No one inspected the site from the city, but all stakes were under 8" used on site.

Seneschal will investigate if there is a security deposit to be returned from Albion Fairgrounds site.

Gate records for Trials event are below: 111 adults, 7 comped, 4 youth and 4 children. Total site fee received was \$2,025 excluding NMR of \$270. Site cost was \$1390.31 paid in August 2024, as well as \$384 for insurance. Profit of **\$250.69**.

PAGE	NMR	SITE FEE PAID	TOTAL	COMP	ADULT	YOUTH	CHLD
1	20	220	240	4	15		
2	20	275	295	0	14	1	
3	40	300	340	0	15		
4	0	260	260	2	15		
5	20	275	295	1	15		
6	80	260	340	0	14	1	
7	50	220	270	0	11		4
8	40	215	255	0	12	2	

5. Upcoming events

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

Jacqueline reported on the unofficial site visit conducted. Things are coming along well. People are being looked for certain volunteer positions. Scheduling should be sent out for comments this weekend. Head Gate has asked for a gate float for \$1000 for this event. There is lots going on! Décor is still tricky – need access at 7:30 am, rather than 8 am. Insurance has been ordered.

It was moved by Sorcha and seconded by Brynja that we issue a cheque for \$1,000 to the event steward for Baroness Inspiration as gate float. Elena abstained as head gate. Jacqueline abstained as event steward. No nays, **the motion is carried**.

Baronial Banquet - Update

Banquet was not able to secure a bid approved in time for this event to make the Calendar and the Crier for November 30th proposed date. The variance request to Kingdom was denied, and the Board of Directors would have to approve it but they do not meet until the end of November. We are now considering the first or second weekend of February so as not to conflict with Investiture or FanExpo, in consultation with their incoming Excellencies and the rental hall.

Canterbury Fayre – April 5 - Caemgen as event steward. No bid yet, but date reserved.

Lions Gate Champions date cannot be booked until after October 31st when the booking window for City of Burnaby at Warner Loat park opens. No event bid yet received.

Salon Artificum – April 26 2025 No updates, but on the Calendar.

Jacomina reminds us all that we need to develop event stewards to create event bids and submit them well in advance in order to meet the 90 day deadlines for the Crier and the Calendar.

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

- Webminister term is up – he is still making updates, but no applicants to replace him yet
- Games officer will be up in September – making games happen at events, looking after championship, maintaining Baronial inventory of games, transporting to event and facilitating them being played or taught.
- Archery officer term is up
- YAC – Youth Armoured Combat
- YAFA – Youth and Family Achievements (Background checks must be renewed every two years)
- Chronicler - **still open and crucial to be filled. Some interest received but no news yet**

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

This is **even more urgent** now that we can no longer use Albion for camping

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. Azure talking to acreage in Hope for event site.

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.**

Sara la Rosa offered to draft a letter. Bridget proposed Timberline camp.

New Baronial Kneeler

Her Excellency Arianna proposes a new padded portable raised kneeler be commissioned for the Barony to use. This is still being investigated. **No new updates.** Some consensus that the kneeler should be a padded seat with a hand rail, not a kneeler raised up.

Lions Gate Coast (formerly Fjordland) Assets

List received from Tir Righ Chamberlain:

- box of range paperwork
- two quivers and loaner arrows
- inkle loom
- wooden poles for a tent
- bag with the canvas portion of the tent
- bin of emergency supplies (first aid kit, blanket, etc)
- bag with archery net
- 6 marshal staves
- 4 loaner bows
- 5 large SCA signs
- 2 bins of the branch library

[Tir Righ Chamberlain is in touch with Lions Gate Chamberlain to try to arrange for pickup on Vancouver Island, potentially at November Coronet and drop off to our storage locker.](#)

November Coronet 2025

No updates.

Baroness Arianna spoke about November Coronet in 2025 at Shannon Hall/Alice McKay in Cloverdale, and she is event stewarding with Ylva as co-steward. Proposal has gone forward to Principality, but City of Surrey contract not available yet until 12 months out. November 1, 2025.

Baron Cyneric suggests locking in Baroness Inspiration date in November 15, 2025 as well.

Seneschal will send in a DRF for the November 15th 2025 date for Baroness Inspiration.

Site for Tiny TUTOR classes - Marie

Update on Tiny TUTOR

The plan is for Tiny TUTOR & A&S to be a regularly scheduled monthly session, in the same way that we have weekly scheduled practices.

Marie discussed her Tiny TUTOR – the first one will happen on Saturday, December 7th and will be a soap-making class. There will be a gate fee of \$5 per person to cover the room rental. She proposes a gate float of \$100 to cover that, and sign in sheets. There was a question about instructor fees and class costs, and it was determined that would be separate and in addition to the gate fee, paid directly to the instructor, like a regular TUTOR session.

It was moved by Jacqueline and seconded by Brynja that we authorize a cheque for \$100 for the float to Marie to use at the Tiny TUTOR sessions. Marie abstains. Elena abstains. No nays. Carried.

8. Baronial Business – New

Purchase of new Baronial pop-ups

<https://www.costco.ca/impact-10-ft.-x-20-ft.-aluminium-instant-canopy.product.10331324.html>

10 feet x 20 feet ones for \$860 plus tax

and one of these 10 feet x 10 feet ones that are waterproof:

<https://impactcanopy.ca/collections/10x10-1/products/10x10-ml-pop-up-canopy-tent-100-waterproof-1680-denier-top>

at \$750 CAD plus tax.

And two sets of two side walls to block wind or sun at \$100 per set for a total of \$200 CAD plus tax:

<https://www.costco.ca/impact-canopy-2-sidewall-kit-for-10-ft.-x-10-ft.-pop-up-canopy.product.100279769.html>

\$860 + \$750 + \$200 = \$1810 plus tax

Further investigation will be led by Sara la Rosa for additional quotes. No additional quotes were obtained. Jacqueline will investigate a company that sold to the film industry and will report back at the November council meeting. Decisions will be deferred until then.

Event Schedule 2024/2025

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

- Baroness Inspiration Tournament - November 16 2024 (EIF submitted, Hall contract signed.)
- Baronial Banquet – February 2025?
- Canterbury Fair – April 5, 2025. Caemghen as event steward. No bid yet. Planned Star Trek theme: First Contact. (DRF submitted)
- Salon Artificum - April 25, 2025 (DRF submitted)
- Lions Gate Champions - date? Location at Warner Loat? October 31st deadline for date reservations.

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

In the six years as your Baron and Baroness, we have enjoyed almost the whole time, except maybe the Covid years. But otherwise they have all been wonderful. We are so grateful for all the officers for everything you have done for the Barony and for us. We thank the applicants for the Baronial Coronets and congratulations to our chosen successors. We know you will be very successful. We will be attending St. Crispins this weekend, and then we will be at November Coronet. Come witness the incoming Baronial Coronets for Seagirt! Come and join us at Baroness Inspiration where we will see the new Baronial Coronets invested.

We love you all,

Cyneric and Arianna

Council meeting was ended at 8:16 p.m.

10. Next Council meeting

Online via Zoom; November 20, 2024 at 7:30 pm PST

11. Officer Reports Appendix

Officer reports as received by **October 16, 2024**;

Chronicler

Chatelaine – Saethryth – Jan 2024-Jan 2026

Nothing to report.

Chamberlain - Lokki - May 2024 - May 2026

Nothing to report

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

Lions Gate Trials September 21 – 22, 2024

Lions Fang Dreka Thoreson

Lions Gate Archery Champion Thorey Thorkelsdottir

Lions Claw Koga of the Wolfpack

Silver Lance Nereugei Kitad-un

Courtier Shahar Mulji

Gallant Steffan fitz Drake (aka Steffan Drakkar)

Stables - Porbjorn of Lions Gate Oct 2023 – Oct 2025

Its been another month of practice and all-things at west winds church. This period has seen 4 practices

Sept 16th: 54
Sept 23rd: 57
Sept 30th: 53

Oct 7th: 55

No injuries have been reported

I look forward to seeing you at council this week.

Archery - Angharad Verch Cenydd Aug 2022-Aug 2024

Blades – Giuliana di Castiglione Oct 2023-Oct 2025

Thursday Rapier/ cut & Thrust practices started up again at of last week in addition to the ones at the Monday all thing. 1st practice back last week had 7 attendees.

Lists - Sorcha Inghean Triein Mar 2024 - Mar 2026

Lists has nothing to report 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 Practise is held weekly at Options Community Services 13352 Old Yale Road, Surrey. Wednesdays 7-9pm No charge for practice!

Lately we've had 10-12 dancers most weeks. The class before Trials we had 19. We have a few new people that have been regularly since the spring, and new group of newcomers that have been coming intermittently since the summer.

Lions Gate Black Kettle Cooks Night! is restarting and was Thursday, Sept 26.

It is the last Friday of the month except for October.

It is held at Joanne Burrows home contact her for the address.

Nine people attended the September gathering.

TUTR classes summaries:

Canterbury Fayre 8 classes 39 students;

Sealion War 8 classes 38 students;

Trials 9 classes 33 students;

1-2 classes were taught during fight practice in the summer.

Weekly **Allthing** and Fight Practise.

Over the summer it was held at the home of Baron Cyneric and Baroness Arianna. Attendance was high, with a maximum one evening of 98 people.

Now that the light is going we hold it at the Westwinds Church basement.

This is well attended, some people are working on painting charters and other scribal things, others are working on individual projects including tablet weaving, embroidery, sewing and costuming.

An arrow making workshop was held at the regular all thing, and was well attended.

Dance - Delgrade McAllister - Mar 2024 – Mar 2026

Games – Baron Uilliam Sep 2022-Sep 2024

Scribe - Katarina - May 2024- May 2026

Social Media – Etienne - Oct 2023-Oct 2025

Nothing to report

Webminister – Bleddyn – Jun 2022 – Jun 2024

Fairly quiet on the Web site front. Just some quick updates such as getting Baroness' Inspiration on the calendar.

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	\$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	
Fight Practice on the Coast	Indoors		\$	
Insurance	Two Practice sites		\$250*	
Total Requests			\$13,606	

Budget for Allthing Practice will increase to \$135 per night for 3 hours **starting Jan 1, 2025.**