

## Barony of Lions Gate Council – January 15, 2025

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### Officers and Deputies

Office	SCA Name	Modern Name	Attended
Baronial Coronet	Baroness <u>Brynja Korttsdottir</u>	Briony Seedhouse	X
Baronial Coronet	Baron <u>Malyss Makneile</u>	Eli Klassen	X
Seneschal	<u>Jacomina van Vossenbrouck</u>	Karen Meijer	X
Deputy seneschal	<u>Nereügei Kitad-un</u>	Victor Lo	
Exchequer	<u>Azure McGregor</u>	Jacqueline Gregory	
Deputy exchequer	<u>Anika Styf</u>	Christi Frank	
Family activities coordinator			
Chamberlain	<u>Lokki</u>	Stephen Jones	X
Gold Key Deputy			
Games			
Chatelaine	<u>Shahar Mulji</u>	Reena Muljiani	X
Deputy chatelaine			
Herald (Sable Loat)	<u>Ro Magdalena Freyin</u>	Courtney Racine	X
Chronicler			
Deputy Chronicler			
Scribe	<u>Katharina Rein</u>	Dana Boyd	
Social Media	<u>Etienne Racine</u>	Michael Racine	
Webminister	<u>Bleddyn Pwllgwyngyll</u>	James Humphrey	
Stables	<u>Porbjorn of Lions Gate</u>	Kris Larsen	
Stables Deputy			
Archery	<u>Angharad Verch Cenydd</u>	Amy Dolphin	
Archery Deputy	<u>Gunnar Stigandsson</u> (the Wanderer)	Simon Thomsen	

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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
Elvina	Jacqueline Lee
Agneß Scherer	Vanessa Giddings
Niall an Bacach	Kevin Garvey
Caemgen mac Garbith ui Andrais	
Katarzyna Dziemieszkowa	Amber Thompson
Einarr	Steve
Marie	Erika
Vigdis	Annie

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Bridget	Kathleen
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## **1. Approval of minutes: November 2024**

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

It was moved by Elvina and seconded by Bridget that we approve the minutes of the meeting from November 2024. There were no nays, no abstentions; CARRIED.

## **2. Seneschal report**

Welcome back everyone and happy 2025!

I hope everyone had a wonderful break and is ready to take on a new year. Planning is in swing for our upcoming events and the next couple ones coming up are looking great.

We need a bid for Lions Gate Champions, so if you have space to consider taking that on let me know! We need an event steward and a date to reserve as well.

We also need to fill some officer positions and will be making a concerted effort to do so over the next couple weeks.

**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!**

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## **3. Exchequer report**

Happy New Year.

Quarterly report for Q4 2024 is complete.

December 2024 Reconciliation report needs a signature; all numbers good.

We had a little SCA audit again. We sent the information. Got a thank you email. No news is good news.

I am requesting a \$40 cheque for the Coastal Practice Gate Float. They are currently using a holdback, until I can get them an actual float.

It was moved by Sorcha and seconded by Elvina that we issue a cheque to Coastal Lions Gate for \$40 to use as gate float for their practices. No nays, no abstentions, CARRIED.

Furthermore, if you know of any indoor or outdoor sites that you know we should reach out to, feel free to let me know. Writing it down or texting to me will assure I don't lose it and can follow up on details with new contact.

Year end, we had \$41,430.83 in the Baronial Account.

## **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 2025 offices before December 15<sup>th</sup> deadline.

## **Return It Express Donations**

Return It deposited \$0 total for 2025 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**

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Please continue to use the 2024 version of the Event Steward Bid spreadsheet on the Barony of Lions Gate <https://lionsgate.tirrigh.org/forms/> page!

## **5. Upcoming events**

**Baronial Banquet - February 8, 2025** Pak Nammo event steward. Site contract paid for.

Event bid received and approved by financial committee:

Bid for \$4,918.36 dollars in expenses against 120 paid attendance for \$45 per person site/feast fee (members), bringing proposed profit of \$482.64. Site contract paid for.

**First Contact Fayre – April 5, 2025** Caemgen event steward- Site contract paid for.

Event bid received and approved by financial committee:

Bid for \$1,654.90 dollars in expenses against 150 paid attendance for \$20 per person (members), bringing proposed profit of \$1,345.10

Kevin reported on progress and overview of the First Contact / Star Trek themed mashup event. Three championships will happen in Bardic, A&S, and Games. Three themed activities: cultural fair with 5 minute persona talks (first contact with new cultures!) and xenoarcheology for object/idea/moment from another culture presentations; and a fun games tournament alongside the baronial championship to bet quatloos. We need to connect with our A&S officer and our new Games officer to support our champions who need to design and facilitate the championships. Spaces have been allocated an entire classroom to each championship. There will be no archery at the school. There may be outdoor activities planned. Games will be in the Library tables area.

**Salon Artificum – April 26 2025** Site contract paid. Arianna and Roesia event stewards.

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.**

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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.

## Vacancies

- Webminister term is up – he is still making updates, but no applicants to replace him yet
- Archery office is vacant
- YAC – Youth Armoured Combat
- YAFA – Youth and Family Achievements (Background checks must be renewed every two years)
- **Chronicler – a required office. Some interest received but no news yet. Urgent to get a newsletter out!**
- **Chatelaine – also a required office**

The Baroness is drafting an official baronial newsletter at the moment for this quarter!

## New and Extending Officers

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

- Games officer – Bridget of Kilkenny
  - making games happen at events, looking after championship, maintaining Baronial inventory of games, transporting to event and facilitating them being played or taught.
- Chatelaine - Katherine O'Daire

Council welcomed the new Games officer Bridget of Kilkenny to serve for a term!

## **7. Baronial Business - Continuing**

### **Lions Gate Customary**

Updated version to be ratified. It was moved by Sorcha and seconded by Caemgen to approve the November 2024 revisions to the Lions Gate Baronial Customary. No nays, no abstentions. CARRIED. The seneschal will send the official version to the Baroness for publication and to the webminster to upload.

### **Event site explorers**

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

We may need to create a deputy position for someone to specialize in this process. Spreadsheet available of possible event sites. Perhaps the Tir Righ event deputies can be notified and labour combined.

Azure talking to acreage in Hope for event site.

Need to draft letter of introduction to approach farms. Need to include photos to entice them into a modern contract with us.

## **New Baronial Kneeler**

Need new padded portable raised kneeler/seat be commissioned for the Barony to use. Tender with sketch and approximate budget, in consultation with the Baronial Coronets, is being worked on.

## **Westwinds Church**

The Westwinds church is slated for demolition and reconstruction, so it is a few years of gap where we will need to find an alternative fighting location.

## **November Coronet 2025**

November Coronet in 2025 at Shannon Hall/Alice McKay in Cloverdale, event stewards are Arianna and Ylva. Proposal has gone forward to Principality, but City of Surrey contract not available yet until 12 months out. November 1, 2025.

Locking in Baroness Inspiration date for November 15, 2025 as well.

Seneschal has enquired to reserve the above 2 dates and investigated prices for Agriplex for Baroness Inspiration November 15, 2025. No updates yet

## **Purchase of new Baronial pop-ups**

Update from Jaqueline regarding company that sold to the film industry? No quotes received yet.

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## **8. Baronial Business – New**

The FanExpo demo and the Langley Fundamental demos are in progress. Shahr reported on progress, with Pakk Nammo organizing the FanExpo demo on Feb 21-23, and ten passes to arrange. She will need someone to step up and lead the Langley demo on a Tuesday evening February 18 as it will occur close together in dates. Sadbh has moved out of the barony and had led this demo for many years.

Niall suggested he be provided with the info about the vacant youth and family officer position as his background check has been completed already.

## **Event Schedule 2024/2025**

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

- Baronial Feast - February 8, 2025 Pak Nammo as event steward. Bid received and approved.
- First Contact Fair – April 5, 2025. Caemghen as event steward. Bid received and approved. Planned Star Trek theme: (EIF submitted) Site paid for.
- Salon Artificum - April 25, 2025 (EIF submitted) Site paid for.
- Lions Gate Champions - date? Location at Warner Loat? October 31<sup>st</sup> deadline for date reservations, no news from City of Burnaby

**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 populace! We hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable break during the holidays. It was lovely to be able to see some of you at Thornwold Yule and at Twelfth Night.

Her Excellency will be heading down to Aquaterra for Ursulmas, while I stay home and attend the virtual Known World Heraldic and Scribal Symposium, and We are both eagerly looking forward to the Baronial Banquet at the beginning of next month.

Malys and Brynja



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It was moved to adjourn the meeting and it ended at 8:14 pm.

## **10. Next Council meeting**

Online via Zoom; February 19, 2025 at 7:30 pm PDT

## **11. Officer Reports Appendix**

Officer reports as received by Jan 14, 2025;

### **Chronicler - Vacant**

#### **Chatelaine – Shahar Mulji – Jan 2024-Jan 2025**

Date of reporting period: January 2025

This will be my last chatelaine report. It has been a wonderful 3 years of service to the Barony and I am grateful for the chance to help out. I am passing on the role to Katherine O'Daire and I intend to stay on as deputy until she is up to speed with the role.

FanExpo Demo: February 21-23 (Fri-Sun). We have been confirmed for the expo with 10 passes, but I have yet to hear back on our scheduling. I will keep working on running this demo alongside Pakk Nammo

Langley Fundamental School Demo: Proposed date Feb 18 (Tuesday). I am still looking for someone to help run this demo, as I cannot run both demos at the same time.

#### **Chamberlain - Lokki - May 2024 - May 2026**

My report is that everything that I know of got returned after our last event.

Also I have to go check this weekend for some kingdom banner that could have been taken by us after Baroness.

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We also have to look into our overflowing amount of stuff in the locker. We don't have a lot more room for things. I will be reaching out shortly to people to help me organize the locker and get a more up to date list on what we have.

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

**Stables - Þorbjorn of Lions Gate Oct 2023 – Oct 2025**

**Archery -**

**Blades – Giuliana di Castiglione Oct 2023-Oct 2025**

Thursday Rapier/C&T classes in a scheduled pause due to space availability just resumed last Thursday (Jan 9th) and will continue until June. The first Thursday back saw 9 fighters.

Meanwhile the rapier portion of the Monday practice has been very well attended, leading to concerns about whether the space is appropriate for the level of activity.

**Lists - Sorcha Inghean Triein Mar 2024 - Mar 2026**

Lists has nothing to report.

**Thrown Weapons – Sara e Rosa August 2023 – August 2025**

**Equestrian – VACANT**

**Youth Armoured Combat – VACANT**

**Arts & Sciences- Etan - Oct 2023-Oct 2025**

The weekly Allthing and Fight Practice continues. No formal record is kept but attendance continues to be good with a broad attendance of new and older members and visitors. On looking around, I have seen Calligraphy classes, Tablet weaving, scroll painting, and a general attitude of sharing skills and knowledge as needed.

The table of giving also continues to be a great resource for sharing and keeping items out of the landfill.

The Tiny Tutr have started. Despite the rainy weather outside, the 7 members who attended the 1st Tiny TUTR and A&S Social made for a warm and welcoming atmosphere inside. The soap making class was attended by 3 students and was well received. In addition, 3 members came

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for the A&S Social. Cookies, coffee and conversation made for a lovely Saturday afternoon. Given the success of this social, I foresee more happening in the new year.

In January, the second session combined teaching (right now cooking planning and testing for the Baronial banquet) and another opportunity for people to meet. Last week 9 people were in attendance with 5 people taking the class. sitt Marie bint Yussuf is to be congratulated for hosting this event.

Dance continues, they submit a separate report.

### **Dance - Delgrade McAllister - Mar 2024 – Mar 2026**

Dec 10 Dancers 9 Dances 12 Dec 18 Dancers 10 Dances 8 Dec 25 and  
Jan cancelled for the holidays Jan 8 Dancers 5. Dances 10

### **Games – Vacant**

After Baroness's inspiration the games box has returned to storage.

In December 2024 2 games were returned to me from another member and also taken back to storage. I'll be away in February so the box will have to remain in storage unless our current games champion has other plans. The next opportunity to have games will be at First Contact Fayre, April 5.

### **Scribe - Katarina - May 2024- May 2026**

Nothing to report

### **Social Media – Etienne - Oct 2023-Oct 2025**

### **Webminister – Bleddyn – Jun 2022 – Jun 2024**

### **Family activities – VACANT**

### **The University of Tir Righ – VACANT**

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**2025 Approved Budget:**

<b>Barony of Lions Gate - 2025 Budget</b>				
<b>Office</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Category</b>	<b>Spent:</b>	<b>2025</b>
Baronial Coronet	Award necklaces	General Supplies		\$225
Baronial Coronet	Award tokens	General Supplies		\$200
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
Arts & Sciences	photocopying, pens, etc	General Supplies		\$50
Chatelaine	photocopying, etc	General Supplies		\$200
2025	Storage locker rental	Occupancy (Event Related)		\$5,700
Lists	photocopying, paint	General Supplies		\$25
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

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TUTR	photocopying	General Supplies		\$100
RBC Bank Charges	Bank Fees	Bank Fees		\$78
Archery/TW Site	Site rental (variable)			\$1,650
Allthing Practice	Westwinds (fall/winter)	34 dates/3hrs/\$30		\$3,060
Rapier/Steel	Thursday Practice			\$1,350
Insurance	Two Practice sites			\$250*
<b>Total Budget</b>				<b>\$16,140</b>

\*Site named insurance is paid in USD, subject to CAD exchange rate.