

## Barony of Lions Gate Council – February 19, 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 | X        |
| Deputy exchequer              | <u>Anika Styf</u>                        | Christi Frank      |          |
| Family activities coordinator |  |                    |          |
| Chamberlain                   | <u>Lokki</u>                             | Stephen Jones      | X        |
| Gold Key Deputy               |  |                    |          |
| Games                         | Bridget of Kilkenny                      | Kathleen           |          |
| Chatelaine                    | Katherine O'Daire                        | Kathy Armstrong    |          |
| Deputy chatelaine             |  |                    |          |
| Herald (Sable Loat)           | <u>Ro Magdalena Freyin</u>               | Courtney Racine    | X        |
| Chronicler                    |  |                    |          |
| Deputy Chronicler             |  |                    |          |
| Scribe                        | <u>Katharina Rein</u>                    | Dana Boyd          | 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      |          |

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| 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    |
|-------------------------|----------------|
| Caemgen                 | Kevin Garvey   |
| Katarzyna Dziemieszkowa | Amber Thompson |
| Elvina                  | Jacqueline Lee |
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## **1. Approval of minutes: January 2025**

Motion to approve the Lions Gate council minutes from January 2025:

It was moved by Elvina and seconded by Sorcha that we approve the previously circulated minutes from January 2025. No nays, no abstentions, motion CARRIED.

## **2. Seneschal report**

Happy February everyone!

We've started to ramp up for the season with several events in full planning. We've received a bid for Champions, for which thanks! We also had a successful Banquet and hopefully a successful Demo last night.

Those of us able and willing to travel to the States will be witnessing the step up of our new Storm thrones this weekend in Thornwold. I wish everyone safe travels and a good event!

YIS,  
Jacomina

**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**

Quarterlies submitted at the end of January 2025, oddly on time.

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All accounts have been reconciled and are up to date, signed, sealed and scanned for our digital records effective February 19 2025.

Baronial Banquet monies collected and deposited. NMR was \$240. The event gave money back. As an Exchequer, am confused, but will cope. Good job event crew. Very tasty.

Baroness Inspiration Tournament \$1000 returned to the account (thanks Jacomina!).

The account, effective February 3, 2025 has \$38,684.94

## **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 \$28.65 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**

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!

**Baronial Banquet - February 8, 2025** Pak Nammo event steward.

90 adults in attendance, plus 2 youths, 1 child. Income of \$3665, NMS \$240. Expenses \$3,600.89, net profit of **\$64.11**.

We may still receive the security deposit back from the hall in Pitt Meadows. Lokki updated us on the feast. It went somewhat smoothly, most people enjoyed the food, and the steward would like to thank the kitchen team, the serving team, and head gate. Special thanks to Etan as head server to accommodating the location with stairs. We did not have a stove for over an hour, and there was a leaking roof and a clogged sink. We cleaned up quickly, and got out

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exactly at midnight on time. Five courses was a lot of food. The building manager has been notified about the roof leaking.

## **Langely Fundamental Demo – February 18**

Lions Gate demo last night, Thorbjorn reported on the heavy fighting portion. No feedback from any of the other stations. Rapier fights reported a good time, though only four of them came to help. Baroness Brynja reported that it was fairly easy to keep the students occupied for the short time in each rotation, per Einar who was managing the demo this year. He will write his notes down on how to run this for next year. Need a greeter for the door for guiding people to set up rooms.

## **5. Upcoming events**

### **Fan Expo Demo – February 21-23**

Same weekend as Investiture.

### **First Contact Fayre – April 5, 2025** Caemgen event steward, Sorcha co-steward

Our First Contact Fayre was successfully published in the Crier this month so we are official. An Tir Calendar is up to date with the info we know. The details for entering both the Bardic and the A&S Championships are both posted in FB event and on Calendar. No word yet from Games champion for details. Caemgen has drawn up a site map showing parking and general layout.

We've also started sewing themed garb for the event.

Caemgen reported he is editing some advertising for Investiture and FanExpo posters. Lots of good response on social media. Site map should be posted this weekend, and some potential answers on space for merchants and trials testing. No space planned in the schedule for trials testing at the moment. There will be some spare indoor space, and some covered outdoor courtyard space. There will be a cultural fair where people can present five minute talks on their personas, and a xeno-archaeology set of talks or displays for other historical things.

### **Salon Artificum – April 26 2025** Arianna and Roesia event stewards.

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## Lions Gate Champions – May 24

Katharina summed up her event bid for us. Site map provided from last year. Contract has been signed for the site. DRF submitted, and seneschal will send in EIF.

It was moved by Sorcha and seconded by Elvina that we approve the event bid, including gate float of \$360 for Lions Gate Champions to be held May 24<sup>th</sup> at Warner Loat park. Projected income of \$1063 after projected expenses of \$736, based on 120 paid attendees at \$25 site fee with \$10 discount for members. 0-18 free. Event steward Katharina Rein, co-steward Lokki, and head gate Katarzyna. No nays, no abstentions, CARRIED.

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.

### 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.**

### New and Extending Officers

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

- Chatelaine - Katherine O'Daire was acclaimed by the meeting to serve for a two year term ending February 2027. She will need a deputy.

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

### **Event site explorers**

This is **even more urgent** now that we can no longer use Albion for camping. We can use popups at Albion for Trials as a one day event without 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. Locking in Baroness Inspiration date for November 15, 2025 as well.

Both dates have been locked in, we're just waiting for the paperwork.

I have received no prices for Agriplex yet.

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

Caemgen moved and Elvina seconded that the Barony purchase two pop ups for up to \$2100 CAD including taxes. Sorcha will purchase the types from the November council minutes as

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discussed. Sorcha abstained, Caemgen abstained. No nays. Carried. This motion replaces the prior motion regarding this subject from the November council meeting.

## **8. Baronial Business – New**

DRF will be sent in for August 1-4<sup>th</sup>. No event steward in place yet.

## **9. Storage Locker**

Lokki reported that on Saturday the storage locker was cleaned up by three people, and made lists of things. The far side where the eric stuff is stored still needs to be tidied. Can we get rid of the wax candles and associated candle holders? These are not enclosed in glass.

Suggested we put a table of lost and found out at our April event, and then auction off the 2.5 storage bins worth of stuff. Consider a FB post about the contents first.

It was moved by Sorcha and seconded by Lokki that we give away the wax candles, the old blue foam boffer helmets, and the candle holders that aren't used any more. **Carried.**

## **Event Schedule 2024/2025**

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

- 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 – May 24 2025 Warner Loat park. Site contract in hand, will be paid soon
- Lions War – August 1-4
- Baroness Inspiration Tourney – November 15, 2025. Waiting on site contract

**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.**



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## **9. Coronet report**

Greetings unto our populace!

Gamsahamnida (Korean, "thank you") to Pak Nammo and Briana Cassia and all the rest of the staff of the highly delicious Korean Baronial Banquet, and also to everyone present who bore with us for our first event with our own Court proceedings!

Thank you also to everyone who put in time at the Fundamental School demo last night, and we hope to see many of you at the upcoming FanExpo demo this weekend.

We plan to attend Investiture on Saturday to witness Lions Gate's own Sir Bryn and his inspiration Mistress Tatiana ascend to the Storm Thrones, and next month potentially Golden Fleece as well as both Daffodil (myself) and Tournament of Roses (Herself).

We are also eagerly looking forward to Caemgen's First Contact Fayre, as we hope you all are too.

Malyss and Brynja

**Council was adjourned at 8:16 p.m.**

## **10. Next Council meeting**

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

## **11. Officer Reports Appendix**

Officer reports as received by Feb 18, 2025;

## **Chronicler - Vacant**

## **Chatelaine – Katherine O'Daire – Jan 2025-Jan 2027**

FanExpo Demo: February 21-23 (Fri-Sun). FanExpo starts this Friday! The schedule has been sent out to volunteers and the last bits are being sorted out.

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Langley Fundamental School Demo: Tuesday the 18th. Einarr Karlsson has taken over for the demo and hopefully it went well!

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

Not much to report just yet. We sorted out half of the locker and made a list of things. I'm still trying to transfer it all to a document to be able to share easier.

So right now locker is looking clean and still some work to do

We are also going to ask if we can auction off or make a donation table to give away the lost and found we have had in the locker for years

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

Awards list for Banquet

Silver Lance

- Andreyus bin Lazari

- Eidanna of Rumm

Lions Claw

- Shahar Mulji

Loat

- Nisha of Lions Gate

Baronial Warrant

- Lo Rei

And Katarzyna for the inspiration haversack

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

Your friendly neighborhood master of stables here!

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In the last month, we have had 3 practices.

Lions Gate's Monday night fight practices attendance numbers is as follows.

January 20th: 69

January 27th: 56

February 3rd: Snow day

February 10th: 50

No injuries have been reported

## **Archery -**

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

**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**

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

**Games – Bridget Killkenny Feb 2025 – Feb 2027**

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

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

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

Having been on vacation, I have not been active with Web site updates for the last few weeks. I

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only recently got the latest Northwind online. Now I am trying to fix a frustrating issue with Wordpress and some associated apps not updating properly. This is probably why the award nomination form, which I spent a fair bit of time a while ago getting to work, is reportedly non-functional now. It should not impact getting the latest version of the Sergeantry Handbook up though, which is next on my to-do list, since it should be quick and easy.

Once the main updates are fixed, I can work on content updates.

**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<br>(Chamberlain)                | repair supplies         | General Supplies                 |               | \$100       |
| Seneschal                                 | postage, Zoom           | Postage & Shipping,<br>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<br>(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       |

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| Scribe              | scribal supplies<br>(paint/pens/parchment) | General Supplies   |  | \$200           |
| 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.