

Barony of Lions Gate Council – March 19, 2025

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 Andersen	X
Chatelaine	Katherine O'Daire	Kathy Armstrong	X
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			
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	X
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 mac Garbith ui Andrais	Kevin Garvey
Kheron Azovskyi	Richard Bertrand
Niall an Bacach	Terry Nelson
Vanessa Giddings	Agneß Scherer
Juliet Berg	
Katarzyna Dziemieszkowa	Amber Thompson
Aspasia Bevilacqua	Eleni Harvalias

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1. Approval of minutes: February 2025

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

It was moved by Sara and seconded by Caemgen that we approve the previously circulated minutes of the February 2025 council meeting. There was no discussion. No nays, no abstentions. The motion was carried.

2. Seneschal report

Happy almost Spring everyone!

Given the craziness of these times I hope you are all able to find comfort and support in our local communities. I don't know what the future will hold but I know that we can at least rely on each other and that thought carries me through these days.

We start this month off with some good news. In addition to welcoming our new Chatelaine, Katherine O'Daire, we also have an application from Elvina for the Chronicler office. Welcome Katherine, and thank you Elvina!

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

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Price of Westwinds went up. We are paid for the AllThing to the end of February 2025, and will pay monthly, at the end of every month thereafter to assure no payments are missed.

Next month is Quarterly Reporting.

There was some money in the ReturnIt account & has had been redeemed for direct deposit \$32.90

Statement at the end of March 19 2025 was 42,637.29

Security deposit of \$1,000 was returned to us from Baronial Banquet hall rental.

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 15th 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!

Fan Expo Demo – February 21-23

Katherine as Chatelaine reported on Fan Expo, said there were three fighters. There were demos on weaving and scribal with people participating and Rosalind in her fancy dress. On Sunday, Caemgen reported that boffers were successful for children, and there was an interview with the CBC. Many people scanned the QR codes and joined the Barony and Tir Righ Facebook groups.

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5. Upcoming events

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

Could baronial officers tell us what we need to retrieve from the locker? Would the five bins of Gold Key be brought to the event? Chatelaine requests yes. Games officer says yes to bring games from lockers. Gate float request has been submitted to exchequer today. Childrens activities boxes to be brought to event. Sara and Lokki will confirm details of that. Steffan has offered to be Rapier MIC for some informal demo and practice rapier at the event. We have not heard details yet for games championship. Etan says there are two-three entries for Bardic competition though there are further people who have expressed interest, and A&S has four entries so far. Sara reports one judge secured so far. Some courtier and seargents will want to do games testing at the event. The volunteer form has had about six responses so far. We encourage people to come present about their persona or bring an object and show and tell! Please feel free to decorate with something in the theme.

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

There will be classes. Almost all of the tables have been reserved.

Lions Gate Champions – May 24

EIF has been submitted and event steward info has been updated on the Calendar. Crier info has been submitted! MICs in progress for rapier and heavy. Dana has discussed with champions. Equipment transport has been managed, archers are set.

Lions War – August 1-4

No updates. It has been submitted to Calendar. HE Brynja is still hoping to find an event steward shortly.

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 [Sir Kheron has just volunteered to take over the Archery officer position and will submit an email to their Excellencies.](#)
- 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.

- We received an application to the Chronicler office from Elvina.

7. Baronial Business - Continuing

Storage Locker

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 that we give away the wax candles, the old blue foam boffer helmets, and the candle holders that aren't used any more.

Event site explorers

We need to create a deputy position for someone to specialize in this process and gather a team of people to help.

Spreadsheet available of possible event sites. Perhaps the Tir Righ event deputies can be notified and labour combined.

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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.

8. Baronial Business – New

Heard back from Surrey about Agriplex prices:

Agriplex Non-Profit Adult Surrey Rates (estimate):

- Non-operational hourly rates (setup, takedown, overnight): \$79.87+GST
- Operational hourly rate (event hours): \$159.75+GST
- Daily rate (12 hours): \$1,917.00+ GST
- Tables and chairs can be rented at 20% of the rental fee. The 20% fee includes set up and take down of tables, given a floorplan is provide ahead of time.
- Janitorial staff support is charged for 50% of rental run time. Ex. 6-hour rental = 3 hours of janitorial support.
- Refundable security deposit: \$5000.00
- Security deposits are non-refundable in the event of a cancellation.

Discussion suggested we plug these numbers into an event bid form.

Fall Fair – September 12-14

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Aspasia from the Shire of Hartwood presented regarding the Insula Magnae fall demo / Medieval Fall Fair 2025 at Coombs market coming up. It is free for SCA members, the public come only on the 13th and 14th. They need volunteers to fight in demos. There are over 120 merchants, eight food trucks, and craftspeople to present their crafts. In the barn, there will be arts practitioners like calligraphy, a museum display, and indoor camping. There will be a bardic stage and display run by Sir Brand. Period encampments warmly welcomed for demo and display. Postcard advertising will be circulated shortly.

Event Schedule 2025

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

- Salon Artificum - April 25, 2025 (EIF submitted) Site paid for. Crier copy sent
- Lions Gate Champions – May 24 2025 Warner Loat park. Site paid for. Needs Crier copy
- Lions War – August 1-4 – DRF sent
- 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 do not use Facebook.

9. Coronet report

Greetings to the Populace!

It's been a busy month!

We have attended:

- Kingdom A&S where Herself died at the end of many a rapier but had a grand time
- Golden Fleece, where We all died at the end of many a joke from our Bardic Champion and had a grand time
- FanExpo demo and Investiture on the same weekend, where neither of Us died at all but We still had a grand time

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And we will be dividing and conquering (*ahem* attending) Daffodil (me) and Tournament of Roses (Herself) at the end of the month, and of course, we are anticipating our own baronial event: First Contact Fayre the weekend following.

We would also like to extend our gratitude to Elvina for volunteering to hold the Chronicler position for a time.

Malyss and Brynja

It was moved to adjourn at 8:12 pm.

10. Next Council meeting

Online via Zoom; April 16, 2025 at 7:30 pm PDT

11. Officer Reports Appendix

Officer reports as received by March 19, 2025;

Chronicler - Vacant

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

Chamberlain - Lokki - May 2024 - May 2026

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

Stables - Porbjorn of Lions Gate Oct 2023 – Oct 2025

Archery - Vacant

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

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Equestrian – VACANT

Youth Armoured Combat – VACANT

Arts & Sciences- Etan - Oct 2023-Oct 2025

Dance - Delgrade McAllister - Mar 2024 – Mar 2026

Feb 12 5 dancers and we did 9 dances. Feb 19: 5/10. Feb 26: 5/15. March 5: no class. March 12: 7/10.

Games – Bridget Killkenny Feb 2025 – Feb 2027

Scribe - Katarina - May 2024- May 2026

Scribble report. We had some scribble set up at fan expo where about 10 people tried it out. I've been asked to teach a scribal class at salon artificum. That has been all since our last check in.

Social Media – Etienne - Oct 2023-Oct 2025

Webminister – Bleddyn – Jun 2022 – Jun 2024

With the move of An Tir sites to a new server and all of the trials and tribulations associated, things have been literally very slow to nigh-impossible on the updates front. Now, finally, it looks like everything is working again, and I just noticed that the last Council Minutes that I had uploaded had not actually been linked to the page; ugh! Well, at least that was a quick fix.

I'm guessing I will be very busy catching up now that I can,

Family activities – VACANT

The University of Tir Righ – VACANT

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2025 Approved Budget:

Barony of Lions Gate - 2025 Budget				
Office	Item	Category	Spent:	2025
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

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Scribe	scribal supplies (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/ \$45/hr		\$3,060
Rapier/Steel	Thursday Practice			\$1,350
Insurance	Two Practice sites			\$250*
Total Budget				\$16,140

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