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*\*requires a background check, apply to Seneschal for more information.*

**upcoming events**

<b>date</b>	<b>branch</b>	<b>event</b>
May 24	Lions Gate	Lions Gate Champions
May 27	online	Tir Righ Curia (Online)
May 30 - June 1	Seagirt	Sealion War
June 6 - 8	Tir Righ	Tir Righ June Coronet
June 13 - 15	online	Virtual Known World Heraldic and Scribal Symposium
June 20 - 22	Coill Mhor	Ducal War
June 28	Madrone	Athenaeum
July 1 - 6	An Tir	An Tir West War
July 4 - 6	Cold Keep	Cold Keep Defenders
July 7 - 11	Tir Bannog	Penguin Crusade
July 11 - 13	An Tir	July Coronation
July 11 - 14	Tir Bannog	Fields of Gold
July 25 - 27	Hartwood	Midsummer's Defenders
August 1 - 4	Lions Gate	Lions War
August 6	online	Tir Righ Curia (Online)
August 15 - 17	Lionsdale	Bartholomew Fair
August 22 - 24	Lions Gate (Coast)	Tir Righ August Investiture
August 29 - 1	An Tir	September Crown

**event reports****input wanted...**

Have you ever wanted to be a reporter? Write up something for others to read about what happened at an event you attended? Tell us about the silly (or serious) side of what went on.

The North Wind would love to have people submit event reports. Long or short, prose or poetry, verbose or point form, please tell us about events you attended and what happened. (At least, those things that happened that can be shared in a family newsletter)

**FIRST CONTACT FAIRE APRIL 5, 2025.**

An event celebrating what could happen when medieval folk start trekking to the stars which had our good folk going where no Barony or Principality has gone before. Fantastic garb of all sorts appeared on display which even had the Prince commenting on the minimalist toga worn by His Excellency, Baron Cyneric Beresone.

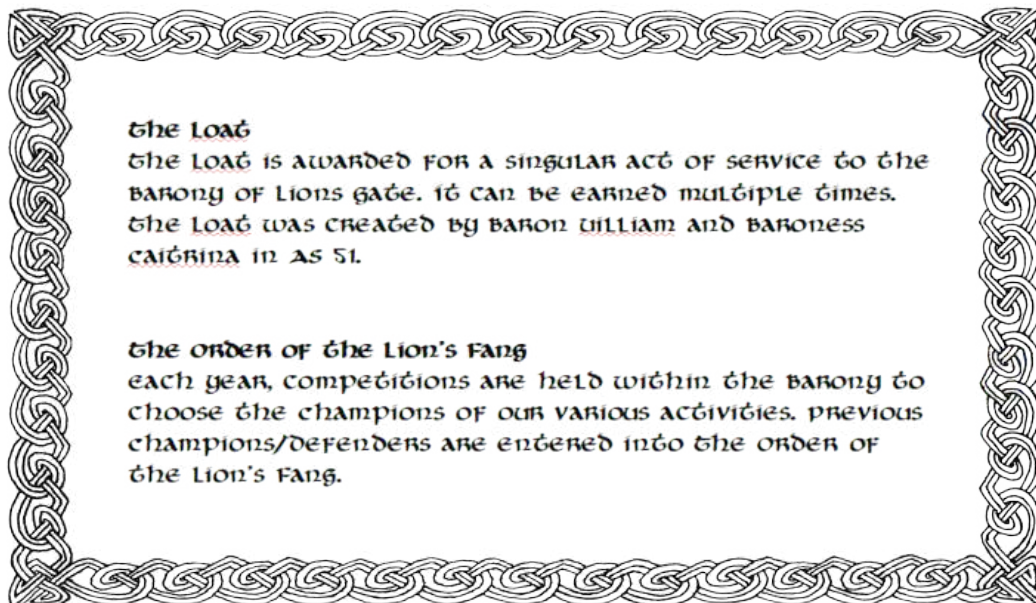
**AWARDS**

From the Thrones of Tir Righ, Prince Bryn and Sultana Tatiana gave out the following:

- ~ Adelheide Weise was entered into The Order of Goutte de Sang on behalf of Their Majesties Nicholai and Ana.
- ~ Thorbjorn (Þórbjorn) of Lions Gate was recognized as a Silver Pillar of Tir Righ.
- ~ Miles Fitzhubert was given the first Prince's Favor offered by Prince Bryn

From the Lions Gate Baronial Court, Baron Malyss and Baroness Brynja acknowledged these good folk with well deserved recognition:

- ~ Gwenllian Froste received the Loat.
- ~ The Lions Fang was given to both the outgoing Champions  
Sara la Rosa for Bardic  
Rene Basille for Arts and Sciences
- ~ The new Baronial Champions are  
Lokki for Games  
Tova Tolisdottir for Bardic  
Elsbeth Selwode of Wilton for Arts and Sciences.



For those who missed a fabulous performance and with the gracious permission of the Bardic Champion:

## I'll Tell Me Ma Lions Gate Rewrite

Words by Lady Tova Tolisdottir

Tune of: Tell me ma

### Chorus

I'll tell me ma when I go home,  
'Bout the battlefields where lions roam.  
With hearts of gold, a joyous sight,  
I'll sure have a story to tell tonight.  
She is strong and she is driven.  
Her spirits bright and heart's been giving.  
She is (*Dancing/ Calling / Cooking / Marshalling/ Singing*)  
1,2,3,  
Oh, won't you tell me who is she?

### Verse 1

She is graceful, she is kind.  
Her heart is fierce and her soul's aligned.  
With long brown hair that sweeps the ground,  
She moves like fire, without a sound.  
Her feet they dance, her eyes they shine.  
Each steps a story, each turn divine.  
The crowd is hushed, their eyes in a trance,  
As she commands the floor to dance.

### Chorus

### Verse 2

She stands so tall in the erics bright.  
A heralds voice, a force of light.  
With mischief wild and Irish pride,  
Her laughter rings, she cannot hide.  
Irish eyes of baby blue.  
She loves to dance, her joy's in view.  
Her voice it roars, a call so clear.  
Her steps are bold, no fear is near.

### Chorus

### Verse 3

She mans the kitchen with a steady hand.  
A skilled touch does this feast demand.  
Like the horse she rides, both fierce and free,  
Her strength and skill for all to see.  
She beats the drum, the rhythm loud.  
A spirit fierce, she stands so proud.  
The feast is ready, the crowd does cheer,  
For she has made it all appear .

### Chorus

### Verse 4

She stands on the field with a bow in hand.  
A marshal's eye, she takes command.  
With arrows flying and axes thrown,  
Her skill and strength are widely known.  
She calls the shots, she sets the pace.  
Her guidance steady, she leads with grace.  
Her aim is true, her focus strong,  
She'll make you feel like you belong.

### Chorus

### Verse 5

She sings a song, her voice so bright.  
A bardic champ, a shining light.  
With tales and jokes, she'll make you grin,  
Her laughter warm, it pulls you in.  
An inspiration, bold and true,  
Her charm will always see you through.  
Her wit is sharp, her presence grand.  
Her songs will echo through the land.

### Chorus x2 (She is *serving* 1,2,3)

### End

### Verses inspired by and dedicated to:

*Roesia du Bois*  
*Bernadette Ebhilin Ard*  
*Briana Cassia*  
*Jaqueline Lefleur*  
*Sara La Rosa*

**Written for Lions Gate Bardic Championship**  
**AS LIX**  
**(April 2025)**

**SALON ARTIFICUM, APRIL 26, 2025**

The Salon Artificum for Tir Tigh was a day where all manner of skills and knowledge were displayed in Arts and Sciences presentations. The folk of Tir Righ demonstrated just what a wide range of things are being researched, created, and learned about and the presenters graciously shared with that with the rest of us.

The good gentles of Tir Righ could browse the displays for an overview as well as check in with those who had ongoing projects for updates of what was new with their work over the last year. It was even possible to book a time slot for a deeper one on one session to ask questions in detail.

There were so many displays in the hall it was impossible in just one day to go into depth for all of them. It was a delight to be faced with the decision of what to touch lightly on and what to delve in deeper. There was truly something to learn from and explore no matter what your area of interest is.

In the lower part of the hall there were merchants with tempting wares (many comments on the bargains to be had!) as well as a room for the bards from where glorious sounds could be heard.

**AWARDS**

From Tir Righ, Prince Bryn and Sultana Tatiana gave out the following

- ~ Pak Nammo was recognized with an Award of Arms on behalf of Their Majesties Nicholai and Ana.
- ~ Gwenllian Frost was granted an Award of Arms on behalf of Their Majesties Nicholai and Ana.
- ~ Katarzyna Dziemieszkowa was granted entry into the Ordre de l'Etoile d'Argent
- ~ Elspeth Farre was granted entry into the Order of the Silver Heron.
- ~ Màiri Bronwyn nic Chamarran was granted entry into the Order of the Silver Pillar.

From Lions Gate, Baron Malyss and Baroness Brynja awarded the following

- ~ Kevinus Bubones received the Loat.
- ~ Effie of Lions Gate received the Loat.

**BITS FROM THE CHRONICLER (ELVINA)**

Greetings all. As we are in the 50<sup>th</sup> year\* since Lions Gate began, for the next few issues of the North Wind, I am going to dive into some of the history of Lions Gate as related through North Wind issues over the years. (and with just a very few additional bits from folk who were there) Often we view our history through the stories we are told. I love a good story as do most folk, but as many will know, when a story is told, it depends on who told it, who heard it, how many beer, etc. were involved, how long ago was it told and...

As I write of the history of this Barony, please keep in mind the world, both SCA and mundane has changed over the last 50 years. What was normal then may not be what we expect of our now. People and cultures grow, change and evolve. Though I will note – some things do seem to stay the same! There are no value judgments intended, and any errors are my own, so with this in mind I begin.

*\*Before you all start to quibble, I'm referring to the 50<sup>th</sup> year since the SCA recognized the incipient Shire and then Shire of Lions Gate. The 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of becoming a Barony is next year.*

### **IN THE BEGINNING (BEFORE THE NORTH WIND)**

So how did Lions Gate begin? There was a time before things got organized enough to decide on a name, officers (which were needed to become a shire) and to produce the first North Wind.

According to Master Nikolai:

*A long time ago, when the earth was still cooling there was a bog out at UBC inhabited by a range of creatures: loats, bog beasts and Lions Gators. The bog beasts made friends with those who knew of caltrops and beavers. From this group of friends Lions Gate was formed.*

And according to Bjorn of Havok:

*Shortly after the earth cooled, a fellow war gamer told me about a bunch of weird science fiction folks that were in a group in Seattle that dressed up in weird costumes and hit each other with sticks. There was a meeting at the house of Michel le Voyageur, and Susan the Opaque. The others were to become Pere Daniel, Astistinalvich Griadene, Tiara nic Anflishtir, and Shea of Green Mountain.*

*Michael and Susan explained some of the background of the SCA. Over the next months, people tried to figure how it all worked with fight practices, cooks, arts, sciences and other things starting to happen, albeit with mixed results. It took a trip to an event in Madrone in late spring of 1974 to sort out some of the limited and thusly misinterpreted information on the fighting while the summer try at beach pit roasting didn't come off quite the way people hoped for. It wasn't until the fall of 1974 (A.S. 9) that the organization was far enough along to formalize the listing of officers and start the process to becoming a real shire.*

According to the An Tir OP, all the officers of the incipient Shire of Lions Gate started as of May 1, 1974 (AS 9). The small problem with that is the OP uses the beginning of the SCA year for those things it doesn't have an exact date for, especially those items where the records are limited. So while the year is right, the month, maybe not so much. Some officers seem to have already been chosen by that date, others changed over the following months.

And yet another history (that being the annotated history of the Kingdom of the West) notes the beginning as an SCA demo at V-Con III at UBC in Feb of 1974, with a reception held after at Michael and Susan's house.

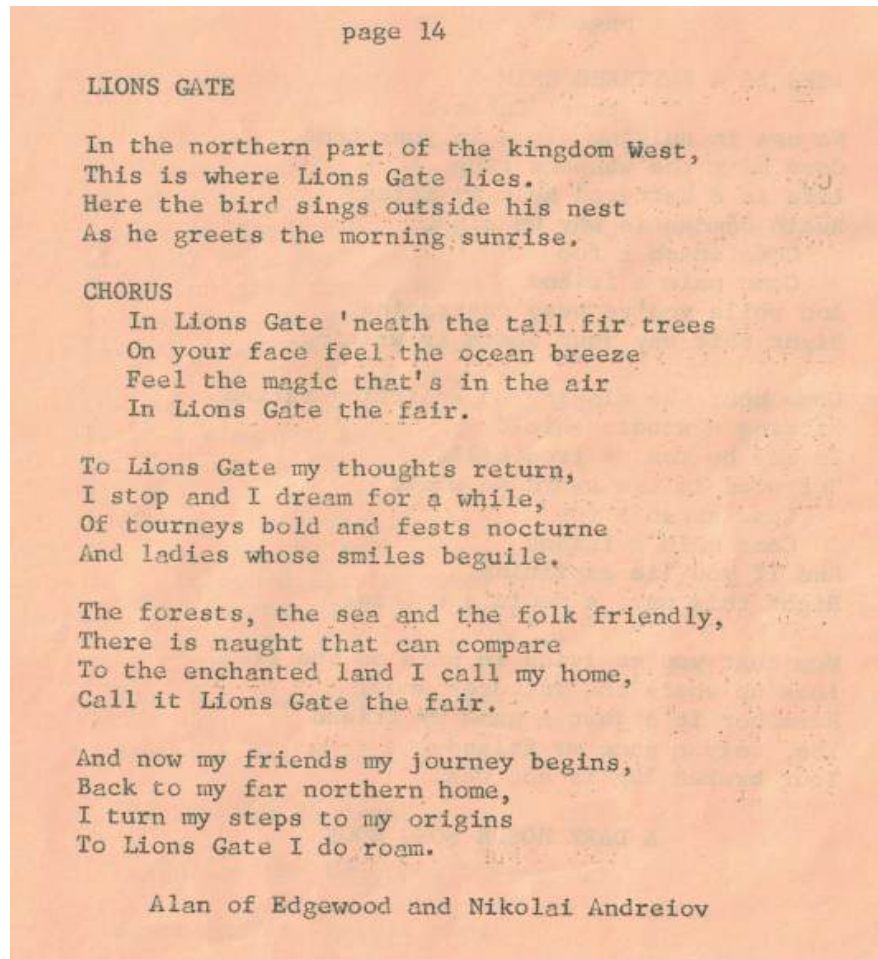
The meeting that decided on the name of Lions Gate was in June of that year. Originally the name was to be Lions Gate in Russian but as no one could sort out the translation, the english version - Lions Gate, stuck.

There were multiple meetings in AS 9 as things got going and the group came together including a Revel in October attended by the Baron and Baroness of Madrone. Many of these meetings were at Michael and Susan's house which came to be known as Beaver Lodge.

**AND WHERE IN THE KNOWN WORLD WAS LIONS GATE TO BE FOUND ANYWAY?**

Seattle was the Barony of Madrone, Tir Righ wasn't even a glimmer of a thought, An Tir was a principality and there were only four Kingdoms – West, East, Middle and Atenveldt.

I believe one of the best ways to describe it is found in the song Lions Gate by Alan of Edgewood and Nikolai Andreiov (reprinted with permission from Songs of Wine, Women and War)



Lions Gate was the northernmost group in the West Kingdom, strange as it may seem to us now given all the other Baronies and Shires within Tir Righ.

At the first Monboggian Midwinter New Moon Festival, Baron of Madrone, Liam of the Barque stated

*"You of Lions Gate are on the very edge of the known world.... and in the past, those on the edges of the world were entrusted as the guardians of civilization, keeping the memories alive while other societies waxed and waned" From North Wind #2*

The North Wind notes that Liam's comments about Lions Gate being worthy of that trust were well received by the folk of Lions Gate.

(Editors comment: I believe Liam's remarks helped set part of the basis of the soul of Lions Gate - to hold the dream and maintain traditions. Give Lions Gate a challenge and Lions Gate tends to take you up on it... Hallmarks of Lions Gate became sharing, helping each other, teaching and learning – traditions Lions Gate holds to this day. Oh, and a little shtick goes a long way to help...)



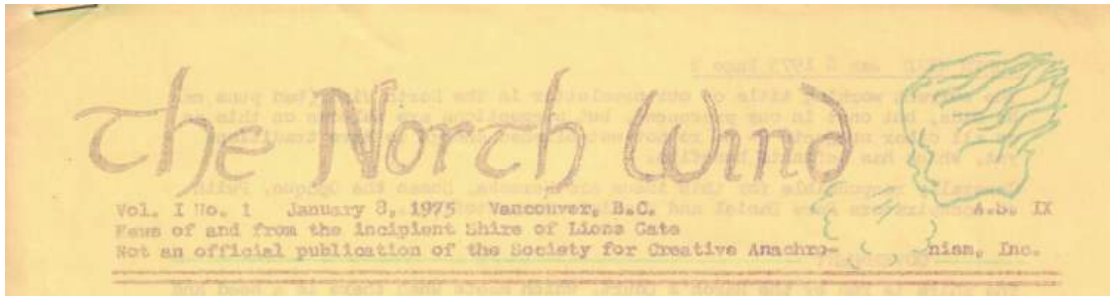
## events

What is a shire event vs a demo? When does it change from a gathering at someone's house into something more?

In November 1974, Michel Le Voyager, Baron Designate of the incipient shire of Lions Gate took a booth at Canterbury Fayre held at St. James Anglican Church. This was a mundane church event, not an SCA event and the downtown east side was quite different then.

Sweets were sold, an illuminated map of the contemporary middle ages displayed, combat between champions for Pere Daniel and the Baron happened, and even barbarian warriors (Bjorn, Akbar and members of the Monboggian horde) performed raids several times a day over the weekend. The goal of getting people interested in the new shire worked as information was handed out and some folk gave in contact information. (documented in NW #1 as Ghosts of Revels Past) (NW = North Wind)

And so in those months Lions Gate began... along with the North Wind.



NW #1 noted that suggestions were being sought for other names for the newsletter. A later North Wind noted if a new name was not come up with, the name would stick...

NW # 1 January 8, AS 9 (1975) contained not only the officers listings, information on upcoming events but an article on basic (very basic!) costume making. T tunic/long dress, tabards and cloaks. Remember a lot of the readers of the North Wind were wargamers wanting to do this for real but with very limited sewing skills and at least an attempt at period costume was required.

The first actual event held by the incipient Shire of Lions Gate was the Monboggian Midwinter New Moon Festival Jan 18, AS 9 (1975). From NW #1:

*...there will be singing, dancing, fighting, twilsy-wopping (pillow fighting), and story-telling, spirits raising (alcoholic variety) and cooking contests.*

(Editors note – thus the beginnings of the fabled Monboggian war carrots came about.)

About 25 southerners made the journey up to the incipient shire to fight, feast and share including the Baron and Baroness of Madrone.

Then the Royal Tourney came on February 16, AS 9

NW #2 February 5, AS 9 (1975) included notes on protocol and how to treat the King and Queen of the West. They included useful info such as

*When Paul is fighting he does so as Duke Paul, since for any subject to raise his hand to the king would be lesè majesté.*

The write up of the Royal Tourney in NW #4 indicates Lions Gate was graced with the support of the West Kingdom through the presence of King Paul and Queen Carol of Bellatrix, Count William of Houghton, Countess Donna, William the Lucky, and father Ruthven of Rockridge. These gentles travelled all the way from California to help out a beginning group at a one day event. It was



supposed to be a Coronet Tourney but as that had not been published in the Page (West Kingdom's newsletter) in time, it wasn't.

NW #3 May 17 , AS 10 (1975 )

A Spring Revel of the Bards was held by the incipient shire. Games, music, storytelling and a wedding.

**Are we a shire yet?** Lions Gate was functioning as one but alas, the paperwork...

NW #4 from June of AS 10 (1975) states

*A shire is a branch of the Society for Creative Anachronism which is in the process of forming. It's hope is to become a Territorial Barony, but it has not yet developed to the point where it deserves this title. It shall hold events, recruit members, acquire a set of Officers, and initiate registration procedures...*

*From Definitions of Status of New Branches for of the Society, c 1972 S.C. A. Inc.*

*Our application to found a Shire in the S.C.A has finally been filed.*

The North Wind also goes on to explain the requirements to become a Barony, many of which the incipient shire had already met.

NW #5 August, AS 10 (1975) still lists Lions Gate as an incipient shire.

The Calendar shows many events were listed, most too far away for many of the shire to get to (Mists is San Francisco after all, though some did get to Purgatorial)

Interestingly, a common event then was attending historical movies in garb. Everything from Ann of a Thousand days, onwards.

The event schedule for Lammastide at the beginning of September made mention

*\*subject, of course to the vagaries of Society time.*

So SCA time was already a thing.

NW #5 also covered heraldry, including this statement which was a core concept then in the SCA:

*Thus, The middle Ages, "not necessarily as they were, but as they should have been."*

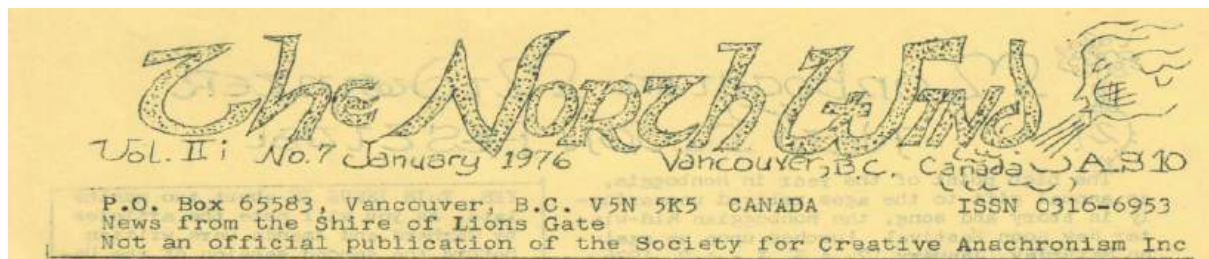
*This applies to Society heraldry as well.*

NW #6 October 1, AS 10 (1975) Yup – still incipient.

It mentions we have made contact with two other Canadian Groups – The Barony of Castel Rouge (Winnipeg) and the shire of Eoforwic (Toronto). As well a full schedule of fall events including plans for yet another Canterbury Fayre. The Fayre was still not an SCA event, but a church event raising funds for the church hall, Anglican World relief and from the Lions Gate viewpoint, more possible members.

In November - first Banquet! Specifically, The Acting Baron Designate's Banquet. Put on by the Cooks Guild as a fund raiser for the shire. Limited to just 40 people with a 4 course menu. That structure would become a Lions Gate tradition for a very long time.

NW #7 January AS 10 (1976) – Shire!!! So the paperwork finally went through sometime in the fall.



Actually, it appears the Shire was official by Banquet in November. It was a Baron's Banquet due to Gerhard being made a Court Baron at An Tir Coronet in October.

*...lords and ladies from Lions Gate and Madrone. It was in the words of her highness, Princess Fiona, "the largest feast ever served in An Tir." Not only that, but according to Master Michael the Black, Chancellor of the University of Madrone, "the finest."*

Thus from the beginning, Lions Gate had a banquet reputation to live up to. It was the Baron's Banquet to start, evolving into a Baronial Banquet many years later.

(Editors note: This concept of things being the Baron's – be it a banquet or a council – vs being Baronial was part of the early evolution of Lions Gate.)

NW #8 April AS 10 ( 1976)

This issue brought a reminder of the first Spring Ithra session to be held in Lions Gate as well as details of the second Bardic Revel with many contests for Arts as well as Sciences. At this time the two streams were separate. Arts had Story, Poem, Song, Cloth (embellished) and Food while Sciences had Architecture (tents and pavilions), Ship building, craft (best decorated useful object) Drink and Weapon for the categories. Lions Gate was continuing down many rabbit holes of learning, trying and sharing.

And in the Baron's Counsel column, Gerhard brought up the NSCA being on the way to incorporation and also

*As well, we are soon going to apply to the board of Directors to become a Barony. After a long discussion on this subject at the General meeting of the Shire, and with many opinions expressed, a surprisingly democratic vote heralded this move unanimously.*

NW #9 May 3, AS 11 (1976)

This North Wind had a reminder from Baron Gerhard that the petition to become a Barony must have all the signatures of the S.C.A. members in the Shire and he would be contacting everyone on that.

NW #10 June 4, AS 11 (1976)

Continuing beginnings, this issue had the information on the outdoor games event to be held at **Warner Loat Park** on June 12-13 (First event at that site)

*Overnight camping is allowed and encouraged. Bring your pavilion and please follow instructions of the Constable, Harrauld of Warrington, regarding pavilion location.*

NW #11 and #12 are not available – unfortunate as details are missing of a very important time in Lions Gate.

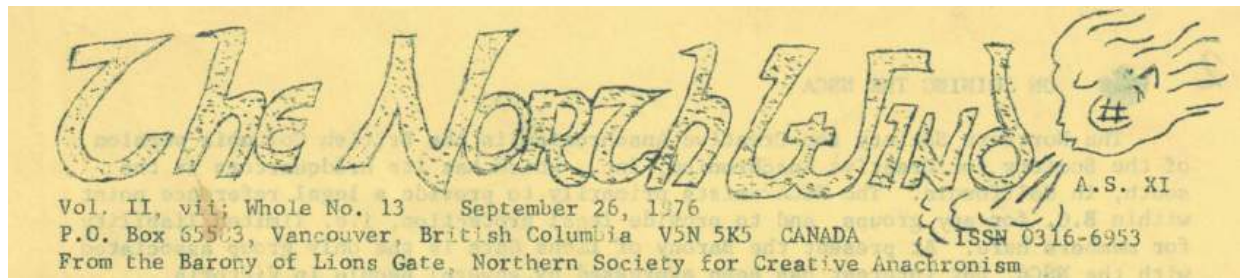
(Editors note:

NW # 9's reminder on signatures contradicts the info listed in the annotated History of the West which states King William announced the new Baronial status of Lions Gate at Purgatorial May 1-2.

IF that had happened, I think the North Wind #9 of May 3 would have mentioned that. As well, the NW #10 from June 4 still lists Lions Gate as a Shire.

There is a comment edit to the History of the West which states the Board of Directors didn't make the decision of Lions Gate becoming a Barony until June 8, 1976. The announcement of the Baronial status was actually made at Kingdom Purgatorio Coronation on July 31-Aug 1, 1976 by King Paul and Queen Carol which is when the Baronial charter was presented to our Baron and Baroness)

Thus by NW #13 September 26, AS 11, (1976) Lions Gate is a Barony!



Not only a Barony but one hosting the Aurora Coronet Tourney on Oct. 2 and 3<sup>rd</sup> at Warner Loat Park. It rained of course... Though the sun broke through the clouds when Viscount Sir Edward Zifran won. (not the only time that happened as it turns out...)  
At least one North Wind calls the site Warner (F)loat Park, so the wet is a normal happening.

### OFFICERS in the beginning

According to NW #1 the following officers existed:

Baron - The office of the Baron was held by Michel Le Voyageur  
Seneschal - Vladimir Karpentoffski  
Master of Arms - Bjorn of Havok  
Master of Sciences - Bjorn of Havok  
Chancellor (money-handler) John of Candia  
Head Scribe - vacant (Per Daniel had resigned)  
Master of Arts - vacant  
Gold Key - vacant

Even then there were issues with getting all the offices filled.

NW #3 notes 'Baron resigns'

*Our baron designate, Michel le Voyageur, has felt the tug of wanderlust once more and departed for lands unknown.*

The North Wind goes on to explain the infant shire needs leadership who is present and a successor should be found. It included

*'...he has indicated that he wishes only to be remembered as our Founding Baron...'*

And so the search for a new Baron was launched.

NW #4 opened with

*"New Baron"*

*Lions Gate has a new Acting Baron....A candidate came forward and was deemed worthy to carry on the traditions of the shire.*

Yup, the candidate deemed worthy was none other than Gerhard Kendal.

By NW #4 the officers list had changed to include the Keeper of the Calender (critical to have events and practices set through one point of contact) and Master of Arms had become Master of Stables ( a title change to reflect historical accuracy).

The incipient shire was still looking for officers – this time it was the Chronicler and Master of Arts.

Seeking suitable sites for events was also a thing as NW #4 noted:

*"Large, inexpensive indoor locations are also needed"*

(I did mention some things haven't changed.)

By NW #10 the officers list had settled down.

Lions Gate was a Shire on the verge of becoming a Barony. Not all officers in the Barony were published in the offers list in the North Wind. For example, the officers listing didn't include the office of the Constable, though that officer was mentioned in event copy of the same issue.

#### Officers

- Baron
- Baroness and Chatelaine
- Seneschale
- Deputy Seneschale
- Master of Sciences
- Mistress of Arts
- Chancellor
- Keeper of the Calendar
- Herald
- Master of Stables

#### guilds

Lions Gate folk were (and still are) into lots of different things – eager to teach, share and learn.

Guilds were a way of accessing and sharing information when getting new info was a matter of visiting museums in person, going to university libraries to dig through microfiche for period source materials, acquiring books and borrowing books from friends. Part of the job of the Arts and Sciences Ministers was to maintain a lending library of resources for folk to borrow.

NW #3 included a listing of over 30 possible guilds for people to form and work with. Some such as fire arts, cooks and woodworking were already under way with dates listed for meetings.

By NW#5 in August, Arts was having meetings on different topics every Sunday, the Cooks guild was meeting and plans were afoot for a Cloth guild as well as a music and dance session. Sciences was looking at a Wizards and Alchemists guild to collect info on medieval chemistry, etc. Armour making was happening as Michael the Vintner mundanely had an autobody shop with needed equipment.

NW #8 Guilds were going full blast by April of AS 10

Arts Listed Cooks, Dance, Musicians, Scribes, Cloth and Bards while Sciences listed Wood, Fire Arts, Leather, Collegium Disputatorium Theologicorum, Archery, Small Sword (Fencing was happening!) Armourers, and Glass Working.

It also listed a request from the Sciences officer for people to share their research. A lot was being done but getting around to writing a paper on what had been learned – not so much.

An archery Guild was arranging for archery practices to take place before the sunday afternoon fight practices.

#### council

This was a bit different at the beginning of Lions Gate and it took a while to evolve.

NW # 1 lists:

*Under coming events: Baron's Court meets at...Household delegates should arrive... with written reports on those things their households were assigned to do for the Monboggian Festival.*

*Government*

*The Shire is run by the Baron's Court, which meets when there is a need and consists of the shire's officers (appointed) and the heads of the Great Households*

So by NW #4, the new acting baron Gerhard, was urging all members of the Shire to form, or join households to facilitate communications. Households were a minimum of 3 members and there was a notation that cats did not count towards that number...

(Editors note – remember it was pre Internet, cell phones, home computers and no social media. News got around by phone or when you saw people at meetings and practices. With 50 to 100 active folks that's a lot of calls. Households allowed for one person to get hold of around a dozen folk and then let them spread the word further out.

Also to be noted: As cats usually can't be bothered to make phone calls, there was no point including them in the household numbers. Gerhard made no comment in NW #4 on SCA memberships being bought for some of the shire's cats)

NW #6 had a request from the acting Baron Designate

*where do you want the Shire of Lions Gate to go?*

*At the moment, it is evolving as Fate and I wish it to, however there is probably some divergence of opinion. I would be interested in hearing thoughts on this matter, preferably at Baron's councils.*

Anyone could attend council, not just the officers and Household representatives.

NW #7 January of AS 10 ( 1976) in the Barons Counsel column

*Some comments on Baronial Councils. Where possible, I prefer these to be in proper clothing, since it is difficult to think and behave in a proper medieval manner whilst wearing blue jeans and a T-shirt. This is not, of course, a hard and fast rule, since I would much rather have good advice in mundanes than no advice at all in superb medievals.*

Looking back at this comment, Council was to have a period overlay rather than the mundane business meeting needed to keep things running it has become.

(Editors note: It was the Baron's council, not a Baronial council as we now have. There is a difference. The first one was more focused on doing things in a medieval way vs the necessity of dealing with the mundane day to day running of things of the second. The overlap and separation of these two sides of SCA life took a while to sort out. Yes, there was a messy, stressful period with fallout when that happened but that will be covered separately from this.)

NW #8 April AS 10, 1976 lists in the calendar Baron's Council. The mention of them as Baronial council was only in Gerhards comments in the previous North Wind. This remained that way through becoming a Barony as it's still the Baron's Council in NW #13 September AS 11, (1976)

**mundane organization**

According to NW #1, The Seneschal of Lions Gate suggested that for mundane financial and legal reasons an independent society be set up. This would be for Canadian membership and could affiliate with the US based SCA (Which was not then an international organization)

This didn't get off the ground until February of AS 10 when NW #8 April 3, AS 10 (1976) reported on

the first Annual General Meeting. At this meeting the decision was made  
*...to register in BC as the Northern Society for Creative Anachronis (Ltd.?), a separate organization with aims and activities virtually identical with those of the SCA but no mundane legal ties.*

This was to clarify the relationship with the SCA Imperium, Kingdom and the BC government. Parts of the SCA corpora could be dubious under mundane law in BC. Thus the NSCA was born to deal with the mundane side of life, including another membership and a whole other set of waivers...

NW #9 May, AS 11 (1976) indicated the incorporation papers for the NSCA were proceeding apace and it was hoped to have it completed in the next month.

NW #13 September AS 11 (1976) had a section on Joining the NSCA. There was even an officer – the Registrar to handle that. The only group in the NSCA at this point is the Barony of Lions Gate but there were indications of folk in Victoria wanting to start a group...

**AND THAT WAS HOW IT ALL STARTED HERE IN LIONS GATE AS PER THE NORTH WIND.**

More history of Lions Gate topics to be touched on in upcoming North Winds will include things such as Wars, the Sergeantry, Favourite Events, Arts, Sciences, Heraldry, as well as Officers and what they really do (including a few you probably didn't even know we had had).

Until next issue,

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