

Barony of Lions Gate Council – April 16, 2025

Officers and Deputies

Office	SCA Name	Modern Name	Attended
Baronial Coronet	Baroness Brynja Korttsdottir	Briony Seedhouse	X
Baronial Coronet	Baron Malyss Makneile	Eli Klassen	X
Seneschal	Jacomina van Vossenbrouck	Karen Meijer	X
Deputy seneschal	Nereügei Kitad-un	Victor Lo	
Exchequer	Azure McGregor	Jacqueline Gregory	
Deputy exchequer			
Family activities coordinator			
Chamberlain	Lokki	Stephen Jones	
Gold Key Deputy			
Games	Bridget of Kilkenny	Kathleen Andersen	
Chatelaine	Katherine O'Daire	Kathy Armstrong	
Deputy chatelaine			
Herald (Sable Loat)	Ro Magdalena Freyin	Courtney Racine	X
Chronicler	Elvina Effynewoode	Jacqueline Lee	X
Deputy Chronicler			
Scribe	Katharina Rein	Dana Boyd	X
Social Media	Etienne Racine	Michael Racine	
Webminister	Bleddyn Pwllgwyngyll	James Humphrey	X
Stables	porbjorn of Lions Gate	Kris Larsen	X
Stables Deputy			
Archery	Kheron Azov	Richard Bertrand	
Archery Deputy	Gunnar Stigandsson (the Wanderer)	Simon Thomsen	
Equestrian			
Lists	Sorcha Inghean Triein	Melissa Martensen	X
Blades (Rapier)	Giuliana di Castiglione	Jenny Lang	
Blades (Rapier) Deputy	Fiora Zorzi	Suzanne Ruffeski	X
Thrown Weapons	Sara La Rosa	Kimberlyn Weston	X
Thrown Weapons Deputy	Koga of the Wolfpack	Billy Wong	
Youth Armoured Combat			
Arts & Science	Etan na Garmna Casail	Trish Graham	X
Bardic Arts			
Dance	Delgrade McAllister	Caralyn Andersen	X
TUTOR Coordinator	Millicent of Eaglescliff	Tina Johnston	X

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Guests:

SCA Name	Modern Name
Roesia du Bois	Wendy Blackshaw Humphrey
Sadhbh bheag	Angela Gallant
Caemgen mac Garbith ui Andrais	Kevin Garvey
Niall	
Arianna	Dawn

1. Approval of minutes: March 2025

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

It was moved by Sara and seconded by Elvina that we approve the previously circulated minutes for the March 2025 council meeting. No changes to the minutes were requested. No nays, no abstentions. The motion was CARRIED.

2. Seneschal report

Good evening everyone!

I hope you all enjoyed the First Contact Fayre as much as I did, it was a fantastic event. Thank you to Caemgen and Sorcha, the entire event team and everyone who volunteered!

This month we are welcoming both our new Chronicler and new Archery officer, thank you to Elvina and Kheron for stepping up! Many of our officers terms will be up in the Fall, so I encourage everyone to start looking for deputies now.

The Crown has asked for recommendations for the Order of the Mark, the new ranged missile peerage. Please send them in today!

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.

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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 the 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

Quarterly accounting reports for exchequer are due at the end of this month.

I have a line on a deputy. Will advise by next council. Goal to have 3.

NMS Cheque for \$130 mailed April 10th for 1st Contact Fayre 2025.

April 2025 account balance is \$41,103.66

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 \$32.90 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!

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

Post-event report for First Contact Fayre:

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Total attendance 114 humans, of which 111 were paying, 8 were comped, 3 were youth, and 13 were non-members. Profit estimate is \$548.55 which includes the refund for one site hour.

I am grateful for Tina/Millicent running the A&S judging team with Etan, and Sara la Rosa running the Bardic judging team. Kathleen and Uilliam ran the games tables in the library all day, teaching teenagers and newcomers (Uilliam even came with handouts of rules!) Mikhail did an excellent job running the games championship, even taking time to teach spectators how to throw his period wooden darts, hauling all the supplies and cleaning up. A huge team of humans carried chairs from the gym after court to restore the classrooms we borrowed from.

I am especially grateful for the patience and good cheer of the thirty or so folks who came for 8 am to help set up and who kept us company for a little over an hour while Kevin figured out how to get someone to come unlock the school.

I hope our seneschal can get some rental money back for their error in not booking a security guard to open up for our contract time.

Court set up and take down was a huge team of people fetching and carrying as well as organizing. My apologies to that team for not knowing where Kevin had planned the away/ready room.

Sorcha

Caemgen also reports that we managed to finish things on time, despite not being able to access the site at 8 am. Three items for lost and found will be photographed – a ceramic mug, a pennant, and a wicker basket. Some site considerations for the school going forward include an emergency contact for weekend rentals at the school district. There are lots of other Langley sites we could use. We did not end up using all of the spaces we booked for the Fayre, though we did expect/hope for more attendees. We recommend continuing a relationship with the Langley school district for other events or TUTOR, or other potential principality or kingdom events.

Jacomina located an emergency contact phone number on the contract, and will work on the refund of the hour's fee.

5. Upcoming events

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

Roesia reported that plans are going well, schedule is up, TUTOR classes are open for pre-registration, presenter spots are full, and just working on a set up crew posting, gate float, and

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to meet up with the Chamberlain at the locker next week. Bleddyn will be handling the accessible power chair lift for the stairs. Merchant lists (four) are posted. There is space for more bardic presentations.

It was moved by Arianna that they get a cheque for \$500 for a gate float for Salon Artificum. It was seconded by Etan. No nays, no abstentions.

The motion was **CARRIED**.

Lions Gate Champions – May 24

Katharina reported they have An Tir calendar access secured now for this event. She will update the FB event and the Calendar site details. All event crew positions are filled. Fun things are also in the works. Things are coming along.

It was moved by Caemgen that the event steward get a cheque for \$800 for a gate float for Lions Gate Champions. It was seconded by Katharina. No nays, no abstentions.

The motion was **CARRIED**.

Lions War – August 1-4

Briony reported that she was working with Lokki who would co-steward with Mikhail. There is a search for a Head Gate person. There will be a youth war point, and she inquired about the background check process for working with youth.

Trials –

No bid has yet been received.

Baronial Banquet – December 6th

Bid received. Sara discussed the bid, for the event to be held again at Murrayville Hall in Langley, with Brianna as head cook/co-steward, and Katarzyna as head gate. The theme will be B&Bs of the past and present with modern takes on medieval fare. Courses may each represent and highlight favourite foods of a specific team of B&B of the past, including a dessert course with cheesecake for Arianna. Recipe testing is ongoing. Elvina offered historic recipes from prior baronial banquets. Banquet paid tickets for 100 proposed, and fee of \$50 includes site and feast.

It was moved by Sorchia and seconded by Delgrade, that subject to the listing of the number of proposed staff to be comped for site fee and feast fee, and if the event bid still showed a profit,

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to approve the bid for Baronial Banquet at Murrayville Hall on December 6, 2025. Sara abstained. There were no nays. The motion is **CARRIED**.

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
- YAC – Youth Armoured Combat
- YAFA – Youth and Family Achievements (Background checks must be renewed every two years)

New and Extending Officers

Welcome Elvina to the office of Chronicler!

Welcome Kheron to the Archery office!

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

Deputies:

Blades: Fiora (Suzanne Ruffeski) has agreed to be Giuliana’s deputy in order to learn the ropes.

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.

Update? - [Still in the works by Lokki as Chamberlain.](#)

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Event site explorers

Seneschal has contacted the Tir Righ event deputies and shared the spreadsheet of possible event sites. [Spreadsheet](#) link

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

Found out that anything that folds easily isn't sturdy enough to properly support people when they get back up. The An Tir kingdom kneeler design is probably the best way to go so we will follow up on that.

November Coronet and Baroness Inspiration 2025

November Coronet in 2025 at Shannon Hall/Alice McKay in Cloverdale, event stewards are Arianna and Ylva.

Both dates have been locked in, we're just waiting for the paperwork. Still have received no paperwork? [Arianna phoned them and said that our contracts were on their agenda and would send them to the seneschal.](#)

Agriplex

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: \$5,000.00
- Security deposits are non-refundable in the event of a cancellation.

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

Practice locations

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.

Rapier practice place may also not be available in the Fall 2025.

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8. Baronial Business – New

Step Stool

Financial committee approved the purchase of a step stool for the storage locker (300 lb capacity) for \$79.83 incl of tax. This has been purchased and will be delivered to the locker this weekend.

Archery Practice Location

The Barony has lost its archery practice space at Luuma, so Shire of Lionsdale has offered for us to share their Sunday practice space, and use their archery storage until we find a new location. Sara will be arranging for transport of all archery and thrown weapons gear from old archery practice and Sara's place to Lionsdale storage location on April 20th. Sara is searching for a covered site for winter practices.

Sadbh bheag spoke about the SCA directional signs in the locker and asked for donations of a couple to Krakafjord Shire. Briony confirmed that she could take four away to the shire.

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.
- Lions War – August 1-4 – DRF sent
- Baroness Inspiration Tourney – November 15, 2025. Waiting on site contract
- Trials – no DRF yet
- Baronial Banquet – December 6th? No DRF yet

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.

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9. Coronet report

Greetings to the populace!

It's been a busy spring already, and we're only just getting started!

Congratulations to our new champions: Tova, for Bardic, Elspeth, for Arts and Sciences, and Lokki, for Games - and to the rest of the entrants, who showed all their skills in extraordinary measure, thank you all for participating!

In less than two weeks we hope to see many of you at Salon Artificum to celebrate the arts in a non-competitive context.

Her Excellency and I were planning to go to Sir Eddie's tournament the week following, but for safety reasons I may have to stay home instead. If any of the populace go, please stay safe.

Malys and Brynja

The meeting was moved to adjourn by Caemgen and seconded by Sara at 8:17 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 April 15, 2025;

Chronicler – Elvina April 2025 – 2026

The last year has seen

- 1) the customary updated and posted on the Baronial webpage
- 2) minutes of the Baronial Councils posted to the Baronial webpage in a regular manner
- 3) There were some issues with the publication of the NorthWind which are now resolved. The most recent issue is published on the Baronial webpage.

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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

In the last month, we have had 3 practices.

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

March 24th: 59

March 31st: 49

Apr 7th: 60

No injuries have been reported

Archery - Vacant

Blades – Giuliana di Castiglione Oct 2023-Oct 2025

There were only 2 Thursday Rapier practices in March due to the school we practice at being closed for spring break. One of them did have a number of visiting fighters, which resulted in a very well attended practice with 18 people.

Fiora (Suzanne Ruffeski) has agreed to be my deputy.

Lists - SORCHA INGHEAN TRIEIN Mar 2024 - Mar 2026

Lists has nothing to report for this month, though I did volunteer to help Thornwold with lists for Sir Eddies holmgang and rapier on May 3rd.

Thrown Weapons – Sara e Rosa August 2023 – August 2025

During the month of March, practice was regularly attended by a few people. Sir Kheron has been paying twice on days that we didn't have the minimum number of 5 people. We do not have much to report for the month of March. There was no need for our equipment for events and practice was the only business that we dealt with.

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On April 2nd, I received an email from Lu'ma Stables that I forwarded to the Senechal that said that we were going to need to change our times for practice and/or increase the fees that we paid. I followed up by sending a letter asking for a meeting to negotiate these new times/fees but never got a response, which in itself is rather telling that they have no wish to negotiate.

We will be moving practice to Lionsdale for the time being while I look for a new location for us. I will be sending an email to Cornwall Ridge, which was the location that we had previous to the move to Lu'ma. Jen may wish more money to go back to her, which is understandable due to the higher costs of all expenses these days.

Equestrian – VACANT

Youth Armoured Combat – VACANT

Arts & Sciences- Etan - Oct 2023-Oct 2025

The weekly Allthing and Fight Practise 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.

We held our A&S and Bardic championship at First Contact fair.

Applicants were well skilled, we had 3 for A&S

- Elspeth Selwood entered blackwork and period knitting.
She is our new Arts Champion.
- Katherine O'Daire entered a piece of stained glass and information on both period and modern techniques,
- Cyneric Beresone entered a treadmill for building and a battering ram, focusing on machines for both war and peace.

Bardic also had 3 applicants

- Tova Tólisdottir entered a sonnet and a Filk that was for the populace choice.
She is our new bardic Champion.
- Ro Magdalena Freyin entered a song Lord Randall.
- Kormac Vermunsen entered a song in both Scott's Gaelic and English.

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I would like to thank all the people who stepped forward to judge, Mhairi, Cushag, Sorchu and Jameson Wheeler for bardic, and Nereguei, Lishinia, Griffin, Rose and Giuliana who judged the A&S applicants.

A special thank you goes to Millicent of Eaglescliff for holding things together and tabulating the results, while I was running around dealing with Principality business.

Dance continues, they submit a separate report.

Dance - Delgrade McAllister - Mar 2024 – Mar 2026

Games – Bridget Killkenny Feb 2025 – Feb 2027

Scribe - Katarina - May 2024- May 2026

March report nothing to report. There is a few things coming up that will make next months report

Social Media – Etienne - Oct 2023-Oct 2025

SMO: Nothing of note to report

Webminister – Bledwyn – Jun 2022 – Jun 2024

With the move to a new server, updating the site was finally possible, and that has been the bulk of this month's work. One rather annoying thing was taking the time to change the Archery and Thrown Weapons practise time to later on Sundays, only later that same day finding out that Sunday was unfortunately our last practise at that site, and having to update again to reflect this.

Family activities – VACANT

The University of Tir Righ – VACANT

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2025 Approved Budget:

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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
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.