

Barony of Lions Gate Council – May 21, 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	X
Deputy exchequer			
Family activities coordinator			
Chamberlain	Lokki	Stephen Jones	
Gold Key Deputy			
Games	Bridget of Kilkenny	Kathleen Andersen	X
Chatelaine	Katherine O'Daire	Kathy Armstrong	X
Deputy chatelaine			
Herald (Sable Loat)	Ro Magdalena Freyin	Courtney Racine	
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	
Stables Deputy			
Archery	Kheron Azov	Richard Bertrand	X
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	
Bardic Arts			
Dance	Delgrade McAllister	Caralyn Andersen	
TUTOR Coordinator	Millicent of Eaglescliff	Tina Johnston	X

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Guests:

SCA Name	Modern Name
Niall	Terry Nelson
Wulfwyn the Silent	Carole Fraser
Adelheid Wyss	Heidi Zurbrugg
Shahar Mulji	Reena Muljia
Caemgen mac Garbith ui Andrais	Kevin Garvey
Roesia	
Jaqueline Lefleur	Kirsten Masse
Agnes Scherer	
Arianna Fremont	

1. Approval of minutes: March 2025

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

It was moved by Elvina and seconded by Katherine that the minutes of the April 16 2025 Council meeting be adopted as circulated in advance. There were no nays, Jaqueline abstains. CARRIED.

2. Seneschal report

Good evening everyone,

I trust those that travelled to May Crown to witness the tournament were all able to return home safely. Congratulations to the new Heirs Achaxe and Octamasades!

We're getting geared up for Lions Gate Champions this weekend, the weather looks to be great and I hope everyone is excited.

I know that the next couple weeks see back to back Tir Righ events, so pace yourself and remember to rest when needed!

YIS,
Jacomina

Reminder: Please check your branch email account weekly if not more frequently.

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- 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 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

Quarterlies are completed but unsigned. They were due at the end of April.

There is \$5.75 in the Return It account. It gets deposited to the bank account when it hits \$20 or more. Keep those empties coming!

A reminder that event gate monies and sheets need to get to me as soon as possible, as the rule mandates NMR fees must be submitted by 10 days of the event; this means we need to do reconciliation of accounts and scanning of gate sheets before the NMR can be mailed.

The bank account currently sits at \$44,926.73

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 \$5.75 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.

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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!

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

Arianna noted that the original bid was for 100 people, and it was very successful with 124 attendees. Salon Artificum was very successful I'm happy to say. We had a total of 124 people through the door, included in that total were 2 youth and 3 children, 12 people were comped and 24 people were non members. Both Their Highnesses Tir Righ and Their Excellencies Lions Gate were in attendance. We had 26 presenters and 6 classes and we received wonderful feedback from both the presenters and the attendees. There is a tentative plan for this event to move to the island for 2026 in Seagirt and then the interior in 2027 before returning to the lower mainland in 2028. Hopefully this comes to fruition and we can follow Dame Marion and Dame Margaret's vision of this event travelling and offering artisans the opportunity to display and learn in a relaxed environment. Profit estimate is \$921.72. Insurance cost is still pending, so this amount may vary by a few dollars. Roesia said she was very pleased with the number of people who showed up to an A&S non-fighting-related event. The only complaints were that classes were too full because of pre-registration, or not long enough, but only one room was allotted for classes at the event. Shout out to Dame Elena for handling gate, and the amount of people who volunteered to help and did furniture and hauling and decorating.

5. Upcoming events

Lions Gate Champions – May 24

Katharina updated council with current progress. She is attempting to get the City of Burnaby to clean up the brush at the spot where the archery range will go.

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. Same contract as last year with new dates is in progress to be signed with site owner. Bid forms in progress.

Trials – September 20th 2025

Bid has been received. The bid was reviewed on screen, and included testing for courtier and seargentry, bring a gift tournament for Heavy and Rapier, and A&S and Bardic table to display

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and get feedback. Location at Albion Fairgrounds. Format of Trials will be a single day event this year. Event stewards will be Shahar and Steffan, with Einar as head gate. Site fee of \$20 for members, with estimated 80 paying attendees. Site charge of \$644.16 and \$100 for site tokens. Security deposit of \$300. Potential profit of \$535. No additional biffies to be provided, only the main building washrooms. Times to be confirmed, but 9 – 6 pm proposed.

It was moved by Sorchia and seconded by Katherine that we accept the event bid as presented, for the Trials event to be held on September 20, 2025, including a security deposit of \$300 to be issued on signing of the contract, and gate float of \$500 to be issued to the event steward or head gate prior to the event date. No nays, Shahar abstains. CARRIED.

November Coronet – Nov 1, 2025 - Arianna and Ylva

Arianna has secured Shannon Hall and Alice McKay for that date, but security deposit will be due shortly to the City of Surrey for both this and Baroness Inspiration. No contracts have yet been signed.

Baroness Inspiration – Nov 15, 2025 – need event steward

Baronial Banquet – November 29th

Date needs to change to November 29th because the hall isn't available on Dec 6th.

Sara reported that we were waiting to hear from the site acknowledging they have received the deposit cheque and signed forms from the exchequer by mail.

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.

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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

7. Baronial Business - Continuing

Storage Locker

No updates

Event site explorers

No updates

New Baronial Kneeler

No updates

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, but we're looking at booking with that school district ourselves

It was discussed to check the costs of renting a school in the Langley/Fort Langley district for practices.

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8. Baronial Business – New

There is a demo the afternoon of May 25th at the Polish festival in Tri-Cities, and there will be two fighting demos of fifteen minutes and some A&S demos. Volunteers get Polish food too!

Lions Gate Coast has moved fight practice outdoors to the park for the summer.

June 14th – Collector Con also looking for volunteers and fighters, pending details for location and requirements.

Event Schedule 2025

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

- Lions Gate Champions – May 24 2025 Warner Loat park.
- Lions War – August 1-4 – DRF sent
- November Coronet – November 1, 2025
- Baroness Inspiration Tourney – November 15, 2025
- Trials – September 20, 2025
- Baronial Banquet – November 28th?

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.

There was a discussion about the locations of the Lions Gate Coast archery equipment. Sara will send a copy to Kheron and Chamberlain.

9. Coronet report

Greetings unto the populace!

Her Excellency made it safely to and from Sir Eddie's Tournament, and to and from May Crown, where Lions Gate was well represented - well done to all our fighters and their inspirations - and congratulations to Allegra for winning the chivalry prize in the Squires tourney!

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Upcoming, of course, back to back to back: our Champions event on Saturday, and Sealion War the weekend following - do bring your best heraldic display - and then June Coronet immediately after. Take breaks as needed, friends (and yes, our lovely Seneschal stole our remarks, but it's worth the reminder)!

There are also two demos coming up which will need help: May 25th at the Polish Festival, and Collector Con on June 13th and 14th. Please consider volunteering for those, they're a great way to bring new people in.

Malyss and Brynja

10. Next Council meeting

Online via Zoom; June 18th, 2025 at 7:30 pm PDT

11. Officer Reports Appendix

Officer reports as received by May 21th, 2025;

Chronicler – Elvina April 2025 – 2026

The next issue of the North Wind is almost ready to publish. (just needing final checks)

I have been working through the many old emails and dealing with things that had been missed, such as the requirements for copies to be sent to SCA archives. That request was made by the Kingdom Chronicler last August.

I am in contact with Archives and will be working through what they need as I can over the next few months. It will take a while.

I have emailed the principality Chronicler but have not heard back yet.

Sorcha is continuing to keep minutes for Council (many, many thanks to her for that!)

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

Chamberlain - Lokki - May 2024 - May 2026

Everything is pretty good on the locker end. The last two events we have had. Everything but one broken

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

Stables - Porbjorn of Lions Gate Oct 2023 – Oct 2025

Your friendly neighborhood master of stables here!

In the last month, we have had 5 practices.

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

Apr 14th: 58

Apr 21st: 49

Apr 28th: 48

May 5th: 65

May 12th: 53

No injuries have been reported

Archery – Kheron – April 2025 – 2027

Due to not being able to renew a contract at Luma Stables, we currently do not have a site for archery.

We are currently co-hosting practices with the Shire of Lionsdale on Sunday afternoons from 4-8 pm. All the Lions Gate archery equipment is currently stored with the Lionsdale equipment.

I currently do not know if we are looking at any sites for Archery & Thrown Weapons at this time.

There will be archery at LG Champions this weekend. HL Jameson Wheeler has volunteered to bring any equipment from Lionsdale to the event.

I have a request from The Barony of Seagirt to borrow the LG backdrop netting, support poles and stakes for support poles. If approved, I would take them from LG Champions after the event is over and return after Sealion War.

Blades – Giuliana di Castiglione Oct 2023-Oct 2025

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April had 3 Thursday rapier/ steel practices averaging 9-12 people. We're attempting to reach out to the Coquitlam school board to see if it's viable to book a gym for future practices as the current bookings end for the summer in June.

Lists - Sorchia Inghean Triein Mar 2024 - Mar 2026

Lists has nothing to report but is looking forward to Champions.

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

I held a scribal class at salon artficum. I had 9 students attend. It went well there were a few things I would change personally as a teacher. But over all a success. We will be holding scribal this upcoming weekend may 24th at champions.

Social Media – Etienne - Oct 2023-Oct 2025

Webminister – Bleddyn – Jun 2022 – Jun 2024

Besides the usual updates, I have received notice that the Awards Recommendation form appears not to be working again. I did get it working back on October 18, 2023, but when Word Press plug-in updates started failing before the move to the new server, something must have broken again. I will have to look into which I had involved and see if I can recreate it.

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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.