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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>
August 22 - 24	Lions Gate (Coast)	Tir Righ August Investiture
August 29 - Sept 1	An Tir	September Crown
Sept 5-7	Krakafjord	Holmgang
Sept 12-14	Hartwood	Insula Magna Fall Demo
Sept 20	Lions Gate	Lions Gate Trials
Sept 27	Danescombe	Tir Righ Arts, Sciences & Bardic Championships
Oct 3-5	Ramsgaard	Freeze Off XXXVI
Oct 10-13	Appledore	Tournament of the Golden Swan
Oct 11	Seagirt	Ancient Arts Academy
Oct 18-19	Hartwood	Hartwood Fall TUTR
Oct 18	Lionsdale	St. Crispin's Festival
Nov 1	Lions Gate	Tir Righ November Coronet
Nov 8	Seagirt	Seagirt Autum Masque
Nov 15	Lions Gate	Baroness' Inspiration Tournament
Nov 22	Hartwood	Hartwoode Yule
Nov 29	Lions Gate	Lions Gate Baronial Banquet
Dec 11	Lionsdale	Shire Winter Banquet

## **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)

**Lions Gate Champions, May 24, 2025.**

Champions this year saw a range of well contested contests yielding a number of new champions to protect and represent the Barony. We also heard of the many individuals whose skills and efforts are an inspiration not only to our Baroness but to all of the Barony and beyond.

**AWARDS**

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

~ The Keystone was given to these good gentles:

Genevieve de Marais  
Ursula von Freiburg

~ Steffan fitz Drake received the Lions Claw

~ The Lions Fang was given to the outgoing Champions

Vikingr Eiricksson for Heavy Combat  
Wu Chi for Cut and Thrust  
Thorey Thorkelsdottir for Target Archery  
Jameson Wheeler for Thrown Weapons

~ The new Baronial Champions are

Beorn Bjulfrsson for Heavy Combat  
Cailean MacQuarrie for Rapier  
Everard of Lions Gate for Thrown Weapons  
Kheron Azov for Target Archery

~ The Baroness chose the following Inspirations

Thorsteinn Gunnarr is the Baroness' Inspiration for Heavy Combat  
Nisha of Lions Gate is the Baroness' Inspiration for Rapier  
Sadhbh Bheag is the Baroness' Inspiration for Archery  
Rory Cynericson is the Baroness' Inspiration for Thrown Weapons  
Kevinus Bubones is the Baroness' Inspiration for Bardic  
Theodora al Khabeelah is the Baroness' Inspiration for Service  
Cyneric Beresone is the Baroness' Inspiration for Arts & Sciences

**the keystone**

FOR many years, it has been the privilege of the Baron and Baroness to recognize long standing contributions of service to the Barony by admitting members of Lions Gate to the Order of the Lions Claw.

HOWEVER, THERE IS A GREAT AMOUNT OF LONG-STANDING SERVICE TO LIONS GATE DONE BY PEOPLE WHO DO NOT CLAIM LIONS GATE AS THEIR LANDS. THESE PEOPLE FORM THE MOST IMPORTANT PART OF BRIDGES AND GATEWAY BETWEEN LIONS GATE AND THE REST OF THE KNOWN WORLD. AND JUST AS THE MOST IMPORTANT PART IN THE ARCH OF A BRIDGE OR A DOORWAY IS THE KEYSTONE, THESE PEOPLE ARE TO BE KNOWN AS KEYSTONES OF LIONS GATE.

### **THE LIONS CLAW**

MEMBERSHIP IN THE ORDER IS AWARDED TO MEMBERS OF THE POPULACE WHO HAVE GIVEN LONG-TERM SERVICE TO THE BARONY. THIS HAS TRADITIONALLY BEEN AWARDED BY THE BARON, TWICE A YEAR.

### **THE BARONESS' INSPIRATIONS**

THE BARONESS REGULARLY RECOGNIZES MEMBERS OF THE POPULACE THAT INSPIRE HER THROUGH THEIR DEEDS AND WORDS. A TOKEN OF HER CHOOSING IS WORN BY THOSE SHE RECOGNIZES FOR A PERIOD OF SIX MONTHS UNTIL IT IS TIME FOR ANOTHER TO BE CHOSEN. TRADITIONAL DISCIPLINES RECOGNIZED ARE HEAVY COMBAT, ARCHERY, RAPIER, SERVICE, ARTS AND SCIENCES, AND - MORE RECENTLY - EQUESTRIAN ACTIVITIES. HOWEVER, THE BARONESS MAY CHOOSE NOT TO RECOGNIZE ANY OF THIS LIST OR MAY ADD NEW INSPIRATIONS AS SHE WISHES.

(NOTE: THESE HAD BEEN CALLED "BARONESS' CHAMPIONS" UNTIL BARONESS MARGARET; SHE BEGAN USING THE TERM "BARONESS' INSPIRATIONS". IN THE EARLY YEARS OF LIONS GATE, ARTS WAS CONSIDERED A SEPARATE INSPIRATION FROM SCIENCES. THE TWO WERE COMBINED BY BARONESS MARGARET INTO ONE)

## **SEALION WAR, MAY 30 - JUNE 1, 2025**

Sealion War was won by the Barony of Seagirt this year but as usual a good time was had by all who attended. There is always next year...

There were no Awards given by the Baron and Baroness of Lions Gate at Court.

**LIONS WAR AUG 1 - 4, 2025.**

Lions War was fought in a long tradition of the interior wars with the usual too hot during the day and too cool at night weather. Lions Gate managed to toss off a victory not in the least thanks to the skills displayed on the thrown weapons range.

**AWARDS**

At Court on August 3<sup>rd</sup>, Baron Malyss and Baroness Brynja acknowledged these good folk with well deserved recognition:

~ The Lions Fang was given to the outgoing Combat Archery Champion

Caitrin ni Cingeadh

~ The new Combat Archery Champion is

Giuliana da Castiglione

~ And the following gentles received the Loat

Alienor Dawne  
Racek of Lions Gate  
Baerick of Lions Gate

**BITS FROM THE CHRONICLER (ELVINA)**

Greetings all. This issue was to be about the history of Lions Gate's involvement with war. Lions Gate has always gone to war. How else do we get to have wonderful "No \*\*\*\*, there I was..." war stories to tell in evenings over a drink shared with those who we were fighting just hours earlier?

I owe everyone a vast apology as the war history will end up as a special edition out in September. Mundane life took over a bit for the last two months so I am woefully behind on the collecting and collation of the historical North Wind bits on this topic. For some reason there is a LOT of material on war over the last 50 years...

Elvina  
Chronicler, Lions Gate

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