

# Barony of Lions Gate Council – July 16, 2025

## Officers and Deputies

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

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## Guests:

SCA Name	Modern Name
Katarzyna Dziemieszkowa	Amber Thompson
Caemgen mac Garbit ui Andrais	Kevin Garvey
Wulfwyn	Carole
Desiree	Mary Kittel
Shahar Mulji	Reena
Godfrey	
	Steve Finlay
Jaqueline Lefleur	Kirsten Masse
Augustine Drakkar	

## 1. Approval of minutes: June 2025

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

It was moved by Malyss and seconded by Caemgen that we approve the minutes from June 2025. Sorchu asked that further details regarding the approved event bid for Lions War be added to the minutes prior to publication on the website. No nays, no abstentions, motion **CARRIED**.

## 2. Seneschal report

Good evening everyone,

I hope you're all ready for WAR!! I hope you'll all do your best to commit swift justice upon the opposing forces.

I also hope you all got your quarterly reports in to your Principality officer...if not, please do so asap.

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.

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- 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**

Do you hear the drums? Sounds like Lions War. Expecting to write cheques for deposits for delivery to All Thing for Gate.

Someone donated \$3.40 of cans to our Return-It: once account is \$20 or more, we can withdraw this money. We need to look at the budget for the locker.

We were audited again recently. All accounts in good shape; more vertical learning curve. (Thanks Dame Elena. She's so awesome!)

Next Lions Gate Exchequer Quarterly report for quarter ended June 30<sup>th</sup> is due August 2025.

Monthly report requires signature from Seneschal; Lions Gate currently has \$44,273.14 in account.

YIS,

Azure

### **Current Items**

Please email the exchequer to arrange for funds to be deposited [lionsgate.exchequer@tirrigh.org](mailto:lionsgate.exchequer@tirrigh.org) or to submit expenses associated with budgets for 2025 offices before December 15<sup>th</sup> deadline.

### **Return It Express Donations**

Return It deposited \$9.15 total for 2025 so far

The account phone number is **604-608-1976**

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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!

## **5. Upcoming events**

### **Lions War – August 1-4**

Contract with the site was signed, insurance ordered. Copy has been published in the August An Tir Crier. Brynja reported that the schedule was mostly finalized, but the Crown needs to still approve it before it can be published. Extra court has been added on Saturday. Youth Combat will be added. TUTOR classes will be posted by the end of this week. Keep your eyes open for war point write ups over the next few days. Combat Archery championship will be Saturday at 1 pm. There will be land set aside by the event stewards for Royalty for Tir Righ and An Tir, and their Excellencies of Montengarde.

It was moved by Sorchu and seconded by Caemgen that we issue a gate float to Head Gate for Lions War for \$1500 CAD. No nays, Katarzyna abstains, motion **CARRIED**.

### **Trials – September 20<sup>th</sup> 2025**

Shahar reported that progress was being made. She is working with Etienne to get the FB event page up, and calendar details updated. She is arranging for the MICs. The City is considering removing the horse stalls from site, and so in future horses may not be allowed at the event. The Games officer inquired if the games box should attend.

### **November Coronet – Nov 1, 2025 - Arianna and Ylva**

### **Baroness Inspiration – Nov 15, 2025**

Bid in the works by Bridget of Kilkenny with advice and guidance from Jaqueline Lefleur

Bridget is looking for a co-steward, and is working to arrange for head gate. Miles will be MIC for heavy, and Kormak for tournament organizing for heavy. Contract is in progress, 7:30 am – 10:30 pm proposed for both buildings. Jaqueline is considering an alternate building with more

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square footage, but subject to personally touring the options to see if the noise and heat and flooring are suitable. We need to check cancellation policy if we change to new building.

## **Baronial Banquet – November 29th**

Any updates?

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## **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**

- **Minister of Stables** is looking for deputies and a new officer to take over.
- 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**

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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.

It was discussed to check the costs of renting a school in the Langley/Fort Langley district for practices. No update on that yet

## **8. Baronial Business – New**

Request for the loan of equipment to the Tir Righ August Investiture event team

Wulfwyn asked to borrow Lions Gate's heavy erics, archery, thrown weapons loaner equipment, and some folding tables, as well as transport for them to the August Investiture site.

## **Event Schedule 2025**

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

- November Coronet – November 1, 2025 – EIF sent
- Baroness Inspiration Tourney – November 15, 2025 – DRF sent
- Trials – September 20, 2025 – EIF sent
- Baronial Banquet – November 29, 2025- EIF sent

**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 Lions Gate!

Unlike last council's report, today's will be short - besides Ducal War (where, while the usual Wolfpack vs Einar battles were not to be seen, Her Excellency did have fun playing "war scenarios from a hat" and was enthusiastically protected (and killed) by Her many friends from central Tir Righ) and the successful Tir Righ invasion of Avacal's 10-Yr celebration (where We and Seagirt and many other friends were all hosted very kindly), we have had a relatively quiet month.

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That being said, this could be just the calm before the storm, as we are going to War! See you in Clinton, Tir Righ!

And of course we wouldn't miss August Investiture, where, besides the investiture of Magnus and Sina, our own Malie and Seamus will be joining the Order of Defence.

Much love and war,

Malyss and Brynja

**It was moved to adjourn by Azure and seconded by Caemgen, CARRIED at 8:16 pm.**

## **10. Next Council meeting**

Online via Zoom; August 20th, 2025 at 7:30 pm PDT

## **11. Officer Reports Appendix**

Officer reports as received by July 15th, 2025;

### **Chronicler – Elvina April 2025 – 2026**

The August Northwind is being assembled. Work on item cleanup for archives continues.

Q2 report has been submitted.

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

### **Chamberlain - Lokki - May 2024 - May 2026**

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

Nothing to report

### **Stables - Porbjorn of Lions Gate Oct 2023 – Oct 2025**

Since my last report, we have had only 2 practices! We called July 1<sup>st</sup> an unofficial practice.

June 24th: 54

July 8th: 34

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No injuries have been reported

On a side note, I have put the word out looking for a deputy or someone who can take over for master of stables in October. I've been having a hard time finding anyone to take over. If anyone hears about anyone interested in trying officer work or taking over for stables, please let me know.

## **Archery – Kheron – April 2025 – 2027**

Archery practice continues out in The Shire of Lionsdale on Thursdays and Sundays. I am unsure of Thursdays but on Sundays there are usually 2-5 people from Lions Gate attending.

I have asked Sara if there is an opportunity to go back to our site prior to the Luma Stables location as co-sharing with Lionsdale, while fantastic, is a short term solution. We are not seeing any new people from the Lions Gate area coming out. It is a commitment of time and resources to go out to Lionsdale on a weekly basis.

I think we need to find a site in the Lions Gate area if we want to foster and grow archery in Lions Gate.

At Sunday practice, July 6, there was an incident of a longbow shattering while being drawn. There were no injuries and no further concerns from the incident. The bow had been previously inspected before being used and was 'warmed' up. There will be an 'incident' form included in the next quarter report from both myself and Chaosti in Lionsdale.

## **Blades – Giuliana di Castiglione Oct 2023-Oct 2025**

**Lists** - Sorcha Inghean Triein Mar 2024 - Mar 2026

Nothing to report

## **Thrown Weapons – Sara e Rosa August 2023 – August 2025**

**Equestrian – VACANT**

**Youth Armoured Combat – VACANT**



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**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**

There is nothing to report for this month

**Social Media – Etienne - Oct 2023-Oct 2025**

Nothing to report

**Webminister – Bleddyn – Jun 2022 – Jun 2024**

As well as updating the Awards page, my goal for this month was to get the Award Nominations form working again. And I am happy to say that it does!

**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
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*
<b>Total Budget</b>				<b>\$16,140</b>

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