

Barony of Lions Gate Council – October 15, 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	X
Exchequer	Azure McGregor	Jacqueline Gregory	
Deputy exchequer			
Family activities coordinator			
Chamberlain	Lokki	Stephen Jones	X
Gold Key Deputy			
Games	Bridget of Kilkenny	Kathleen Andersen	X
Chatelaine	Katherine O'Daire	Kathy Armstrong	
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	X
Stables Deputy	Davin O'Daire		
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	X
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	
TUTR Coordinator			

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Guests:

SCA Name	Modern Name
Niall an Bacach	Terry Nelson
Roesia du Bois	Wendy Blackshaw Humphrey
Elena de Maisnilwarin	Elaine McMillan
Jaqueline La Fleur	Kirsten Masse
	Tina Johnston
Steffan Drakkar	Max Buchner

1. Approval of minutes: August 2025

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

It was moved by Bridget and seconded that the council minutes from September 2025 be adopted as circulated. There were no nays, no abstentions, and the motion was **CARRIED**.

2. Seneschal report

Good evening everyone!

October is a bit of a quiet month for our Barony, but I hope we're all looking forward to our 3 local events next month!

We're still looking for a new practice space, keep the suggestions coming.

We also have several officers who need a replacement or deputies, so please spread the word.

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.

Reminder: Officer Reports are requested by **Monday** evening the same week as council.

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- 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

Exchequer Report October 2025

Quarterly reports due October 31.

Trials NMR received by Kingdom.

The Baronial Account has \$40,374.67 as of October 2 2025.

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 \$9.15 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

Trials – September 20th 2025

Security deposit refund of \$300.00 for contract FA-13109 will be returned via cheque but the mail is striking so it'll take a while.

Trials event report: 70 attendance, 13 comp, 1 child. NMS of \$40 Income \$1400. expenses \$1036.39 minus \$300 security deposit

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Steffan Drakkar reported: The event went very well! The weather turned out nicely, despite concerns over rain. We had 84 people through gate, who got to enjoy TUTOR classes, fighting, a lot of archery/thrown weapons as many candidates were ranged, and general merriment. Most importantly, we had three applicants successfully join the seargentry, including the first Forester for Lions Gate!

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

For both Coronet and Baroness Inspiration:

Times were somewhat adjusted to what we actually need for the second hall and so we received a \$900 refund. I will get this to the exchequer asap.

For exchequer needs while Azure is away on leave, please email Dame Elena elena.de.maisnilwarin@shaw.ca

November Coronet – Nov 1, 2025 - Arianna and Ylva

Gate float cheque for \$1,000 to Head Gate was requested. Gate will only be in Shannon Hall. You cannot sign in at Lists without signing in at Gate. Perhaps also inspirations.

It was moved by Sorchia and Roesia that we approve the gate float cheque for \$1,000 for November Coronet, no nays, Dame Elena abstained, **CARRIED**.

The schedule will now need to accommodate the Tir Righ A&S and Bardic championships at this event, due to the fire evacuation cancellation of the prior event.

Several members volunteered for gate signup.

No food permit needed

Baroness Inspiration – Nov 15, 2025 - Roesia

Gate float cheque for \$800 to Head Gate was requested.

Jaqueline moved to provide a cheque and seconded by Elvina for \$800 to Head Gate for Baroness. Bridget abstains, no nays, motion is **CARRIED**.

Gate fee will be \$30, \$20 for members. Baroness Inspiration may need to start set up earlier?

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Plans in progress are going well. Roesia has done Facebook updates. Once a schedule is approved, they will be added. Invitations to Royalty and Seagirt will be handed out at Coronet. There is a team in charge of potluck now.

Baroness Inspiration Gate will use stickers so that fighters can prove they have signed into Gate before attempting to register for Lists.

No food permit needed.

Baronial Banquet – November 29th

Sara provided an update: Kormak and Sara did a site tour visit today. Cooks meeting this week Friday. Still looking for volunteers for serving and scullery. People are buying tickets already. Things are going well, and we feel we are on top of things. Sara to confirm that site was paid in full this week.

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.

[Several officers are holding their positions and have not been able to find replacements.](#)

Vacancies

- **Minister of Stables:** Davin O'Daire is willing to take on the office.
- **Chamberlain** is looking for their replacement – Juliet is shadowing Lokki to take over.
- **Lists:** Term up in March, will be looking for replacement
- **Seneschal:** Need a couple more deputies!
- **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)

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New and Extending Officers

Incoming Rapier officer: Fiora Zorzi

Abbygale is taking over from Roesia

7. Baronial Business – New

The Baron says that the Gerhard Coronet has been worn a lot lately, because the pearl coronet is delicate and enamel is cracked on the current baronial coronets. The Baron and Baroness would like to open tender for bids, through Facebook, Discord, the Baronial newsletter, and soliciting private bids from jewellers or other modern vendors. There was a discussion about US vs. Canadian bids. The Seneschal will contact Kingdom to discuss their recent bid process and contract, and the new Barony of Glyn Dfwn in the Summits also did.

8. Baronial Business - Continuing

Practice location

Westwind church no longer allows us to use the carpeted area for fighting, including steel. We have outgrown the gym (and then some), so we need to find a new location. There have been lots of great suggestions online. If you find a possible location please email it to lionsgate.seneschal@tirrigh.org so we can follow up on them.

We would need space for heavy and steel fighting, and space for A&S, potentially classes, potentially a meeting space. The space for fighting needs to allow for that activity to take place (think about knee walking, armour scraping the floor, etc). Ideally the space would be accessible by transit.

At the moment we pay \$45 per hour.

The current gym is 2400 square feet, plus the carpeted side is a similar size, so are we able to find a new practice space of that size, or will we need to split the armoured fighting practice from the A&S side. There was discussion of finding a cement floor to fight on, or an outdoor covered area adjacent to indoor rental space for A&S. Consideration for renting BOTH Monday and Tuesday at Westwinds was discussed.

Sorcha is going to check out an outdoor covered area near her this week to see if it can be a fight practice in the evenings. Will investigate whether it is lit or if the park is locked up at dusk. No luck on pricing for any of the warehouse subleases she's looked at so far. All are \$5K and up per month.

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Event site explorers

No updates

Byrne Creek Community School potential demo request

“My name is Lisa Parsonson and I am a teacher librarian at a high school in Burnaby. I have a question, I am thinking about getting the library to sponsor a medieval fair in the new year. Poetry, chess, games, readings could be included.”

Tentative yes. Forwarded email to Chatelaine to follow up.

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, insurance and site paid. Crier copy sent
- Baroness Inspiration Tourney – November 15, 2025 – EIF sent, insurance and site paid. Crier copy sent
- Baronial Banquet – November 29, 2025- EIF sent. Crier copy sent. Need to order insurance

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!

Her Excellency and I are taking this month off from attending events to rest up before the busy-ness of November hits, so this month's Coronet report is a small one.

We have three new members of the sergeantry joining the ranks as of last month: Katharina, our first Forester; Agnes, newest Yeoman; and Daimhin, Gallant. Thank you to all those who participated in Trials, it is always difficult and we were working with a new format this year. You all did us proud.

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Looking forward to next month and seeing all your faces at November Coronet, Baroness' Inspiration, and/or Baronial Banquet!

Much love from

Malyss and Brynja

10. Adjournment

Steffan and Kian were talking to Schmidt in Danescombe regarding training swords and daggers. They will send the \$200 request to Rapier officer to handle under the budget.

Sara la Rosa has a proposal regarding archery at Cornwall Ridge site, and a proposed deputy thrown weapons officer of Theodora for the Sunshine Coast Lions Gate practices to start up. Jaqueline has made four hard target stands for them already, and one hay bale soft target stand. They're ready to start!

It was moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 p.m. **CARRIED.**

11. Next Council meeting

Online via Zoom; November 19th, 2025 at 7:30 pm PDT

ALL BUDGET REQUESTS FOR 2026 must be forwarded to the seneschal and exchequer before the next meeting.

12. Officer Reports Appendix

Officer reports as received by September 15, 2025;

Chronicler – Elvina April 2025 – 2026

Work on the backlog continues as does work on the supplement issue for the North Wind. Next North Wind will be published in November. Q3 report has been submitted

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

Not much happening, I will be purchasing remaining items for Demo box. Sara Dela Rosa has expresses interest in the Chatelaine position, so I plan to include her in events as a support position. I will be looking to contact for FanExpo information.

Chamberlain - Lokki - May 2024 - May 2026

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We are missing a few signs that im looking at finding. And the locker is a mess again

As we seem to keep adding things to the locker. Everything else is fine. We have a few events coming up thst will need lockers stuff

But I think everything they need is still there

And Juliet is keen to do the job and says she will can handle it. I will try and work with her the next month or two to get her ready to take over

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

Awards for Trials

Forester - Katharina Rein

Yeoman - Agnes Scherer

Gallant - Davin Adair

Stables - Þorbjorn of Lions Gate Oct 2023 – Oct 2025

Since my last report, we have had 4 practices and have moved to our winter location of west winds church. The numbers for this last month are as follows.

Sept 15th: 54

Sept 22nd: 54

Sept 29th: 32

Oct 6th: 48

I am also pleased to announce that I have a replacement for our Master of Stables, one Davin O'Darre. So long as his work does not keep him from us, he will be attending council for the change over. I will stay on as his pseudo deputy for the remainder of the year.

Archery – Kheron – April 2025 – 2027

There is not much to report for Target Archery this past month.

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The last Lions Gate/Lionsdale Target Archery practice was held on September 28 for the season.

I believe there are options being looked at to go back to the Cornwall Ridge Equestrian site but I do not know what the status currently is.

Also, The Shire of Lionsdale is looking at having a Target Archery practice, up to 20 yards, starting in January in Maple Ridge.

I've completed a partial inventory, about 80%, of the items stored at the Lionsdale practice site.

Blades – Giuliana di Castiglione Oct 2023-Oct 2025

Thursday steel practices resumed at the Irvine Elementary School gym as of September 18 with practices every Thursday until November 27 and an additional day on December 18.

The attendance so far has been a core group of 6 fighters with up to 9 fighters on one of the days.

My term as Rapier officer ends in October, and I'll be replaced by my deputy Fiora Zorzi.

Lists - Sorchia Inghean Triein Mar 2024 - Mar 2026

lists has no activities to report. However I have lined up 3/5 folks to help with the Lists tables at Baroness Inspiration so that's great progress. I'll fetch the lists boxes from the storage at the end of October. I will be looking for someone to take over lists office in the new year as my time is up in March. I'm going to check out an outdoor covered area near me this week to see if it can be a fight practice in the evenings. I need to see if it is lit or if the park is locked up at dusk. No luck on pricing for any of the warehouse subleases I've looked at so far. All are \$5K and up per month.

Thrown Weapons – Sara e Rosa August 2023 – August 2025

Equestrian – VACANT

Youth Armoured Combat – VACANT

Arts & Sciences- Etan - Oct 2023-Oct 2025

No report

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Dance - Delgrade McAllister - Mar 2024 – Mar 2026

September 17 Dancers 6, dances 11 September 24 Dancers 9 dances 12

October 1 Dancers 4 dances 4, but a new dance teacher practiced the same dance 7 times

October 8 Dancers 8 dances 9

Games – Bridget Killkenny Feb 2025 – Feb 2027

Scribe - Katarina - May 2024- May 2026

Nothing to report this last month in scribal

Social Media – Etienne - Oct 2023-Oct 2025

Webminister – Bleddyn – Jun 2022 – Jun 2024

Well, not a lot to report on since last Council. Again minimal updates as I am not receiving any! So, please, I implore you all, send any changes, be they related to Calendar, Awards (i.e. The last awards report I have is from August 3!), news, etc., to LionsGate.Webminister@tirrigh.org, and I will deal with them ASAP.

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)	\$5,865	\$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.