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**upcoming events**

<b>date</b>	<b>branch</b>	<b>event</b>
November 29	Lions Gate	Lions Gate Baronial Banquet
December 6	Seagirt	Seagirt Yule
December 11	Lionsdale	Shire Winter Banquet
December 13	Thornwold	Thornwold Yule

The turn of the year and winter festive season  
Rest, refresh and enjoy!

February 13-16	Hartwood	Hartwood Spring TUTOR
February 21	Hartwood	Tir Righ February Investiture

**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 trials, september 20, 2025.**

This years trials saw a fair number of candidates work hard at becoming members of the Lions Gate Sergeantry. A new format of testing throughout the year saw the candidates have a moment here and there to breathe between the tests on the day. Three of the candidates successfully achieved their goal of becoming members of the Sergeantry.

The new members of the Baroness' Sergeantry are:

Forester - Katharina Rein

Gallant - Davin Adaire

Yeoman - Agnes Scherer

**NOVEMBER CORONET, NOVEMBER 1, 2025.**

Though November Coronet was incredibly busy with a very long court where a number of the local folk were honoured, (*that happens when it has both Kingdom and Principality courts*), Our Baron and Baroness managed to slip in a roving Lions Gate Court to recognize the following good gentles. Folk who are often in the background but are greatly valued for their efforts over the years.

**AWARDS**

- ~ Lions claw - Rhun Collbran
- ~ Silver Lance - Mary Collbran

**BARONESS' INSPIRATION, NOVEMBER 1, 2025.**

Baroness's Inspiration this saw a great many activities with a range of martial tourneys as well as many other activities including some fabulous shopping – you should have heard the Princess on her finds!

**AWARDS**

From the Lions Gate Baronial Court, Baron Malyss and Baroness Brynja called a number of folk forward to receive recognition.

- ~ Thorbjorn of Lions Gate received the Lions Claw
- ~ The Keystone was given to:
  - Drekah Thoreson
  - Tobias von Rosenheim
- ~ The Baronial Favour was given to
  - Stephan FitzDrake
  - Daimhin O'Daire
- ~ The Lions Fang was given to the outgoing Champion (already a member of the Order!)
  - Wu Chi for Cut and Thrust
- ~ The Baroness chose the following Inspirations
  - Sigga of Lions Gate is the Baroness' Inspiration for Heavy Combat
  - Fiora Zorzi is the Baroness' Inspiration for Rapier Combat
  - Sara la Rosa is the Baroness' Inspiration for Archery
  - Everard Dyer is the Baroness' Inspiration for Thrown Weapons
  - Gwenllian Froste is the Baroness' Inspiration for Bardic
  - Ellen Foirinn is the Baroness' Inspiration for Service
  - Curtis of Rumm is the Baroness' Inspiration for Arts & Sciences

THE WINNERS OF THE MANY TOURNEYS ON THE DAY WERE AS FOLLOWS:

Rapier Prize Tourney	~ Draven Mac Raith
Steel Rose tourney	~ Magdalena Kress
Rapier Chivalry Prize	~ Vladimir Andreivich Aleksandrov
Heavy Prize Tourney	~ Beorn Bjulfrsson
Iron Rose Tourney	~ Acherea Levesque
Heavy Chivalry Prize	~ Ts'ai Tien-p'u ~ Sadhbh Bheag ingean Toirrdhealbhaigh

Gerhard's Riposte went to Belisarius of Lions Gate

***News Flash! We interrupt the regularly scheduled North Wind to bring you:***

## DOG MEAT ANNOUNCEMENT!

Baroness Brynja is bringing back Dog Meat numbers for those who want one. Starting in the 500s, as we figure that's roughly where we would be if they continued.

All those who fought with her on the warfields of Sea Lion War, Ducal War and Lions War are entitled to a number, even if they're not from Lions Gate.

Please Email Her Excellency at [LionsGate.Baroness@tirrigh.org](mailto:LionsGate.Baroness@tirrigh.org) to get your number and token.

We will be adding all new Lions Gate fighters to the roster as they fight their first tourney or war.

Because its not about winning, its about fun and silliness with all your friends :)

## A LITTLE BACKGROUND ON THE WHAT AND WHY OF DOG MEAT :

*AS IT OFTEN WAS IN THE EARLY DAYS OF LIONS GATE, IT'S ALL BJORN'S FAULT ( WELL ALMOST...)*

*(Note: The two human sources aside from the North Wind archives for the History of the Dog Meat Numbers are Bjorn of Havok and Sir Harrold of Warrington. Both were early Lions Gate fighters and both served as Master of Stables for Lions Gate in the early years, first Bjorn, then Harrold and then back to Bjorn. So they have good knowledge of the fighters and fighting in early Lions Gate.)*

### The True Story of the Dog Meat Warriors (from the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary book of Lions Gate)

by Bjorn of Havok

It came to pass that our Baron thought we should have a war, and if a thing is to be done it might as well be hopeless, so he challenged what was arguably one of the two best war groups in the West Kingdom. The stories of Golden Rivers against Rieslingshire (Fresno) had been the stuff of legend in my trips to the August Purgatorio tourneys. They had Knights up the yingyan, we had... war gamers. Most of us had years of pushing little lead soldiers around Ping-Pong tables. We may have been short on hitting skill, but we knew all about refused flanks, reserves, and shield walls. Plus what did we have to lose? So we practiced staying together, fighting in multiple ranks, and moving in formation. Then we all loaded in a rented bus and headed off to war. On the way down I was telling a favorite story from Sports Illustrated about a couple of Bridge players who went to a big tournament in Las Vegas and survived to levels far beyond their modest skill on the basis of luck, and not doing anything stupid. As the term used in bridge circles for the players that are not expected to survive the first rounds is "Dog Meat" I suggested the parallel. If we stuck together we probably wouldn't win but we would at least scare some Knights.

The true stories of how we won number in the hundreds. The truth is that we had a Knight -- Sir Edward Zifron, who felt he was close enough to Lions Gate to be a native troop. We had All-Star mercenaries from the West led by Duke Paul and Duke William, and we had troops that moved as obediently steadfastly as any lead soldiers. Dog Meat was no longer a term of derision but a badge to be worn with pride.

PS. The Order of the numbers for the Dog Meat is in theory the order in which we first fought in a tourney. I have the honour to be the first. The next few are a tad sketchy as to the order of who fought at the Monbog New Moon Festival (first official tourney) and the Royal tourney was not preserved. However amongst the first was the person who got me into the society Ilya, who came to be known by many other names. I was told by Duke Paul at that tourney that no lady had to that time fought in a sanctioned tourney so Boverk of Momchillivich was the first woman fighter.

*From the editor:*

*Bjorn used the story of the Dog Meat on the Golden Rivers war bus to get the fighters into the concept of working as a team. Team work could ( and did!) win against greater skills.*

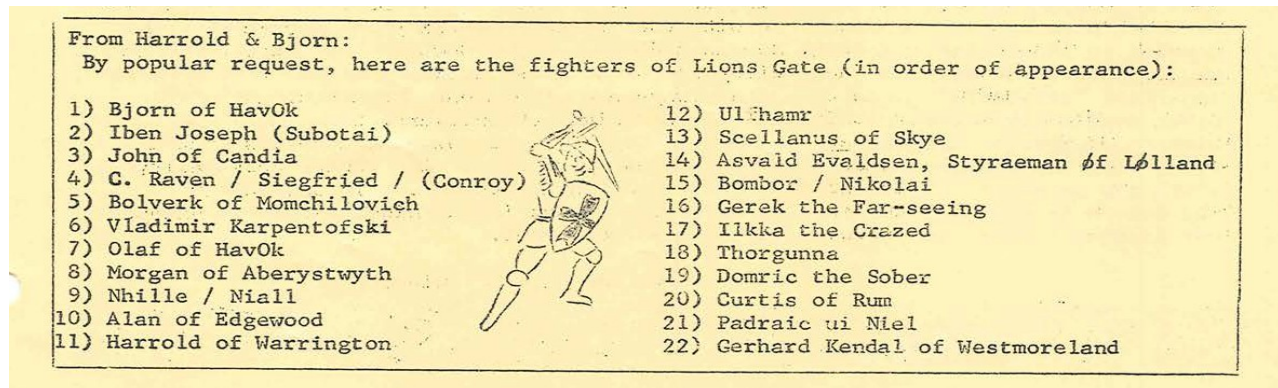
*However, Harrold of Warrington remembers Bjorn telling him the Dog Meat story prior to the war bus to Golden Rivers War. It was on a trip south to Mists to fight at an event an unremembered time before the War. (It was a while ago after all!)*

*So their timelines overlap a bit. I have gone through the North Wind archives and I think have the order as close as I can to when and what. However, there is no doubt, the two of them are responsible for the Dog Meat numbers.*

## THE FIGHTER LIST

Harrold of Warrington had an idea. What about identifying the order people started fighting in Lions Gate? It was supposed to be a one and done type of idea to list the early fighters. They dug back through North Winds and peoples' memories for the beginning number list, which as Bjorn says, has a few sketchy bits. But then, it turned out to Harrold's surprise, everyone wanted their "official number". And that meant every fighter!

The first list of Lions Gate fighters was published in North Wind #26 March AS 12 (1978) There was no mention of Dog Meat in this list. This was before the Golden Rivers War.



## THE FIRST MENTION OF DOG MEAT IN THE NORTHWIND

North Wind # 28 June, AS 13 (1978). This issue was published just hours before the Golden Rivers War...

"...was printed two hours before most of the company concerned in its production left for the war. I've still got to pack!"

### FROM DOG MEAT 13

The mention of Dog Meat was a letter regarding the handling of a fighter's equipment without permission.

It seems Harrold had taken the story of Dog Meat which Bjorn had told him and applied it to the fighters list.

The fighters of Lions Gate knew about the idea of Dog Meat but it wasn't quite real just yet.

Bjorn successfully motivated the Lions Gate fighters with the Dog Meat story on that Golden Rivers war bus and Lions Gate won the war, with Dog Meat becoming a proud identity for a Lions Gate fighter. That fateful story which caused Lions Gate to focus on a silly shtick group identity for the shield wall fighters regardless of skill levels was now reality in the Barony.

## HOWEVER IT DIDN'T END THERE...

The next bit happened when it came about that Harrold needed a new t-shirt to wear under his armour when fighting. So he put it together - sports teams have numbers, fighters need something to wear under their gambisons and Lo - the Dog Meat t-shirts were born.

Early Lions Gate wars were often got to by war bus. The whole army travelled together. All the fighters wore their Dog Meat T-shirts on the war bus. After all, the army that travels together, and fights together, tells war stories together.



*Editors note: Harrold does not remember exactly when the Dog Meat T-shirts came about. He thinks it was around the summer of the Golden Rivers war though and the first ones may actually have been made to wear on that war bus. Bjorn had given him the idea of Dog Meat and Harrold ran with it. I joined Lions Gate the fall of that year and Dog Meat T-shirts were in use at fight practices by then, so the timeline fits to the best of my knowledge.*

Most Dog Meat t-shirts have vanished over the years from wear and tear under fighting gear (to say *nothing of the sweat!*) But there was a particular style to them, right down to the slightly plush lettering. The one pictured below belongs to the editor, Elvina. It survived mainly as it had stopped being worn under armour when Elvina changed armour type. (*It didn't quite work with the new gear*).

The front of a Dog Meat t-shirt says DOG MEAT and the back has the fighters name and number.



### the dog meat number badges

One more thing that came about was being given your Dog Meat number on a needle worked badge made by Baroness Amanda. She created the badges over the years and Lions Gate fighters proudly wore them.

It made for great "No \*\*\*\*, there I was" story-telling about how each of us started fighting and where and when we got our number. Which of course led to other fighting stories...

The Dog Meat number badge shown here is Bjorn of Havok's.



## AND THAT'S NOT ALL...

War stories around the Bardic fires led to the Bards wanting to be involved. Filk songs were common. They were all over the known world, not just in Lions Gate. Filks are new words to well known tunes so even non-musical fighters could join in the singing. There was everything from "Colourful Bruise" to "Life is A Battered Helm" to a fighters take on "My Favorite Things".

Lions Gate had it's own filks thanks to our wonderful Bards. There was "Nhille's Sword", "The Saxons and the Vikings" (*a war story about Harrold of Warrington*) and the new one the entire Lions Gate army would sing on the war buses, "We are Dog Meat".

Dog Meat numbers existed and Nikolai wrote a song to inspire the army in time for the Golden Rivers war.

We are Dog Meat is reprinted below from Songs of Wine, Women and War originally printed in June, AS 13 with permission of the author, Nikolai Andreiov.

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## WE ARE DOG MEAT

tune: I am Woman

We are dog meat yes we are  
As we stand beside the bar,  
But we must go off to fight our Baron's war.  
For we've heard it all before  
When he was drunk and on the floor.  
We shouldn't get our Baron drunk again.

## CHORUS

Oh yes we can fight,  
but we're not the best by far,  
We will kill your knights,  
then you'll know who we are,  
If we have to  
we can kill anything,  
We are strong, we are invincible,  
we are dog meat!

When we line up for our warfare  
Our huge numbers make it more fair  
For they cancel out our missing sword finesse,  
And when you've hacked through our front lines  
You'll find more standing right behind,  
When you're tired they will add you to the mess.

You had thirteen knights or more,  
What! They're lying in the gore.  
We thought that quality would beat out quantity,  
But when you are out numbered  
One knight against one hundred,  
Your knight has gone and walked into the sea!

Nikolai Andreiov



**And then...**

It didn't stop there. Within just a couple of years war fighting was evolving and the "lights" also wanted numbers. After all, the archers and thrown weapons folk were fighting in Lions Gate wars. Thus Light Dog Meat was born with it own separate number listing.

**STILL MORE...**

And then, Baron Gerhard brought out the collector trading card sets. Just like baseball cards, you could collect all the Dog Meat Fighter cards. The cards had the fighter's arms on the front and information about the fighter on the back. Gerhard kept telling us we should collect to learn to identify all the Lions Gate fighters on the war field...

*(Now, if only I knew where I put my set! )*

Keeping track of Dog Meat numbers over the years became harder as keepers of the lists changed and eventually the tracking was lost and the listing ceased to be updated.

**SO NOW...**

As Baroness Brynja has said, this is about to change!

With the reopening of Dog Meat number listing, the guidelines are slightly different.

In the beginning it was only the heavy fighters who lived in Lions Gate. Due to the expanded range of martial skills over the years, limiting it to heavy fighters is no longer the appropriate way. The separation of the heavies from the lights is no longer relevant and there are even more martial skills defending the Barony.

**All** those with martial skills who fight for Lions Gate are entitled to be issued with and proudly wear their Dog Meat number. Thusly to proudly tell the "No \*\*\*\*, there I was" stories of how they came to be Dog Meat.

**THE OLD LISTINGS**

Below are the listings the North Wind has of the Dog Meat and Light Dog Meat numbers. They are long, as a LOT of folk have proudly gone to war for Lions Gate. And just as often, spent many evenings telling war stories with their friends. After all, that is one of the main points of going to war in the current middle ages – to get great war stories to share.

**DOGMEAT NUMBERS**

From North Wind #253 Dec/Jan AS 36 (2001/2002)

1. Bjorn of HavOk	5. Bolverk of Momchilovich
2. Iben Joseph	6. Vladimir Carpentovski
3. John of Candia	7. Olaf of HavOk
4. Siegfried of Conroy	8. Morgan of Aberwystwyth

## Dogmeat numbers continued

9. Nial Kilkierney	61. Logan Blackthorne
10. Daffyd ap Moran	62. Aurelia
11. Harrold of Warrington	63. Agravaine Devereux
12. Ulfhamr of Bog	64. Ulf Herjulfsson
13. Scellanus of Skye	65. Frederick of Zwickau
14. Styreman of Lolland	66. Amanda Kendal of Westmoreland
15. Nikolai Andreiov	67. Daffyd y Peireannydd
16. Gerek the Far-Seeing	68. Ian O'Dale
17. Ilkka the Crazy	69. Celdae the Seeker
18. Thorgunna	70. James Thurin
19. Domric the Sober	71. Cassandra Wineday of Newingate
20. Curtis of Rumm	72. Eirik (Arthur de Montague)
21. Padraic Ui Faolin	73. Steffel of High Church
22. Gerhard Kendal of Westmoreland	74. Leia
23. Dominic d'Aquila	75. Sven Longhair
24. Louis	76. Oak (Einar) Guntharson
25. Alwyn	77. Andrew Graham
26. Gaylen the Smiling	78. Zeid ibn al Tariq
27. Akbar the Sot	79. Raphael (Kaj)
28. William of Clan Gordon	80. Shannhara
29. Bjvulf von Rannshaffen	81. Thaylin Lochthar
30. Elvina Effynewoode	82. Drelan of Gaul
31. Fujiwara Suka	83. Sgain of Sea Devil Point
32. Wade of Many Places	84. Sigurd Sigurdsen
33. Andre Lessard	85. Richard Bernard
34. Minamoto Tetsuko	86. Corwyn of the Rocky Isle
35. Tygar of Three Falcons	87. Pelayo Japaltopec
36. William of Three Falcons	88. Olaf Redbeard
37. Ettrick the Silent	89. Bobby
38. Alasdair McAuley	90. Tristan Longstrider
39. Enrico de Gucci	91. Tirian McBeighn the Blue
40. Gunnar	92. Peregrine Portico
41. Daniel of Stafford Pele	93. James Davidson
42. Marco de Gucci	94. Oliver Schielke
43. Anthony of Arden	95. Kunigunde
44. Ted MacLeod	96. William of the Battered Helm
45. Doug of Arch	97. Richard FitzGerald of Broadmeadow
46. Cushag an Ellan Vannin	98. Sunjan Temujin
47. Istvan	99. Maelen of Catcott
48. Jamie the Hulk	100. Brian O'Donnell
49. Ivan Aufulich	101. Lou Tang
50. Sam Shieldbate	102. Calum Fraser
51. Malcolm	103. Marc Rene Sebastian Dubois
52. Andrew Kerr	104. Thomas of Landovry
53. Hrolf hest Haren	105. Katahra
54. Guido de Gucci	106. Hwolf Einarson
55. Steffano al Khabeelah	107. Barda Wulf Halfdane
56. Umeyama Taniko	108. Gudrun
57. Steffan Falk of Berne	109. Hans Olstrum
58. Colin MacKay of Balmaghie	110. Liam Wolf
59. Graham MacRauri	111. Mikhail Heimdallson
60. Egil Bloodax	112. Quashi

**Dogmeat numbers continued**

113. Griffin ap Bedwyr	152. Lars Offason
114. Cameron Blackheart	153. Sevrin ap Selwyn
115. Peter Perugini	154. Thorgeir Blackheart
116. Dagmar Martenjager	155. Caitrin ni Cingeadh
117. Dana	156. Corwynne Aegirson
118. Dagmar	157. Francis McBeighn
119. Kieth Farebrother	158. Kenrick
120. Angus Sean O'Gucci	159. Morgan
121. Willard von Slayer	160. Yoshiie Taganashi
122. Random MacDougal	161. Lothar der Sachse von Rode
123. Sean O'Gucci	162. Ludavika Vodnakova z Hradce
124. Hassan Al Rashid	163. KraloveWerburga of Wenlock
125. Tancred de Brus	164. Lucy al Khabeelah
126. Darius Corwyn	165. Macmillian Ulfredson
127. Matson van Nergens-Zijn	166. Michel d'Arg
128. Gunter von Wisleland	167. Triton MacDougal
129. Cordell de Caen	168. Vladimir Andreivich Aleksandrov
130. David	169. Kurgan the Clumsy
131. Riger Thorvaldson	170. Jamie McBeighn
132. William of Thetford	171. Sarah Francis Halket
133. Thomas of Appledore	172. Gaerhun O'Gwynnedd
134. Aaron of the Black Mountains	173. Cassan Perth of Glencolk
135. Malik	174. Zein
136. Roland of Stone	175. Beaureguard Buchan
137. Hrofen Halfman al Khabeelah	176. Kempe
138. Gregory	177. Anna Sophia of Novgorod
139. Keith (Malcolm) McBeighn	178. Marion
140. Leif Olafson	179. Barek
141. Wolfram von Ravensburg	180. Katerina (Kate) D'Passi
142. Cyneric Bearson McBean	181. Bernadette Eibhlin Ard
143. Avelard	182. Grunnar the Red Tiger
144. Rhonda Bee Taymer	183. Myles O'Seanishen MacDawson
145. Raknar Guntharson	184. Sebastian
146. Vincentti Negro Umbro al Khabeelah	185. V'lar
147. Bergen of Lions Gate	186. Maurik Van Delft
148. Corwyn	187. Robert of Knapdale (Aidan Carlysle)
149. Aron of Garde Freinet	188. Hrothgar MacNewan
150. Nathaniel MacAndrew	189. Sasha Kristoff
151. Emile of the Black Branch	190. Marcus the Wanderer

**Light Dogmeat numbers**

1. Gerhard Kendal of Westmoreland	10. Pelayo of Asturias
2. Andre Lessard	11. Maelen of Catcott
3. Sigurd Sigurdson	12. Cassandra Wineday of Newgate
4. Malcolm of Hybernia	13. Nikolai Andreiov
5. Riger Thorvaldson	14. Celeste McBeign
6. Dagmar Martenjager	15. Myfamwyam Glamorgam
7. Umeyama Taniko	16. William of the Battered Helm
8. Oak (Einar) Guntharson	17. Morgaine of Essex
9. Marc Rene Sebastian Dubois	18. Lance

## Light Dogmeat numbers

19. Godwin Seawardson of Wessex	32. Mike of Courtney
20. Byron Fletcher	33. Morgan of Aberwystwyth
21. Colin MacKay of Balmaghie	34. Yoshie Minyamoto
22. Malcom McCloud	35. William the Absent Minded
23. Alex of Lions Gate	36. Peregrine Portico
24. Ariel of Lions Gate	37. William the Absent Minded
25. Barda Wulf Halfdane	38. Werner the Swede
26. Beaureguard Buchanan	39. Perrin of Lions Gate
27. Bryant Aeron	40. Anna Catrina McKenzie
28. Herbacious	41. Sorca the Ink-stained
29. KJ of Lions Gate (?)	42. Issac of Stillwaters
30. Aldebaran of Arcadia	43. Leah Elizabeth of Tintagel
31. Kevin Bowman of Blackport	

*news Flash ended! we now return to your regular scheduled north wind*

TO ALL IN THE BARONY OF LIONS GATE, AND ALL OUR FRIENDS IN  
THE KNOWN WORLDE, MAY THE UPCOMING SEASONAL  
FESTIVITIES AND SEASON TURN BRING YOU REST, PEACE AND JOY.  
RETURN RENEWED IN THE NEW YEAR.

WISHING YOU ALL THE BEST,

ELVINA  
CHRONICLER, LIONS GATE

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