

Barony of Lions Gate Council – March 18, 2026

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	
Deputy seneschal	Sorcha Inghean Triein	Melissa Martensen	X
Exchequer	Pak, Nammo	Nathalie Jones	
Deputy exchequer	Giuliana da Castiglione	Jenny Lang	
Family activities coordinator			
Chamberlain	Acherea Levesque	Juliet	X
Gold Key Deputy			
Games	Bridget of Kilkenny	Kathleen Andersen	
Chatelaine	Sara la Rosa	Kimberlyn Weston	
Deputy chatelaine			
Herald (Sable Loat)	Nisha Rajani	Sima Shoker	
Chronicler	Elvina Effynewoode	Jacqueline Lee	
Deputy Chronicler			
Scribe	Katharina Rein	Dana Boyd	
Social Media			
Webminister	James Irvein		
Deputy Webminister	Myrie	Maya	
Stables	Davin Daimhin O'Daire	Eric Armstrong	X
Stables Deputy			
Archery	Kheron Azov	Richard Bertrand	X
Archery Deputy	Gunnar Stigandsson (the Wanderer)	Simon Thomsen	X
Equestrian			
Lists	Vigdis of Lions Gate	Annie	X
Blades (Rapier)	Fiora Zorzi	Suzanne Ruffeski	X
Blades (Rapier) Deputy			
Thrown Weapons	Everard Dyer	Jonathan Vandebek	X
Thrown Weapons Deputy	Sara la Rosa	Kimberlyn Weston	X
Youth Armoured Combat			
Arts & Science			
Bardic Arts			
Dance	Delgrade McAllister	Caralyn Andersen	X
TUTR Coordinator			

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Guests:

SCA Name	Modern Name
Nereugei Kitad-un	Vic Lo
Ranulfr Halfr-Jotunn	Kelly Knitsch
Athelina Grey	Karen Domer
Anthony Hawke	Mike Dowd
Lady Ysabel d,"Lyle.	Elizabeth Glidden
Shahr Mulji	Reena Muljiani
Thorbjorn	Kris Larsen
Tristan	Paul Puhallo
Millicent	Tina Johnston
Agnes	Vanessa

1. Approval of minutes: February 2026

Motion to approve the Lions Gate council minutes from February 2026, which you have received via email:

It was moved by Sorcha and seconded by Vigdis that we approve the council minutes from February 2026 as circulated. No nays, Nereugei and Athelina both abstain. MOTION CARRIED.

2. Seneschal report

Good evening everyone,

I am away this week and so I leave you in Nereugei's capable hands. See you all in April!

YIS,
Jacomina

Nereugei acknowledges the land we operate on. Mina is away and you are in capable hands.

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

Financial Report

By Pak, Nammo (Nathalie Jones), Lions Gate Exchequer

- Bank Account: \$48,749.36CAD
- November to January all practices have been deposited & the Banquet amount is finalized deposit of \$2,408.85CAD.
- February practices will be processed & deposited Thursday as I haven't been able to make it out to archery practice for pick up.
- The letter of acceptance for Bank Signatories Change Over has been forwarded to Elena Maisnilwarin & an appointment has been made with the bank branch for this weekend.
- The deposit for Canterbury Fayre has been posted in the bank account.
- February practice fees for Archery/TW practice were collected yesterday

Pak, Nammo / Nathalie Jones

Lions Gate Exchequer

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 2026 offices before December 15th deadline.

Return It Express Donations

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Return It deposited \$0 total for 2026 so far

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

The phone number is not real – it is the Barony birth date June 8, 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

None appearing.

5. Upcoming events

We are trialing a new event bid form. Please talk to Jacomina or Sorcha if you have questions. This is not on the website yet so please ask the Seneschal for a copy, or continue to use the 2024 version of the Event Steward Bid spreadsheet on the Barony of Lions Gate <https://lionsgate.tirrigh.org/forms/> page!

General Event planning info

The EIF (event information form) has to be sent to kingdom 3 months in advance of an event. That form at the very least needs to have the location of the event plus the event steward name. If we miss the 3 month deadline we would have to request a variance from kingdom, which would be sent to the BoD. They will generally only give a variance if there was some kind of disaster, not if we were merely late.

All pertinent event information needs to be sent to the Crier at the latest on the 1st of the month before the month of the event. If we don't do that the event will not be official and no official court business can be conducted.

Once an event is over, the NMR funds have to be sent to Kingdom within 10 days, so please arrange to get all funds to the Exchequer asap.

After an event, the event report and expense report needs to be completed and sent to the Seneschal. This includes gate numbers, so those need to be filled in by the head gate person, the event steward, or the exchequer. If this needs to happen by the exchequer please arrange that with her in advance.

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Canterbury Fayre – May 9th, Semiahmoo - Surrey

Site and date are secure. Bid was approved by financial committee.

Doctor Who theme: Canterbury Who. Madame Jaqueline Lefleur & team

Lions Gate Champions – May 23rd, Warner Loat Park - Thorbjorn and co

Site and date are secure! EIF is done. Team has come together. Site walkthrough is planned, and things are coming together. Layout will be the same.

Sealion War – May 29-31, Hazelmere RV Park – Arianna/Cyneric and Bridget

All that Glitters – new theme!

Hazelmere booked for about 4k. Not a great price but it's what we've got right now.

Arianna has submitted a bid with Bridget as steward. This site was partially used before for Trials, and we have rented both sides of the lane this time, so there will be plenty of space. Estimated attendance on the bid form is 295, site expenses \$4,937 including rental portapotties, potential profit of \$2862.50. Camping on site with flushable toilets. Gate float proposed is \$1500. Site fee of \$30 (\$40 for non-members). Sorcha volunteered to be head gate. Financial committee will review further.

Lions War – July 24 – August 3, Clinton

Equestrian insurance received! Contract will be signed in March.

Renaissance Faire in Mission - September 18/19/20

Fraser River Heritage Park

Sorcha is excited to lead this, helped by Chatelaine. Will be including the Baronial Pavillion.

Will need a number of volunteers. More info coming as things progress. Would be excellent to teach a short group dance to recorded music, if we have a volunteer to teach Sorcha and someone else how to do it?

Kheron volunteers to run the archery range, space will probably work for our safety standards

Nammo offered to redesign business cards with a QR code to the Barony website

Nereugei says Lets work on recruiting for the Barony! Brynja suggests hobby horses for kids.

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Trials – no date, no location

Thorbjorn has submitted a bid for Trials, September 26th, at the Albion Fairgrounds. It may be the same date as the Lionsdale practice at the site. Some consideration for October 3rd as a backup date, if they don't want to share the site. No approach has been made to the site rental yet. Katherine O'Dair as head gate. Projected attendance as paid members of 10 with fee of \$20, and \$30 for non members. No projections for expenses as site has not been secured yet.

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

- Arts & Sciences – Viscountess Sina has expressed interest – awaiting her application
- Chamberlain – Acherea has stepped down, Nisha has applied to take it on
- Sable Loat Herald – Nisha has stepped down, Acherea has applied to take it on
- Social Media – Morweena has been helping out in an unofficial capacity
- YAC – Youth Armoured Combat
- YAFA – Youth and Family Achievements (Background checks must be renewed every two years)

Upcoming Vacancies

- **Chronicler** – term up in August 2026. This is a required office
- **Dance** – Roesia is taking over the dance minister office position from Delgrade (March 2026-March 2026)
- Desdemona has indicated interest in taking over the Scribal officer position

New and Extending Officers

7. Baronial Business – New

None.

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8. Baronial Business - Continuing

Practice location

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. Accessibility to transit also useful to consider. Parking is useful to consider.

Practice locations update

While we wait to hear from Westwinds about the fate of our Monday gatherings, there is another option available. After Spring Break until June, on Wednesday evenings 7-9pm, there will be an allthing practice at West Vancouver Secondary School (with a 4000 square foot gym and a separate space for A&S in the café). This is in the lower gym and cafe, see pin provided. \$5 fee for all participants (regardless of activity)

[<https://maps.app.goo.gl/kQoL5QLTBMkcDgqg7>]

Westwinds may be happening again sometime in April? Stay tuned. Renovations are ongoing.

Thursday Steel practices will be back on March 12 until June 11, in PoCo at the same Irvine Elementary School, except during spring break

Event Schedule 2026

- Canterbury Fayre – May 9 – Semiahmoo - Canterbury Who
- Lions Gate Champions – May 23rd, Warner Loat park
- Sealion War – May 29-31 – Hazelmere RV park

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- Lions War – July 24 – August 3rd, Insurance received, Crier copy not submitted yet
- Trials – No date secured
- Demo at Renaissance Faire Mission – Sept 18-20
- Baroness Inspiration – Nov 13-15
- Banquet – no date, no bid

We are reminded to update the An Tir Calendar if you are event steward 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

Her Excellency and I were delighted to visit Hartwood to witness the investiture of our new Princes, and to visit Insula Magna again to see what our artisans have been working on at Salon Artificum. Her Excellency will be visiting a third time for Daffodil in Seagirt, and I would ask that any Lions Gaters accompanying her to keep an eye out for the Glitter Ninjas of Seagirt, lest they bedazzle our beloved Baroness – we hear they may be contemplating an Invasion, around about May? Prepare for war and let's see who's the shiniest, but remember to glitter in an environmentally friendly fashion!

M & B

10. Adjournment

It was moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:19 pm.

11. Next Council meeting

Online via Zoom; April 15, 2026 at 7:30 pm PDT

12. Officer Reports Appendix

Officer reports as received by March 17, 2026;

Chronicler – Elvina April 2025 – August 2026

Chatelaine – Sara la Rosa – Jan 2026 - Jan 2028

Chamberlain - Nisha – March 2026 – March 2028

Herald - Sable Loat Pursuivant – Acherea – March 2026 – March 2026

Stables – Davin O'Daire Nov 2025 – Nov 2027

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Archery – Kheron – April 2025 – 2027

Our practices have been going well. We only had one practice in February that any shooting happened at. The inclement weather and February Investiture made for low attendance or no practice.

March practices are off to a good start, mostly weather impacting the turnout. A few new faces showing up and everyone having a good time.

I've been in active discussions about the Ren-Fair demo in September and it seems we will be able to do something archery related as it appears they can meet our safety requirements for a range.

Blades – Fiora Zorzi Oct 2025-Oct 2027

No practices in February. We had one our first steel practice of the year on March 12. It was well attended with 11 participants. Practices are on pause for spring break, then resume again April 2nd. I am hoping we can keep our numbers up for the upcoming practices.

Lists – Vigdís of Lions Gate- Mar 2026 – March 2028

Nothing to report

Thrown Weapons – Everard Dyer Feb 2026 – Feb 2028

Equestrian – VACANT

Youth Armoured Combat – VACANT

Arts & Sciences - Vacant

Dance - Delgrade McAllister - Mar 2024 – Mar 2026

Games – Bridget Killkenny Feb 2025 – Feb 2027

Scribe - Katarina - May 2024- May 2026

Social Media – Vacant

Webminister – James Irvein – Feb 2026 - 2028

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I am making progress getting the website sorted out. It turns out some (hopefully all?) of our malware issues over the past while were related to a trojan "security" plugin. I managed to beat a few things into submission, got access to the wordpress site back, and have begun actually working on the site.

Jaqueline has kindly offered to help with content updates.

So far:

- Removed all wordpress plugins that are no longer endorsed by WordPress, or that are not actually required or were not being used. Several of these were optimization-related (image resizing, caching) so the site might be a touch slower on some connections, but so far I haven't actually noticed a difference on my own computer.
- Updated the calendar to include upcoming local events: Lions War, LG Champions, Canterbury Fayre, Tir Righ Scribal Symposium
- Restored the related links/info sidebars to the various webpages
- I believe that the site will now send out emails properly (It sent out a test email successfully after I switched email providers) so hopefully coronets will be notified of Award Recommendation submissions and Seneschal of Contact Us submissions from now on.
- I have attached the export of the form submission entries from the back end, which will include *all* the historical data that I have, since I don't know what did or didn't go through when it came in.

To Do:

- Find & upload the council minutes for November/January/February
- Fix the formatting on the Regular Practices page and the Upcoming Events sidebar on the homepage
- Update the site's Theme since to work nicely with the major changes to WordPress that have happened since I built it, and to fix several things that I built rather wonky because I didn't know as much about WP at the time
- Get Jaqueline's access to the WP site sorted out and give her the tour

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- Add Kingdom A&S, Sealion War, Tir Righ Coronet, & August Investiture to the Calendar. (Unfortunately we can no longer have the WP site subscribe to the An Tir Events calendar so these aren't quite as quick as they used to be)
- Find a security plugin that is reliable, does what we need, doesn't do things we don't need it to, and isn't secretly evil.

Family activities – VACANT

The University of Tir Righ – VACANT

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2026 Approved Budget:

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Office	Item	Category	Spent	2026
Baronial Coronet	Award necklaces	General Supplies		\$225
Baronial Coronet	Award tokens	General Supplies		\$350
Baronial Coronet	Coronet cleaning	Equipment Rental & Maintenance		\$50
Exchequer	Postage (NMR)	Postage & Shipping		\$50
Exchequer (Chamberlain)	repair supplies	General Supplies		\$200
Seneschal	postage, Zoom	Postage & Shipping, Telephone		\$400
Arts & Sciences	photocopying, pens, etc	General Supplies		\$50
Chatelaine	photocopying, etc	General Supplies		\$200
2026	Storage locker rental	Occupancy (Event Related)		\$6,410
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				\$15,648

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