

Lions Gate Council – April 26, 2012

Wymarcha Hektanah Doiron

Seneschale Report – Caitrina inghean Aindriasa

- Date reservation forms for 2013/14 that were previously submitted had some issues. My thanks to the Tir Righ calendar deputy for bringing to our attention and helping us to correct quickly and efficiently. There were some minor date changes.
- LG-Announce. Has it been shut down? Following up with Malie.
- Becoming a Kingdom – email list was created for Tir Righ Officers, Peers and all Branch Seneschals
- Please sign the COO for my Contingency Deputy Brigitte, our new Chatelaine and our new Sable Loat. Yes, WE HAVE A HERALD! Lord Gareth enjoyed himself so much at his first stint as a court herald (and did a fabulous job I might add) that he's agreed to throw his hat in the ring. (Dunno what's up with the English accent, though)
- Finally received the cheque from Science World. \$800 to be split with Lionsdale according to participation reported at last Council.
- Received the invoice for the poles and bases for erics five and six to be paid for out of the money raised for this project. We need the total of what is left confirmed. I also received a status report from Jacqueline. (Added to new business at the end)

Watch – Gareth Doiron

War Practice May 5 – See Gareth for details. Things were watched. No injuries to report.

Exchequer – Asny Ravnsdottir

Doomsday report is finally done! First quarter for 2012 still in progress (working out kinks with spread sheet), don't have a balance, issued a new card that doesn't work with old password.

Chamberlain – Edrik

No report. He will finish out his term – but won't extend. Need deputy – who lives close to locker. TirRigh has a good inventory system, we will copy their system.

Sable Loat Pursuivant (Herald) – Gareth Doiron

Good evening, your most puissant Excellencies Margaret (Gules, a dog rampant Or collared gules and on a chief Or three thistles purpure slipped and leaved vert) and James (no device found) of Lions Gate (Per pale sable and argent, two lions rampant addorsed counterchanged, and in chief a laurel wreath per pale Or and vert.). Good evening as well, my Seneschel Ladyship Caitrina inghean Aindriasa (Quarterly gules and sable, a winged fox sejant argent.), it is a great pleasure to address you, even via this poor missive and submit this report for your pleasure. A fair evening to the rest of the gentles here, especially Lady Asny Ravnsdottir (no device found), Sir Griffin ap Bedwyr (no device found), Her Excellency Caitrin ni Chionga (Quarterly azure and vert, a cluster of acorns pendant from a slip Or within a bordure engrailed

argent.), my own lovely Lady Wymarcha Hetanah Doiron (device not yet submitted), the wise Lady Myrrim de Lancaste (no device found), and the well-written Ladyship Aelena Cordovera (no device found). It is a great pleasure to address you all, and all else who have wended their way here for the Council of Lions Gate (Per pale sable and argent, two lions rampant addorsed counterchanged, and in chief a laurel wreath per pale Or and vert.).

When Her Ladyship Caitrina inghean Aindriasa (Quarterly gules and sable, a winged fox sejant argent.) and her conniving husband Master Uilliam mac Fearchair mhic Gille Aindrias (Per chevron argent and azure, two chess rooks and a winged wolf statant counterchanged) mentioned to me that they needed a herald for Lions Gate (Per pale sable and argent, two lions rampant addorsed counterchanged, and in chief a laurel wreath per pale Or and vert.), I was somewhat overwhelmed. No, wait..conniving is not the right word. Subtle. Yes, Uilliam mac Fearchair mhic Gille Aindrias (Per chevron argent and azure, two chess rooks and a winged wolf statant counterchanged) is subtle. I kept looking over my shoulder to see whom they could be directing their baleful...no, wait, wrong word again..beneficent gaze upon. The only persons I saw behind me was their Excellencies Margaret (Gules, a dog rampant Or collared gules and on a chief Or three thistles purpure slipped and leaved vert) and James (no device found). I, knowing that it would be wrong for the Baroness Margaret (Gules, a dog rampant Or collared gules and on a chief Or three thistles purpure slipped and leaved vert), of course to hold two major offices in her own Barony Lions Gate (Per pale sable and argent, two lions rampant addorsed counterchanged, and in chief a laurel wreath per pale Or and vert.). I realized that I, Garet Doiron (No device submitted), had to shoulder the heavy burden of speaking loudly and lifting heavy objects, when my normal behaviour was only to lift heavy objects.

I am duly thankful to have been allowed to try the position on for size (it's a medium, or lady's size 8) at the recent Baronial Banquet, combined with the Defenders of the Arts and Sciences of Lions Gate (Per pale sable and argent, two lions rampant addorsed counterchanged, and in chief a laurel wreath per pale Or and vert.). I believe I only mispronounced Her Excellency Margaret's (Gules, a dog rampant Or collared gules and on a chief Or three thistles purpure slipped and leaved vert) name once, which is a new record.

To this date, I have not managed to assist in registering any heraldic devices, I am afraid, nor consulted on any. This is likely for the best, as I am sure there is a surfeit of winged pigs or beavers juggling already in the realm. I have managed to speak loudly on a number of occasions, and am endeavouring to continue this practice into mundane life, although the traditional cry of "Cockles and Muscles, Alive Alive-O" sounds a bit off on the number eight Fraser (Quarterly: 1st and 4th Azure, three fraises Argent, 2nd and 3rd Gules, three antique crowns Or) bus.

There were no injuries to report, save to the pride of Lions Gate (Per pale sable and argent, two lions rampant addorsed counterchanged, and in chief a laurel wreath per pale Or and vert.), as the dastards from Seagirt (Per fess argent and azure, an orca naiant embowed counterembowed proper in chief a laurel wreath vert) heaped ignoble scorn upon such a simple thing as an apostrophe (or lack thereof). I do not demand revenge, or for them to think of the children (or the neeps...). For the first, I believe our unblemished record upon the warfield stands for itself, a shield wall indeed upon our shores. Should they care to cast themselves upon our rock, their

tiny boats will be holed and sunk, with no hostile intent from us required. As for the second, it is a well documented fact that Seagirt (Per fess argent and azure, an orca naiant embowed counterembowed proper in chief a laurel wreath vert) only thinks of children when dinner time rolls about and there is no raw fish at hand.

I look forward to seeing you all at Sealion War.

In humble, but well enunciated service,
Garet Doiron (No device submitted), AOA

Master of Stables – Griffin

In Agroplex for the next month, then outdoors. All is going well. Fight practice continues to have steady if not spectacular attendance. Have had a number of new people coming out and I have recently authorised two of our new fighters. Elora is now my deputy for combat archery and thrown weapons.

Archery – Jaqueline Lefleur

Practices are ongoing Monday and Thursdays at Burnaby Butts. People are slowly renewing their memberships and coming out to the range. We have on average three people at each practice.

The benefits of the training from last winter are evident, as some archers are hitting new personal bests already. I think this will be an exciting year for Lions Gate.

The recent release of The Hunger Games has vaulted archery into the forefront of the public eye, and interest in the sport is huge. Some mundane archery clubs have seen a four-fold increase in membership. If there is a year to keep archery at the forefront of demos, this is it!

I will be asking archers and the Chatelaine for ideas to create an archery handout. Having one for demos would be a valuable tool. An electronic copy could be posted on the Lions Gate website.

Events:

No injuries to report

I taught a period arrow-making course at Canterbury Fayre. The four students, (one of whom was Baroness Mogg!) enjoyed the course and took away handouts and a basic set of tools so they could continue to make their own arrows in the future.

Archos Kenneth of Shaftesbury was the lone archer from Lions Gate at Sir Eddie Memorial. The challenge of travelling to the US seems to be stopping people from attending events in Shittimwoode and further south.

Archos Gareth Hayden and myself attended the Girl Guides demo on April 21st, and much fun and excitement was had by the girls. They took turns shooting at regular targets or pool noodle sunflowers. The best shots in each group of girls were awarded a golden coin (of fine chocolate.)

This Sunday, April 29th, I am running a second IKAC (weather permitting) followed by an arrow workshop at my home so archers can repair and tune up their equipment before the tourney season gets busy.

May is going to be a busy month for Lions Gate archers, with both Antioch and Sealion War taking place.

Baronial equipment

I have purchased 20 targets for the new season, and will request reimbursement at the next council.

Most of the equipment at the Girl Guides was my own, as the Barony has nothing in the way of child-sized gear. I have little left of my own equipment, as its use for Baronial events over the past two years has gradually whittled the stock to three or four arrows in groups of different lengths. I will be making a proposal to the finance committee to consider meeting this need. Over the next month, I shall prepare an archery inventory to accompany the proposal as soon as I collect the last few pieces of Baronial equipment from my predecessor, the honourable Lady Delwyn verch Ynyr.

Master of Blades – Mattias Blennerhasset

No Report.

Lists – Caitrin ni Cingeadh

No report.

Chronicler – Wymarcha Hektanah Doiron

North Wind and Minutes are up to date. Looks like the March minutes were never published to the website. Update: They're up now. I didn't get Kingdom Chronicler (probably for the best). May 20th is the next North Wind submission deadline.

Library – Ylas

Nothing to Report – still haven't made contact with Makiko to get Library.

Arts and Science – Myrrim de Lancaster

Acting Deputy Dr. Carus: Canterbury Fayre, lots of courses, it was good.

Science World Demo

Saturday, March 17th and Sunday March 18th

A fine group of artisans turned out for both days of the Demo. There were both static and active displays of a variety of Medieval crafts including weaving, braiding, wood carving, leather work, metal work, book binding, embroidery. Members of the public showed keen interest in the finished work and enthusiastically took part in the mini class work.

Canterbury Fayre March 31

A very successful day of Bardic contests and A&S Classes was held at Canterbury Fayre. A total of instructors taught students.

The new bardic Defender is HL Asny Ravensdaughter mistress of strings.

The New A&S Defender is HL Cerridwen Ravenhawk of Conway for her superlative embroidery.

The winner of the decorated container was Sir Ciaracan Na Traga with a beautifully decorated wooden box.

1. CLASS LIST

CLASS	INSTRUCTOR	# of Students	TOTAL
Norse Wire Weaving	Arcos Kenneth of Shaftsbury	2	2
Medieval Coif Making	HL Tanikh bint Farida al Bakim	2	2
Egyptian Coil Bracelet making	HL Aelana Cordovera	5	5
Alchemy: beyond the philosopher's stone	Dr. Carus	1	1
Enamelling	HL Eriu of Tlachtga	6 Cancelled	0
Small leather book making	Ylas Anosdoter	7	7
Stick Weaving	Ylas Anosdoter	5	5
Period Arrow Making	Lady Jaqueline Lefleur	4	4
Leather Tankard Making	Lady Aloise	6	6
Leather belt making and tooling	Master Wilhelm	7	7
Beginning Card Weaving	Myrrim de Lancaster	3	3
		TOTAL	42

1. Two A&S contests were held:

a) The Defender's contest – The Competition was open to all pieces (No theme) .

2 Pieces with Documentation.

The entrant had approx 5 minutes to talk about each piece and then answer questions

b) A special contest - a decorated container in any medium. This could include pots, wooden boxes, baskets, decorated scabbards, pouches, pictures of decorated containers, embroidered containers etc. (no documentation required)

IN THE PLANNING STAGE

1. A leather craft weekend to include turnshoes, leather tankards and other leather items.
2. An annular brooch making workshop
3. A basic pewter making workshop

Bardic – HL Azure Mary Macgregor

No report.

Bransle – Jaqueline

No report.

Dance – Rhiannon ap Gwynedd

No report.

Games – Vacant

Still looking for an applicant? Uilliam has now volunteered to take over this position.

Chatelaine – Vivian

No report.

Scribe – Aelana Cordovera

The March Scriptorium met after council last month and will meet after council this month too. We prepared the charters and warrants for Canterbury Faire and will prepare for Antioch and Sealion War with Inspirations and Martial Defenders Charters.

We are also painting some Principality Charters just to keep in practice.

Scribes are preparing for Antioch with display and name calligraphy.

Scriptorium is this coming Sunday.

Webminister – Malie Rennick

Not much to report. Still investigating the switch to a wordpress site, but I need to chat with Caitrina more about it/what's expected, and then find the time to do it! Site updates happen apace, as people send them to me. In the process of doing the update for this year's Tournament of Armies.

Past Events

Canterbury Fayre:

It went well. Had fun event stewarding. Made about \$500 (because Hall was cheap)

Upcoming events:

Sealion War
May 25-27, 2012

Event copy submitted to The Crier.
Biffies booked.
Ylas has stepped forward to be Gate Goddess.
Myrrim has stepped forward to be A&S Goddess.
Other roles are still being filled.

War of Words has begun. It will be escalated.

Could the seneschale check with Donatello about whether named insurance is needed? It was put in the event bid but with the changeover, I am not sure it was confirmed whether we needed it or not.

There have been some queries about pre-registration which is something that Lions Gate doesn't do often. This is something we should do more often.

I have been getting some questions about the no pet policy. This is a rule from the site owner for the protection of the pets. It can only be relaxed if the site owner relaxes it.

With the downturn in the economy and attendance at events being down, I have set the budget with the expectation that our numbers will be down. We still hope to draw the usual numbers but we are prepared if they are not.

Arts Warpoint will be any piece inspired by A Midsummer's Night Dream. Documentation should be kept to four double-spaced pages (about 1000 words) and should be written in a style suitable for publication in your Baronial newsletter.

The Science Warpoint will be any period stage effect. Documentation should be kept to four double-spaced pages (about 1000 words) and should be written in a style suitable for publication in your Baronial newsletter.

The Bardic Warpoint is one original Sonnet and one recitation of a Sonnet by Shakespeare.

The Combat Warpoints will include a number of battle scenarios. One of the scenarios will be the Medieval Street Fight. Another will include a variation on the Agincort scenario.

Rapier and Archery Warpoints are still being worked on. Rapier will include the Medieval Street Fight.

Something new, I hope to try is a Youth Warpoint. The theme will be bardic in nature and centered around Period Teenage Angst. I am looking for a youth willing to head this up.

The plan is to get most of the war points decided on Saturday during the day so that Saturday evening we can host a Courtyard Party to celebrate the end of the war - possibly with a Midsummer's Night Dream theme as well. Time to bring out the elf ears and fairy wings you have been hiding.

I will be back to one part-time job next week so my life won't be quite so hectic.

TOA:

Island 22 had been chosen.

SYGC

Biffy invoice sent in.

Antioch //Summer Defenders – Griffin and Caitrin

Summer Defenders: Archery? Haven't heard back from the city. Dimensions.? Gym.
Opening 09:00

Dr. Carus asked about putting demo brochures on the website, which will be looked into. Ansy inquired about period bards conflicting with mundane amplification, there shouldn't be an issue – but Desiree will try and get a firm schedule of announcements, etc.

Other Business:

Girlguide demo:

Enjoyed hitting and shooting the fighters.

Baronial Erics

The poles and bases for the vert and azure erics have been cut and assembled, and the first coat of water sealant applied. Lord Adam Fairamay was generous enough to donate his time in creating the final two erics, though he is not active in SCA at this time. The two transport stands have yet to be made.

I have the eric parts at my home, and will be applying a second coat of sealant to the bottom of the bases and the poles.

Sewing of the ropes will be done in May. All the fabric printing is complete except for the central beasts.

Early next month I will be sending out a message to the lists to confirm what the sponsors wished to have noted on the back of their rope. Has anyone ever found a chisel-shaped fabric pen? I'd like to do the embellishments in calligraphy.

Lord Adam has an interesting idea on how to efficiently store the bases while in the locker: create a set of vertical racks, similar to those used to hold bench press weights. If council is interested in this method of saving floor space, please let me know and I'll ask for a design sketch. (Idea has been tabled once new locker has been decided/moved into)

War Practice

May 5th

LG Website:

Website needs to be changed – the information isn't being found, or properly accessible. Be aware of the impression you leave on newcomers.

Meeting places:

Ceara wanted to rotate the Councils to make it easier for different configurations of people to attend. Catirinia wants to make it easier for the people that have to be at Council, to get there.

Baron's Report

Last word? Word. Barony looking great, everything's great, thanks for your help over past six months.

Other discussion

Principally towards kingdom: really starting push. Calendar – re-make the calendar, balance the reigns, and take in other considerations, and put together a committee to revamp the kingdom calendar.

Upcoming demos: Antioch and? Antioch is the only upcoming demo.

Open offices: