

Lions Gate Council – October 23th, 2013

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Seneschale Report – Caitrina inghean Aindriasa

- **Notice: from Brigitte about polling – last night for polling. Will close before new business.**
- In 2014 we will be moving our monthly Council meeting as the incoming Seneschale works late on Wednesdays. November Council will remain the 4th Wednesday and there is no Council in December. The new date will be announced on FaceBook and the Lions Gate email list once it's finalized.
- A reminder to all Officers that the Quarterly reports are due to your Principality equivalent by Oct 30th.
- I've not heard anything with regards to Heavy Fight Practice and where we stand with renting Cloverdale Rodeo for 2014. I will liaise with the Fight Practice coordinator and have their thoughts for next Council.

Officer Items of Note: For those unfamiliar with our new Council policy, only items which need immediate attention are read out at Council. The officer reports are available for anyone to read at the meeting and the reports in their entirety are posted in the official minutes. This leaves more time for us to discuss regular and new business.

Past Events

V-Con Demo:

We set up a table, manned the table, and had some brochures. Lots of cross-over between groups.

Next year the theme is Military Might – maybe a fighting demo next year?

Upcoming events:

Imaginarium Fantasticus Demo // November 16 – 17

- Please do not wear period shoes because the tile is very slippery
- Needs two rapiers on Sat for one hour
- Needs medieval dancers on Sat for an hour

Baroness' Inspirational Tournament // November 30 // Duke Ulfr

No report.

Other Business

Sept. Crown Bid

- Green Wode
- Using the two back fields with the front field as overflow
- \$5/head.
- Dogs, provided on a leash or in a little enclosure. Dogs not to be controlled by anyone under 16.

Tir Righ Admin Retreat

- Branch can pay for two people: Schen, Deputy Schen, Exchequer, Deputy Exchequer generally. How to avoid getting in trouble in our mundane world with our game. How to be schen? How to be exchequer?
- Open to anyone who wants to pay for themselves.
- Abbotsford
- Nov. 16 – 17, 2013 (conflicts with Imaginarium)
- \$180

Changes to the Population Count

- Roster of membership from the principality
- Previously, if your crier bounced, they'd suspend your account. But now there's no way to flag account. Population dropped by about 30 people/accounts.
- Sending out notices to people with suspended accounts
- Make sure you're getting your blue card, if it bounces, your account will be flagged and suspended.

Locker Theft Update?

No update. But please move the shelf in the way of the other door. Garet Doiron will take care of it.

Langley Fundamental Middle School (LFMS) Demo (Feb. 24, 2014)

- No report.

Ask Dr. Carus

- Wants questions

Principality Archery

- Learned there's more covered by Principality Archery than I thought:
- Target archery goes through me to Kingdom, but so does thrown weapons and atlatl, and combat archery forwarded through the MOS and thence me (if they have a MOS)
- Elora already contacted.

Hunkerdown

- We'll look for the set in the locker, we should have two.

Stitch 'n Bitch?

- Should I postpone until January? Yes.

Goldkey at Baroness'?

- We can see about it.

Exchequer

- Anything you wanted counted for the end-of-year report, get it in to Fiona.

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- Next August – come!

B&B's Report

Penultimate Council. Still seeking more award recommendations. Will try to get through as many of them as possible. There'll be a principality and kingdom court at Baroness', so put in your recommendations for all levels. Thanks for Griffin for being MOS, and thanks to Wendy for stepping into Chronicler from me (James). Margaret – like to thank Brigitte and Anine for doing the polling, think it's going smoothly. They've been open to all the discussions and suggestions (like going to fight practice). Thank you all for your input and feedback.

Offices Seeking Application:

- Baronial Bard (Vacant)
- Baronial Archer (Vacant)
- Baronial Rapier (Blades) (Term ending Feb2014)
- Chronicler (Term ending Nov2013)
- Dance (Vacant)
- Deputy Exchequer (Term ending Nov2013)
- Family Activities Coordinator (Vacant)
- Games (Term ending Dec2013)

- Gold Key (Vacant)
- Librarian (Term ending Nov2013)

Exchequer – Fiona the Archer

The bank balance, as of today, is : \$9571.15

Public storage cheque will go out tomorrow for November.

Justice Institute of BC cheque for September will go out tomorrow.

Cloverdale Rodeo & Exhibition cheque will go out tomorrow.

It is time for the exchequer to order more cheques from the Royal Bank. I enquired, and they take about two weeks to come in. I will order them with the next deposit I take in.

If anyone is considering autocrating (is that a word?) an event and has never filled out or followed the Event Steward Event Package found on the Library page of our Baronial website, please do not hesitate to ask me to walk you through it. I can also provide the previous event data to help you put in an accurate expense proposal. I am by no means an expert, however it no longer seems “complicated” to me, as it once did. The reporting after the event is not really complex, but must be completed for all our reports to be submitted to Kingdom correctly. Highlighting a few details as you head into the organization of the event will greatly improve the completion of the paperwork and hopefully put your mind at ease.

Due to the volume of email I receive on a daily basis I have programmed my in-box to flag any mail that comes in via the exchequer@lionsgate.tirrih.org address so that I do not miss an important request or invoice. Please ask everyone to send me Baronial business through this email, especially if they are used to using my personal one. Please note: Any email that has a subject line that resembles obvious spam or phishing may not get opened, so please consider how it looks before you forward it to me.

On a final note: although I am starting to feel that I have some comprehension of this job, I do miss things and , of course, discover new aspects I had not expected or planned for. Please let me know if I have missed something or appear to be uninformed about a baronial financial concern. I am still figuring it all out. Several people have assisted me and I hope I can pass on that approachability to anyone who has a question for me.

I will usually answer my cell phone (604-230-8831) wherever I am, even at work. If I am unable to answer it at that moment, then I will return your call.

Chamberlain – Johanna van der Velde

Sable Loat Pursuivant (Herald) – Garet Doiron

It was another month with little activity - court activity was minimal in the Barony.

Much planning has taken place, and continues to take place for the heavy court activity in November.

I was fortunate enough to be on site to see the step down of Sir Aleksii Cernoï and Elspeth nic Grath, and investiture of the new Baron and Baroness of Blaha An Oir. This gave me all sorts of cunning ideas.

Master of Stables – Griffin

This will be my last report as Master of Stables. No fighting events have taken place in the last month. Fight practice has now moved indoors and while our heavy fighter attendance is down slightly, we have increased attendance due to classes and other disciplines. There has been a large influx of new people getting instruction from Duke Paul as well as using the Iron key. I now turn the marshalate responsibilities over to Sgt Miles fitzHubert.

Archery – VACANT

Missile Combat – Elora of Spain

Master of Blades – Mattias Blennerhasset

Attendance is floating between 7-13 depending on night.

As a group we decided not to have practice on the 31st due to Halloween, but other than that there's really nothing to report.

No reportable injuries or incidents.

Lists & Heavy Practice Co-ordinator – VACANT

Chronicler – Wymarcha Hektanah Doiron

Monthly Council minutes are up-to-date, and I've published North Wind Issue #353. I also took and published the minutes for the Baronial Candidate Meet and Greet on Sept. 3, 2013.

Library – Ylas

Arts and Science – Aelana Cordovera

There is a great deal of A&S activity in the Barony this month.

Last month Tamsyn leRous won the Odin's Playground A&S competition with her Oesterkakka, a medieval cheesecake.

Viking Jewelry and Bog coats Workshops are happening at Fight Practice.

Pictures on Facebook show them to be well attended. Not sure who is organizing this but it seems to be a great addition to fight practice.

North of the River, Bookbinding workshops are producing very beautiful Coptic Books, with Anglo Saxon/Carolingian books planned for November 10. Five spaces taken, so here is still room for a few more participants to sign up for single workshops. Please contact me in advance so I can make up a kit for you.

East Van Stich and Bitch workshop took place on Friday Oct 18, probably the last one this year. Five people attended. Stay tune for news of new format in January.

Scribal is very active and makes its own report.

Dance also seems active and makes its own report.

I attended Tir Righ A&S and Bardic Competition in Danescombe. I got lots of useful feedback on my Silver Book and Jeweled Circlet. Winner was Violante von Oessterreich, with 3 papers on period horsemanship. I hope they will be made available to the populace. Maile's Rennick's basket entry was also impressive. Kerrigan's Roman boot single entry was magnificent.

I also attended Golden Swan in Appledore where Tanikh and Meresighia put on a middle eastern feast almost single handedly, with Anya the Gypsy as volunteer cook too. No Swan entry so the Swans put on classes for the populous. I did Muslim Bookbinding, Olwen did Muslim History, Anya taught perfuming, Alicia taught two part pewter moulds, and many more. I only remember the ones I attended, but there were hoods, Coptic embroidery, Block Printing, Fingerloop Braiding, etc., etc.

I haven't been able to fit in a Metal Decoration workshop this quarter, and November looks booked up so hopefully I will get one organized over the holidays or in the New Year. The focus will be on book findings.

Bardic – VACANT

Dance – VACANT

Games – Uilliam MacAndrew

Chatelaine – Tamsyn le Rous

Scribe – Marie de Cheriseye la foret

Not much to report as our October Scriptorium is set to take place after this month's Council Meeting, on Sunday, 27th October, at our usual location - Lady Tamsyn's common room at Nanaimo and Hastings, Vancouver (approximately).

I have been offered use of a common room in Surrey (near the Sky Train) and also Richmond so in the new year we hope to be alternating locations to allow easier access to scribes in the eastern part of our Barony and beyond.

Several of us will be attending the Demo in November at Imaginarium.

Webminister – Solveig

The An Tir Doomsday Book Scrolls (first 20 years) the Baronial History of Lions Gate has been added to the History on the Website. If any other people have any information they would like to add to the History page please feel free to forward it. There is also Photo Gallery and Populace pages being setup to those who would like to add photos along with permission.

Facebook Notices

I would like a reminder put to the Populace about notices being put onto Facebook and not being added to the email list or given to myself. Example of this is the notices of classes for the Heavy Fighting at Cloverdale are only on Facebook and not anywhere else, I feel a lot more people may like to join if they knew about them. There has also been other notices that have not been forwarded.

Barony Officer Crest Design

I have been advised that some of the crests used for the Barony Officers are only for Kingdom level and should not be used for the Barony. I would like to see the Heraldry design some new ones for those that would be required, example is the Scribal crest has been removed and now shows a black/white design until there is a new one made.