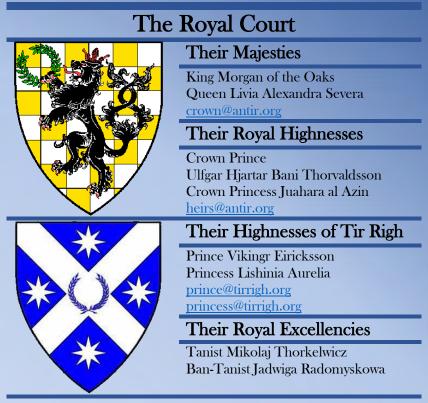


Their Highness's Words

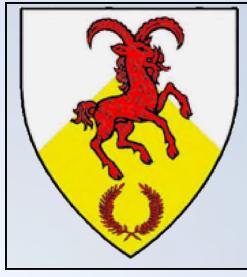
Greetings loyal Tir Righ populace from your true and noble Sovereigns, Vikingr and Lishinia. The holidays are upon us, and we hope that all of you good and honest people have a wonderful holiday season. We are excited to have a short rest here in Lionsdale as we are wearied by our travels across Tir Righ, rooting out all sources of discontent and unrest. We are also excited to congratulate the victors of the recently held Coronet tournament in Seagirt, Mikolaj and Jadwiga, although we are assured that their services shall not be necessary as We are eternal!



We would like to extend our most heartfelt thanks to all those people who have helped us make our dream of an Evil Reign a reality. We hope everyone has been enjoying the shenanigans and we are looking forward to more evil competitions and executions coming to events near you. We will be attending Baronial Banquet, then 12th Night where we are thrilled to see our fellow Tir Righans Ulfgar and Juhara ascend the Sable Lion thrones. Then it's on to Ursulmas and eventually February Investiture at home in Lionsdale. We hope to see as many of you as possible over the coming months! Please send in your award recommendations so we can recognize you with our amazing Evil Scribal.

Have a wonderful winter, and we will see you soon!

-Vikingr and Lishinia



Branches of Tir Righ – Danescombe Seneschal - Chiara Alessandra Fiamma

Our defenders are as follows: Armoured Defender - TeitR Tott Rapier Defender - Enoch Jacobsz van Zuidenland A&S Defender - Falco di Lucio Bardic Defender - Oswald Sinclair

Danescombe is located in Kelowna & Penticton. Our branch's Tier 1 event is Tournament of Roses, an event devoted to Inspirations. It has been running for 20 years. The next one will be on April 13, 2024.

Seneschal Words

Greeting to the Populace of Tir Righ,

It has been a busy year and a while since our last Principality Newsletter. Thank you to the Barony of Seagirt and Mistress Morgaine for hosting Tir Righ's November Coronet. Congratulations to our Heirs to the Storm Thrones, Their Royal Excellencies Mikolaj Thorkelwicz and Jadwiga Radomyskowa.

Their Investiture will take place in February, hosted by the Principality at the Pitt Meadows Heritage Hall, 12460 Harris Road, Pitt Meadows, BC.

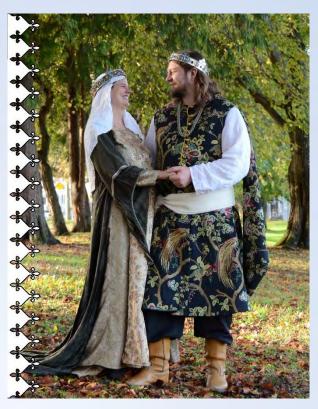
My term as Seneschal is coming to an end and there will be a change over at February Investiture for the role of Seneschal. It has been a great honour to serve as Seneschal for this Principality. I've met many people, some new, and some who have been active for many years. Everyone brings a perspective that is unique. It has made me understand the different barriers different groups have based on their geography.

If you are interested in any Officer Positions, please reach out. Becoming a Deputy Officer is a great way to learn more about the different roles.

Keep warm, keep safe. Enjoy the holiday season in whatever way you celebrate.

Kheron Tir Righ Seneschal





Presenting the Coronet Heirs

Tanist Mikolaj Thorkelwicz

Pronouns - He / They Intended Title - Prince

Gules, a sinister wing argent with an eagle's foot issuant Or, an orle of chain argent.

Ban-Tanist Jadwiga Radomyskowa

Pronouns - They / Them Intended Title - Princeps

Argent, a unicorn sejant sable armed and a bordure gules.

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Champions and Officers of Tir Righ

Heavy Champion

(The Guardian of the Spear, The Scourge of Tir Righ) Viscount Thorwulf Bjornson (Lions Gate)

Rapier Champion

(The Guardian of the Rapier, The Scar of Tir Righ) Viscountess Gemma Delaroche (Shire of Danescombe)

Archery Champion

(The Guardian of the Bow, The Scorer of Tir Righ) Lord Gunnar Stigandsson (Lions Gate)

Arts & Sciences Champion

(The Guardian of the Book, The Scholar of Tir Righ) Lady Beatriz of Lions Gate (Lions Gate)

Bardic Champion

(The Guardian of the Horn, The Skald of Tir Righ) Lady Mhairi NicChamarran (Hartwood)

Thrown Weapons Champion

(The Guardian of the Axe, The Skeggøx of Tir Righ) Lord Koga of the Wolfpack (Lions Gate)





Branches of Tir Righ - Tir Bannog

Wlfryd of Leedes is the Seneschal, until December 31, 2023. Tewl Gover will take over the position.

Tir Bannog includes Kitimat, Terrace, Smithers, Houston, and Burns Lake. There are households in Kitimat (Cae Mor) and in Burns Lake (Boer Mountain Hold)

We have defenders for the following: Heavy: Ulrich of Cold Keep Rapier: Castra d'Or Archery: Tewl Gover A&S: Tewl Gover Bardic: Bartholomus



Our Tier one event is the annual Fields of Gold Event.

This past summer we celebrated our 25th Fields of Gold at the Fields of Gold Educational Centre although it was the 27th Fields of Gold as the event had been held twice at a local farmstead before moving to the Fields of Gold Educational Centre.

The Fields of Gold Educational Centre is the only medieval site in the Principality with a Royal Charter, granted by Chiara and Raknar in AS XLIV.

Over the last few years we have added the Penguin Crusade to work week before the Fields of Gold event. Penguin Crusade is held in conjunction with the University of Tir Righ and in the past two years has granted Diplomas for both Novus 1 and Novus 11 classes. We continue to expand the course offerings and hope to achieve full degree granting status within the next few years.

Next year the Shire will host a Marshall's Symposium on the Victoria Day weekend - we hope to have a number of Senior and Junior Marshalls created during that weekend.

There will also be Engineers Week, the first week of July, followed by the Penguin Crusade the second week of July and the Fields of Gold Event on the second weekend of July.

Our last event will be held sometime during the month of October, usually around the Thanksgiving weekend when we celebrate the Feast of St Crispian, Guy Fawkes Day, Halloween and Thanksgiving with a feast, huge bonfire and fireworks, a pumpkin shoot and generally good times including our brewing competition and a dart tournament.

Penny Drops By HL Anasztaszia Bilough Sabone, Chancellor of the Exchequer, Principality of Tir Righ

exchequer (n.) c. 1300, "a chessboard, checkerboard," from Anglo-French escheker "a chessboard," from Old French eschequier, from Medieval Latin scaccarium "chess board".

The governmental sense of "department of the royal household concerned with the receipt, custody, and disbursement of revenue and with judicial determination of certain causes affecting crown revenues" began under the Norman kings of England and refers to a cloth divided in squares that covered a table on which accounts of revenue were reckoned by using counters, and which reminded people of a chess board. Respelled with an -x- based on the mistaken belief that it originally was a Latin ex- word.

Branches of Tir Righ - Seagirt



Seneschal - Isabella da Firenze

Baron Wulfgar Bradax and Baroness Anikó Melyes

Seagirt is located in Victoria, BC. Their tier one events are Sealion War in conjunction with Lionsgate - since approximately 1981, typically May long weekend, and Daffodil Feast & Tournament since approximately 1977, typically in March.

Seagirts Defenders:

Defender of Seagirt (armoured combat): Viscount Kheron Azov Captain of Her Excellency's Own Grenadiers (rapier): Seamus MacDonald of Skye

Marksman of Seagirt (target archery): Lord Azriel di Cabra Huntsman of Seagirt (thrown weapons): Archos Athelina Grey Keeper of the Flame of Knowledge (A&S): Vémundr Syvursson Siren of Seagirt (Bardic): Hrefna Skjaldbjarnardottir

Note: we'll soon be choosing a new Keeper and a new Siren.





Branches of Tir Righ - Hartwood

Seneschal - Baroness Letitia Talbott

Hartwood is located as Upper Vancouver Island, BC

Exemplar: Mistress Alicia le Wilfulle

Archery: Milord Borgarr Flokason Bardic: Lady Fionnguala inghean ui Murchaidh Armoured Combat: Hon. Lord Beorn Bjulfrsson Craftsman: Milady Thyra Rapier: Milady Geirhildr Vilhjalmsdottir Scholar: Mistress Alicia le Wilfulle Thrown Weapons: Archos Harold of Hartwood

Hartwood's primary events are Mid Summer Champions and Yule

November Coronet - Mhairi NicChamarran

Dawn breaks on the horizon, perhaps this most Dark Reign might finally come to an end!!



November Coronet has come and gone, where hopeful contenders for the Storm Thrones gathered in anticipation to see who might wrest the crowns from Dread Prince Vikingr & Princess Lishinia. Many brave souls with their inspirations stepped forward, but only one could be victorious! Sir Mikolaj Thorkelwicz won the day, with his inspiration Majister Jadwiga Radomyskowa at his side. Hail to our Tanist & Ban-Tanist!! May they bring forth new light after these most dark and evil times. And a mighty Huzzah to our Blue Spear Viscount Kheron Azovskyi & his Blue Lily Archos Athelina Grey, for it was a hard fight they gave in the final battle.

But more than battles commenced at this Autumnal Coronet. Vigils were held to herald in new Peers into our nobility: Mu'allima Halima Al-Rakkasa was granted strong branches as she was elevated to the Order of the Laurel, and HL Connall MacLagmayn was granted his wings as he was elevated to the Order of the Pelican. To the delight of everyone present, there was a surprise elevation in store! A surprise in timing, but not a surprise in deserving, for Baroness Melyes Aniko has earned her Pelican wings many a time over.

Two new Archos were admitted to the Order of the Grey Goose Shaft: Jacomina van Vossenbrouck & Giuliana de Castiglione, aka the Tir Righ Murder Squad, were granted their white leather bracers, so as to forewarn any enemies that their aim is true and gets straight to the point!

Many exceptional lords, ladies and good gentles were given their due as the evening closed in:

HL Isabella de Firenze - awarded the Order of the Seagull from Seagirt

Baron Cyneric & Baroness Ariana - Honorary Citizenship in Seagirt

Noble Azrael di Cabra - awarded the Hafoc

Sir Bryn – received the Shattered Spear

Beorn Bjulfrsson - awarded the Silver Pillar...and then promptly executed for being a Knight-slayer!

Lord Koga of the Wolfpack – awarded the Hafoc...and then put to work to execute Neregui Kitad-un by order of Dread Prince Vikingr!

- Viscountess Lenora Truble awarded the inaugural Silver Hand
- HL Ealusaid of Ros granted a Goutte de Sang

HL Sorcha inghean Triein - granted a Goutte de Sang

Noble Abbygale - received an Award of Arms

Lord Beornwynn of Stanleia – received an award of Arms Viscount Einar Guntharson – received the Sable Gauntlet

HL Rosalind McAllistair - received the Sable Scrivener

Even amid this most dark and evil reign, frivolity and fun still burst forth. A lively market square was struck and enjoyed by all. Naughty Bards and rebellious Artisans & Scholars shared forbidden arts, stories and songs to entertain the populace gathered there. Brigid's Hearth put forth hearty and delicious foods, and all enjoyed their repast.

A wonderful and excellent Coronet has come and gone, and there is a bright light at the end of the long and dark tunnel. May Spring come soon and free us from this Evil Winter Reign, so there be no more executions!! Come all to February Investiture to see our Tanist and Ban Tanist rise to the Storm Thrones!



Branches of Tir Righ - Ramsgaard

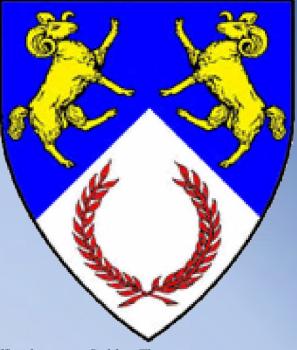
Seneschal - HL Russell Cam-beul O'Danescombe

Ramsgaard is based in Kamloops, BC



We have defenders for the following: Heavy: Viscount Sir Olen Medivedivich Rapier: Jon Jacob Jingleheimer Schmidt Archery: Julianna A&S: Chelle "Ealusaid" Ross Bardic: Maxwell DeVere

Freeze-Off is our Tier 1. It has been running since 1987. I don't know what to account for the plague - This was the 37th year since it started but I think we missed two due to the plague, so we've run it 35 times? Normally Freeze-Off takes place the weekend after Canadian Thanksgiving.



The current Ram's Guardian, protector of Beauregaard, is Sir Griffin chosen at Golden Fleece.





Branches of Tir Righ - Coill Mhor

Seneschal - Master Garet D'Orion

We have defenders for the following: Heavy: Lord Charles LeBron Archery: Lord Irwyn of Hartwich Thrown Weapons: Lord Irwyn of Hartwich Rapier: Elias Hadleigh Bardic: Lady Maerwynn Verch Trahaearn

The Shire of Coill Mhor stretches from Clinton to Quesnel, in the beautiful Cariboo region of British Columbia. Established in 1999 we may be, geographically the largest shire in the Kingdom. Our central region is 100 Mile House but we include Clinton, 100 Mile House, Forest Grove, Lone Butte, Interlakes, 108 Mile Ranch, Williams Lake, Lac La Hache and Quesnel. Our nearest

neighbours are Cold Keep, to the North and Ramsgaard, to the south.

Forest Champions tournament, our yearly event, occurs the first weekend of October and Our Feast for Winters End happens within the first two weeks of February. Ducal War, our big event, happens on the third weekend of June.

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EVENTS

Jan 6 – Seagirt Yule

Event Main Contact (Branch Seneschal): Isabella da Firenze

Date: January 6, 2024

Site opens at: 12:00 AM on January 6th 2024

Site closes at: 12:00 AM

Event site: Eastern Star Hall

3281 Harriet St. Victoria, BC V82 3S3

This year, we're combining our annual Yule and Gentle Arts! Join us for classes, a feast, and the Feast of the Immaculate Confection. Join us as we choose our new bardic and arts & sciences champions!

Jan 12-14 – An Tir Twelfth Night Coronation

Event Main Contact (Event Steward): Arontius of Bygelswade

Date: January 12, 2024 until January, 14 2024

Online begins at: 8:00 AM on January 12th 2024

Online ends at: 8:00 PM on January 14th 2024

Event site: Hilton Bellevue

300 112th Ave SE Bellevue, WA 98004



Feb 17 – Tir Righ Investiture

Event Main Contact (Event Steward): Mistress Desiree Chirastella

Date: February 17, 2024

Site opens at: 8:00 AM on February 17th 2024

Site closes at: 10:00 PM

Event site: Pitt Meadows Heritage Hall

12460 Harris Road Pitt Meadows, BC V3Y 2J5

March 9 - Seagirt - Daffodil Tournament and Feast

Event Main Contact (Event Steward): Yrsa Ketilsdottir

Date: March 9 , 2024

Site opens at: 12:00 AM on March 9th 2024

Site closes at: 12:00 AM

Event site: Saanich Fairgrounds

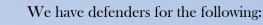
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Join us as we feast and choose our new armoured combat and rapier defenders!

Branches of Tir Righ - Appledore

We have a new Seneschal - Lleucu de Emlyn

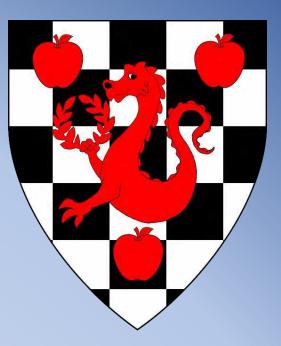
Appledore includes South Central BC- Kootenays, Boundary, South Okanagan and Similkameen areas.



Heavy: Lord Hallbjorn Skjalda Hrafnsson Werner Rapier: Dain Von Danzig

Our Tier one event is the Tournament of the Golden Swan, a persona development challenge for female personas that has been running since 1984. Golden Swan is held on the Canadian Thanksgiving weekend, which falls over the second Monday in October.

Appledore is proud to hold intimate events that feel like old school SCA, with feasting, singing, dancing, and games. Come home with us.







Branches of Tir Righ - Thornwold

Seneschal - Ursula von Freiburg

Thornwold includes Bellingham, Whatcom County, WA

We have defenders for the following: Heavy: Sir Ulfgar Rapier: Master Godfrey von Ravensberg Archery: Megan of Althea A&S: Ursula von Freiburg

Our tier 1 event is Sir Edward's Memorial Tournament, which is celebrating it's 45th year in 2024, usually run in late spring (late April to early May).

The Shire of Thornwold is the oldest in An Tir, tucked into the southern edge of Tir Righ. Though small, we are an enthusiastic group, home to the Thornwold Scriptorium, a bevy of excellent fighters and skillful archers, remarkable artisans, and so much more. We are always happy to welcome visitors!

The Old Warrior - HL Hrafnhildr Hethasdottr

HE stands upon the battlefield, blood streaming from wounds of battles fought and won. HIS legs threaten to buckle beneath him, he longs to rest but knows his job is not yet done.

As the battle rages around him, he knows he must protect his fallen friend. This man who has taught him of battles and courage, he will defend til the very end.

> Blood soaks his armour, the fine leather scarred by swords attack. The enemy approaches and he raises himself up with a battle cry, But they fade away for it is courage they lack.

A soothing voices eases through his pain, "Rest old one we are here" Friends gather about the fallen man and the old warrior staggers back, but by his friend he will stay near.

With the strain too much his legs give way.

First his hind legs, then his front buckle as well His body heavy with all he has done this day.

His eyes are closed as he rests his muzzle upon the trodden grass. Memories of carrying his friend into countless battles surge through his mind, And with the sweet smell of the earth in his nostrils...he breathes his last.

Remember ... courage and devotion are not restricted to man.

Freeze Off - Bibi Sara la Rosa

There are two events I insist on going to every year and, coincidentally enough, they both happen in Ramsgaard.

I like to refer to Freeze Off as one of Tir Righ's camping season bookends, with Golden Fleece being the beginning and Freeze Off being its conclusion. The people that call Ramsgaard home are as warm as the fleece of their mascot, Beauregard.

Hosted by the co-stewards Conn McRoy and Sine Gunnsdottir, the weekend was filled with a plethora of activity; classes, fighting, arts and sciences and feasting with entertainment provided by the populace.

I spoke with Sine to see if she wanted to say anything in regard to the event she hosted and so, I end with the words of our host for the weekend.

"How delighted we were to host so many lovely folks from outside the Shire, including our great Tir Righ Prince & Princess and their Royal Highnesses An Tir as well. That so many folks rallied to make as many of our Defenders Tournies happen as we could. I don't want to pick out anyone in particular as many helped me and I don't want to forget anyone. We hosted over 80 attendees- whoop, whoop. I feel I'm forgetting something important. Ack."

Tir Righ Needs You!!!

Tir Righ needs volunteers for officer positions. We are currently looking for the following greater officers which are required for the principality:

Chatelain - Earl Marshal - Web Minister - Governor of TUTR

No experience is needed, training and support is provided.

Additionally, we are looking for upcoming replacements for:

- Deputy earl marshal for archery
- Principality Teamster

If you have interest in any of these positions or would like more information on being an officer or deputy please contact HE Kheron at seneschal@tirrigh.org

We are also looking for talented artisans to put in bids for the following awards tokens:

- Guardian of Tir Righ - Red flame - Silver spark -

If you are interested in creating an awards token or want more information contact HH Lishinia at <u>awardsdeputy@tirrigh.org</u>

Branches of Tir Righ - Krakafjord

Seneschal - Ealusaid of Ros

Krakafjord based in Vernon, BC

We have defenders for the following:

Heavy: Philippe Doucet Rapier: Gustav Man Lorne Archery: Drekah Thoreson A&S: Hrafnhild of Krakafjord Bardic: Elspeth Farre

Proud and fierce, the Shire of Krakafjord nestles snuggly in the inland fjords of Vernon, in the Midgard of Tir Righ. Active in combat arts including rapier, thrown weapons and armoured combat, this elusive cryptid of a Shire hosts a Holmgang every September, where the unwitting traveller can experience real, regal Viking hospitality, (Lutefisk at no extra charge!) Skål!





Branches of Tir Righ - Lionsdale

Seneschal Dalla in Fraga

Located in the Fraser Valley



Lionsdale opted to release all champions from their responsibilities during Covid and has yet to hold a championship event.

We are also excited this year to be bringing back the always popular Odin's Playground, to our fertile Valley late summer 2024. With all the fun and adventure you remember.

Many think that during the winter a seed lays dormant underground waiting for the warmth of spring. But alas every farmer in the dale knows that the season's cycle of frost, harsh winds and bitter rans slowly soften the tough seed coat. Until the seed can take up water and germinate, come spring. Just as the seed doesn't lie dormant. Neither does the Shire. Lionsdale continues along every second and fourth Thursday. In what has

become our home at the Atchelitz Farmer's Institute hall. 6542 Lickman road Chilliwack. Continuing to train, to learn and to have fun. All the while as we plan for the rebirth and promise of spring.

Greetings Tir Righ Makers!

The new heirs of Tir Righ, future Tanist Mikolaj and Ban-Tanist Jadwiga would be grateful and honoured to receive contributions of handmade items as gifts of largesse from the people of Tir Righ during Their reign. These items will be given in gratitude and appreciation to people giving exemplary service or to other visiting Nobles so that the skills and talents of our region spread beyond our borders. If you have any questions about what might make suitable largesse, please feel free to ask me!

The Tir Righ populace badge is a great option, or Their colours are red & and white.

Ideas for Largesse:

cups and caps for newcomers (coifs / cocked hat / felted cap)
 Small handmade toys for children (felted or wool bunnies, ribbon wands, play crowns)

Dog and cat toys

Period games

Handbound books - blank notebooks

Woodworked items (boxes, lanterns, combs, bowls, toys, spinning tops, mugs)

• Small sewn and embroidered or stamped items (handkerchiefs, napkins, mug covers, coifs)

- Felted items, including toys for children or cats
- cotton or wool inkle or card woven trim and other textiles
- Metalworked Items (cooking tools, knives, eating utensils, hooks)

Glass Items (cups, lampwork beads)

Pottery (mugs, cups, bowls)

• Spindles/Card weaving sets/kits

Bags or pouches, satchels (leather, linen, cotton or wool material)
Knit or nalbinding items (mittens, socks, hats, balls, toys)
Handmade soaps wrapped or packaged (no strong scents)

• Strings of beads of natural material (pearls, amber, jade, horn etc)

Period Jewellery (belt buckles, cloak pins, brooches, hair pins)

Sewing kits, pin cushions, needlebooks

• Skeins of hand-spun wool, silk or linen

• Bone or antler items, like handles, buttons, etc.

Things to avoid:

• Perfumes or oils

• Liquids or sprays

- Food
- scented items
- Anything very fragile or very large

Anything that can leak (these items can damage others)

Used items

They sincerely appreciate the time, effort, and skill that goes into making largesse and will gift these items with great pride during Their reign. Please make sure that your SCA name and branch are on a label and is firmly attached to every item - it is important that the items be labelled when they are gifted during the reign, so They may show the talent and generosity of the people and spread your crafts far and wide!

Please contact me if you have any questions or would like to make a largesse donation and I will be happy to make arrangements with you for pickup or delivery. You can also reach me at medievalicious@gmail.com

> Largesse coordinator for Tanist & Ban-Tanist Tir Righ; Sorcha inghean Triein

Salon Artificum by HL Aislinn O'Connor

The Principality was introduced to a new event this past month: Dame Morweena and Margaret Hamilton of Stirlingshire hosted Salon Artificum, an indoor event which showcased the myriad arts and sciences and craftmanship activities enjoyed by our non-martial populace. Many a colorful and richly informative display was set up throughout the spacious Heritage Hall in Pitt Meadows, in an area boasting enough mundanes at nearby events to elicit some looky-loos who wandered in to behold the beauty of the Dream that is the SCA. Perhaps they will stay a while and join our friendly and fun-loving community here in Tir Righ.

The fibre arts had their day in the sun. Embroidery throughout the Middle East was abundantly portrayed by Maryam bint Yusuf al-Nasrani, showing that while the designs may have changed from place to place over the centuries, the actual stitches themselves stayed the same. Weaving and dyeing throughout the Middle Ages in general and throughout Spain were articulated by Signora Aspasia Bevilacqua; historical dyeing and inkle loom weaving by Her Ladyship Isabella de Firenze; spinning and weaving were showcased by Dame Morweena. If you are as in love with her woven wool and silk as I am, you can commission your own pieces (such as belts, scarves and Norse leg wraps) from Morweena and support a local artist.

Spinning another yarn altogether was Her Ladyship Rosalind McAllistair with her homegrown flax into a linen Elizabethan jacket project, as well as her fine and articulate bobbin lace which really makes an Elizabethan partlet the star of the show. This lovely lady tends to go that extra mile, and also showcased a 7-foot long scroll she embroidered in the style of the Bayeux Tapestry, which depicts events from our own local history.



Once you had washed, carded, dyed, and woven your yarns into swatches of fabric ready to sew, you could move on to in-period styles of garment construction (which consisted mostly of rectangles and triangles, to make the most of and not waste any of the weaves that are so time-consuming). Her Ladyship Millicent of Eaglescliff displayed numerous 13th Century womens' garments embellished around the necklines, sleeves and hems with layers upon layers of ribbon, trim, pearls, beads and metal findings. A lot of us in the SCA have learned throughout the years that a good modern hack is to layer multiple trims of varying widths and designs overtop of each other to get a similar look that passes the "10 Foot Rule". For those wanting a more immersive and authentic costuming experience, delving down the rabbit hole of fibre arts opens up worlds of possibility and intricate beauty!

Her Ladyship Malie Rennick showcased a step-by-step hands-on display on how to carve wooden eating utensils, as well as weaving baskets from grasses, vines and small tree branches. Master James Wolfden displayed wooden weapons such as bows, crossbows and spears. Master Nikolai Andreiov set out a lovely display of numerous wooden wind instruments which would have been played in period, and Mistress Cushag an Ellan Vannin set out arrangements of period sourced music for modern music lovers, for those interested in the bardic arts. Blown glass beads were put on display by Fiona ingen Chinaeda.

To get that really lived-in feel of playing in the SCA, most of us aspire to one day have our own medieval encampment. Anyone whose persona leans towards Bedouin or middle eastern may be inspired and informed by the wondrous display put on by Her Ladyship Mary Ostler, with numerous samples of lavish rugs she herself wove.

Workshops were taught throughout the day, including whitework calligraphy/scribal by Kennari Brynja Kortsdottir, a how-to use Kingdom judging forms for Arts & Sciences competitions, and many others.

Branches of Tir Righ - Lions Gate

Nereügei Kitad-un is the Seneschal, until December 31, 2023. Jacomina van Vossenbrouck will take over the position. Lions Gate is located in Metro Vancouver, BC

Baron Cyneric Bearson and Baroness Arianna Freemont



Champions of Lions Gate:

Heavy: Nicklaß Volkhart Rapier: Daimhin O'daire Cut & Thrust: August Hermann Konker Combat Archery: Giuliana da Castiglione Target Archery: Gunnar Stigandsson Games: Uilliam mac Fearchair mhic Gille Aindrias A&S: Maryam bint Yusuf al-Nasra Bardic: Cushag an Ellan Vannin

Baroness' Inspiration is Lions Gate's tier one event, typically running in November.



Lions Gate is the second oldest barony in An Tir, and has left an

indelible impression on the history of the Land, as many royal pairs have originated here. A place of renown and of storied beauty, Lions Gate (two words, no punctuation) declared itself the Capital of An Tir, and no one made us stop. We have hosted Crown Tournaments, Twelfth Nights, and formed a studious core of instructors and eager students since our founding. This big, bad Barony fosters war as it is good for the economy, and has continuously fielded some of the most feared war troops, in every martial and many non martial disciplines.



Come for the battle, stay for the banquet!

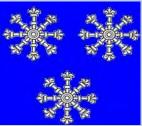
Branches of Tir Righ - Cold Keep

Seneschal - Astrid of Cold Keep

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Cold Keep's tier 1 event is Defenders held on the July long weekend.

Embark on an amazing journey through the northern lands of the Principality of Tir Righ. Nestled in the embrace of the green forest and beautiful rivers, the Shire of Cold Keep invites you to experience not only the pristine landscapes but also the rich tapestry of its vibrant community, where warmth meets wilderness. Discover the beauty and hospitality that await!

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A while ago I received a copy of The Medieval Cookbook. I encourage those that try the recipe to post pictures in the Principality's Facebook group. - Elphin O Flaithbheartaigh

A grete pye

serves 6-8

No Christmas feast in medieval times was complete without a 'grete pye'. In Some recipes, it could contain many varied meats, but quite often only two or three different kinds were suggested; change the meats suggested here if you wish.

450g/11b shortcrust pastry

1 egg white, beaten until liquid

450g/1lb boned breast of chicken, pigeon or wild duck and/or saddle of hare or rabbit (not stewing meat)

Salt and black pepper

450g/1lb minced beef

2 tbsp shredded suet

3 hard-boiled egg yolks, crumbled

Spice mixture made with: 1/4 tsp each ground cinnamon and mace and a pinch of ground cloves

25g/1oz stoned cooking dates, chopped

25g/1oz currants

50g/2oz stoned prunes, soaked and drained

 $125 \mathrm{ml}/4$ fl oz/ 1/2 cup beef stock

1tbsp rice flour or cornflour

Use just over half the pastry to line a 23-cm/9-inch pie plate. Brush the inside with some of the egg white.

Skin the pieces of breast and the other meat if necessary and parboil them gently in salted water for 10-15 minutes. Drain and leave to cool. Mix together in a bowl the minced beef, suet, salt and pepper to taste, the egg yolks and half the spice mixture. Add the rest of the spices to the dried fruit in another bowl. Slice the parboiled meat. Pre-heat the oven to 220 °C/425 °F/Gas Mark 7.

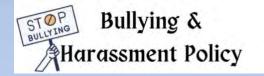
Add 1 or 2 tablespoons of the beef stock to the rice flour or cornflour in a small saucepan and cream them together; then add the remaining stock and stir over gentle heat until slightly thickened. Keep aside.

Cover the bottom of the pastry case with half the mince mixture. Arrange the sliced meat in a flat layer on top. Scatter the chopped spiced fruit over it and cover with the remaining mince. Pour the thickened stock over the lot.

Roll out the remaining pastry into a round to make a lid for the pie. Brush the rim of the case with a little more egg white and cover with the lid. Press the edges to seal, and make escape slits for steam. Decorate with the pastry trimmings and glaze with egg white. Bake for 15 minutes, then reduce the heat to 160 °C/325 °F/Gas Mark 3 and bake for 45-50 minutes longer.

From The Medieval Cookbook by Mary Black (second edition 2012. p.119)





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Meetings will be held online until further notice.



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