

## AN TIR CURIA MEETING -- Twelfth Night (1/11/15)

### Significant Figures Present:

- King Savaric de Porte des Lions
- Queen Dalla Hjalbaadsdottir
- Prince & Princess of the Summits William Geoffrey the Rogue & Diana de Winterton
- Kingdom Seneschal Magistra Julia Sempronia

**Words from Queen Dalla** -- Becoming King and Queen of An Tir is a dream come true. They are somewhat familiar with Curia meetings from their prior reign as Prince and Princess of Tir Righ. They are excited and looking forward to this new adventure, and the opportunity to learn more about the work being done by An Tir's officers.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Law Changes** -- There is a very small change to An Tir's law on page 12:

*Article III C: Officers of State:*

*(2) All Officers of State shall:*

*(b) Provide copies of all reports to Corporate and ~~correspondence with~~ Kingdom Superiors to the Crown and Kingdom Seneschal.*

### Society Board of Directors decisions:

- Avacal's petition to become an independent Kingdom has been approved. Their first Crown Tournament will be May 1-3, and their Coronation as an independent Kingdom on June 26-28.
- The proposal to create a fourth peerage for rapier and cut & thrust combat was approved on 2/2/15. The first members can be admitted to this order starting on 5/1/15 which will give Kingdoms time to decide how to implement the decision in their area. Multiple messages explaining the decision making process have been posted at <http://sca.org/BOD/announcements/>.
- Detailed minutes from the meetings are available for free on the same website as the Kingdom newsletters.

### The SCA is Turning 50!

- The very first tournament was May 1<sup>st</sup>, 1966, which means this coming May will officially start AS 50. Middle Kingdom is hosting a celebration for the Known World from June 16-27, 2016 at the 4-H Fairgrounds & Conference Complex in Hendricks County, Indiana. (About 3 hours south of Chicago and 30 minutes west of Indianapolis.) <http://www.sca50year.org/>
- Each Kingdom will be given a display area 8 feet deep, and 20-24 feet long in a hall. Suggested display items include:
  - Banner or sign with the name of the Kingdom
  - Large An Tir Kingdom device
  - The lineage of our Kings and Queens on a large easily readable display
  - 10 minute video on Kingdom history and traditions
  - Our Doomsday Book
  - Relics from various points in An Tir's history, with explanations of their meaning
  - Other pictures or items illustrating our Kingdom's history
- An Tir needs a project organizer to lead the team who will manage our space: What do we want to display? Who will make those items or collect them from the current custodians? Who is going to transport them to the event, set them up, take them down, and safely bring them home?
- Master Tvorimir Danilov says he is already working on a history of the chirogeonate which may be appropriate for this venue. He is willing to help with the larger project, but not lead it.
- Jarl Ulfred Draumfjallr and Sir Fiach CuCool Ulfredsson have written part of An Tir's history down, so Magistra Julia Sempronia will check with them.

### PRINCIPALITY REPORTS

Summits -- Viscountess Suvia filia Hereberti

- She has now been in office for 6 months, after her two predecessors only served 6 months total. She plans to remain in office until March 2016. Suvia stated in her message to the Crown: "While I would not

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*suggest that we have no troubles in the Summits, I know that we will be able to find respectful and compassionate solutions to any concerns.”*

- Myrtleholt has submitted the necessary paperwork to move from Shire to Barony, and is now awaiting a response from the Society leadership.
- At September Coronet the populace asked that the Principality newsletter “The Echoes” be revived and a team set to work to achieve this goal. They are using MailChimp to create and distribute this to the populace electronically. The first edition was released on January 1st to 79 subscribers. They now have 97 subscribers awaiting the new issue as well as increased traffic on their Facebook page. A PDF version of the first newsletter is publically available at <http://us9.campaign-archive2.com/?u=85d045517c5debe85ebd94b87&id=936ca9c8b5>
- From 1/30 to 2/1, the Summits will host a 3-day Administrative Retreat for Seneschals and Exchequers. Some are new to their office and haven't received training. They are also hoping this will be a good opportunity to build a sense of community between the officers.
- They are seeking a new web minister and exchequer, amongst other volunteers.

Avacal -- Seneschal Viscount Kirk Einarsson

- Many people throughout the Principality have been working very hard to assemble and submit the final application to the Society Board of Directors for Avacal to become an independent Kingdom. Further information is available at <http://www.avacal.org/koa/SitePages/Home.aspx>.
- Avacal has updated the laws for their Principality and an announcement of these is in the February Crier. The laws can be viewed at <http://www.avacal.org/seneschal/SitePages/Home.aspx>.

Tir Righ -- Baroness Aine inghean ui Chonchobhair. No report this weekend.

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### OFFICER REPORTS

#### Seneschal -- Magistra Julia Semponia

- Dame Brigid Ross stepped down this weekend and Magistra Julia Semponia assumed her duties. Everyone thanks Brigid for the outstanding job she did over the past three years! Julia says she has already received a great deal of support from Viscountess Nadezhda Volynskaiia and other past Kingdom Seneschals, many of which stay involved as advisors for years after their term ends.
- Reporting is a necessary requirement for the SCA to function, but it's not something that comes naturally to everyone. Kingdom, Principality, and Regional officers need to take a great deal of initiative to educate their subordinates on when and how to report. They cannot assume that volunteers are receiving this from their local branches when they assume a post. Frequent reminders via email, and sometimes even phone calls or at events, are necessary; starting well before the deadline. If a branch does not have an officer in a position, then the branch Seneschal must report to the appropriate senior officer instead.

#### Arts & Sciences -- Mistress Tuirrean dal gCais

- There have been two changes in the officer email address in the past few months which has made it hard for people to reach her, and for her to monitor the mailing lists, but hopefully this is now solved. The new address is [\[artsnsca@antir.sca.org\]](mailto:artsnsca@antir.sca.org).
- Deputies are requested to assist in organizing arts & sciences activities in the Central and Rivers regions.
- Applications were due as of this weekend for Kingdom Arts & Sciences and Bardic Championships. There are 2 full entrants for A&S champion, and 6 for Bardic. There are also 12 A&S and 7 Bardic entrants with single projects for consideration. Several of the competitors will be presenting in disciplines An Tir has not seen before, so they are going to have to reach out to a broader range of judges.
- The Society Arts & Sciences Minister is really excited about what An Tir is doing in several areas: Our huge roster of available instructors and classes, our ongoing multi-class series, and our use of online tools to teach information over long distances either by posting instructional videos to You-Tube or Tir Righ holding live virtual A&S nights. It's taken a little explaining to the Society officers for them to understand that some of this is a result of just how huge An Tir is and so we cannot do everything in person; but our size also means a lot of diverse talent.
- On the not so good front, 20 branches did not report on time for third quarter, and even after a lot of follow-up 4 did not do so.

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### Chamberlain -- HL Sigivald Garansson

- A total of \$12,400 was raised for the second pair of crowns, and \$4000 was paid out in December for Master Torfin Torgulsson and his team to start their work. There is another \$4000 set aside for repair of our current crowns. Provisions still need to be made for a box to store them in.
- The new orb is finished and paid for, and was on display this weekend during court.

### Chatelaine -- HL Landinn de Marest

- She is new to her post and eager to connect with other officers.

### Chirurgion -- Master Tvorimir Danilov

- There were 50 events in An Tir during fourth quarter and chirurgions had a role at 19 of these. There was only one injury of note.
- HL Thorkell Palsson is now the contingency deputy. There are 32 currently warranted chirurgions in the Kingdom, which is down 3 individuals since third quarter.
- Planning for the Tri-Kingdom Chi Symposium in April continues. This is being organized by Baron Faunus de Arden (Dragon's Mist) and Viscountess Sumayya min Yibna, and will take place in the Portland, OR area. There will be classes on a variety of topics related to medieval and SCA health practices, and they are encouraging attendance by anyone interested in these subjects, not just chirurgions. There's also going to be a rapier and armored tournament to benefit the Raven Travel Fund. Further information is on the Kingdom calendar and at [www.chirurgionsymposium.com](http://www.chirurgionsymposium.com).
- Discussions are continuing about the future of the chirurgionate at the Society level. A panel led by the Society Chirurgion is researching and deliberating on various options. For more information, go to <http://www.sca.org/BOD/announcements/ChirurgionateFAQupdate.pdf> or <http://socsen.sca.org/announcement-regarding-the-society-chirurgionate-request-for-comments/>

### Chronicler -- Komtessa Octavia Laodice

- She has a lot of plans before her term is up at September Crown 2015. This includes renewing conversations with the Web Team about the electronic Crier copy form, and finding a better way to communicate with the populace at events other than flyers on the toilets.
- An Tir will not publish a quarterly supplemental edition of the Crier in 2015 given the lack of submissions during 2014.
- Staff news:
  - Octavia is seeking a deputy who can take primary responsibility as the Crier Editor so the Chronicler can focus on a wider variety of projects. A detailed description of this role is in the January Crier.
  - Mericke de Ross has agreed to take over as Copy Editor for the Crier starting in February from HL Vashti of Wyewood. Mericke has already been helping to collect reports from branch Chroniclers and updating their warrants.
  - Since 2011, HL Alessandra da Montrefeltro has maintained the contact information for officers in the Crier, but she would like to step down. First they need to coordinate with the Web Minister so there's less duplication of work between her activities and the listings on the website.
  - Alizand is now heading up the work to collect and scan all of An Tir's old Criers to a DropBox account. Once this is done, a copy will be given to the Society Archivist.
  - Master Arontius of Bygelswade has diligently managed financial duties for the Chronicler's office for a couple of years now, and has agreed to continue doing so.
- Octavia has been trying for a couple of months to find out from local branches what they are doing in terms of newsletters or similar communication tools. Only 1 Principality and 13 branches have reported so far. Most branches are meeting the bare legal minimum Society requirements by posting notes from their monthly business meeting on their branch email list. Fewer and fewer are publishing any type of paper newsletter.
- Future of the Chronicler's Office:
  - The corporate SCA office sees access to Kingdom newsletters as a benefit of membership, a tangible reason why people should pay their dues. However, it's not clear the populace looks at it the same way. Octavia thinks access to the online newsletters should be free, especially since so much of their content (officer and branch contacts, event copy) is already up on the Kingdom or local sites which are easier to access than going to the Society website and logging in to open a PDF of their current Kingdom newsletter. Most modern media outlets and organizations also have considerable content available online for free, and so the public increasingly expects this.

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- This raises questions about the role of newsletters in our community, and the distinct roles and responsibilities of a chronicler and web minister. It also raises questions about how to update Society rules about printed publications. Octavia is worried about what decisions the Society may make if they do not have input from a diverse array of sources on the ground level of this topic.

### Exchequer -- Mistress Genevieve Marie Etienne de Montagne

- Her four year term is up at July Coronation and she would like to have her successor in place by April to achieve a smooth transition. If you know anyone who is interested in the job, please have them contact Etienne.
- Income from Kingdom events in 2014 was \$24,000. Expenses were \$22,900, of which \$15,000 of this was travel. An Tir had a profit of \$3700 for the year. The leadership is pleased by this, but wants everyone to remember that we must safeguard our savings against a future mishap.
- Early word is that not charging for youth at Kingdom events is resulting in an increase in adult attendance, but we'll know more by summer. It's definitely making things easier for gate staff. Many local branches are also not charging for minors anymore.
- The Kingdom budget for 2015 is approved today. Essentially this is status quo from last year with the exception of \$4000 in additional travel and \$2000 in extra officer training funds, in large part because the Kingdom's leadership will need to make some additional trips to Avacal to finish preparing them for independence.
- Training of officers at all levels is essential if we want to have a vibrant organization and the necessary infrastructure to do fun things for many years to come. Previously the Seneschal and Exchequer have been the only ones hosting administrative retreats in various sections of the Kingdom, but any Kingdom officer can do so. There are funds available to help with these expenses, so put together a plan!
- The use of ACCEPS for event pre-registration is discouraged in An Tir. While a nice idea, the fact that it is run by volunteers means they are not staying up with the demand and it makes the accounting process much more difficult. The Society experiment with PayPal is going well and will be expanded in 2015. However, which Kingdoms receive this will depend on which submit all of their financial reports on time.

### Family Activities -- Maestro Talentus del Albero (Talon) and Mai'tresse Jenae' la Joyeaux

- No information presented at this meeting

### Herald -- Dame Richenda du Jardin

- Dame Juliana de Luna and Lady Rheimwyllyd verch Einion Llanaelhaearn ("Rhi") completed the transition of Lions Blood Herald duties a month early. (Lions Blood oversees name and device submissions.)
- The Demi-Lion (reporting deputy) position was filled in October.
- The heraldic community had a great opportunity for networking and celebration this weekend as more than a half dozen senior heralds from outside of An Tir journeyed to our shores to witness Richenda du Jardin and Juliana de Luna both be admitted to the Order of the Pelican for their years of hard work behind the scenes in operating the heraldic machinery of the SCA.

### Marshal -- Sir Einar Knuteson

- The new armored An Tir Book Combat was signed by the Crown this weekend. This has been a huge effort by a couple dozen people over the past 4 months. There are some significant changes for the fighters on hand and neck protection, and on authorization procedures; as well as a lot more information to help marshals do their job well. Once the new manual is posted on the Kingdom website, then Einar plans to post notices on the mailing lists and Facebook about the major changes.
- The archery and thrown weapons manual is in good shape after 3 revisions in 2013-14, but all of the other disciplines are working on new editions for 2015.
- This weekend the Kingdom Lists Minister job changed from Dame Elena de Maisnilwarin to HL Rose Atherton. The role of Kingdom Cut & Thrust Deputy changed in January from Don Warwick Drakkar to Monseignor Michele Aquilani da Napoli ("Eagle"). Jarl Styrkarr Jarlsskald will be resuming his duties as Kingdom Armored Marshal in late February after fourth quarter reports are finished.
- Kingdom Lists Minister HL Rose Atherton is talking with the Kingdom Chamberlain about creating a solicitation for a new lists board to use at Crown events. The new design needs to be shorter, easier to anchor, and take up less space in the Kingdom trailer.

### Media Officer -- Don Andrew Williams

- Dame Julia Sempronia turned this office over to Don Andrew Williams this weekend. He has a great deal of expertise to bring to this office, from his modern work in print and video journalism.

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- Two noteworthy stories appeared this quarter: A feature in the *Waitsburg Times* facilitated by Baroness Katherine of Wastekeep about the populace of the Canton of Akornebier. There was also a video spot for Facebook events in Bend, OR using Shire of Corvaria members: <http://vimeo.com/107775652>.
- Some SCA members in Portland, Oregon proposed a series on our activities for public access TV. However, the Society Media Officer declined to approve this as he wasn't comfortable with the plan.
- More information about this office is available at <http://antir.sca.org/Blogs/media/>

### Scribe -- HL Sarra the Brave

- Everything is going well based on a good number of reports she has received.
- The community had a great time working on projects this weekend, and showing their skills off to the populace in displays and a contest. The scribal community has many project ideas for 2015, including starting to plan for their annual symposium in October.
- During Saturday's court this weekend award recipients were asked to place their scrolls on a table in the back for a period of time so the populace could see the amazing work that An Tir's artisans are doing. This idea was extremely well received and hopefully will be repeated at future indoor events.

### Teamster -- HL Sigivald Garansson, assisted by HL Sterling Veyox

- See the discussion below.

### Web Minister Duke Ulfr Blodfotur Fallgrson

- Duke Ulfr has been talking with Kingdom officers since he stepped up on 11/1 about how they are using the web now and what they would like to do in the future. He plans to speak with the remaining officers by the end of the month.
- Projects in early 2015 will include better data storage and security, and simpler email addresses and mailing lists. This will be accomplished by moving many existing websites to An Tir's domain and setting these up on a new unified platform. This can be done in a way that is seamless for the users, and which will hopefully reduce problems with spam and mail forwarding errors. The new platform will also allow more cloud storage for royalty and officers.
- The domain name for antir.org has been transferred from HL Sylverstone the Traveller to the Kingdom.
- Baronessa Chiara has remained involved through the transition and been instrumental in helping that go smoothly; as have other members of the existing web team.

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## KINGDOM EVENTS & OFFICER PAVILIONS

This is the next chapter in the conversation that began during the Fall Crown Council Financial Meeting.

Mistress Ysabella Greene and Princess Lenora di Calizzan worked with a number of officers in late summer to create an eric area layout guide for Crown Event Stewards. This includes a map and dimensions for the layout of the fighting fields, access paths, and all of the Kingdom officer pavilions. It also explains how to handle requests by branches and individuals for space around the erics. They are now revising this document based on additional lessons learned. <http://antir.sca.org/Pubs/forms/ListFieldSetUp.pdf>

The Kingdom trailer is at capacity in terms of both weight and volume. Chamberlain HL Sigivald Garansson is going to work with Viscount Matheus Bane and Master Talentus del Albero this winter to review the contents and improve the organizational system.

Space on the erics at Crown events is always tight, and especially so at smaller venues. On the one hand, we want to set up the Kingdom officer tents so they have a place to work, build connections with their local deputies, hold classes, etc. On the other hand, it is not appropriate for these pavilions to sit vacant for significant portions of the day. We need more space for branches and even major households to set up their tents on the erics to provide socializing space for the populace. We also must preserve enough space for safe walkways around the erics, and for an ambulance to pull in behind the tents if there is an emergency.

Whose tent goes on the eric:

- Certain officers must be on the erics due to the nature of their job: Seneschal, Lists, voice Heralds, and Chirurgeons. (While not a Kingdom office, some provisions also need to be made for a water point.) As for



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the other offices we need to talk about whether it makes sense for them to be there, especially if they are willing to explicitly invite the populace in to sit when they are not doing business, or whether those tents should be set up nearby in an "officer's row" instead.

- The book heralds and arts & sciences community sometimes prefer to be off the erics as its quieter and easier to do their work, but they still need to be in a easily findable, high traffic location.
- The Chatelaine or other officers without an official Kingdom tent can ask other officers about sharing, or speak to the Event Steward about arrangements. (The Earl Marshal is currently using his personal tent for his staff, or they find space in the branch pavilions.) Right now the problem with buying additional tents is not the budget, but the lack of space in the trailer.

Regardless of whether a Kingdom officer tent is on the eric or not, the responsibilities are:

- Two months in advance Kingdom Officers should notify the Event Team if they are coming and would like their tent set up on the eric, or if it should go someplace else, or if it's not needed at all.
- About a month in advance the Teamster should talk with the Event Steward about arranging for volunteers to assist in unloading and loading the Kingdom trailer on-site.
- 1-2 weeks before the event, the Teamster should post on the Curia list and other relevant venues what time he expects to arrive onsite, and what time he needs to start loading at the end of the event. The Steward should provide the Teamster with a map of where the tents are going.
- When the Teamster arrives onsite, the event team volunteers will help him unload the trailer and deposit the pavilion bundles at the marked locations.
- Kingdom officers are responsible for setting their tents up themselves with their deputies or friends. The Royal retinue is responsible for erecting the Royal Pavilion. If they would like help from the Event Team in doing this, that needs to be requested at least a couple of weeks in advance of the event. Please remember that events are running with fewer volunteers than in the past and may not always be able to help out.
- Kingdom officers and the Royal retinue need to take their own tents down at the end of the event, and turn them into a neat stack on that spot, before the time the Teamster designated. (If circumstances change, e.g. the Lists tent needs to stay up longer because the tournament ran long, then parties need to talk with one another.) The Teamster will then lead the event team volunteers in loading the trailer.

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### KINGDOM EVENT UPDATES

Bids are requested for Crown events in 2016 beyond Twelfth Night. Branches are encouraged to team up with one another to make this happen! If your branch has not hosted in the past 5 years, Kingdom Events Deputy, Mistress Ysabella Greene will be reaching out to you to ask that you consider doing so.

#### Instructions for current and prospective Crown Event Stewards:

- Getting started:
  - Forms and instructions are under the Event Stewarding and Administrative sections of <http://www.antir.sca.org/Pubs/forms/>
  - Kingdom Events Deputy Mistress Ysabella Greene can answer your questions, find branches for you to partner with, and review your draft bid before it's presented to the Financial Committee. [eventinfo (at) antir.sca.org] Kingdom officers can also provide stewards with advice related to event functions in their department.
  - Mistress Vivien nic Uldoon created a great resource for stewards of all types of events at <http://currentmiddleages.org/autocrats/welcome/>
- Once your event is chosen:
  - Event Stewards must immediately submit a Date Reservation & Event Information form to claim their spot on the Kingdom calendar, and to receive instructions on how to post on that page. This is the official source of information for each event and people do refer to it regularly, so while further advertising in other venues can be fun and helpful, it is not an adequate substitute.
  - A representative of the event team must speak at every Curia meeting from the time their bid is approved until one meeting after their final report has been accepted by the Kingdom.
  - Event Stewards must report monthly at the hosting branch's business meeting, and to Mistress Ysabella by the 15<sup>th</sup>, in order to track the progress of their planning efforts.

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- After the event, the Event Steward must complete the Kingdom Event Report form, and send this to their branch leadership, as well as the Kingdom Seneschal, Exchequer, and Events Deputy. Be sure to include comments which others can use in planning future renditions of that event.

**Minors attend Crown events for free!** In accordance with the decision of the Financial Committee at July Coronation 2014, beginning with September Crown 2014 and running through Twelfth Night 2016, there will be no charge for minors attending any Crown level event. After that the Kingdom will reconsider the policy. Principality and local branches may still choose to charge fees for youth at their events if they wish. [Note the age of majority is 19 in BC, and 18 in the rest of An Tir. The fee and waiver requirements are based on where the event is held.]

**September Crown 2014 (Aug 29 – Sept 1)** -- Barony of Lion's Gate. Event Steward HL Cassandra Wineday of Newingate.

- The site was Green Wode Farm in Langley, BC immediately across the US border. <https://www.facebook.com/TheGreneWode>
- No one is present today to provide the final report, so Mistress Ysabella Greene does so. They had 752 adults, 48 children, and 84 youth on site. Gate income was \$15,200. There were several small problems during the weekend, but everything was resolved.

**Twelfth Night 2015 (January 9-11)** -- Barony of Adiantum. Event Stewards were Mistress Yseult of Broceliande and Baroness Marian Staarveld.

- Site was the Valley River Inn on the north side of Eugene, OR. <http://www.valleyriverinn.com/>. This is the same location as Twelfth Night in 2009 and 2011.
- Mistress Yseult says she had an absolutely wonderful team, and they would be willing to host again in the future.
- Everything went very well this weekend, other than a theft in the merchant's room. The level of decoration in the hotel was truly amazing! The hotel had a recent change in management and was a bit short staffed, but they still did a fantastic job in partnering with the SCA.
- Preliminary income is \$17,000-\$18,000 with a little under 900 people through gate. They came in under budget. Decorations cost \$900 of which \$615 was paid through fund raising, and the event will write off the rest as a donation to the Kingdom.
- Queen's Rapier Tournament had 48 competitors actually take the field. Lord Verith de Prendergast is the new champion. The tournament itself ran very smoothly despite not starting until 10:30pm and finishing at 1am. Everyone is hoping things can run earlier next year, but it is hard with the amount of meetings and court business earlier in the day.

**Arts, Sciences, and Bardic Championships 2015 (March 6-8)** -- Barony of Dragon's Laire. Event Steward is HL Adelheide Leeuwin.

- Event website [http://www.antir.sca.org/Upcoming/?Event\\_ID=3287](http://www.antir.sca.org/Upcoming/?Event_ID=3287)
- The site will be the Baymont Inn and Suites in Bremerton, WA. <http://baymontinnbremerton.com/>
- Hotel rooms are \$85 a night and 30% have been reserved. They will have free wi-fi available and are working on a lunch menu.
- Lots of promotion is being done on the Kingdom calendar page and Dragon's Laire website, as well as on Facebook.
- Master Arontius of Bygelswade is coordinating display space. Baron Conchobar MacEoin is the Royal Liaison. HL Warin of Essex will be the MIC for an armored tournament. (Entrants must provide a prize predominantly made by their own hand.)

**May Crown 2015 (May 15-17)** -- Shire of Hauksgardr. Event Stewards are Baron Finn Grim and HL Marco Valentino, as mentored by Countess Daedin MacAoidh a'Mhonadh.

- Event website [http://antir.sca.org/Upcoming/index.php?Event\\_ID=3289](http://antir.sca.org/Upcoming/index.php?Event_ID=3289)
- The event site will be the Hood River Fairgrounds in Oregon. <http://www.hoodriverfair.org/facilities.htm>.
  - This is 60 miles east of Portland, OR and 150 miles SW of Tri Cities, WA. The fairgrounds are 15 minutes off of I-84. This is a very small town, so we'll make a big impact when we're there.
  - The site is flat with good grass we can drive on. There are permanent toilet and shower buildings, water faucets, and RV hook-ups we can use. There is adequate space just at the fairgrounds and adjacent middle school parking lot, but they are still hoping to get permission to use the school ball-fields for additional parking so that campers can spread out a little more.

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- There is a large permanent fire pit that can be used as a setting for bardic activities; and a concrete amphitheater with seating for court.
- The event team was considering a day trip fee, but TRM say “no”.
- Countess Daedin and Lord Thorulfr inn Grai will be managing land allocation; while Becky Fletcher oversees gate. They have all of their department heads in place, but are still seeking staff for their advance team and to work onsite. They are especially looking for volunteers willing to help with setup on Thursday and break-down on Sunday.
- The event team is making Arabic folded glass beads as site tokens, and is seeking more lampworkers to help with production.
- Pre-registration for merchants, RV's, and large households will begin soon. Kingdom officers should submit requests for tents on the erics and meetings now.
- More promotion of the event on the Kingdom calendar and unofficial sources should be forthcoming.
- Activities:
  - Martial track: Armored MIC is HL Kerryk Wolfram. Rapier is Viscount Luciano Foscari. Archery is Master Gryphon the Black
  - A&S activities will be overseen by Desa of Dragon's Mist. The An Tir Bards are also working on plans.
  - There will be a tent on the erics designated as a “public house” specifically for newcomers to come and meet people and learn about the SCA. Experienced participants are invited to come by and share their knowledge.

**An Tir – West War 2015 (July 1-5)** -- Mistress Attia Prima and Viscountess Nadezhda Volynskaiia have offered to be the team leaders.

- Event website [http://antir.sca.org/Upcoming/index.php?Event\\_ID=3290](http://antir.sca.org/Upcoming/index.php?Event_ID=3290)
- Both Kingdoms have a contract through 2017 with the site owner for the Lazy J Moore Ranch in Gold Beach, Oregon. An Tir has \$20,000 in a dedicated bank account to pay for expenses.
- They will be doing pre-registration, but not through ACCEPS. Merchant registration will be starting in February, and large household camping reservations in March.
- The website for the war is being moved to the An Tir server so that it can be available year after year to different teams. Once that is finished in February, more information will be posted on the site.
- Arts and sciences classes are being organized by Baron Faunus de Arden of Dragon's Mist. They are still arranging for MIC's for the various disciplines.

**July Coronation 2015 (July 17-19)** -- Shire of Midhaven. Event Stewards are HL Bryson MacLachlan and Lord Rodri Glynglas..

- Event website [http://antir.sca.org/Upcoming/index.php?Event\\_ID=3291](http://antir.sca.org/Upcoming/index.php?Event_ID=3291)
- The event site will be the Northern State Recreation Area in Sedro Woolley WA. This is the same site as was used for Coronation in 2011 and 2013. The site is 2 miles from town with stores and motels. Participants must bring their own water.  
<http://www.skagitcounty.net/Departments/ParksAndRecreation/parks/nsra.htm>
- No one from the event team is present this weekend, but Mistress Ysabella summarizes the latest written report. The event team is meeting monthly, and work parties are ongoing to make new eric stakes and dags, as well as gold key and largess items. A meeting is pending with Skagit parks and the farmer to make sure the hay will be taken care of before the event. The Shire raised enough money to have a feast for the outgoing Monarchs.
- Armored MIC will be Sir Thorkel fitz Hrothgar and archery will be managed by Archos Etole Marchant. Rapier and Arts & Sciences deputies are not yet determined.

**September Crown 2015 (September 4-7)** -- Barony of Glymm Mere. Event Stewards are Baroness Francisca de Montoya and Sir Godric ap Rhys.

- Event website [http://antir.sca.org/Upcoming/index.php?Event\\_ID=3292](http://antir.sca.org/Upcoming/index.php?Event_ID=3292)
- The event site will be Nix Ranch in Chehalis, WA which has hosted Crown several times before, including in 2013. The site is about 10 miles from the city with stores and motels, although there are a couple of small convenience stores closer. Participants must bring their own water, although it should be possible to use site water for the horses.
- They are just starting to put their event team together, but they have found a gate lead. They are looking at options for pre-registration.



## AN TIR CURIA MEETING -- Twelfth Night (1/11/15)

- HL Francesca will remind Sir Godric to send in his monthly report to Mistress Ysabella, and to post more information on the Kingdom calendar page.

**Kingdom Feast & Bardic Celebration 2015 (November 6-8)** -- Barony of Dragon's Laire. Event Steward HL Renart le fox de Berwyk.

- Event website [http://www.antir.sca.org/Upcoming/?Event\\_ID=3605](http://www.antir.sca.org/Upcoming/?Event_ID=3605) and <http://www.antirkingdomfeast.org/index.php>
- Site will be the Ocean Shores Convention Center (WA) as in fall 2013. The site contract has now been signed and the deposit paid. <http://www.oceanshoresconventioncenter.com>
- The main event hotel will be the Shilo Inn two blocks away with rooms for \$89 a night. Reservations open this weekend. [http://shiloinns.com/search\\_results.asp?PI=COSWA](http://shiloinns.com/search_results.asp?PI=COSWA)
- The focus this year will be on Italy with 6 courses from different time periods spread throughout the day. There will also be a masked ball on Friday evening, arts and sciences classes, lots of bardic performances, and a game room; but no court or meetings on site. (This is the same weekend designated for Fall Crown Council, so those meetings might be happening simultaneously in the virtual world.)
- Dame Madrun y Gwehyddes is handling pre-registration for this event which starts this weekend and closes on 10/5. This is mandatory!
- Team meetings are being held at Crown events to make it easier for everyone to participate.
- Lots more information is on the Kingdom calendar page, and the event's dedicated website.

**Twelfth Night 2016 (January 8-10)** -- Barony of Dragon's Mist. Event Steward HL Ana de la Sara.

- Event website [http://www.antir.sca.org/Upcoming/index.php?Event\\_ID=3439&myDate=2016](http://www.antir.sca.org/Upcoming/index.php?Event_ID=3439&myDate=2016)
- Site will be the Doubletree Hotel in the Rose Quarter of Portland, OR. This is the same site as was used for Twelfth Night 2013, but this time the Barony of Dragon's Mist will host as their first Crown level event.
- <http://doubletree3.hilton.com/en/hotels/oregon/doubletree-by-hilton-hotel-portland-RLLC-DT/index.html>
- They have their key positions filed. HL Amice de Chation and HL Raul Ladvenue are going to handle the set-up and decoration of the merchants' area. The team is looking for a new lead decorator for the rest of the site. They already purchased a lot of material for banners.
- Hotel reservations and merchant registration will both be open by the end of the month. The event is not going to do pre-registration for participants given that recent 12<sup>th</sup> Nights have handled this easily on site.
- They are looking for design ideas for t-shirts by 3/31 so these can be sold in advance of the event.
- The steward will be submitting a revised financial statement to the Kingdom since the original bid was made before the decision that minors would attend Kingdom events for free.