

AN TIR CURIA MEETING -- Twelfth Night (1/10/16)

Significant Figures Present:

- King Eirik Daegarsson
- Kingdom Seneschal Magistra Julia Sempronia

Words from His Majesty: The Kingdom Scepter went missing around the time of September Crown. If anyone has any leads on what happened to it or where it might be now, please notify TRM and the Kingdom Chamberlain. Viscount Matheus Bane has photos which he will give to Master Arontius Bygelswade so announcements can be made on various social media sites. There will also be an announcement in court at Ursulmas.

LAW CHANGES

Kingdom Equestrian Officer's position description was changed in Kingdom Law this weekend. The new text narrows the responsibilities only to horses and not other animals.

OLD LANGUAGE

(f) The Kingdom Equestrian Officer shall:

- (i) Encourage the research into and development of period animal activities including equestrian, canine and falconry.
- (ii) Maintain, publish and enforce rules governing the use of animals at events.
- (iii) Establish and maintain an authorization system for riders and equestrian marshals.

NEW LANGUAGE

(f) *The Kingdom Equestrian Officer shall:*

- (i) *Encourage the development of period equestrian activities.*
- (ii) *Maintain, publish, and enforce:*
 1. *Rules for equestrian activities.*
 2. *Equipment and safety standards for equestrian activities.*

Magistra Julia Sempronia will lead a complete rewrite of Kingdom law in 2016 as there are a lot of other updates which need to be made. These include removing references to the Chirurgeon's office since it was closed on 8/10/15, updating references to the martial manuals and timing of their championships, and reconfirming that there are no conflicts between our law and Society Corpora.

Updates to Kingdom Law are posted in the existing manual online once they are approved. Look for a symbol next to the item which has been changed, and then go to the last page of the document to see which Monarch made that modification and on what date. <http://antir.sca.org/Pubs/index.php#reference.shelf>

GENERAL BUSINESS

Kingdom Crowns: These were presented to Their Majesties during the first court of Eirik and Drifinna, after being carried around the room so all in attendance could get a quick look at them. Both crowns include alternating rampant lions and goutte de sange's on the vertical sections in tribute to the service that our Monarchs provide to our Kingdom. The band on the Queen's Crown features the royal rose symbol, while the King's Crown has oak leaves and acorns which shows An Tir's ties to our parent Kingdom of the West. Look online for lots of pictures. Our existing crowns will be now be retired for a time so they can be completely refurbished, and then future Monarchs will be able to choose which set they want to wear.

Peerage Ceremonies:

- Whoever is acting as the wrangler for the candidate must contact the Court Coordinator for TRM as far as possible in advance of the intended ceremony date to confirm there is room in the schedule for that ritual, and that all of the necessary details are in order. [To find the Court Coordinator's information, click on ROYALS on the An Tir webpage. Then go to the "Progress, Retinue, and Preferences" link. If no one is listed, email the Head of Retinue and ask them to put you in touch with the Coordinator.]
- Black Lion Herald requests that they receive a copy of the ceremony script 2-3 weeks prior to the event so that they can review it with whichever herald will be conducting the ritual. If they do not receive a copy, they may default to the standard An Tir script. [Black-lion \(at\) antir.sca.org](mailto:Black-lion(at)antir.sca.org)

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An Tir Handbook -- HL Renart the Fox of Berwick

- This project is coming along great! Articles are being written by people all over the Kingdom, and about 85 have been turned in. Magistra Aelianora de Winteringham created a template which will format those articles so they all have the same font, headers, etc.. Once the initial formatting is complete, then the articles will be assembled into the correct order in coordination with Master Sven Odin-eye and his apprentices. Two copies of the book will be bound and sent to the 50YC display.
- A number of people have inquired whether print copies of the book will eventually be made for sale, or if it can be posted online. Renart will consider those ideas further once the initial document is complete.

Guns at Events:

- Viscount Matheus Bane raised a question on this topic stating that current Kingdom law has only vague language about whether firearms are permitted at events. There were two incidents in the past few months where individuals were openly carrying a gun, which made others uncomfortable. Modern laws supersede SCA rules, but these vary considerably by location, and arguably our events could be defined as a private affair and thus the SCA's rules would take precedence. The Kingdom Seneschal will look into this issue.
- Current Kingdom law on the subject states on page 53:
 - "6) Firearms.*
 - a) Non-period firearms are not allowed at any SCA event, except to those required or licensed by mundane law to bear such weapons.*
 - b) Period firearms must not be loaded, except as part of a segregated and approved target shooting competition."*

PRINCIPALITY REPORTS

Summits -- Viscountess Suvia filia Hereberti

- Championship events: Bids for the archery and bardic events were received only after the deadline was extended and no one has yet to submit a proposal for the equestrian championship. Thus the Principality is going to try some different approaches:
 - The archery and equestrian championships will rotate between different branches. Chapters will annually declare at Winter Moot if they wish to stay in the rotation or be added to the rotation.
 - Summits will add a fifth Coronet-level event to the calendar rotation in the form of a stand-alone Arts and Sciences and Bardic Championship to be held between 12th Night and Kingdom A&S. The first one will be held in 2017 in Adiantum. The goal is to give Principality members experience in competing at a level that they can succeed in the Kingdom event.
 - Summits Principality Law and supporting documents were changed to reflect these updates, and the new edition was signed this weekend.
 - Suvia is a firm believer that it is up to the particular community represented by the Champions to make sure that these events happen in a successful manner and that there is a sufficient number of people competing and supporting the competitors to make them worthwhile.
- Summits is anxious to get an Admin Retreat scheduled for Seneschals and Exchequers. This actually needs to happen throughout the Kingdom soon after the Known World Symposium in February.
- The Shire of Myrtleholt continues to work towards achieving Baronial status.

Tir Righ -- HL Porzia di Corbino Rosso

- Reporting slipped this quarter with several Seneschal reports coming in late. Porzia has realized that early and repeated reminders about this responsibility yield better results.
- Several branches have new Seneschals and so another administrative retreat is a priority. Porzia is making every effort to be accessible, and to offer support, but, as one Seneschal noted, they "don't know what [they] don't know." She is also working on a quick, one or two-page handout for new Seneschals, with a "bite sized" guide for the office. While there's no end to the resources available for Seneschals, the volume of printed material can be a bit daunting for a new officer to wade through.
- Their law was updated during third quarter and submitted to Their Majesties, Their Highnesses, and their Heirs for review. The plan is to have the document signed and read into the record at Tir Righ Investiture.
- An Tir has petitioned the Board of Directors to merge the Shire of Cae Mor into the Shire of Tir Bannog. The hope is that by combining forces these small groups in the far north of BC will be even more prosperous in the future.
- Background clearances in Canada: For a few years now US Kingdom Seneschals, and family activities officers and youth armored combat marshals at all levels to have a background clearance through the SCA. The plan was to eventually set up a system to do this in Canada, but other activities took priority. Then

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abruptly in October the Society Seneschal said these checks needed to happen immediately. That order was subsequently rescinded, but it did spur efforts to figure out a procedure in Canada which are continuing now. Dame Brigid Ross and then Queen Mary Grace showed great leadership in communicating with the Canadian Kingdoms and Society officers to have that requirement postponed until a solution can be found which works within Canadian law and sensitivities about an individual's personal information. Viscount Kheron Azov and Their Excellencies of Seagirt have taken the lead to lay the groundwork for processes in BC; but we don't know when a definite decision will be made. Until then, youth combat and family activities can happen under the umbrella of the Kingdom Seneschal's clearance as long as 2 unrelated adults are present with the children at all times.

- While Porzia's term is not yet even half over, she will be advertising for her successor in the coming months with intentions to bring a successional deputy on board by February, so she has at least a year to train the next Seneschal of Tir Righ.

OFFICER REPORTS

Arts & Sciences -- Mistress Tuirrean dal gCais

- She will step down at May Crown 2016 and thus is seeking applications for her replacement.
- The deadline for letters of intent to enter the Kingdom Arts & Sciences and Kingdom Bardic championship competitions were due on Friday of this weekend. The artistic community is excited about the upcoming competition in Ocean Shores in March and are working hard to get ready.
- After extensive discussion by many members of the arts, sciences, and bardic community the judging forms for the annual championship tournaments have been re-designed and posted on the Kingdom website. Tuirrean wishes to extend her gratitude to Master Leith an Amhrenai dal gCais, Dame Aelianora de Wintringham, and Marquessa Laurellen de Brandevin for heading up the committees which worked on various aspects of this project. A new handbook for competitors and judges will also be posted online after its approved by TRM.

Chamberlain -- HL Sigivald Garansson

- No report this weekend.
- Read the Financial Committee notes for the latest on the Kingdom pavilion allocation discussion.

Chatelaine -- HL Landinn de Marest

- Reporting remains her major challenge. She has tried both sending out a general email reminder to the entire group, and contacting every branch directly to remind them that reports are due. The result is the same: less than 40% reporting in the Central and Inlands Regions; although better in both Principalities. Both of the Principality Chatelaines themselves reported on time.
- The other challenge is that she is not receiving copies of the officer changeover paperwork when one volunteer succeeds another in the local branches. Perhaps if this could be submitted electronically she would receive more notices.

Chronicler -- Komtessa Octavia Laodice

- Staff situation:
 - New volunteers for the posts of Copy Editor and Submissions Coordinator have been found. A previous Grete Boke officer has come to me to ask if this is still open as well.
 - Octavia is soliciting applications for her position as she will step down at Twelfth night 2017. Other positions open include Newsletter Editor, Curia Clerk, and Crier Listings Deputy. New positions open are Newsletter Editor and Reporting Deputy.
 - All Principality and Branch Chroniclers were asked to file a special Year-End report which identified whether they had Chroniclers and that individual's warrant information. Principalities were given a deadline of December 31st and all other Branches were given a deadline of January 5. At this time, all but a half dozen Central and Inlands branches have reported; but neither of the Principalities have sent any information.
- Financials & Budgeting: Exchequer Arontius contacted Octavia about closing the *Crier* account. She recommended waiting until a special project is finished, and even then to maintain a small budget for storage and advertising fees.
- Kingdom Newsletter, *The Crier*: Octavia would like to purchase a template to improve the look of the newsletter. She will be upgrading her computer in January.
- Special Projects:

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- Crier Copy Form: The current online form needs a lot of work as it increases the editing time by 50% over the paper forms. Octavia has spoken with Web Minister Duke Ulfr about this, but no progress has been made.
- Scanning of Back issues: Former Kingdom Chronicler Dame Angharad Albanes in Dragon's Lair has a full SUV's worth of boxes of back issues that she needs out of her garage. She and Octavia are going to coordinate in January to move these into Octavia's possession so they can be cataloged and scanned.
- Octavia has heard little from the Society Chronicler on the future of the Chronicler's office.

Exchequer -- Master Arontius of Bygelswade

- Current status: As of 1/7/16 the Kingdom has an asset total of \$125,033.78. This includes \$36,430.44 in the checking account, \$14,668.77 in an accessible savings account, and the balance in cd's.
- Regalia expenses were the largest category of payments for the Kingdom in fourth quarter, outstripping travel for once. This included award tokens, and the cost to reframe An Tir's Principality & Kingdom scrolls. The final payment for the additional pair of crowns will be made shortly, but we need to raise another \$4000-5000 to pay for the refurbishment on the existing set. Master Torfin Torgulsson has a new plan for tokens for the former Kingdom Champions which is now within our budget. We'll also soon be soliciting bids for new thrones for the King & Queen.
- Budget for 2016:
 - Travel will be an interesting variable to balance this year since on the one hand we no longer have to travel to Avacal, but on the other hand there will be a trip to 50 Year Celebration which means more fund raising for the Ravel Travel fund. (Current balance in that is \$5217, and another \$1000 is allocated for other Kingdom expenses related to that event.)
 - \$3650 was added the budget for this year for officers to attend Known World symposiums and then travel around An Tir sharing that information with local officers. All Kingdom officers are encouraged to participate in this or conduct other training events of their own. If their existing budget is not sufficient to do so, they can submit a proposal for additional funds.
- Minors attend Crown events for free: This experiment began at September Crown 2014 and has been very well received throughout An Tir. Gate staff like it because it makes their job simpler, events are seeing more families attending and teens bringing their friends, and people believe this is an essential recruiting method. All of the 2015 events brought in less money than the 2014 ones, but it's impossible to say right now if that's due to this experiment, or a host of other reasons: changes in gas prices and the US-Canadian dollar, location of the events, Avacal's independence, etc. Arontius will be looking at this data in more detail going back several more years, as well as information from Principality and local events who have also admitted youth for free. However, the consensus amongst those today is that as long as An Tir is not losing notable income with this approach, we should continue it because it aligns with our values. Thus it will be written into our permanent financial policies.
- Non-Member Surcharge:
 - In calendar year 2015, An Tir collected \$34,888.62 in NMS funds, and paid out \$40,906.57 to the SCA main office. (The difference is because we also paid what was collected in 4th quarter 2014.)
 - As of July 2015 branches must mail the NMS they collected to the Kingdom Exchequer within 10 business days of the event, and then the Kingdom has until the end of the subsequent month to send it to the Society. (For example January events must now be paid by 2/29.)
 - Qualifying events: Any Kingdom or Branch level gathering that is advertised in any SCA written or online publication, if the event charges a fee to attend, and the SCA insurance is in effect. This new definition includes what An Tir calls "tier 2 events", which we didn't think were eligible before. Thus we may owe the SCA \$3800 in back NMS amounts, although that point is still under discussion. NMS does *not* apply at fight, dance, or similar practices, A&S project nights, business meetings, or other gatherings which where people typically do not come in garb and no awards are given or ceremonies conducted.
 - Training local branches on this topic will be a major topic in 2016.

Grand Council of the SCA -- Baron James Llewellyn ap Gruffydd is An Tir's Representative

- The Grand Council was created by the SCA Board of Directors in 1995 to act as an advisory body on topics related to the modern or business side of the SCA. The Board may assign topics for review, or the Council may generate their own ideas. The Council reports to the Board in time for each quarterly meeting with news about their projects, and when relevant with concrete recommendations for changes to the organization's rules, policy, or business models. You can learn more about the Grand Council at <http://gc.sca.org/>
- No report this weekend.

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Herald -- Dame Richenda du Jardin

- She will be stepping down at July Coronation, and is announcing that her position is open as of this month. The plan is to have candidates to present to Their Majesties and the Society Laurel Sovereign of Arms by May so the new Black Lion can be sworn in at July Coronation.
- Æstel, Löwenmähne, and Town Crier Deputies are all settling into their new Kingdom level positions. There have been a few hiccups and Richenda is reminding heralds throughout our community who to direct their inquiries to and to be patient as the deputies learn their new roles. They've supported prior officers and know the work in general, but there are new things to learn when you are the one responsible.
- Branch reporting is improving slightly, but is still a challenge:
 - Only 1 Barony in central An Tir didn't report in fourth quarter, but the Principalities are having more challenges. Richenda will email the errant groups to explain the importance of reporting on time.
 - The program that allows heralds who are up-to-date in their reporting to take submissions at big local events seems to be serving as a positive motivation.
 - Suggestion: If a branch does not have an officer in a position, perhaps their Seneschal could clearly state that in their own monthly report. Then the reporting deputy for the Kingdom Seneschal could compile that information and send it to the various Kingdom officers so they don't have to spend time chasing down reports from officers that don't exist. It would also mean that the Kingdom officers would know which branches may need some help finding a new officer, or whose citizens might need more attention to get their questions answered in the interim. (The heralds have regional and at-large deputies who can support areas who don't have local heralds.) -- Kingdom Seneschal Julia Sempronia says she is encouraging the local Seneschals to tell Kingdom officers about vacant positions in their branches.
- Shittenwoode had applied to change their name to Thornwood, and had already changed their website and many of their other reference materials to that label. Unfortunately the Society has found a conflict with a chapter on the East Coast. Unless permission is given to conflict, our citizens are going to have to agree on a new idea.

Marshal -- Sir Einar Knuteson

- Officer changes: Maitre Sebastien de Caen stepped up as Kingdom Rapier Marshal this weekend, taking over from Viscount Luciano Foscarelli who is now the Summits Earl Marshal. HL Arqai Neu'rin stepped up as Kingdom Siege Deputy in October. Maestra Althaia filia Lazari is seeking applicants as she steps down as Martial Authorization Officer at September Crown.
- Queen's Rapier Championship: 59 people pre-registered and 58 took the field this weekend. (25% of those eligible to do so.) Since final court was split between Friday night and Saturday morning, it was possible to hold the tournament in the early evening which everyone appreciated. Don Armand Chavez de Castille was the victor.
- Not counting the portion of our populace who are now Avacalans, the number of participants is holding steady, with many new fighters coming in to replace those who have moved on to other activities.
- As with the other offices, reporting rates are slow but Einar talked to the community about this during the martial community meetings this weekend, and he plans to speak with local seneschals as well.
- The new manuals for rapier and equestrian activities were signed this weekend. Specific meetings were held with both of those communities this weekend to brief them on the changes. Most of them were minor updates and clarifications to existing practices.
 - The biggest change for the rapier fighters is that the manual is now laid out in same fashion as the armored rules to make it easier for those participating in both sports to understand the expectations. The same formatting changes will be made in the new cut & thrust manual which is underway, along with a few increases to armor standards.
 - The new youth armored combat manual has been on hold until the Society released their new rules (which just happened) and the Canadian background clearance process is figured out (still underway). The current draft also needs some streamlining so it's more concise.
 - The Society has also released new editions of the main Marshal's Handbook (focused on armored combat), siege combat, and rapier combat.
- The job description of the Kingdom Equestrian Officer was updated this weekend. (See page 1)
- Crown Events: Please tell the Kingdom Earl Marshal and Martial Authorization Officer who you have selected as the Marshal in Charge for the activities happening on your weekend, so they can make sure the individuals have the necessary credentials and information to succeed in those roles.
- Kingdom Protector Tournament: This championship is moving back to September Crown as of this year at the request of a significant portion of the archery community. The format is also being standardized to some degree so that everyone has a better idea of what to expect from year to year.

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- Pavilion for the Marshals: Einar is excited that his volunteers will finally be able to have one on the erics, although exactly which one is still under discussion. (See page 1.) Archos Johanna Trewpeny has made a banner to mark this pavilion.
- Lists Minister HL Rose Atherton:
 - Lists finished the summer season strong. She now has a new contingency deputy in HL Liadain Liadain ni Sheanachain, who was previously in the lead role from 2007-2010.
 - Her experiment with electronic pre-registration for both the armored championship tournament and September Crown simultaneously met with much success and a few learning experiences. Rose thinks that with additional publicity she will be able to further increase the percentage of fighters pre-registering.
 - Crown events last season allowed only 1-2 hours for sign-up on site, and Rose is hoping this shorter window will be the plan in the future: It encourages more fighters to pre-register, for everyone to check-in in a timely fashion, and allows her to spend more time doing other things during the weekend. Lowenmahne Herald has also asked to coordinate around the pre-registration process so HL Alan ap Neil's team can prepare some of the processional information ahead of time, speeding up that process on site.
- The modifications to the lists board were a significant improvement, although she needs to speak with Liadain about a bit more hardware to secure them on the type of windy days they had at September Crown.

Seneschal -- Magistra Julia Semponia

- Julia Sempronia's Report:
 - She had some health issues to deal with in the fall, but is doing much better now. As she stated in her written report: *"I want to reassure everyone that my spirits have been cheerful throughout, and my chances for a productive life are about the same as any other person looking at their sixth decade. I am so indebted to the leadership and experience of our Crown and Heirs, the professionalism of my Contingency, Dame Brigid Ross, and Kingdom officers and Deputies who carried on during my surgery and recovery."*
 - Deputies: Dame Brigid Ross has been instrumental as Contingency Deputy during Julia's first year, but she is now stepping down to focus on her work with the Strategic Planning Committee and other projects. Master Phelan Tolusmidr and Baroness Francisca Montoya have been selected to jointly fulfill the Contingency Deputy position at this time. Francisca will continue as Events Deputy, and Master Phelan will start out by helping codify branch boundaries. If other individuals are interested in learning more about the job of Kingdom Seneschal, please contact Julia for details as she will step down at Twelfth Night 2017, and wants to have her successor trained before that date.
 - Background checks in Canada: Please see the notes under the Tir Righ Seneschal's report.
 - Updates on An Tir's Branches:
 - Julia has made the formal request to the Board of Directors merge the Shire of Cae Mor into the Shire of Tir Bannog in northern BC. This should be confirmed at the BOD meeting later in January.
 - The Shire of Earnrokke (Whidbey Island, WA) has been put into abeyance for the next 2 years. This means that on a practical level it no longer exists: The funds from the shire's bank account were moved to the Kingdom account, and their property is temporarily in Arontius' garage pending distribution to other branches which can use it. However, An Tir is not going to petition the Board to officially dissolve the branch at this time, in case there is a resurgence of interest in that locale.
 - A group in Whitehorse, Yukon Territory is on the verge of qualifying as an incipient shire. They have chosen an interim seneschal and are working with heralds to find a viable group name. As this branch is nine hours from its nearest neighbors in the Principality of Oertha, and 24 hours from the nearest Tir Righ branch, we may have to redefine branch events and activities to include online video-conferencing. Fortunately the Oertha members have been very supportive so far, even though the groups are in separate Kingdoms.
 - The Barony of Glymm Mere is working with interested SCA participants on the central WA coast to form a new canton.
- Crown Events Deputy -- Baroness Francisca de Montoya & HL Ana de la Sara have now formally taken over this department from Mistress Ysabella Greene.
 - July Coronation 2016 was the last unassigned event for this year and a bid was accepted from the Shire of Danescombe this morning. – NOTE: By the end of January that bid had to be withdrawn because the SCA could not secure the site. Instead the Barony of Stromgard offered to host the event at the same site as is used for Stormgods.

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- Francisca and Ana have received great input from their colleagues, past Crown event teams, and the populace as to what data is most helpful in creating a bid for a Crown event, and then how to plan and execute activities on that weekend, and prepare the final report. Francisca and Ana are now creating forms and instructional sheets covering the entire process. They are hoping to create a page on the Kingdom website to post all of this information so it can be easily located.
- Events Education Deputy -- Viscountess Nadezhda Volynskaiia -- Education of officers and event stewards is an ongoing priority, and will intensify after Julia and Arontius return from the Known World Symposium which is happening the weekend of Feb 12-14. Both Principalities are planning on officer retreats to train newly-installed seneschals and event stewards.
- Family Activities -- Master Kieran Gunn is helping research options for background checks in Canada.
- Media Officer -- Master Andrew Williams -- No report

Scribe -- HL Sarra the Brave

- Illumination and lettering continue throughout the Kingdom for both those awards and local recognitions.
- The Kingdom Heraldic & Scribal Symposium in Wastekeep in October, while lightly attended, was well received. The Principality of Tir Righ has graciously agreed to modify their chapter event to host the entire Kingdom on April 1-3, 2016.
- Sarra has assumed custody of the 40 Year Boke and will use the existing budget for that item to obtain better storage containers, perform some upkeep, and bring the books to more events. These incredible pieces of art should be displayed as often as possible.
- Sarra was contacted by the 50 Year Celebration "All Things Scribal" team and asked to bring items from An Tir to display covering our earliest years to the present day. She is talking with that team about the exact display details, security arrangements, etc so that she can share that information with our populace when she asks for specific contributions. Many of these items are delicate and will require special handling (stability, temperature control, etc.) especially while in transport to and from the event.
- Duke Skeggi Nyewcombe arranged for An Tir's original Principality and Kingdom scrolls to be reframed in the past few months and these were displayed at Twelfth Night. The plan is to bring them to more events so the populace can share in this history. They will be on display at 50th Year Celebration as well.

Web Minister Duke UlfR Blodfotur Fallgrson

- Office 365 migration for officer emails and file storage -- This has been completed with Their Majesties and a few officers. He hopes to finish the rest of the officers by the end of January.
- An Tir IT Helpdesk -- There is now a ticketing system in place for any technical problems website users encounter, requests to update officer listings or post files, etc. Send all requests to support@antir.org. The first time you do so you will be prompted to create an account so you can monitor the status of your request and amend it as needed. After that each time you send a request you will receive an automated reply with the ticket number and a link so you can check on the status. Tickets will be closed once the work is done. (This is similar to the job ticket system many large companies use for IT.)
- Website Overhaul: The initial design work is underway. While the original idea had been to do a massive revision all at once the team is realizing that it will probably work better to keep the project pieces small and update things incrementally.
- The annual payment to Master Jean Louis Chambertin to host the Kingdom website has been made: \$557.70

KINGDOM EVENT UPDATES

Please submit bids for 2017 events. A full-year of preparation time is required to create a good weekend without a large amount of stress, and to be able to effectively deal with contingencies. Hotel based events generally require 2 years of planning in order to obtain favorable rental rates.

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/>
 - The Kingdom Events Deputy 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. Both sides should take the initiative to have those conversations.

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- *Lists Field Set-Up for a Kingdom Event:* This has a map and dimensions for the fighting fields, access paths, and the Kingdom officer pavilions. The space parameters are essential for safety. Some pavilions must be in certain locations to conduct their business, while others are flexible. The guide also explains how to handle requests by branches and individuals for space around the erics.
<http://antir.sca.org/Pubs/forms/ListFieldSetUp.pdf>
- Mistress Vivien nic Uldoon created a great resource for stewards of all types of events at <http://currentmiddleages.org/autocrats/welcome/>
- Once your bid is accepted:
 - Event Stewards must immediately submit a Date Reservation & Event Information form to the Calendar Deputy, at which time they will receive instructions about 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's 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 the Kingdom Events Deputy by the 15th, in order to track the progress of their planning efforts.
 - 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! As of Twelfth Night 2016 this has become a permanent part of An Tir's financial policies. 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 2015 (September 4-7) -- Barony of Glymm Mere. Event Stewards were Baroness Francisca de Montoya and Sir Godric ap Rhys. Francisca presented today.

- The event site was the Nix Ranch in Chehalis, WA which has hosted Crown several times before.
- There were 608 adults, 63 youth, and 46 children on site. This was lower than expected.
- The event made a total profit of \$3944, of which \$2366 went to the Kingdom and the balance to the Barony.
- There were 77 participants in the Crown Tournament.

Kingdom Feast & Bardic Celebration 2015 (November 6-8) -- Barony of Dragon's Laire. Event Steward is HL Renart le fox de Berwyk who provided the information today.

- Attendance was 267 people for a total profit of \$2500.
- See the Financial Meeting notes for details on the new bid approved today. The plan is to do this event again in fall 2016 and then in even years thereafter.

Fall Crown Council 2015 (November 8) -- Barony of Dragon's Laire. Coordinated by Magistra Julia Sempronia.

- Several meetings took place in coordination with the Feast.

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

- Event website http://www.antir.sca.org/Upcoming/index.php?Event_ID=3439&myDate=2016 and <http://antir12thnight.org/home>
- Site was 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.
- Attendance: There were 808 adults and 41 minors recorded at gate, which is a little higher than expected.
- Finances: Approximate numbers are \$16,455 in income, and \$1000 less than expected in expenses. This should yield a total profit of about \$13,000 of which \$7800 will go to the Kingdom.
- Queen's Rapier Championship: Everyone appreciated this taking place in the early evening rather than late at night. The biggest challenge was changing the plan about which ballroom to hold the competition in once the marshals assessed the space available.

Arts & Sciences and Bardic Championship -- March 4-6, 2016 -- Barony of Glymm Mere. Event Steward will be Baroness Francisca de Montoya who presented today, assisted by HL Disa I Birkilundi.

- Event website http://antir.sca.org/Upcoming/index.php?Event_ID=3607 has information on the championship requirements, as does <http://currentmiddleages.org/artsci/resources.htm>
- Site will be the Shilo Inn at Ocean Shores, WA which has been used for many events in the past. http://shiloinns.com/search_results.asp?PI=COSWA

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- Planning with the hotel is coming along fine. There are 9 meeting rooms available for classes and judging, and the main ballroom can also be divided into smaller spaces if necessary. There is space outside for armored and rapier combat activities.
- Now that the final letters of intent have been submitted, the team can make specific plans for the competition slots. Please see the Arts & Sciences Minister's report for further details.

May Crown 2016 (May 20-22) -- Barony of Vulkanfeldt and the Barony of Wastekeep. Event Stewards will be HL Katya Kazimirova Hrafensfuri von Salza and Mistress Ysabella Greene. The latter presents today.

- Event website http://antir.sca.org/Upcoming/index.php?Event_ID=3609 and <http://maycrown2016.webs.com/> They are also starting to promote the event on Facebook.
- Site will be the Toppenish Rodeo & Livestock Association grounds (WA). This is the same site that Vulkanfeldt and Madrone hosted Crown at in 2013 & 2014. It's about 3 hours from Seattle, Spokane, and Portland; and 5 hours from Vancouver, BC.
- Few members of the event team live close to site so this will limit the number of volunteers available to help with setup tasks. Additional help in general would be greatly appreciated. Officers also either need to meet their own needs or contact the event stewards immediately with their requests. They hope to be able to publish the time the teamster will arrive to ease the setup of Kingdom pavilions.
- Land and eric reservations will be done by HL Rowland Greene. Merchants will be coordinated by HL Lleoffled Willoughby. Marshals in Charge: Lord William McKenna (armored). Archos Ronan McKay (archery). HL Luaitrend inghean Uilliam (rapier). HL Rashida bint Yusuf (youth).

50 Year Celebration (June 17-27, 2016)

- The very first tournament was May 1st, 1966, which means that the SCA is now 50 years old! The Middle Kingdom is hosting a celebration for the Known World from June 17-27, 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/> and <http://www.4hcomplex.org/index.php>
- Each Kingdom will be given a display area 8 feet deep, and 20-24 feet long in a hall. HL Khulan Hlutwigelanya of Stromgard has agreed organize this, and Duchess Angharad Banadspus Drakenhefd and HL Bryson MacLachlan have offered to transport the items in the Barony of Aquaterra's trailer. Items so far identified include the new An Tir Handbook and our Kingdom & Principality scrolls.
- There is a Facebook site set up for An Tirian's to use in coordinating camping, car-pooling, and transportation of gear. If you cannot locate it on your own, ask Magistra Julia Sempronia for the link.

An Tir – West War 2016 (July 1-4) -- The West is hosting this year, but volunteers from An Tir would be appreciated. This is the last year on our current contract with the land-owner, and since everyone wants to keep using that location, negotiations need to take place for us to continue using the site from 2017-2020.

July Coronation 2016 (July 15-17) -- A bid is presented by the Shire of Danescombe this morning, and accepted by the Committee, and so those details are being recorded here. Unfortunately, within 2 weeks the plans to rent the site fell through, and instead plans were made with the Barony of Stromgard to host the event.

- DANESCOMBE BID by Event Steward HL Taliesin ap Hafgan.
 - Event website http://antir.sca.org/Upcoming/index.php?Event_ID=3611
 - Site is the Shyllynn Ranch which is a private 60 acre property along the Salmon River, 20 minutes north of Vernon, BC. This is about 3.5 hours north of the US-Canada border on Hwy 97.
 - They are projecting 450 attendees due to the location, even though the lowest in the past 5 years was 670. This would yield a profit of \$9000, with costs expected at \$6650 and thus \$2350 in profit.
 - While Danescombe is taking the lead in running this event, they are specifically planning to enlist help from the Shires of Krakafjord and Ramsgaard to teach them how to run a Crown event so they could do so on their own in the future. The 3 shires will split their share of the profit equally. This type of partnership and mentoring is one of the Kingdom's goals.
- STROMGARD PLAN
 - Event Steward will be Sir Justin de Leon, assisted by Sir Kjartan Daegarsson.
 - Site will be the same one they use for Storm Gods which is the Zumstein Family Farm in Woodland, WA. (Exit 21 off of I-5). The site has limited shade and participants must bring their own water.
 - Land reservations HL GaeiRa Runfastsdottir. Interim Gate Coordinator Baron Finn Grim. Merchant liaison HL Stanton MacLlyr. Marshal in Charge will be Sir Einar Knuteson.

September Crown 2016 (September 2-5) -- Shire of Hauksgardr. Event Steward will be HL Marco Valentino. HL Francisca de Montoya presents today.

- Event website http://antir.sca.org/Upcoming/index.php?Event_ID=3612

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- Site is the Hood River County Fairgrounds in northern Oregon, which was the same site as was used for May Crown 2015. <http://www.hoodriverfair.org/facilities.htm>
- Deposits have been paid for the site and the portable toilets. They are planning to lay out the site differently than May Crown last year to move the fighting closer to the center of the fairgrounds, which will also make archery comparatively closer for everyone. (This is a positive as the championship has been moved to this weekend from July Coronation.)
- The event team is considering hosting a feast inside one of the buildings as a Kingdom fundraiser.
- Arts and sciences activities will happen inside one of the buildings. Overall marshal in charge is HL Kerryk Wolfram. They are looking for help in several areas: archery MIC, equestrian liaison, and parking leader.
- They have found someone to make site tokens.

Kingdom Feast & Bardic Celebration 2016 (October 28-30) -- Barony of Dragon's Laire. Event Steward is HL Renart le fox de Berwyk. *This bid was awarded this morning!*

- Event website http://antir.sca.org/Upcoming/index.php?Event_ID=3978
- The 2013 and 2015 events were both a success and everyone wants to do this again.
 - Given the commitments that many of the key personnel have to managing food at Sport of Kings in August of odd numbered years, and An Tir also hosts the war with the West in odd years, the plan is to move the feast to even numbered years. While Halloween weekend might reduce attendance, it's what the convention center has open in fall 2016.
 - There is currently \$5302.42 reserved in the same account as the Crier newsletter for future renditions of this event. A separate bank account will be opened specifically for this purpose; just as An Tir maintains a separate account for when we host An Tir – West War. An Tir's leadership will also consider making this an official Crown level event.
 - Estimated attendance for 2016 is 265 which would result in \$6625 for income. Estimated costs are \$5886 (including a site deposit of \$1100), which would yield a profit of \$739.
- Site will be the same as before: Ocean Shores Convention Shores in Ocean Shores, WA. There are multiple hotels within a few blocks, including the Shilo Inn where we just held Kingdom Arts & Sciences and Bardic Championship.
- Renart already has some new cooks interested in a leading teams, so they won't be burning out the same crew. In addition to 6 courses of food spread throughout Saturday, there will be many other activities:
 - Bardic performances all weekend will be organized by HL Skamp Widegrin.
 - Scribal and other arts & sciences displays will organized by Marquessa Laurellen de Brandevin.
 - There will be a masked ball on Saturday night, and a rapier tournament that afternoon.
 - Baroness Francisca de Montoya will oversee the games room.
- We have the Convention Center on Sunday as well for no additional cost, so if the Kingdom wants to hold Crown Council activities there again, that is possible.
- Pre-registration of \$25 per person is required and can be done through Sept 19th via: www.antirkingdomfeast.org/feast_registration.php Dame Madrun y Gwehyddes will handle this.

Twelfth Night 2017 (Jan 13-15) -- Barony of Wyewood. Event Steward HL Liadain ni Sheanachain spoke today.

- Event website http://antir.sca.org/Upcoming/index.php?Event_ID=3614
- Site will be the Double Tree hotel at Sea Tac Airport (WA). This is the same site as was used for 12th Night in 2014 <http://doubletree3.hilton.com/en/hotels/washington/doubletree-by-hilton-hotel-seattle-airport-CTAC-DT/index.html>
- The deposit has been paid for the hotel space. Rooms will be available as of February 1st, and Liadain will make sure that information is posted widely. All requests for suites must be sent to her and these will be allocated in late-summer once we know who our Heirs will be and how many vigil spaces will be requested.
- \$500 has been spent to date. There is \$1200 of additional expenses expected. The event is within budget.