

## AN TIR CURIA MEETING -- Twelfth Night 1/15/17

### Attendance:

#### ROYALTY

King Styrkarr Jarlsskald  
Queen Dagrun Stjarna  
Summits Princess Alina of Folkstone  
Tir Righ Prince Ieuan Gower  
Tir Righ Princess Gwyneth Gower

#### KINGDOM & PRINCIPALITY OFFICERS

Seneschal Lenora Truble  
Exchequer Arontius of Bygelswade  
Curia Clerk Althaia filia Lazari  
Crown Events Deputy Francisca de Montoya  
Crown Events Assistant Ana de la Sera  
Arts & Sciences Minister Cristiana de Huntington  
Black Lion Herald Oddr Thiálfason  
Chatelaine Landinn de Marest  
Chronicler Ellen Fraser  
Earl Marshal Einar Knuteson  
Scribe Sarra the Brave  
Web Minister UlfR Blodfotur Fallgrson

Tir Righ Seneschal Porzia di Corbino Rosso  
Tir Righ Seneschal Deputy Alessandra Giancomo

Approximately 12 others, names unknown

#### OTHER INDIVIDUALS

Ysolt Tayler of Windhill  
William Tarrell  
Vikingr Eiricksson  
Thorkell Palsson (Twelfth Night 2018 Steward)  
Steven Desjardin (May Crown Steward)  
Selene Trios (Twelfth Night 2019 Steward)  
Sarah Pixie  
Rowenna D'Ath-Fhirdia  
Rose Atherton (Kingdom Lists Minister)  
Octavia Laodice (Chronicler Contingency Deputy)  
Marco Valentino (September Crown 2016 Steward)  
Luciano Foscari  
Luaithread inghean Uilliam (Martial Auth. Officer)  
Lishinia Aurelia  
Katherine of Akornebir (Baroness of Wastekeep)  
Ivon Dreng (Baron of Stromgard)  
Garet Doiron (Tir Righ Principality Herald)  
Finn Grim (Baron of Dragon's Mist)  
Etiennette de Montagne (Kingdom Pelican Secretary)  
Emma la Rousse d'Argentan  
Durin Oldenmoor  
Desiree Aurelia Chiarestella (July Coronation Steward)  
Dalla in Fagra (Long Term Financial Committee)  
Ciosa Leonara Fioravanti  
Brighid Ross  
Alessandra da Montefeltro (Baroness of Wyewood)

### Law Changes:

Article IV.C Awards and Orders of An Tir

#### 7) Non-Armigerous Awards and Honors:

New award added: Grace of An Tir: *"The Grace of An Tir is granted by the Royal Consort at her discretion to an individual who exemplifies gracious and chivalric behavior. The symbol of the award is a fieldless apple blossom quarterly Or and argent. Much like the flower which bears fruit to enrich and sustain, so too do those members of Our populace who in deed display grace, courtesy, and chivalry above and beyond that which is expected. Recipients will be recognized for leading by example and in so doing promoting these ideals upon which the Society was founded."*

### Discussion of Publicizing Events

- Corpora section II.C states that *"Formal actions and announcements with long-term impact on the Society may occur only at Society events for which a full announcement including date, time, and place has been published in advance in the appropriate corporate publication. These actions include Crown and Coronet Tournaments, Coronations and Investitures, appointment of officers, presentation of awards and titles, proclamation of law, and the establishment or advancement of branches. However, deputy officers and officers below principality level need not be appointed at published events."* In An Tir, that publication is the *Crier*.
- Once the Event Information Form is approved by the Kingdom Calendar Deputy, a webpage is created in the Upcoming Events section of the Kingdom Calendar website, and the Event Steward is given access to this so they can easily add content about their events. <http://www.antir.sca.org/Upcoming/>
- Kingdom Seneschal Lenora Truble says branches need to put more details about their events on the Kingdom website and in *The Crier*, as well as on their local branch website, and not rely solely on social media forums or websites specific to the event. People cannot participate in your event if they don't know what is happening, and our newer participants can be easily turned off if key information is hard to find. At minimum the Kingdom and branch websites should include the event date and location, accurate driving directions, valid emails for the Event Steward and others who can answer questions, an event schedule, and key details about feast or tournaments that people need to know in advance to arrive prepared. The Upcoming Events page also serves as a historical record, preserving memories of our activities, and providing information to future stewards about sites, schedules and other planning details.

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- King Styrkarr Jarlsskald says that Royals rely on information on the Kingdom Calendar to know what events are happening in various locations so they can travel there and recognize members of the populace.
- Duke Ieuan Gower says that neither the Royals nor anyone else can realistically sign up for 60 or more Facebook groups or similar sites, and then try to plow through those to find key information about an event. It works much better to have this information on a simple, publically accessible webpage.
- Perhaps the Event Information Form can be updated to ask for more of this key information, which would then make it easier for event teams to remember what to post on the Kingdom Calendar.

### PRINCIPALITY REPORTS

#### Summits -- HL Piaras mac Toirdhealbhagh

- They have a new Prince and Princess as of December: Tjorkill Kanne and Alina of Folkstone.
- They are seeking bids for branches to host Fall Coronet in September.
- Everyone is looking forward to The Summits first ever Arts, Sciences, & Bardic Championship in February in the Shire of Briar Oak. King Styrkarr plans to attend. If you wish to stay onsite and partake of the event meals, you need to pre-register at <http://www.antir.sca.org/Pubs/forms/SummitsASB2017.pdf>. Day trippers are also welcome with their own food.
- The Principality experienced a drop in revenue in the past year as the costs to rent sites have increased. They hope to find alternatives that will keep them solvent, and let them invest in regalia and a trailer.
- Their new Chamberlain instituted a check in & out system for Principality tents and regalia after one of the first was damaged and some of the second went missing.
- The Principality is creating Office 365 accounts for all of their officers to improve communications. (No more problems with mail forwarding and files not being given to one's successor.) Piaras is working on a pilot program that could operate through Office 365 or Google Docs so that officers at all levels could do their quarterly reports online, rather than filling out and emailing Word and PDF files.
- Summits is investigating paying for a single URL and server space so that all of the Principality and subsidiary branches could have their websites in one place. Right now these are scattered across many different systems and not all of those are meeting their needs.

#### Tir Righ -- HL Porzia di Corbino Rosso

- They have a new Tanist and Ban-Tanist as of November: Einar "Oak" Guntharson and Glynis Fawr.
- Porzia will hand over the Seneschal's keys to HL Alessandra Luciana Giancomo at Tir Righ Investiture in February.
- A confidence polling for the Barony of Lion's Gate was held in November to see if Baron Uilliam and Baroness Caitrina would continue in their role. Unfortunately the package disappeared in the mail, and so they have been speaking with the Kingdom Seneschal about how to repeat the polling.
- Tir Righ has a new calendar policy in which each branch designates one event as a "premier" event, and on that weekend there will be few, if any, other events in the Principality. The goal is to improve relationships and travel between branches, and to allow each group show off their Shire or Barony to the rest of the Principality. It took a lot of effort to work out the details of this plan, but all of the branches have been incredibly supportive of the idea.
- The Principality is excited to host July Coronation this year, and be able to show off life in the BC Interior. There is a lot of collaboration between branches to make that event a success, and more will be needed now that they are hosting September Crown as well. Other branches are starting to consider the idea of hosting Kingdom events as well, particularly if the ones in 2017 go well.
- Tir Righ is the first section of An Tir to roll out the new Society Youth & Family Achievement program, and there is a lot of enthusiasm around this.
- On the challenging side, branches are struggling to maintain the necessary pool of officers and to mediate personality clashes between volunteers. More training would be helpful both about the actual jobs, and on how to mediate situations. Dame Brigid Ross offers to assist.

### OFFICER REPORTS

#### **Arts & Sciences -- Mistress Cristiana de Huntington**

- The Kingdom Arts & Sciences and Bardic Championship will be at the Suquamish Casino & Resort north of Bremerton WA. The deadline was Friday for letters of intent from those wishing to compete for either

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championship, or who wanted a single project or research paper reviewed. There are 3 individuals competing to be Bardic Champion, and 5 for Arts & Sciences Champion. Another 12 people are submitting a single entry or research paper. Now the populace's role is to come and support these individuals in their trials.

- All of the judging rubrics are finished and are posted on the Kingdom Arts & Sciences website at <http://www.antirarts.com/>. This required a ton of work by a number of people over the past 2 months. Classes are being held at multiple events to educate potential judges and competitors, or those who are simply curious, about the new rubrics. So far they've trained 70-80 people. Another class occurred this weekend, and will also happen at Tir Righ Investiture and Summits Arts & Sciences and Bardic Championship in February, as well as the Kingdom Championship in March. More classes will occur throughout 2017.
- New award of *The Scholar*. This is an idea Their Majesties are copying from the Kingdom of Ansteorra. Any competitor at KASB, whether with a single entry or seeking to become Champion, who receives a score of 80% or higher for their presentation will be recognized. This award can be earned multiple times.
- Dame Madrun y Gwehyddes will be stepping down as Competitions Deputy in 2017 and would like to confirm her replacement in the next couple of months so there's plenty of time for a smooth transition.
- The Kingdom Arts & Sciences website has been redesigned in the past few months. There is now much more information on the site, as well as a ton of photos.

### Chamberlain -- Master Charles de Bourbon

- *For a detailed update about multiple regalia projects, read the Financial Committee notes. This is the condensed version.*
- Teamster Position: Magnifico Talentus del Albero (Talon) will step down by July Coronation. He is revising the job description to make the explanation and actual tasks more appealing and manageable so we can find a new person to handle it for a couple of years. Talon will talk with the Chamberlain and Their Majesties more about this in the coming weeks. -- Talon and Charles inventoried the Kingdom trailer this weekend.
- Crowns: The travel boxes for our current crowns were delivered by Viscount Matheus Bane to Their Majesties a few weeks ago. Construction is underway on the new "travel crowns" and the initial amount of \$4300 has been paid to Master Sigmund Helmschmiede. (Photos and progress updates are being posted at [https://www.facebook.com/newantirtravelcrowns/?hc\\_ref=SEARCH&fref=nf](https://www.facebook.com/newantirtravelcrowns/?hc_ref=SEARCH&fref=nf)). Master Torfin Torgulsson has finished the assessment of our long standing crowns and it will not be quick or cheap to restore them to a useable condition. Their Majesties will consult further with Master Torfin and members of the Regalia Committee about whether we want to pursue that goal, or find a way to retire them that keeps them an active part of our history. Viscount Matheus Bane is continuing to seek information on An Tir's very first crowns which disappeared several years ago after the next edition were created.
- Thrones: HL Alasdair mac Roibert delivered the new thrones this weekend and they were revealed to the populace at Friday night court. Alasdair used a design called "high box thrones" that were common in 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> century England, Scotland, France, and Brittany; and which have the same general profile as the thrones An Tir has used for many years. Hardened white maple was used for the primary construction. There is gilding on the arches and trefoils which decorate the chairs on the backs and below the seat respectively. Under each seat is a compartment that will store a book in which Kings and Queens can write their thoughts for their successors to read. Photos may be seen at <https://www.facebook.com/New-An-Tir-Thrones-1542002872770303/?fref=ts>. Matheus now has the prior thrones used from AS 17-51, and is taking them apart and using the pieces to create over 200 different objects, including book covers, marshaling batons, jewelry boxes, and tokens for our prior Kings and Queens. 150 shield tiles that fighters can use in Crown Tournament will be created which individuals can buy for \$10 each, with the proceeds going into the Kingdom fund to produce new regalia.
- Scepter, Rod, and Signet Ring: Charles will release a new request for proposals for these three items later this month. Once we have specific plans, the Financial Committee can decide whether to authorize this expense.
- Decommissioning of regalia -- Viscount Matheus Bane is continuing to gather ideas about how we can preserve items that are no longer in active use, rather than allowing them to disappear into some well-meaning individual's attic. What should be stored in its original form and how can we regularly showcase that to the public? Which pieces could be incorporated into new projects? (E.g. the first Kingdom Champion's cloak that was turned into barding for the Riderless Horse ceremony.) What could and should be sold as mementoes? (That's more about sharing our history than the money it would raise for the Kingdom.)
- Officer pavilions -- Unfortunately the tears in the roof of the gold-dagged pavilion which was damaged at September Crown 2015 has not yet been fixed, although \$500 was allocated at Fall Crown Council 2015 to do so. So far we've had enough tents by officers sharing or the hosting Barony loaning one of theirs. The Teamster and Chamberlain need to assess the situation to either get that pavilion repaired or purchase a new one. The heralds also wanted to know if the ridge pool for their green-dagged tent has been repaired.

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### Chatelaine -- HL Landinn de Marest

- “We are all chatelaines!”. Every person you interact with you have a chance to show the SCA in its best light and give them a reason to keep participating, or do the opposite. Be careful about making critical remarks in public as even if they are valid, someone who overhears them may not know the full context. Make sure you are speaking about your local events in positive terms. If you think they are “boring”, then take action to make them more interesting. Long time participants and peers have a particular responsibility to make an effort to support their branch, and to welcome and teach newcomers and the next generation. Landinn is trying to follow up on reports of negative incidents so she can help everyone understand how to communicate better.
- Nearly branch in the Kingdom hosted a demo or some other newcomer focused event in the past 6 months.
- In response to the Curia conversation at July Coronation, Landinn and two new deputies are reaching out to science fiction conventions throughout the Kingdom about holding demos or some other kind of opportunity to showcase the SCA at their events. There are a number of overlapping interests and perspectives on the world between the two groups, which make the SF community a fertile recruitment opportunity. However, the conventions have long planning cycles so it will likely be late 2017 or 2018 before we see any results.
- Landinn is also coordinating with the Kingdom Family Activities Officer about the recruitment possibilities that will come from the YAFA program. Generating activities for middle and high school aged youth is a particular priority as that is when a lot of families drop out of the SCA because the teens are bored.
- Landinn is still editing the new edition of the Chatelaine’s handbook. She also presented at the Officer Retreat in Vulkanfeldt in October. She has been reaching out to small and rural branches to help them identify unique ways to showcase the SCA and increase the number of participants.
- Tir Righ chatelaines have done a great job at reporting. In other areas of the Kingdom the response rate is lower. Landinn reminded the branch seneschals to report to her if they don’t have a chatelaine.

### Chronicler -- Dame Ellen Fraser

- The Crown expresses their thanks to Komtessa Octavia Laodice for serving as Chronicler for four years. Dame Ellen Fraser assumed the office this weekend. Lady Tsukime of Madrone is the new Crier Editor. She brings a lot of experience managing other newsletters, and has some ideas to obtain information for a regular supplemental edition of the Crier. Amongst other things, Octavia has been training both ladies on when and how to follow up with Event Stewards to obtain the necessary information.
- Octavia will remain with the Chronicler’s department to work on archiving documents for our history. Local branches should consider how to retain information for their own history through archive sections of websites or other methods.
- Both Principality Chroniclers are strong volunteers, and have facilitated the development of newsletters which do a wonderful job of informing their readers and showcasing what is happening in their part of the Kingdom.
- The electronic Crier Copy form is still in circulation and being used periodically in Tir Righ, but it will need a lot of work to be a viable tool for everyone.
- Remember that text for events, officer reports, or other information is due by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month, two months prior to the edition you want to see the information in. (E.g. the deadline for the March Crier is due by January 15<sup>th</sup>.) The editing team will send an email confirming everything they have received, so if you don’t receive one within a week or so, then send your information again.

### Exchequer -- Master Arontius of Bygelswade

- Current status: The Kingdom currently has an asset total of \$127,112.32. This includes \$38,389.68 in the checking account, \$14,671.22 in an accessible savings account, and the balance in cd’s.
- The Kingdom received \$3439 in profit from September Crown and \$7000 from Kingdom Feast, but wrote off a loss of \$2757 from An Tir Collegium.
- Raven Travel Fund has a balance of \$5081 which is a healthy amount for now, but it takes a constant stream of donations to maintain that status.
- The 2017 budget for the Kingdom was officially approved this weekend. If everyone spends up to the limit, that would be \$47,000 which points out how much we depend upon profits from the Kingdom and Crown Events as our primary source of income. The budget for the Seneschal’s office is being increased as Viscountess Lenora Truble must travel off and on Vancouver Island. Money is also being allocated for the implementation of the Youth & Family Achievement Program and increased storage unit costs.
- Non-Member Registration: For the most part branches are mailing their checks within 10 days of their events as is required by SCA policy. However, when that doesn’t happen, An Tir is temporarily covering the amount from Kingdom funds to keep us in compliance. We’ve succeeded for 5 months, which puts us on track to be eligible to implement PayPal for event fees by late summer. There are a lot of details still to be worked out with that, and Arontius is looking for volunteers to figure those out.
- The Kingdom’s financial policy handbook needs a major overhaul. A number of items have changed over the past few years that are either not in our manual or no longer correctly explained in that book, including NMR

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policies and minors attending Kingdom events for free. Arontius plans to have a rough draft to key parties by Kingdom Arts & Sciences and Bardic Championships, and the final version signed at September Crown.

- For the last year or so the exchange rate has been about \$0.75 US to \$1.00 Canadian, which has made it hard for Canadians to come to US events driving attendance numbers down. However, this does make it a great time for Americans to enjoy events in Tir Righ, or visit our friends in Avacal.

### Herald (Black Lion) -- HL Oddr Thiálfason

- The College of Cranehaven plans to submit a bid to host the Kingdom Heraldic & Scribal Symposium which will tentatively occur in May. Oddr is looking forward to attending the Known World conference as well in June in the Shire of Nant-Y-Derwyddon (Tri-Cities, Tennessee).
- Since September Crown there have been 11 new deputies on his team between changes in existing positions and a couple of new ones. (Thanks to the Web Minister for updating this list.) Two more big changes are coming this spring with the herald who handles name & device submissions (Lion's Blood), and the one who manages the procession and field heralds at Crown events (Lowenmahne).
- Lion's Blood continues to receive about 2 dozen name & device submissions by mail each month, and that many again at the consult table at Kingdom events. The number returned for further review at either the Kingdom and Society level are at the consistent low rate they expect. (If none are rejected they investigate further because there should be some conflicts.)
- All branch heralds, and anyone interested in heraldic subjects, should attend the Black Lion meeting at Crown events. They are eagerly seeking more volunteers to help out at all events, and are happy to teach.
- In late fall the heralds finished scanning about 2 dozen banker boxes of records, which freed up a lot of storage space. The next project will be sorting and indexing the files so they can be used for reference. A volunteer is needed to stay on top of scanning going forward. The Society Herald in charge of archiving has requested copies as well.
- Mistress Arlys o Gordon is sewing four tabards for the Silent Heralds. Volunteers who wish to serve this way can contact Dame Richenda du Jardin and HL Lissette de la Rose, or join the Facebook group on this subject.
- HL Natasha Orionova Zateeva is collecting ceremonies used by prior Monarchs in An Tir, both as a way of preserving our history, and as a source of inspiration for future ceremonies. If you have copies, please send them to Natasha using the Lion's Sword Herald's address.
- Oddr is still talking with the Web Team about switching the [antirheralds.org](http://antirheralds.org) website from private ownership to the Kingdom server.
- A list of all of the Kingdom Heraldic positions, which officers hold this, and their contact information is at [http://antirheralds.org/college/black\\_lion\\_staff.html](http://antirheralds.org/college/black_lion_staff.html)

### Marshal -- Sir Einar Knuteson

- Their Majesties have selected Viscount Luciano Foscaro to be the new Earl Marshal as of May Crown. There was a concerted effort to encourage applications from throughout the martial community this time, and this paid off with six individuals from a wide range of backgrounds submitting resumes, which was wonderful to see. Sir Einar thanks everyone for all of the support they have provided to him in doing this job in the past four years, and in turn those at Curia express their appreciation to Einar for his hard work. Luciano is currently the Summits Earl Marshal, so that Principality will request applicants for that position.
- The marshal's department is seeking a new Kingdom Youth Armored Combat Deputy effective immediately. Applications are also requested for Kingdom Equestrian Officer since Master Guillaume de Garrigues will step down at July Coronation. HL Rose Atherton will complete two years as Kingdom Lists Minister at Twelfth Night and has been granted a one year extension.
- New editions of the Book of Target covering archery and thrown weapons activities, and the new Book of Cut & Thrust Combat were both signed this weekend. Slightly modified versions of the An Tir Book of Combat (armored) and An Tir Book of Rapier Combat are also being uploaded to the Kingdom website this week; and a slightly modified version of the Book of Horse will be released this spring. The new youth armored combat manual will hopefully be signed at Ursulmas. The rough draft of the first edition of the handbook for Lists Ministers was sent to key individuals to examine this past week.

### Seneschal -- Viscountess Lenora Truble

- The Crown thanks Magistra Julia Semponia for serving in this role for the past two years. Julia will stay on as Contingency Deputy for a couple of months to finish the transition, and give Lenora time to find someone to fill that role on an ongoing basis. Lenora wrote in her first report: *"I inherit this office from someone who has left it in extraordinarily good shape. If I do half the job that Julia did, I will still be ahead of the race."*
- Lenora Truble's Report:
  - The Barony of Vulkanfeldt hosted a symposium for branch officers in October, and Three Mountains hosted a retreat for seneschals and exchequers in November. There was a productive meeting for

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those officers this weekend, and another symposium is planned in Wastekeep on March 4<sup>th</sup>. Lenora wants to explore what additional training opportunities would be helpful in the future, including possibly an administrative track at Collegium.

- The Seneschal's Office is experimenting with using Office 365 "Skype for Business" to hold online video conferences. Other departments can use this method as well, particularly when weather or distance makes it infeasible for everyone to gather in person. Only the meeting host needs the application. Everyone else just needs to click "yes" when the meeting invitation asks them to install the web app. (This is a different program than "regular" Skype, and it will work on mobile devices.)
- Creating the plan for An Tir – West War has occupied a number of people's time in the past couple of months, but we're finally moving towards a shared format with the Kingdom of the West that An Tir has wanted for some time. An event team from both Kingdoms has been cobbled together for this year, and there is a framework for a cohesive shared bid in 2018. (More information in the next section.)
- The SCA has created a new Board Committee structure to advise the Society's leadership on various issues. Different committees will address different topics, starting with long term financial issues and the possible creation of additional peerages. If you would like to be part of those workgroups, send your modern and SCA resume to Their Majesties and Seneschal Lenora by 1/20/17. They will review these, and if they feel it's suitable will pass the resumes on to the Board of Directors who will decide at their spring meeting who will be named to the committee. For more on the Committees, see <http://socsen.sca.org/board-committee-structure-to-replace-grand-council/>
- Family Activities -- HL Alizand Thorgeirsson née LeFevre
  - Alizand will be doing a big push this year to educate everyone about the Society's Youth & Family Activities program (YAFA), and engage families and adult mentors. This is not only something fun for families to do now, but also a crucial recruitment and retention tool for the SCA's future. Alizand will set up her informational display at as many events as possible this year, and you can learn more on the Society YAFA website at <http://yafa.sca.org/>.
  - She has a Kingdom Deputy now, HL Emil Paulus from the Barony of Dragon's Lair. She also has an applicant to represent the Principality of the Summits, pending that individual's background clearance being completed. She urgently needs a deputy in Tir Righ to support the pilot of YAFA in that region. Applicants must be organized, available, and dedicated to enhancing youth participation in the SCA. She is also seeking Family Activities officers for the local branches who can coordinate YAFA activities in their area, recruit mentors for that program and instructors for other types of family activities at events, and submit regular reports up the chain. (So far 8 branches have officers who submitted reports, mostly in Washington.) How far and fast YAFA will spread will depend on when Alizand can find these volunteers to help her coordinate the program on a local level.
  - 16 adult mentors have already signed up, but many more are wanted. Mentors do not need experts in a subject, just knowledgeable enough to present the curriculum the Society has designed and answer some questions the children will ask beyond that (or able to help them find the answers). The time commitment is flexible. More information and sign-up instructions are on the YAFA website.
  - Until more mentors are available, An Tir has permission to run "Token Workshops" at events, in which an adult who has permission from Alizand can teach a module and have the children complete the assignments in a single weekend to earn that token. These workshops must follow the "2 deep rule" in terms of adult supervision, and are currently planned for May Faire, June Faire, and Autumn War.
  - An Tir has 9 families with 16 children signed up for the program so far. We also had the first child in the Known World complete a module and earn a token: Sterling Rowland from the Barony of Stromgard! This was in the subject of agriculture. These achievements will be listed in the Order of Precedence, and children will be given a certificate of recognition if the Society's token isn't available.
  - An Tir is actually further ahead than many Kingdoms in implementing this program, and Prince Tjorkill of the Summits says that the Kingdom of Ansteorra is asking for our advice on their own program.
  - Curriculums are currently available for: Woodworking, Textiles, Siege Weaponry, Pottery, Paper Making & Bookbinding, Music, Metalworking, Leatherworking, Jewelry (Lapidary), Herbalism & Medicine, Heraldry, Glassworks, Games, Family Life, Equestrian, Dance, Costuming & Accessories, Cooking, Calligraphy & Illumination, Basketry, Arms & Armor, Archery, and Agriculture. Additional subjects are under development.

### Scribe -- HL Sarra the Brave

- The production of beautiful charters and original scrolls continues throughout the Kingdom.
- Several scribes had fun attending classes and participating in an "iron scribe" charter painting contest at September Crown. The Barony of Madrone generously allowed their pavilion to be used for this, when the one the scribe's expected to use couldn't be transported due to a family situation. The scribes also had a track of classes at Collegium, and a "try it" station that proved very popular and will be repeated at future events.

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- Sarra's team is looking forward to Kingdom Arts & Sciences and Bardic Championship, and to the Kingdom Heraldic & Scribal Symposium.

### Web Minister -- Duke UlfR Blodfotur Fallgrson

- UlfR's first two-year term ended on 11/1/16 and was extended until September Crown 2017. He will start recruiting his replacement shortly, and then will stay on to insure a smooth transition and to do long term infrastructure support.
- The Web Team has 3 new volunteers: Baroness Alessandra da Montefeltro is already in charge of maintaining officer information in the Crier, and now she'll do this on the website as well. This is a constantly changing array of names that has been difficult to keep up with, but essential for the Kingdom to do business. Send them to her at crierlistings (at) antir.org. Domina Attia Prima will screen all of the support tickets and handle the easy ones. Komtessa Octavia Laodice will begin helping officers develop and post content on their pages now that she has finished her term as Chronicler. This should speed up the response to such requests. With these new deputies, UlfR can focus on system architecture and infrastructure, and HL Istvan Gyori can focus on his role as Project Manager for the new website.
- The infrastructure for the Kingdom site has been stable for the past few months, which has been a refreshing change after all of the problems last summer.
- New website: This project was delayed for a few months while the Web Team explored different platforms and UlfR welcomed a second child into his family. The new site will roll out in stages starting with the homepage tentatively on January 30<sup>th</sup>, and then web hosting for individual branches later in spring. The Financial Committee agreed to hire professionals for this work, as we didn't have the volunteers with the right skills and free time to do it efficiently. The new site will have a simple platform that will allow Kingdom and local officers to add content to their sections directly, even if they don't have advanced computer skills. Most of the database applications for different departments will remain on the existing site design, as converting them would be extremely challenging, but UlfR and Istvan will try to align them with the visuals of the new site.
- Office 365 access for officers: The volunteer who was overseeing this has left, but UlfR is pushing to finish moving everyone over by the end of the month.
- Online survey tool: Funds were set aside for this at Fall Crown Council, and a program was subsequently chosen which can poll people via email on any type of question the Kingdom wants to pose. This could even be used for Baronial polling, but more research on that idea is needed.

## KINGDOM EVENT UPDATES

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

- Getting started:
  - See 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 to increase the chances it will be approved. [events (at) antir.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.
  - *Lists Field Set-Up for a Kingdom Event*. This map has the minimum safe dimensions for the fighting fields and access paths. It also has dimensions for the Kingdom officer pavilions, and explanations of which must be in a certain spot to effectively do business, and which are flexible. The guide also explains how to handle requests for space around the erics. <http://antir.sca.org/Pubs/forms/ListFieldSetUp.pdf>
- Once your bid is accepted:
  - Event Stewards must immediately submit a Date Reservation & Event Information form to the Calendar Deputy. They will be given instructions on how to post on the Kingdom's Upcoming Events website. 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 acceptable substitute.
  - Event Stewards must report their progress monthly at the hosting branch's business meeting, and to the Kingdom Events Deputy by the 15<sup>th</sup>. The Steward must also be prepared to speak at every Curia meeting from the time their bid is presented until one Curia after their final report was accepted by the Kingdom.
  - 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.
- Resource site for event stewards of all types of events <http://currentmiddleages.org/autocrats/welcome/> (Originally created by Mistress Vivien nic Uldoon, with contributions from many others.)

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**Bids are needed for 2018!** -- Twelfth Night and Kingdom Feast are assigned, but everything else is still open. 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. (In other words, it's also time to think about KASB for 2019.)

**September Crown 2016 (September 2-5)** -- Shire of Hauksgardr. Event Steward was HL Marco Valentino.

- Site was 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>
- There were 689 adults and 130 youth in attendance. Income was \$14,630 and the total profit was \$5732, of which \$3439 went to the Kingdom.
- The biggest challenge was the parking situation as they only paid to use the field for 2 days instead of 3, and had to scramble at the last minute to get more. The Baronies of Three Mountains and Dragon's Mist were a huge help in providing advice, equipment, and volunteers.
- Many people in the Shire don't travel much, but they are thrilled to host people from other places. Two successful Kingdom events have greatly enriched their coffers, so in the future if another branch wants to host an event in their area, they'll gladly do the local legwork in exchange for peers or other talented instructors coming to visit and teach their populace various skills.

**Kingdom Feast & Bardic Celebration 2016 (October 28-30)** -- Barony of Dragon's Laire. Event Steward was Master Renart le fox de Berwyk. Final report by Master Arontius of Bygelswade.

- Site was the Ocean Shores Convention Shores in Ocean Shores, WA.
- They reached the cap of 250 attendees and there were no significant problems with the weekend. The Kingdom's share of the profit at \$7000 is in the dedicated bank account waiting to run the feast again in 2018. (The decision as of Fall Crown Council was to do this in alternate years, opposite Sport of Kings which is another big commitment for many in the culinary guilds.)

**An Tir Collegium (November 11-13, 2016)** -- Barony of Wastekeep. Event Stewards were Jarl Styrkarr Jarlsskald and HL Gudrun Saebjarnarsdottir. Final report by HL Thorkell Palsson.

- Event website [http://www.antir.sca.org/Upcoming/index.php?Event\\_ID=3613&myDate=2016](http://www.antir.sca.org/Upcoming/index.php?Event_ID=3613&myDate=2016) and <http://www.antircollegium.org/>
- Hotel was the Red Lion in Pasco. <http://www.redlion.com/pasco>
- The feedback on the event was that it was an awesome idea, and everyone learned a lot. (The populace from the classes, and the event team in terms of things to do differently next time.) We want to hold this event again, and plans are underway for November 2017 (see below). All of the presentations for the weekend were put on flash drives which were given to the attendees as their site token, which folks thought was a cool idea, although it did raise the event costs.
- There were 255 paying adults, and another 20 youth or comps through gate, which was significantly higher than expected. However, there were some unexpected expenses, most notably a 19% tax on the \$5000 hotel rental fee, and as a result the event lost a total of \$2756.70. The Kingdom had loaned \$5000 to the Barony to pay initial expenses for the event. Wastekeep requested the Kingdom forgive the deficit on the event. They will then repay the balance of \$2243.30 on the loan, plus make a donation of \$1000 to the Raven Travel Fund. This request was granted by the Financial Committee today.

**Twelfth Night 2017 (Jan 13-15)** -- Barony of Wyewood. Event Steward was HL Liadain ni Sheanachain, assisted by HL Constantine Trewpeny.

- Event website [http://antir.sca.org/Upcoming/index.php?Event\\_ID=3614](http://antir.sca.org/Upcoming/index.php?Event_ID=3614)
- Site was the Double Tree hotel at Sea Tac Airport (WA). <http://doubletree3.hilton.com/en/hotels/washington/doubletree-by-hilton-hotel-seattle-airport-CTAC-DT/index.html>
- There were 819 people through gate, about \$16,000 in income and \$1500 in expenses, which should yield a profit for the Kingdom of about \$8700.
- There were no calls to hotel security or public safety officials, and no major problems of other kinds. Liadain says the Double Tree is "awesome to work with" on both the facility and corporate level.
- This was one of the largest Queen's Rapier Championships ever, with 60 participants. Due to the wonders of exponential math, four 15-person round robin fields took much longer to complete than if there were the usual 12-13 competitors, so the tournament ran for close to 4 hours. This meant it didn't finish until about 11pm and the An Tir Players were not able to do their performance. Brenden Woodscolt from Glymm Mere was victorious in the finals over Verith de Prendergast.



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**Kingdom Arts & Sciences and Bardic Championships 2017 (March 10-12)** -- Barony of Dragon's Laire. Event Steward is Master Arontius of Bygelswade.

- Event website [http://www.antir.sca.org/Upcoming/index.php?Event\\_ID=3615](http://www.antir.sca.org/Upcoming/index.php?Event_ID=3615) and <http://kas-kbc.wixsite.com/2017>
- The location is the Suquamish Clearwater Casino Resort in Suquamish, WA. (North of Bremerton.) <http://www.clearwatercasino.com/hotel/> . Call 1-866-609-8700 and mention the SCA for our room rate. The first block has already been reserved, but a second is now available.
- The hotel contract has been signed. There have been a few challenges with planning, but things are going fine overall. There are 5 restaurants and a bar onsite. The entire hotel area, and 90% of the restaurant and casino spaces are non-smoking. Arontius hasn't noticed any smoke smell when he's visited the site.
- Pre-registration for gate is now open.
- Now that we know how many people are competing and the nature of their presentations, the event team can begin recruiting judges and allocating space for displays. For more information about the new judging rubrics and other information of interest visit the Kingdom Arts & Sciences website at <http://www.antirarts.com/>

**May Crown 2017** -- Barony of Madrone. Event Stewards are Baron Steven Desjardin and HL Gera Gangolffin.

- Event website [http://www.antir.sca.org/Upcoming/index.php?Event\\_ID=3617](http://www.antir.sca.org/Upcoming/index.php?Event_ID=3617) and <http://baronyofmadrone.net/may-crown-2017/>
- Site is the Grant County Fairgrounds in Moses Lake, WA <http://www.gcfairgrounds.com/about.aspx> which is in the Shire of Ambergard. They'll help with local arrangements, but the Barony of Madrone will be the primary ones doing the work. With the stoplights through town, the location is about 30 minutes north of I-90.
- The insurance certificate and portable toilets have been ordered. The Baronies of Wastekeep and Vulkanfeldt are loaning their equipment for the archery range and to set up a second set of erics for rapier and youth armored combat on Saturday.
- Camping space will be tighter than we had hoped as the Fairgrounds booked another group into part of the site on the same weekend. Households and branches need to think carefully about how much space they actually need, and send that information to Lady Sarah Pixie who is taking land reservations for camping and the eric reservations. There will be a couple of open camping spaces, but groups are encouraged to make new friends by hosting folks in a single tent.
- There will be an arts grotto for socializing, classes, and demonstrations on Saturday, and dancing with live music after court. Family activities are also planned, and there will be a class for thrown weapons marshals.
- Fighters who intend to participate in Crown Tournament: Per His Majesty's command, you and your consort must have your name and device at least in submission at the Kingdom level; and a painted shield tile with that device for the board. The heralds are making a huge effort to be available to help with this process at upcoming events. More information at [http://www.antirheralds.org/may\\_crown\\_2017.html](http://www.antirheralds.org/may_crown_2017.html)
- If you want an activity on the event schedule, send that information to Maestra Althaia filia Lazari by April 1<sup>st</sup>.
- The core event team has been meeting monthly to work on details. This includes Archos John de Percy doing the site layout drawings, and acting as Marshal Activities Coordinator and armored MIC. Mistress Etiennette de Montagne managing gate. Countess Judith organizing arts & sciences activities. Lady Juana la Cristiana handling merchants. Both of the latter two women have experience in other Kingdoms and are bringing some fresh ideas and new artisans we'll try at the event.

**An Tir – West War 2017 (July 4-9)** -- Dishner property in Gold Beach, OR. Event Steward is Meisterin Elsa Naherin van Aurec from the West, assisted by Domina Attia Prima from An Tir, plus many volunteers from both Kingdoms.

- Event website [http://antir.sca.org/Upcoming/index.php?Event\\_ID=3618](http://antir.sca.org/Upcoming/index.php?Event_ID=3618) and <http://www.antirwestwar.org/>
- The contract with the Gold Beach landowners, Lyle and Diane Dishner, has been renewed for 2017-2020. This provided us with a generous rental rate, of which we pay part of the amount in advance each year, and then the balance afterwards based on the number of attendees.
- While in the past when July 4<sup>th</sup> has fallen in the middle of the week the preference was to use the weekend before to take advantage of many citizens having vacation time for Canadian Independence Day, this year the Monarchs of An Tir and the West aren't available on that weekend, and so the second one is being used.
- At Collegium there was an extensive discussion of this event since no one had stepped up from An Tir yet to lead the team. The 2016 Event Steward, Elsa Naherin van Aurec from West Kingdom, had offered to repeat her role if An Tir would supply other team members. Subsequently, Their Majesties, and the Kingdom Seneschals and Exchequers worked hard to create the framework for a shared event between the two Kingdoms that An Tir has wanted for some time. This includes explanations both of volunteer roles and how the expenses and profits will be split. This will be the first edition, and it will take a lot more effort in subsequent years to make it workable in reality, but it's a start. Arontius has additional information on the plan for anyone who is interested.

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- There will be a shower truck on site. While An Tir has always viewed this as an unnecessary expense, the West and people from many other Kingdoms expect one. If we want this war to grow beyond a single weekend and become a destination event on the level of the other inter-Kingdom wars, then we need to budget for this. The good news is the rental cost for shower trucks has been coming down, and people are willing to buy tokens for a nominal fee to use them which can offset some of the expense.
- Family Activities: The Kingdom Officers for this department from both the West and An Tir are coordinating a number of activities for the event including YAFA workshops, other arts and sciences classes, and a Youth Point where teens can gather to socialize.

**July Coronation 2017** -- Multiple Tir Righ Branches. Event Steward is Mistress Desiree Chiarestella, assisted by HL Porzia di Corbino Rosso.

- Event website [http://www.antir.sca.org/Upcoming/index.php?Event\\_ID=3619](http://www.antir.sca.org/Upcoming/index.php?Event_ID=3619)
- The Barony of Lion's Gate is providing the event expertise. The Shire of Danescombe is supplying the site and local manpower, and the Shires of Krakenfjord and Ramsgard are also helping out. They are all really excited about this opportunity to showcase the interior of Tir Righ to the Kingdom.
- Site is the Salmon Arm Fairgrounds, in Salmon Arm, BC. This is about 4 hours north of the WA border in central BC. <http://www.salmonarmfair.com/index.html>. The plan is to hold An Tir – Avacal War on the same site the following weekend, so they are working on a deal to split the cost of renting portable toilets for the entire 10 day period.
- The team wants to offer a variety of arts and sciences activities as those in central BC don't have many opportunities to interact with other artisans in the Kingdom, and are hungry for new information.
- HL Alessandra Luciana Giancomo will be the Marshal Activities Coordinator for the weekend. HL Ewein Whowood will manage rapier, and Viscount Kheron Azov will run youth armored combat. The other MIC's are still to be determined.
- Planning will pick up now that people have more free time after the winter holidays and Twelfth Night.

**September Crown 2017 (September 1-4)** -- Barony of Lion's Gate. Event Steward is Duke UlfR Blodfotur Fallgrson

- Event website [http://www.antir.sca.org/Upcoming/?Event\\_ID=3620](http://www.antir.sca.org/Upcoming/?Event_ID=3620)
- This bid was awarded in the Financial Committee meeting this morning.
- This event will be a partnership between the Shire of Thornwood supplying the land and some local volunteers, and the Barony of Lion's Gate supplying the experienced leadership and additional volunteers. Hovander field was a site An Tir used four times for Crown events between 1998-2006. It's close to I-5, flat, and has plenty of space to meet our needs. However, there's no shade or potable water onsite. (Note: There was a subsequent change in the event location which will be addressed in the May Crown notes.)
- Attendance is estimated at 1000 people, which would yield a profit of \$12,000.
- Martial team: Duke Ieuan Gower (armored). Archos Ts'ai T'ien-pu (archery). Master Guillaume de Garrigues (equestrian). Don Warwick Drakkar (rapier and cut & thrust).
- More information will appear on the Kingdom events page by the end of the month.

**An Tir Collegium 2017 (November 10-12)** -- Barony of Wastekeep. Event Stewards are HL William McKenna and HL Gudrun Saebjarnarsdottir.

- Event website [http://www.antir.sca.org/Upcoming/?Event\\_ID=4172](http://www.antir.sca.org/Upcoming/?Event_ID=4172)
- This bid was awarded in the Financial Committee meeting this morning.
- Another branch was considering hosting the event, but then changed their minds, and so Wastekeep agreed to host again. However, they need another branch to agree to shadow them soon, and then host in 2018 if we're going to have a solid event with a consistent format from year to year.
- The Red Lion Hotel is in "downtown Richland", about 10 minutes closer to the Cascade Mountains than the site used in November. <https://www.redlion.com/richland> They have a free shuttle to the nearby airport.
  - The hotel has 149 rooms and will give us 80 for the initial block. Rates will be \$99 a night regardless of the number of people in the room. Reservation information will be on the Kingdom website shortly.
  - There are two more hotels and several restaurants within walking distance, and a mall nearby.
  - Space will cost \$5000, plus very likely an additional 19% in taxes.
- During the Financial Committee meeting there was some discussion about the costs of this event, particularly while it is in its first couple of years and attendance is lower than it might eventually reach. The decision was to charge \$25 at gate for members and \$30 for non-members as is done for Kingdom Feast. While the flash drives with all of the presentations were really cool, they cost \$4.43 each so likely attendees will need to pay for these separately. The team will also explore putting the presentations on a website where people can download what they want on their own for free. Wastekeep plans to do even more promotion of the event this year to draw people in, and is also considering culinary and administrative tracks to attract more folks.

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**Twelfth Night 2018 (January 12-14)** -- Barony of Wastekeep. Event Stewards are Countess Dagrún Stjarna and HL Thorkell Pálsson, assisted by HL Gudrun Saebjarnarsdóttir.

- Event website [http://www.antir.sca.org/Upcoming/index.php?Event\\_ID=4043](http://www.antir.sca.org/Upcoming/index.php?Event_ID=4043)
- This weekend is the Martin Luther King holiday in the US, so many people will have that Monday off.
- Hotel is the Red Lion in Pasco and reservations are now open. (Information will be on the Kingdom website tomorrow.) <http://www.redlion.com/pasco> Rooms will be \$100 per night regardless of the number of beds or occupants. There are other hotels next door if this site fills up. The Pasco airport is 6 blocks away and the hotel has a free 24 hour shuttle to this. Flights are about \$80 from Seattle.
- This is the same hotel and many of the same people who managed An Tir Collegium in fall. They learned a few things about the hotel that weekend, and will apply those lessons to Twelfth Night. This includes a long talk with the restaurant about our service needs.
- Thorkell submitted a revised budget to the Financial Committee figuring in the 19% tax on the hotel space after the surprise at Collegium. They still expect to turn a profit, although a smaller one.
- Marshal in Charge will be Master Ulrik Grimwolf.

**Kingdom Feast 2018 (October 12-14)** -- Barony of Dragon's Mist. Event Steward is HL Ana de la Sera, supported by Master Renart le fox de Berwyk.

- Event website [http://antir.sca.org/Upcoming/index.php?Event\\_ID=4125](http://antir.sca.org/Upcoming/index.php?Event_ID=4125)
- Site will be the same as before: Ocean Shores Convention Shores in Ocean Shores, WA. <http://www.oceanshoresconventioncenter.com/>
- There are multiple hotels within a few blocks, including the Shilo Inn where we've held multiple events. [http://shiloinns.com/search\\_results.asp?PI=COSWA](http://shiloinns.com/search_results.asp?PI=COSWA)
- The Barony of Dragon's Mist will be the primary organizing team for this event. They had hoped to find a site in the Portland area to host, but that plan fell through so they agreed to use the Ocean Shores site again because it works so well for this event.
- Update from Baroness Francesca de Montoya: The hotel contract has been signed and the team checks in with her each month, but specific planning for the event won't start until after Sport of Kings.

**Twelfth Night 2019 (January 11-13)** -- Barony of Three Mountains. Event Steward is Mistress Selene Trios.

- Event website [http://www.antir.sca.org/Upcoming/?Event\\_ID=4164](http://www.antir.sca.org/Upcoming/?Event_ID=4164)
- The Three Mountains bid was discussed at Collegium, but the Financial Committee wanted to wait and see if another branch would submit a proposal as Three Mountains has hosted this event several times. A second bid was submitted by Mistress Yseult of Broceliande from the Barony of Adiantum to use the Valley River Inn in Eugene, Oregon as we did in 2009 and 2011. Both were discussed in Financial Committee this morning, and the decision was to use the Three Mountains plan for 2019. Adiantum can resubmit their bid for 2020.
- Site is the Doubletree Hotel in the Rose Quarter of Portland, OR. This is where Twelfth Night was held in 2013, 2015, and 2016.
  - Room rates are \$115 (single bed) or \$149 (two beds) per night. We have 250 rooms reserved for the initial block. Selene will check on whether a second is possible but many hotels have corporate rules about reserving a certain number for business clients or airline personnel. Reservations will open in January 2018.
  - Our cost for the conference and ballrooms would depend on the number of room nights reserved, but based on past years, it will end up being free. (In 2016 all of the rooms were reserved within 24 hours.) If no one rented a room, then the public hotel space would cost \$4000, reducing the projected profit with 900 attendees from \$13,100 to \$9100.
  - This hotel suits our needs at Twelfth Night very well, and we have a good relationship with their staff. <http://doubletree3.hilton.com/en/hotels/oregon/doubletree-by-hilton-hotel-portland-RLLC-DT/index.html>
- Merchants fee will be \$10 each, with space for 30 vendors.
- Costs for the event, unrelated to the hotel space, are budgeted at \$4900. Currently there is \$800 marked for decorations, including what they've done in the past to make the Merchant's Village appealing. However, given how much An Tir now has in decorations in storage, the actual cost will likely be 1/3 of the allocated amount.
- Selene will sign the contract with the hotel this week, and then nothing will happen until late 2017 when she begins organizing the rest of the team.