

## AN TIR CURIA MEETING -- Crown Council (11/8/14)

### Significant Figures Present:

- King Styrkarr Jarlsskald
- Queen Dagrún Stjarna
- Avacal Prince Kvigr Ivarsson
- Avacal Princess Svava Suanhuita
- Tir Righ Princess, Lenora di Calizzan
- Kingdom Seneschal, Dame Brigid Ross

**NOTE:** This meeting is conducted online with participants having a chance to contribute both verbally and by typing comments in the chat box.

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## GENERAL INFORMATION

**Law Changes** = None

### Words from Their Majesties

- The Shire of Cold Keep did a polling asking their citizens if they would like to remain part of Avacal or ally with Tir Righ, and the majority decision was for the latter. This has nothing to do with Avacal's bid for independence. Instead it has to do with the travel logistics to the centers of activity in each Principality, and changes within Cold Keep and its personal relationships with its neighbors since the shire was founded. Their Majesties have consulted with the Prince and Princess of both Principalities on this matter, and they are sending the request to the Society Board of Directors for approval.
- Their Royal Highnesses send words of thanks for the support they have received so far. Plans are going well for their transition at Twelfth Night.

### Kingdom Events -- A brief update from Events Deputy Mistress Ysabella Greene

- All of the events through Twelfth Night 2016 are covered, but the Kingdom is seeking bids beyond that date. Please encourage people to attend her class at Twelfth Night 2015 on this topic.
  - She is hearing regularly from the event stewards for all of the current Crown events and they are reporting plans are developing well.
  - She will add an item to her Crown event checklist about the stewards responsibilities to assist with the Kingdom trailer, and speak to the current stewards about these issues.
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## OFFICER REPORTS

### Seneschal -- Dame Brigid Ross

- Magistra Julia Sempronia has been added as a recipient for items sent to the Seneschal's email address so she can see the same information as Brigid. Julia is going to start responding to more items as she and Brigid complete this transition by Twelfth Night.

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

- Plans are moving forward for next year's Arts & Sciences and Bardic Championships. The information on the hotel is being widely broadcast. Tuirrean has asked for input on the judging forms by 11/30.

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- So far there is one application for A&S champion and 2 for Bardic. A number of other individuals have mentioned submitting letters of intent, which could ultimately limit how many single entries they can review that weekend.

### **Chirurgion -- Master Tvorimir Danilov**

- Discussions are continuing about the future of the chirurgionate at the Society level, but there's no estimate on when they will reach some conclusions. Chirurgions from An Tir, the West, and the Kingdom of Atlantia are planning to meet in April to discuss some of their own ideas for a course of action. The Society Chirurgion will attend that meeting.

### **Chronicler -- Komtessa Octavia Laodice**

- As of today she may have found a new copy editor. She may also have a volunteer to help with the archiving project. She is seeing an increase in reporting rates, and some great newsletters being generated by local branches.
- Her Society superior asked her for a roster of all of the Kingdom and local chronicler staff, and she is going to be sending out messages to branches trying to collect this information.
- Octavia has had several conversations with the Avacal Chronicler about the information the Society needs for the Kingdom application, and how to effectively do the job in the long term.

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

- She needs information on everyone's 2015 budget by 12/1, especially if they are looking at changes for additional travel, symposiums, educating the populace, etc.

### **Herald -- HL Richenda Du Jardin**

- She is able to listen to today's conversation, but cannot get her computer to allow her to provide a verbal report. She says in the chat screen that everything is going fine. She subsequently emails a copy of her third quarter report to the Society to the Curia list.
- Oddr Thialfason has agreed to be her Contingency Deputy (Demi-Lion). Rhieinwylydd verch Einion Llanaelhaearn has agreed to train as Lions Blood Submissions Herald under Dame Juliana and take over that office full time in January.
- Dame Juliana Lions Blood has finished the review of the submissions backlog, and a list of those decisions was printed in the September supplemental issue of the Crier. She is working with Rhieinwylydd on a process to more promptly notify individuals of the status of their documents in the future. They are also working on procedures to accept more submissions at events.
- Other projects in process: Organizing a committee to rewrite the Kingdom's ceremonial scripts, writing a Herald's Handbook, and recruiting individuals able and willing to do sign language interpretation in court.

### **Marshal -- Sir Einar Knuteson**

- He is currently doing a major rewrite on the armored combat manual. He met with Maestra Althaia filia Lazari and HL Steven Desjardin last weekend to discuss changes which have been recommended so far; and is meeting with His Majesty and Viscount Matheus Bane this weekend for additional discussions. The hope is to have this ready for signature at Twelfth Night.
- He is considering asking for a couple of changes to Kingdom Law related to the marshallate: First that the Earl Marshal cannot simultaneously act as the Kingdom Armored Marshal, which will help with the culture change to open up the first job to more volunteers. Also a requirement that all deputies update their combat manuals every 2 years.

### **Media Officer -- Magistra Julia Sempronia** *(per subsequent emailed report)*

- Don Andrew Williams will replace her in this office when she becomes Kingdom Seneschal in January.
- Now that the tournament season is over, there are fewer requests for assistance. She is trying to help a couple of individuals in the Barony of Three Mountains coordinate with the Society Media

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Officer regarding their proposal to run a series of stories on Portland Public Access channels, but the Society is concerned about the scale of the project.

### **Scribe -- HL Sarra the Brave**

- Things are going well. They have various activities planned for Twelfth Night not only for the scribal community, but also to encourage the populace to come check out beautiful art.
- She is talking with the lead scribe for Their Royal Highnesses about what they need for their reign.

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

- There's an extensive discussion during the Financial Meeting today about the status of the Kingdom trailer and expectations around officer pavilions. Hopefully over the winter some progress can be made to reorganize the trailer and create instruction sheets for the officers to use in setting up their tents.
- How it's supposed to work: Event Stewards need to arrange for volunteers who can help unload the Kingdom trailer and distribute the officer pavilions to the appropriate locations, and then at the end of the event help reload the trailer. Officers are responsible for setting up their own tents, and then disassembling them into a neat pile at the end of the event. However, it's always appreciated if the event team can send some volunteers to assist.

### **Web Minister -- Duke UlfR Blodfotur Fallgrson**

- Baronessa Chiara Francesca Arianna d'Onofrio stepped down last weekend.
- UlfR is about to contact all of the Kingdom officers to do a requirements analysis: What do they need for data security, web storage, website design, officer listings, conferencing services like this, etc.

### **No information provided by the following officers:**

- Chamberlain -- HL Sigivald Garansson
- Chatelaine -- HL Landinn de Marest
- Family Activities -- Maestro Talentus del Albero (Talon) and Mai'tresse Jenae' la Joyeaux