

AN TIR CURIA MEETING -- Fall Crown Council 11/13/16

ATTENDANCE:

ROYALTY

King Kjartan Daegarson
Queen Sha'ya Kjartanskona
Crown Prince Styrkarr Jarlsskald
Crown Princess Dagrún Stjarna
Tir Rígh Princess Gwyneth Gower
Summits Ban-Tanist Alina of Follkstone

KINGDOM & PRINCIPALITY OFFICERS

Exchequer Arontius of Bygelswade
Seneschal Julia Sempronia
Curia Clerk Althaia filia Lazari
Summits Seneschal Piaras mac Toirdhealbhagh
Arts & Sciences Minister Cristiana de Huntington
Chamberlain Charles de Bourbon
Kingdom Events Deputies Francisca de Montoya
Earl Marshal Einar Knuteson
Scribe Sarra the Brave
Black Lion Herald Oddr Piálfason
Accessibility Porter Richenda du Jardin

OTHER INDIVIDUALS

Alessandra da Montefeltro (Baroness of Wyewood)
Attia Prima
Etienne de Montagne (Financial Focus Committee)
Finn Grimm (Baron of Dragon's Mist)
Francis Darcy
Lenora Truble (Incoming Kingdom Seneschal)
Matheus Bane
Miranda Faoltiarna
Rapheal the Rogue
Rowland Greene
Thorkell Palsson
Ysabella Greene
Ysolt Tayler of Windhill

Approximately 3 others, names unknown

INTRODUCTION

Note: The bulk of the allotted time today was spent on financial business, so Curia is only about 10 minutes. The who and when event information is carried over from prior reports. As for the officer reports, this is a new event in the middle of fourth quarter, and Magistra Julia Sempronia is focused on the transition to her successor Viscountess Lenora Truble, so she forgot to ask officers to send in their normal updates. A few did anyway, and that information is recorded below.

Words from our Royalty:

- Queen Sha'ya Kjartanskona encourages everyone to participate in the Knight's Auction at Twelfth Night. Anyone can make an item, it just needs to be sponsored by a Knight. Finished items are encouraged, but people can also offer promissories for custom made items such as garb. All items must be brought to Twelfth Night first thing Saturday morning, there will be silent bidding all day, and items which are not sold must be picked up that evening or will be donated to largess. The charity this year will be www.rainn.org which is the largest organization in the US working on sexual violence issues. They operate a nationwide hotline in partnership with over 1000 local sexual assault agencies, as well as operating the Department of Defense Safe Helpline. RAINN also carries out programs to prevent sexual violence, help victims, and to see that perpetrators are brought to justice. Their Majesties chose this charity in part because agencies who work on tough issues like this that people don't want to think about have more trouble raising funds. For more information on the charity you can go to their website or speak with Her Majesty. For more information on the auction, see the posts on the event website and Facebook, or contact Sir Rodrekr ormstunga Sigmundarson or Archos Dearbhail Dearbhail ingean ui Dhonnchaidh.
- Tir Rígh Princess Gwyneth Gower says that her Principality is looking to update many items of regalia, in particular the cloaks for their champions. They are open to artists collaborating on this work. Please contact her or the Principality Chamberlaine, Lady Malie Rennick, for more information.

Scheduling Curia and other meetings at Crown events: We need to consider how best to run the Curia and Financial meetings in the future. Time is at a premium at Crown events, but these meetings are also an essential part in how the Kingdom conducts business, which means we need to have enough time in them to hear from the officers and event stewards, and discuss whatever issues are relevant at that time. Viscountess Lenora Truble has sample schedules for Crown events which would be helpful to event teams. At the same time, we shouldn't automatically assume every officer and peerage meeting needs to take place at every event; or at least that Their Majesties presence is needed at all of those meetings. For the peerages, perhaps we can prioritize the Knights and Masters of Defense meeting at the camping events, and the Laurels and Pelicans at the indoor ones.

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Law Changes: There are two this weekend:

Article II. Royalty -- Section C. Succession, Abdication, and Failure to Reign

1) Crown Lists:

A new item [e] is added. The current items [e through h] are renumbered [f through i].

e) "Crown Lists Processional will be the order of precedence defined in Kingdom Law."

Article III Officers of Court and State -- Section C. Officers of State

4. Kingdom Officers of State

e. Specific Duties of the Officers of state

1. The Kingdom Seneschal

b. The Kingdom Seneschal shall:

(6) Deputies of the Kingdom Seneschal

A new section is added:

(8) The Accessibility Porter shall:

- a. Encourage event stewards who consistently choose handicapped accessible sites, or who try to make sites more accessible
- b. Educate the populace about barriers that prevent which prevent gentles with disabilities from fully participating in or attending events
- c. Act as a clearinghouse for information on disability access
- d. Liaison between members of the populace with disabilities and event staff, on request
- e. Connect those needing special services with those who can provide them
- f. Explore ways to make reasonable accommodations for gentles with disabilities

PRINCIPALITY REPORTS

Summits -- HL Piaras mac Toirdhealbhaigh

- He took over from Viscountess Suvia filia Hereberti in mid-September and is still learning how his role as Principality Seneschal is different from doing the job in a local branch.
- He is confirming warrants for all of the local seneschals and their deputies. There are the usual problems with people turning in reports. Piaras is working on a Google Forms pilot project for reporting that he'll try in Glyn Dwfn first.
- Things are going well in the various branches in the Summits, although many report consistent challenges in recruiting officers and volunteers for other tasks. Piaras wrote an article for the principality newsletter about officer recruitment and retention, and is reaching out to local seneschals for their ideas on the subject.

Tir Righ -- HL Porzia di Corbino Rosso

- She will be turning this job over to HL Alessandra Luciana Giancomo at Tir Righ Investiture in February.
- No other report this weekend.

OFFICER REPORTS

Arts & Sciences -- Mistress Cristiana de Huntington

- The Kingdom Arts & Sciences and Bardic Championship event site for 2017 has been selected. It will be at the Suquamish Casino & Resort north of Bremerton WA. Individuals wishing to compete for either championship, or to submit single projects or research papers for judging, must submit a letter of intent in advance. Instructions about how to do so, and the judging rules will be posted on the Kingdom Arts & Sciences website at <http://www.antirarts.com/>
- 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.

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- 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. Judging forms for research papers and arts & sciences objects will be posted later this month.

Chamberlain -- Master Charles de Bourbon

- There was an extensive discussion of regalia projects in the Financial Committee meeting this weekend, so see those notes for full details.
- Officer pavilions -- HL Sarra the Brave says she thinks the gold dag pavilion was fixed prior to September Crown, but not back in the trailer by then to be set up. Arontius will verify this with the Kingdom Teamster. Otherwise it needs to be fixed by May Crown. As for the plan to create a pavilion for the Royal Retinue to use, Their Majesties and Their Royal Highnesses planned to work on this topic this fall, but they've been busy with other projects. They both have tents within their households that they can use for this purpose, so this isn't an urgent need, but it could be helpful to future rulers. Perhaps something can be accomplished by next summer.
- Crowns:
 - Master Torfin Torgulsson continues to evaluate whether it will be possible to restore our long-standing crowns to a useable condition. While most people think of these as An Tir's "first crowns", there was actually an earlier pair that have disappeared. Viscount Matheus Bane is conducting a search to locate these and get them back into Kingdom possession. No one has notes about who last had possession of them, but Matheus will circulate photos of them.
 - Travel Crowns: Master Sigmund Helmschmiede submitted a bid for a design which looks very similar to our current two pairs of crowns, as he wanted to keep that "brand". This would cost \$5700 for the pair if done in silver, or if constructed with bronze it would be \$3900. The crowns would have removable padding and fold flat into the included case for travel. There is considerable debate by those in attendance of the merits of silver versus bronze. The first is the overwhelming choice, but Viscount Rapheal the Rogue makes an eloquent argument for using bronze instead. Photos of the Travel Crowns may be seen at https://www.facebook.com/newantirtravelcrowns/?hc_ref=SEARCH&fref=nf
- Thrones: Construction is underway for new chairs for the King and Queen, and despite some challenges, these should be delivered at Twelfth Night. Photos may be seen at <https://www.facebook.com/New-An-Tir-Thrones-1542002872770303/?fref=ts>
- Scepter and Signet Ring: Research is being done into various options for replacing these two items. Once we have a specific proposal, the Financial Committee can decide whether we wish to authorize this expense.
- Decommissioning of regalia -- Viscount Matheus Bane says we need to create a comprehensive plan for items that are no longer being used, rather than allowing them to disappear into some well-meaning individual's attic, as has already happened too often. 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.) As a starting point, Matheus is willing to take the thrones home after Twelfth Night and turn the flat panels into shield tiles for fighters to use at events, at a cost of \$5-10 each for the Kingdom regalia fund.

Chatelaine -- HL Landinn de Marest

- No report this weekend.

Chronicler -- Komtessa Octavia Laodice

- She is completing the transition to Dame Ellen Fraser as the new Kingdom Chronicler and Lady Tsukime of Madrone as the new Crier Editor.
- Remember that text for events, officer reports, or other information is due by the 15th of the month, two months prior to the edition you want to see the information in. (E.g. the deadline for the January Crier is due by November 15th.) 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 XX

- Current status: The Kingdom currently has an asset total of \$136,777.83. This includes \$47,568.14 in the checking account, \$14,671.22 in an accessible savings account, and the balance in cd's.
- The Kingdom received its share of the September Crown profit at \$3439.31 and is also expecting a profit from a successful Kingdom Feast once the rest of the bills from that are paid. Major expenses in the past couple of months have been \$1166 for the annual rental on the waiver storage unit, and \$120 for the storage trailer at the Pensic War site.

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- Raven Travel Fund has a balance of \$4089.36. We have been fortunate that the larger than usual outflow from this account has been balanced by a healthy number of donations this year, keeping the overall total from dropping as much as we feared it might.
- Arontius presented the working draft of the budget plan for 2017 this weekend. Officers and Royalty need to review this and promptly tell him about any requests to adjust this. For the past few years, An Tir has budgeted for expenses of \$40,000 per year, although we hope not to actually reach that amount. 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.
- Non-Member Registration:
 - An Tir passed on to the Society nearly \$9,000 in September through November for late summer and fall events. We are doing well at meeting the Society's expectations at this time.
 - Please see prior editions of the Financial Committee notes for a detailed explanation of when NMR applies and the timelines for it being submitted. In addition, a copy of the FAQ on this topic is available on the Society Exchequer's website at <http://www.sca.org/officers/exchequer/#nms>.
- 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 policies and minors attending Kingdom events for free. Arontius hasn't had much time to work on this project, but hopes to soon.

Herald (Black Lion) -- HL Oddr Þjálfason

- The heralds have finished scanning about 2 dozen banker boxes of records. This simplifies storage issues and makes the information more easily available to others. Oddr is looking for a volunteer to stay on top of archiving tasks in the future.
- He has all of the information about the Heralds' website which is currently in personal hands. Oddr is looking for the correct member of the Web Team to give this to, so the website can be moved to the Kingdom server and the domain name paid by An Tir in the future.
- There are a lot of personnel changes underway in An Tir: Departing is Wenyeva atte Greene as Blue Anchor (website content & maintenance). Starting officers are Marya Kargashina is now Demi-Lion (Black Lion contingency and reporting deputy). Fina MacGrioghair is finishing her term as Town Cry and also taking on Silver Rose (Inlands Reports). Lisette de la Rose is finishing her term as Dragon's Mists' Herald and also starting as Mano d'Oro (Kingdom level court herald liaison and training). Natasha Orionova as Lion's Sword (ceremony writer). Renée du Bois d'Ambre as Boar Herald (assisting with submissions). Jadwiga Radomyska as Cheval et Lion (Heraldic artist for Black Lion staff). Gwenlianna Clutterbooke as Belated Rose (Black Lion staff). Baroness Caitrina as Sinister Gauntlet (notifications).
- Silent heralds are being recruited by Dame Richenda du Jardin and Mano d'Oro Herald Lisette de la Rose. If you are interested in this subject, please contact them or you can join the Facebook group.
- The College of Cranehaven plans to submit a bid to host the Kingdom Heraldic & Scribal Symposium in 2017.
- The Society is seeking a new Wreath Sovereign of Arms, the individual responsible for reviewing and making decisions about armory submissions from throughout the Known World. Applications are due by 12/31.

Marshal -- Sir Einar Knuteson

- Viscount William Geoffrey the Rogue has assumed the post of Kingdom War Lord. He has a great deal of experience leading war bands in the Summits. Geoffrey is working with HL Jade Redstone and the Art of War event team for that learning weekend in late April, and will also be making plans for An Tir's Army to lead the field at An Tir – West War next summer.
- HL Tamar Rustavelli is seeking a replacement to take over as Youth Armored Combat Officer in January.
- HL Rose Atherton will complete two years as Kingdom Lists Minister at Twelfth Night and plans to ask for a one year extension. She has already selected HL Rowena of Atherdee as her preferred replacement, so they'll have more than a year to manage this transition. Rose intends to start pre-registration for Queen's Rapier Championship circa 12/1. Ursulmas is also doing pre-registration for fighters.
- HL Alessandra da Montefeltro is continuing to work on a manual about running lists at events. The goal is to have an instructional guide that can be used by someone with little or no experience in this area. She is hoping to have a draft version ready for some people to review before Twelfth Night.

Seneschal -- Magistra Julia Semponia

- Julia Sempronia's Report:
 - *"With joy and sorrow I report that this is my final Curia meeting as your Kingdom Seneschal. Great joy does not always come about solely in the absence of great challenges, but rather because of them. Serving has been deeply satisfying: in the last two years we bear witness the following: Birth of the Kingdom of Avacal. Formation of a long-range financial planning committee. Launch of the Youth and*

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Family Achievement Programme, starting in Tir Righ. Creation of the office of Accessibility Porter to serve as a resource to both those with accessibility issues and event stewards,and much more. Training of Viscountess Lenora continues, and I will step down at 12th Night confident in her ability to lead the mighty Kingdom of An Tir. Thank you all so very much for allowing me to serve you."

- Julia also said that while she has been the primary speaker in Curia meetings for the sake of time, it is the other officers who have done most of the work, and she is grateful to them. Julia will remain as Lenora's Contingency Deputy for a couple of months to finish the transition, and give Lenora time to find a new person for that role.
- Two educational opportunities for branch officers, particularly seneschals and exchequers are on the Kingdom calendar: Barony of Vulkanfeldt on October 22nd, the Barony of Three Mountains on the weekend of November 18-20, and an exchequer training in the Barony of Wastekeep on March 4th.
- The SCA has created a new Board Committee Structure to replace the Grand Council which has long advised the Society's leadership on various issues. Multiple committees are planned to address a variety of topics. Membership in those teams will be drawn from the membership at large. If you would like more information, you have a topic to suggest the Society examine, or you would like to receive the form to nominate someone to a committee, please contact Julia. Nominations will be made by Their Majesties and the Kingdom Seneschal. For more on the Committees, see <http://socsen.sca.org/board-committee-structure-to-replace-grand-council/>
- Their Majesties thank Julia for her service, and there is applause from those in attendance.
- Accessibility Porter -- Dame Richenda du Jardin
 - See the note about Silent Herald recruitment in that section of the notes.
 - The job description for her role has been added to Kingdom law, as stated on page 2.
- Kingdom Events Deputies -- Baroness Francisca de Montoya & HL Ana de la Sara
 - See details in the next section. An Tir needs bids for many events in 2017, and it's not too early to be thinking about 2018.
 - Reports from Crown Event Stewards: These are due by the 15th of each month on the status of your team's plans. In recent months some teams have reported late or not at all. However, based on the information Francisca and Ana have received, planning for all of our current events is going fine.
- Family Activities -- HL Alizand Thorgeirsson née LeFevre
 - She is very busy right now learning about the Society's Youth & Family Activities program (YAFA), and working with others to implement that in the Principality of Tir Righ. Once that is well underway, it will be expanded into other parts of An Tir. The Society has FAQ handouts, manuals, and instructional videos at <http://yafa.sca.org/>.
 - Token areas include: Equestrian, Family Life, Archery, Arms & Armor, Music, Pottery, Woodworking, Agriculture, Costuming and Accessories, Basketry, Calligraphy and Illumination, Cooking, Dance, Fighting, Games, Glassworks, Heraldry, Herbalism and Medicine, Metalworking, Paper making and Bookbinding, Jewelry – Lapidary, Rapier, Siege Weaponry, Textiles, Thrown Weapons, Leatherworking, and more.
 - Alizand added: *"You don't have to be an expert- just knowledgeable in your area. There are 3 levels of instruction to choose from, and your curriculum is already designed for you! Simply follow the steps as outlined. Mentors and parents commit to a schedule they can both agree on, and the Mentor sets the pace and number of youth they chose to teach. YAFA will aid in the development of the next generation of the Society's artisans and craftsmen. Go to www.yafa.sca.org and sign up to be a Mentor today! Keep the An Tir Arts and Sciences vibrant and prolific! Help our youth stay interested and connected."*
 - Alizand is also seeking individuals to be Family Activities Coordinators in both Principalities to organize activities at Principality level events, and champion the development of activities throughout their catchment area. Applicants must be organized, available, and dedicated to enhancing youth participation in the SCA. She is also seeking volunteers willing to be Family Activities officers at the local branch level, to plan classes and activities at local events, gather teachers and supervisors for those, and report this information to the Principality and Kingdom officers.

Scribe -- HL Sarra the Brave

- No report this weekend.

Web Minister -- Duke UlfR Blodfotur Fallgrson

- UlfR's first two-year term was up on 11/1/16 and he asked for an extension until September Crown 2017.
- He advertised for two new deputies and is reviewing the applications he has received; but he'd welcome even more help. The first priority will be to improve response times for change requests on the website. He'd also like to be able to provide more support to Royalty, officers, and the general public on technical issues related to the An Tir website.

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- The server that the Kingdom website was on was subject to a number of cyber-attacks this year, which has impacted the functioning of our site, taking it offline an average of once a month. The website has now been moved to a different server, and UlfR is optimistic things will work much more reliably going forward.
- With all of the above happening and UlfR welcoming a new child into his family, there hasn't been much time to work on the new website. He hopes to have this deployed by the end of December.

KINGDOM EVENT UPDATES

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. [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 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>
 - 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.)
- 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 adequate substitute.
 - A representative of the event team must be prepared to 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.

Bids are needed for 2017!

- 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.
- An Tir – West War (June 30 to July 3rd, 2017) -- We have received a bid for An Tir/West War and are negotiating a new multi-year contract with the site owners. We are working with the West on creating a more permanent planning committee composed of both kingdom's populace. There was an extensive discussion of this topic in the Financial Meeting this morning, so read those notes.
- September Crown (September 1-4, 2017) -- Bid urgently needed! The organizers must be able to accommodate not only the Crown Tournament, but also the equestrian and archery championships.
- An Tir Collegium (November 2017) -- The intent is for this to be an event hosted at diverse locations throughout the Kingdom by various branches. However, if no one volunteers to host 2017, then the Barony of Wastekeep is willing to consider hosting again in the interests of insuring this project gets off to a solid start. The 2016 team plans to create a handbook with their vision and specific planning details so there is a consistent platform for the event.

July Coronation 2016 (July 15-17) -- Barony of Stromgard Event Steward is Sir Justin de Leon.

- Site was the Zumstein Family Farm in Woodland, WA.
- Approximately 750 attendees. The Kingdom's share of the profit was \$4668.89

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September Crown 2016 (September 2-5) -- Shire of Hauksgardr. Event Steward is 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 819 people through gate and the Kingdom's share of the profit was \$3439.31.

Kingdom Feast & Bardic Celebration 2016 (October 28-30) -- Barony of Dragon's Laire. Event Steward is Master Renart le fox de Berwyk.

- Site was the Ocean Shores Convention Shores in Ocean Shores, WA.
- Expenses are still being paid out, and the income calculated, but a profit is anticipated.
- This event is going to be held in even numbered years in the future. Planning for the 2018 edition is already underway, see below for details.

An Tir Collegium (November 11-13, 2016) -- Barony of Wastekeep. Event Stewards are Jarl Styrkarr Jarlsskald and HL Gudrun Saebjarnarsdottir.

- Event website http://www.antir.sca.org/Upcoming/index.php?Event_ID=3613&myDate=2016 and <http://www.antircollegium.org/>
- Mission statement from the event website: *"An Tir Collegium shall support the people of An Tir in the pursuit and development of the medieval arts and sciences in a way that nurtures all and challenges the people of An Tir to advance these arts to the glory and enrichment of our populace, our Kingdom, and our Society. An Tir Collegium is a venue and a mechanism to encourage people to participate in the arts and sciences, and guides them through this process in a way that does not compromise the gains made in the artistic and scientific communities to date. More directly, Collegium gives the populace of An Tir a way to bring themselves up to the level that has made A&S in An Tir great and makes that goal achievable. An Tir Collegium provides a format for all of An Tir to learn and improve in the arts and sciences. Collegium is for everyone! It is for those contemplating their first sewing project, for those honing their research in preparation for the Kingdom Arts & Sciences Championship, and for all in between."*
- Hotel is the Red Lion in Pasco. <http://www.redlion.com/pasco>
- There were 275 people through gate, which was significantly higher than expected. Everyone had a wonderful time this weekend and are excited to see this event continue. A bid is needed for hosting in 2017.
- 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.

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

- Event website http://antir.sca.org/Upcoming/index.php?Event_ID=3614
- Site is 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>
- Everything is proceeding on track. The team will be sending the draft schedule to Their Majesties and Their Royal Highnesses soon. There will be a ball on Friday night, a Shakespeare play on Saturday night, merchants, meetings, and lots of court and socializing.
- The Queen's Rapier Championship will take place late Saturday afternoon after first court. Maitre Sebastien de Caen managing this.

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

- Event website 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 hotel contract has been signed. There have been a few challenges with planning, but things are going fine overall.
- Individuals wishing to compete for either championship, or to submit single projects or research papers for judging, must submit a letter of intent in advance. Instructions about how to do so, and the judging rules will be posted on the Kingdom Arts & Sciences website at <http://www.antirarts.com/>

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

- Event website http://www.antir.sca.org/Upcoming/index.php?Event_ID=3617
- 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 a little 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 SCA is not renting the entire fairgrounds, and unfortunately they chose to rent one of the buildings adjacent to our area for a large wedding. The fairgrounds will put up fences at no cost to us to keep the two groups separate, but we've lost an area we were counting on for overflow camping. The site will still work, but people are going to camp close together.
- The core event team is now in place and meetings are happening monthly. This includes Mistress Ysolt Tayler of Windhill is doing site layout. Archos John de Percy will be the Marshal Activities Coordinator and armored MIC. Mistress Etienne de Montagne will run gate. Countess Judith will organize arts & sciences activities. Lady Juana la Cristiana is organizing merchants.

July Coronation 2017 -- Shire of Danescombe. Event Steward will be Mistress Desiree Chiarestella, assisted by HL Porzia di Corbino Rosso.

- Event website http://www.antir.sca.org/Upcoming/index.php?Event_ID=3619
- 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>
- A site walk through was done in October, and everything looks good. The event team is really excited about this opportunity to showcase the interior of Tir Righ to the Kingdom.

Twelfth Night 2018 (January 12-14) -- Barony of Wastekeep. Event Stewards will be Countess Dagrún Stjarna and HL Thorkell Palsson, assisted by HL Gudrun Saebjarnarsdottir.

- Event website 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. <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 some of the same people who just put on An Tir Collegium. They learned a few things about the site this weekend that will help them use the site even better in the future.
- Marshal in Charge will be Master Ulrik Grimwolf.