

Significant Figures Present:

- His Majesty, UlfR Blodfotur Fallgrson
- Her Majesty, Caoimhe ingen Domnaille
- Prince of the Summits, Luciano Foscarei
- Princess of the Summits, Elizabeth Turner de Carlisle
- Kingdom Seneschal, Dame Brigid Ross

LAW CHANGES

The current edition of Kingdom Law can be accessed at <http://www.antir.sca.org/Pubs/#reference.shelf>

CHANGE 1 -- At Twelfth Night the Financial Committee had a lengthy discussion about the need to increase site fees for Crown events as one way to improve the financial health of the Kingdom. The official change to Kingdom Law was read at Ursalmas, and will become effective as of May Crown. (Further explanation of this topic is below in the Exchequer's section, and in the Financial Committee meeting notes).

- Location of the change in the law is:
 - Article V.B Crown and Kingdom Events
 - Section (6) Event Finances
- New language is in item (B) "Site Fees for Crown and Kingdom Events:
 - i) Adult (18 and over) site fee will be a minimum of \$20.00 unless a variance is granted in advance.
 - ii) Youth Ages (10-17) site feel shall be \$10.00. One half the price of adult fees.
 - iii) Child Ages (0-9) will be exempt from Crown and Kingdom site fees.
 - iv) Family caps will use the price formula of two (2) adults & two (2) youth.
 - v) Nonmember surcharge of \$5.00 will be applied to all adults fees for those that cannot show current membership in the Society for Creative Anachronism."

CHANGE 2 -- Added a definition of the Media Officer position.

- Location of the change in the law is:
 - Article III.C Officers of State
 - Section 4C on the specific duties of Kingdom Officers.
 - Sub-section (i) Kingdom Seneschal
 - Then (f) Deputies of the Kingdom Seneschal.
- New language is item (v) "The Kingdom Media Officer shall provide resources and education to those members of the populace interacting with the media:
 - 1. Maintain a working knowledge of Media Relations documents and notify local officers of changes.
 - 2. Act as liaison to organized news media on behalf of the Kingdom of An Tir at or regarding Kingdom-sponsored events and activities.
 - 3. Create and/or distribute press materials:
 - a. Disseminate Society-prepared press materials for kingdom use
 - b. Author and disseminate Kingdom-specific materials
 - c. Author and disseminate or approve event-specific materials, as needed."

ANNOUNCEMENT by their Royal Majesties regarding competitors at May Crown 2013:

- On 12/4/12 the SCA Board of Directors changed Corpora section IV.B.1 effective immediately to say "Each competitor in a Royal List must be fighting for a prospective consort of the opposite sex unless the Crown has elected to permit a competitor to fight for a prospective consort of the same sex."
- In anticipation of that possible decision, Their Royal Majesties Ieaun and Gwyneth changed An Tir law at Twelfth Night 2012. Previously page 7, Article IIC (1d) said: "By entering into the Crown Lists, a

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combatant declares that the combatant has a prospective consort of the opposite gender, who has agreed to reign with them should they win." The words "of the opposite gender" were deleted.

- In their first Court at Twelfth Night 2013 King Ulfr and Queen Caoimhe announced that they will welcome all pairs into the May Crown 2013 lists regardless of whether they are of the same or different genders.

OFFICER REPORTS

Note -- A new format was used at this meeting which will remain throughout TRM's current reign. All Kingdom Officers must post their report on the Curia email list 1 week prior to the Crown event. Seneschal Dame Brigid Ross will summarize this information to those at the Curia meeting, and officers can clarify items as needed. The intent is to spend less time on routine updates and more on discussing issues of joint concern. (And maybe to allow everyone to more quickly move on to activities other than attending a meeting.)

Quarterly Reports -- Please see the notes from September Crown Curia and Kingdom Law on the reporting obligations of officers and follow these.

Applying for a Kingdom officer position -- There are several posts coming open as noted below, both at the Kingdom level and in the regions and principalities. If you are interested in one of these, you will need to prepare a letter of intent, a resume focused on your SCA qualifications, and another on your relevant modern ones. Submit these documents to the current office holder and their Kingdom Superior (or their Society superior in the case of Greater Kingdom Officers). Also send a copy to the Kingdom Seneschal, Their Royal Majesties, and to the Royal Heirs if they have been selected. (See Kingdom law pages 14-15 for additional information on changes in officers.)

Seneschal -- Dame Brigid Ross

- Only 28% of the required waivers from events and fight practices were submitted in 2012. This is unacceptable! All events must submit the gate waivers to the Kingdom as part of their closing report. Fight practices must have all combatants (not spectators) show a blue card or sign a waiver as well, and these must be submitted quarterly. The Kingdom Waiver Officer HL Alyn Wolstan, can be reached at [waiver-secretary (at) antir.sca.org]. She must have the original documents, though branches may wish to keep copies for their own records.
- Dame Brigid reminded the local Seneschals at her meeting this weekend about their requirement to keep certain officer positions filled in order to maintain their branch status, and to make sure that event copy is submitted in a timely fashion. All officers are required to be paid SCA members throughout their term in office. At the request of the marshallate, Dame Brigid also educated the Seneschals on requirements for Branch Marshals and Marshals in Charge of specific combat activities at events.
- The new Kingdom scepter was completed by Duke Torgul Steingrimsson and delivered this weekend to feature prominently in many moments of Saturday's court.

Arts & Sciences -- Viscountess Katherine atte Moure

- Viscountess Kate will step down at the Kingdom Arts & Science and Bardic Championship tournaments in March. HL Nidda Ridarelli, who will finish her term as Bardic Champion that weekend, will be her replacement.
- Reporting rates are still poor, but Viscountess Kate is about to release a new standardized form that hopefully will help with this.
- The A&S Office is urgently seeking a new reporting deputy for the Rivers Region.
- Further information about the Arts & Sciences and Bardic championships is in the events section below.

Chamberlain -- Baroness Oddny in Kyrrri

- No information

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Chatelaine -- HL Muirgheal inghean Alasdair.

- A new officer will be chosen soon.
- She is having good success with officers reporting and is finding them to be very responsive to her inquiries.
- Projects are underway to update the Chatelaines' Handbook and the one for running public demos. Also to create a repository of flyers for officers to hand out.
- Many branches are reporting a small decrease in the number of inquiries from new members, as well as smaller attendance at demos and events. Some of this is typical for the time of year, and also a result of the economy. However, since demos are usually free, other explanations need to be explored. HL Muirgheal is concerned that officers are exhausted or are choosing to wait for new individuals to approach them, rather than being proactive in their outreach. Hopefully her new tools will help with this. She would also like to see discussions about new venues to use for demos and new audiences to approach for these.

Chirurgion -- Viscountess Telisia Brutusdottir

- Viscountess Telisia stepped up to this office at Saturday's court as HL Jahnkin de Leeuw was recently deployed for a long military tour.

Chronicler -- HL Marike Sigrunasdotter.

- As of January 1st, the submission deadlines for the Crier are changing because the An Tir editing team is having trouble receiving, verifying, and editing the necessary information in time to make the Society's printing deadlines.
 - Event copy must be submitted by the 15th of the month, two months prior to when it will be printed. If the text is not printed in at least one Crier, then that branch cannot conduct any official business at the event.
 - All other copy must be submitted by the 26th. Letters from royalty, officer reports and contact information, the calendar, etc.
 - Individuals or events who do not submit their paperwork on time will not see it run until the next issue. Kingdoms who fail to meet the minimum requirements for text will be fined each day they are late.
- Send Crier Copy to [Crier-Copy (at) antir.sca.org]. There are additional addresses for original articles and artwork, and for changes to officer listings. Details at <http://www.antir.sca.org/Offices/index.php?expand=Chronicler#chronicler>
- Forms related to running events can be found at <http://www.antir.sca.org/Pubs/forms/#autocrating>

Exchequer -- HL Genevieve Marie Etienne de Montagne

- The preliminary 2012 financial report was discussed in this weekend's Financial Committee meeting. For the second time in two years, An Tir is finishing about \$18,000 overspent, and that does not count our share of the sexual abuse lawsuit this year (\$33,840). Costs are up in all areas especially travel, and attendance (and thus income) is down 10-20% at most events.
- The Kingdom currently has \$116,000 in its accounts, so we are not in danger of becoming insolvent, and are in far better shape than many of our fellow Kingdoms. However, with costs averaging \$44,000 per year, we cannot continue operating as we have been.
- After extensive discussion at September Crown and Twelfth Night, as well as between individual parties, the decision was made to increase adult site fees for Kingdom events from \$15 to a minimum of \$20. The Financial Committee this weekend was still considering options for youth fees and the family cap. This was resolved as stated in the new Kingdom Law language above.
- This is the first increase in about 8 years, and is in line with the decision Tir Righ made for Coronet events and increases most branches are making to local event fees. The goal is to better reflect the actual cost of hosting these events, to improve the financial health of the Kingdom (and those branches hosting Crown events), and to open up new locations we currently cannot afford.
- The budget for 2013 was also discussed in the Financial Committee meeting. The proposal contained a small planned increase in the hopes of preventing some of last year's over-expenditures. Between Twelfth

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Night and Ursalmas some reductions were made to the travel budgets for the Crown and officers, and further decisions will be made in the next few weeks.

Family Activities -- Madame Jacqueline de Lioncourt

- Her term expires in March 2013 as does her background clearance, so she will step down at that time. Applicants for her position are currently being sought.
- Accomplishments in the past 2 years:
 - There has been a large increase in the number, type, and visibility of family activities taking place in the Kingdom, thanks to the efforts of many volunteers and local officers.
 - Communication has resumed with Society officers involved with family activities, and An Tir's new approach is having a strong influence on the policies the Society is recommending for everyone. A couple of changes were made to Kingdom Law to match the Society's expectations.
 - The Web Team arranged for a Family Activities blog site, an officers email list, and a public one to improve communication.
 - Some efforts have been made to revive the Pages Program, particularly by Lady Isabel of Oxeneford in Aquaterra, but a lot remains to be done to expand it to other branches.
 - Youth had their own competition at the Kingdom A&S Championship in 2012, but unfortunately there was not someone to run it for 2013.
 - A day shade was purchased to host activities on the eric at Crown events. However, some repairs need to be made to this before May Crown.
- Projects Madame Jacqueline hopes her successor can accomplish:
 - Improving the number of local officers and two-way communication with them.
 - Creating a base of volunteers to draw on for events.
 - Writing a handbook for Family Activities officers and a new one for the Page program.
 - Holding more classes and competitions for children, including at future Kingdom A&S Championships; and also finding ways for older youth to participate in adult classes and competitions.
- Further details are on her blog at <http://antir.sca.org/Blogs/ministerofchildren/>

Herald -- Lady Gwenlliana Clutterbooke

- Her report was on time to the Laurel King of Arms. All of the branches in Summits reported on time for the third quarter, but there was no report from the Principality of Tir Righ. Overall only 45% of the branches submitted information for the third quarter. Gwenlliana had another discussion with the heralds at their meeting this weekend, but would welcome new ideas on how to elicit cooperation.
- There is a new feature on the Order of Precedence website: An opportunity to guess who a particular heraldic device belongs to. You can narrow it down to Royalty or members of the various Peerages, or guess from everyone in the system. <http://antir.sca.org/Pubs/heraldryGame.php>

Marshal -- Viscount Matheus Bane

- There were 49 entrants in the Queen's Rapier Championship last night, and the victor was Don Talentus del Albero ("Talon").
- Viscount Matheus plans to step down when his term ends at July Coronation. A couple of individuals have already expressed interest in his post, but others are encouraged to apply.
- A new reporting deputy for armored combat in the Inlands region is being urgently sought as Sir Rolf Longbow stepped aside due to other obligations.
- HL Jenae la Joyeaux stepped down as Kingdom Lists Mistress at Saturday's court, and was replaced by Dame Elena de Maisnilwarin. This position is now focused on running the tournaments for the two Crown Tournaments and the three martial Kingdom Championships; as well as being a resource for local lists officers.
- Maestra Althaia filia Lazari assumed the new deputy position as Officer for Fighter & Marshal Authorization Tracking at September Crown. She is striving to improve communication with the entire fighting community about a number of issues, including the need to promptly submit authorization cards and related paperwork so it can be entered into the database in accordance with An Tir's own policies. She is also working with the handful of other data entry volunteers to create consistent procedures for their

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work which match the rules specified in the combat manuals. A post office box is now in place to receive authorization cards, or they can be emailed to [list-cards (at) antir.sca.org] .

- HL Steven Desjardin reports that the programming for the new lists database is moving along more slowly than was hoped for, but it may still be operational by May Crown. A new host server has been located, and the Kingdom Web Team has agreed to help HL Steven with the user interface design once programmer M'Lord Gotz finishes more of the technical infrastructure.
- Marshals at this weekend's meeting were reminded of the requirement to have all participants in official practices show a blue card or sign a waiver, and then to submit those quarterly to HL Alyna Wolfstan. She is going to provide more detailed instructions to be sent out on the various combat mailing email lists along with the other notes from that meeting.
- Equestrian Activities: Dame Macha of Mountain Edge reports that An Tir's equestrian community remains the largest in the Known World in terms of the number of authorized equestrians, number of warranted marshals, and the number of events with horses occurring each year. It also continues to have an excellent safety record due to the work of their marshals and all of the participants.
 - Dame Macha's second term ends in May 2013 and she is currently seeking her replacement. She does plan to remain active in the community however, both within An Tir, and at the Society level working to encourage mounted archery and pageantry activities at events.
 - There has been an increased number of events where the entire site was declared open to equestrian activities (which requires everyone signing that waiver at gate), and the community would like to see this continue. Allowing horses access to the entire site for mounted town cries, processions, and other activities greatly adds to the pageantry of our events.
 - The draft version of the 2013 equestrian event calendar was created this weekend.
 - The Society revised the Equestrian Handbook in October, which will require some minor changes to the An Tir one this spring. More changes are expected later in the year.
 - Some other Kingdoms are looking at An Tir's Riderless Horse ceremony as a way of remembering those who have passed on within their own communities.

Media Officer -- HL Julia Sempronia is the new officer. She can be reached at [media (at) antir.sca.org].

- The media is welcome at our events and we want everyone to be friendly to them, while also acting in a way that presents a good image of an activity that can be misinterpreted by some.
- HL Julia has lots of resources for branches and event stewards to use in explaining the SCA to the media. Please ask for her help.
- She suggests everyone memorize this one line description of the SCA to use with modern guests, reporters, co-workers, and anyone else who asks: *"We are a worldwide research and reenactment organization specializing in the Middle Ages."* (Adapted from the Kingdom of Caid's media handbook.)

Scribe -- HL Renart le Fox de Berwick

- Everything is going well. Master Arion the Wanderer completed the new Royal Signet and presented it to Their Majesties this weekend. The new Herald's seal should be completed by May Crown.
- HL Renart is seeking an Education & Contests deputy.

Teamster -- Don Talentus del Albero ("Talon")

- Everything is going fine.

Web Minister Baronessa Chiara Francesca Arianna d'Onofrio

- This quarter saw over 600 changes related to normal maintenance and preparation for the rapidly approaching move to the new server. Baronessa Chiara has many compliments for the quick responses of her hard working team.
- The web team continues to work with various branches who host websites on non An Tir servers to be sure they comply with the rules about a copyright date and statement of ownership. Baronessa Chiara also continues to correspond with the administrators on Facebook to ask that they change the name of two An Tir sites to comply with Society mandates, but so far without success.
- She is still working on various forms for her officers.

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- Further details are on Baronessa Chiara's blog at <http://antir.sca.org/Blogs/webminister/>

KINGDOM EVENT UPDATES

General Interest:

- A representative of the event team is expected 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.
- Events Deputy is HL Ysabella Greene must have an email update from each Kingdom event team by the 15th of each month so she can monitor whether things are on track, or whether assistance is needed.
- Forms and instructions to run a Kingdom event are available under the Event Stewarding section of the forms website. Events Deputy is HL Ysabella Greene is there to assist: [eventinfo (at) antir.sca.org]. HL Vivian nic Uldoon is working on a new handbook for running events as the last one is badly out of date.
- After their Kingdom event, branches should use the Kingdom Event Report form under the Administrative section of the Forms website. This has space to easily record all of the required information.
- An Tir forms website <http://www.antir.sca.org/Pubs/forms/>

Bids are needed for events in 2014: May Crown, July Coronation, and September Crown. Also for Twelfth Night 2015. Branches are encouraged to team up with one another to make this happen.

September Crown 2012 (Aug 31 – Sept 3) -- Barony of Dragon's Laire. Event Steward Baron Arontius of Bygelswade.

- Site was a county property on highway 3 just south of Gorst, across from the Bremerton airport.
- Total attendance was 1005, with 979 being adults. Projected attendance was 850. This makes it the only Kingdom event in the past couple of years to exceed expectations.
- The final report has been submitted to the Kingdom. Profit was \$8000.

Twelfth Night 2013 (Jan 11-13) -- Barony of Three Mountains. Event Steward is Selene Trioros. Doubletree Hilton Hotel in Portland, Oregon.

- Gate count this weekend was 974 adults and a larger than expected number of children.
- Financial numbers are still preliminary, but income is showing as \$14,922; and expenses as \$2868 plus the non-member surcharge to pass on to the Society. They will definitely show a profit.
- The ballroom was packed throughout court, and the turnout for the Sunday morning fight practice was huge. There were many compliments on the extent of decorations throughout the hotel: banners on the walls, "stained glass" on the windows, covers on pillows in the lobby, etc.

Arts & Sciences and Bardic Championship 2013 (March 1-3) -- Barony of Blatha An Oir. Event Steward is HL Elizabeth FittzWilliam of Carlisle.

- Site will be the La Quinta Inn & Suites near the Tacoma Dome (WA). This in the city's main convention and arts district, a mile from I-5 exit 135.
<http://www.lq.com/lq/properties/propertyProfile.do?ident=LQ685&propId=685>
- Twelfth Night was the deadline for Bardic and Arts & Sciences Championship entries. There are a total of 33 A&S and 18 Bardic submissions overall, with 4 A&S and 5 Bardic entries for the full championships. The competition is being managed by HL Sionann in Ui Fhlaitbheartaig.

May Crown 2013 (May 17-19) -- Baronies of Madrone and Vulcanfeldt. Event Stewards are HL Sarra the Brave and Lady Rowena d'Ath-Fhirdia.

- Event site is the Toppenish Rodeo & Livestock Association (WA).
- Vulcanfeldt is supplying the land and site crew, while Madrone is filling most of the officer positions. Posts for gate, merchant coordinator, and MIC have already been filled, amongst others; and many more individuals from multiple branches have volunteered to help with various tasks.

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- Madrone just received the site contract a few days ago and will be reviewing it at their mid-January business meeting.

An Tir – West War 2013 (July 4-7) -- Kingdom of An Tir. Event Stewards HL Jenae la Joyeaux and Lady Magdalena of Dragon's Laire.

- Site will be the private property in Gold Beach, Oregon that has been used for the past few years.
- Many of the key positions have been filled and recruiting is actively underway for the rest. Viscount Matheus Bane will be MIC for the armored war, and Sir Raphael the Rogue is willing to head equestrian exercises. Family activities are also planned.
- There is already advertising on Facebook and the official website will be up soon. Pre-registration has started through ACCEPS.
- The site owner is requesting an advance deposit given improvements he wants to make on the property which will benefit the attendees, and delays in being paid for the 2012 event. This check will be sent to him shortly.

July Coronation 2013 (July 19-21) -- Shire of Midhaven. Event Steward Bryson MacLachlan

- Site is the Northern State Recreation Area in Sedro Woolley, WA. The same as was used in 2011.
- No new information provided.
- Seneschal Brighid Ross encourages everyone to speak about this event in positive terms to encourage attendance. The huge amount of rain and resulting problems in 2011 were an anomaly for the NW and we should not let those conditions affect our view of what will happen this summer.

September Crown (Aug 30 – Sept 2, 2013) -- Shire of Fire Mountain Keep. Event Steward HL Bors the Luscious

- The site will be Nix Ranch, a private property in Chehalis, WA. This is the same site as was used for September Crown 2010 and 2011, and the past 3 Autumn Wars.
- The insurance certificate was acquired and the site tokens have been made.
- Kingdom Events Deputy needs additional information.

Kingdom Feast (November 1-3, 2013) -- Kingdom Culinary Guild. Event Stewart is HL Renart le Fox de Berwick.

- Event will take place at the Ocean Shores Convention Center (WA). Pre-registration will be required.
- The day will focus on foods from throughout the geographic and temporal span of the medieval period. Bardic performances shall happen throughout the facility all weekend. No meetings or court are planned at this time, but the team is considering scheduling classes on the culinary and bardic arts.
- The contract with the facility will be signed soon, and then information about hotels and pre-registration will be posted on the An Tir website.

Twelfth Night 2014 (Jan 10-12) -- Shire of Wyewood. Event Steward is HL Alianora Greymoor

- Site will be the Doubletree Hotel in SeaTac, WA within blocks of the airport and light rail station.
- The contract has been signed, and a website for the event will be put up soon.
- The SCA has a dedicated block of rooms and a specific web link to get the discounted rate of \$109 per night. (Parking may be an additional fee.)
http://doubletree.hilton.com/en/dt/groups/personalized/C/CTAC-DT-SCA-20140110/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG

Arts & Sciences and Bardic Championship (March 7-9, 2014) -- Barony of Stromgard. Event Steward will be Sir Edward Ean Anderson. [ed.carthell (at) Weyerhaeuser.com]

- Site will be the Heathman Lodge in Vancouver, WA. <http://www.heathmanlodge.com/>
- The hotel is 15 minutes from the airport and provides a shuttle for guests. The Vancouver mall with shops and restaurants is 2 blocks away. Room rates are \$95 a night for double occupancy, with \$10 for additional guests. Parking is free.
- No new information.