

CURIA MEETING -- Twelfth Night (1/12/14)

Significant Figures Present:

- Her Majesty, Driffina of Stromgard
- Princess of the Summits, Jennet MacLachlan of Loch Fyne
- Prince of Tir Righ, Ulfgar Hjartar Bani Thorvaldsson
- Kingdom Seneschal, Dame Brigid Ross

Law Changes -- A Constitution for the Order of the Grey Goose Shaft was signed this weekend. The full text of this document will soon be posted on the An Tir website. In brief it expands on the description of the order, which is currently referred to briefly in An Tir law under [Article IV.C Awards of An Tir. #6 Other Armigerous Awards, item (iii)]. This new document also states that if an individual has received an equivalent award in another Kingdom, then they will be granted all of the rights and privileges of a member of the OGGs once they move to An Tir.

Spring Crown Council -- Their new Majesties have not yet decided if they will hold one.

BIDS FOR NEW CROWNS

An Tir is the only Kingdom that does not have a second set of crowns for the King and Queen. While our current ones constructed by Duke Torgul Steingrímsson are beautiful and attract a lot of positive attention at inter-Kingdom events, they are requiring more and more repair and will not remain usable forever. Preliminary estimates by Sir Torfin Torgulsson who has been maintaining the regalia for years is that refurbishing the crowns could take 3-9 months, and as yet unknown amount of money. If the crowns were to break abruptly this would be even more expensive and An Tir's Monarchs would have to go without in the interim. (The West very nearly had a reign without crowns because their second set were not yet finished.) An Tir's first crowns are in the archives, but are too heavy and fragile to be worn again.

At September Crown the Financial Committee approved the commission of a new set of Crowns for An Tir. On 11/14/13, the Chamberlain HL Sigvald Garansson published a call through various email lists requesting that individual artisans, or teams of artisans, present a bid. This information was also published in the January Crier. As of this weekend no bids have yet been received. An Tir's Leadership asks that word about the bidding option be spread far and wide.

Specifications:

- Total cost for both crowns, as well as any relevant retainer percentage. While a limit of \$10,000 has been suggested, this is only a guideline at this time, and artisans should not view it as a barrier to submitting their proposal.
- Design specifications including an illustration and proposed design materials. -- The design must be original and distinct, worthy of An Tir's majesty executed in a style preferred by the artist. Any material that can withstand the test of time, An Tir weather and heavy usage is acceptable.
- Final proposed delivery date.
- Name and contact details of the artist(s).
- Previous work reference(s) (if any).

Bids should be submitted to the regalia committee (regalia@antir.sca.org).

- Initial proposals must include a letter of intent with preliminary designs and estimated delivery date. This must be received by the committee on or before Mar. 8th 2014 for review during Spring Crown Council, March 21st, 2014. Before the bid is awarded the successful artist, if a US Citizen, will have to provide complete IRS details to the Kingdom Exchequer. If the bid is awarded to an artist(s) other than an US Citizen appropriate financial rules will apply.
- Final bids should be submitted to the regalia committee by May 3rd, 2014 for review and presentation by the artists (in person) to the committee at May Crown the weekend of May 16 -18th in Yakima, WA with a final decision tentatively published on or about June, 1st, 2014.

A variety of fund raisers can be organized in part to avoid using our savings, but even more importantly those events will be a way of acquainting the populace with the idea, engaging their participation in the process, and helping them come to accept and own the end result. Exchequer, HL Genevieve Marie Etienne de Montagne, can explain to local exchequers how to report fund raising income. Fund raising has already started:

- Pelicans raised about \$200 at Twelfth Night.
- Master Arontius of Bygelswade and Dragon's Lair is selling cups and has already raised \$500 and expects \$1500.

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- Barony of Glymm Mere has a t-shirt planned.
- The Barony of Madrone submitted a check for \$3500 that was raised by an individual who wants to remain anonymous.
- Perhaps we could create a Facebook page like was done for the Orb. As odd as it sounds, that generated a large amount of excitement over that object, and it could do the same thing for the new crowns. Excitement turns into money.

OFFICER REPORTS

Seneschal -- Dame Brigid Ross

- Her warrant will expire at September Crown and she would like to step down at that time. The position will shortly be announced in various venues. Please ask her any questions you have about the responsibilities if you are interested.
- If a branch does not have an officer in a position, then the Seneschal must report to the Principality or Kingdom Deputy instead.

Arts & Sciences -- HL Nidda Ridarelli

- Plans continue to develop for Kingdom Arts & Sciences and Bardic Championships in March, and these will be announced on the website. As of Sunday morning at Twelfth Night there were 8 full entries for Arts & Sciences, and 15 single entries. Bardic had 5 full entries and 5 single entries. A few more might come in by the deadline. More judges will be needed.
- Reporting rates improved in the second half of the year, with some regions achieving 100% compliance.
- HL Nidda has a Contingency Deputy as of this weekend, and is looking for other individuals to help out and possibly assume the job in the future.

Chamberlain -- HL Sigivald Garansson

- No report at Twelfth Night.
- Information was published on the Kingdom email lists on 11/14/13 and in the January Crier about bids being solicited to create several new items of Kingdom regalia: A new orb. Medallions for the outgoing Kingdom Champions. New crowns for the King and Queen.

Chatelaine -- HL Emma Barrington

- She now has a Contingency Deputy, Lady Landinn de Marest, who has been Chatelaine for the Barony of Madrone for 4 years. They are going to work together on revising the structure of the office to make it more efficient, and also on new event activities which can reach current and future SCA members.
- Fall is always a quiet period for her office, but it gives her time to plan for the new season. One project is to write a new edition of the Chatelaine's Handbook as so much has changed in the SCA and in how we communicate with the public since the 2004 version. A team met at Twelfth Night to talk about ideas for new content.
- Other ideas they are working on include: Coordinating with Family Activities officers to better reach those individuals. A hospitality tent at some large events to welcome those brand new to the Society or those who don't yet have a strong connection to a household or branch.

Chirurgeon -- Viscountess Telisia Brutusdottir

- Viscountess Telisia wishes to thank Master Tvorimir Danilov for covering as Kingdom Chirurgeon for the past few months while she dealt with some personal matters.
- The new Principality Chirurgeon for Avacal is HL Stragin Vikingsson.
- Chirurgeons served at least 36 events since September Crown, and there were no major injuries reported after that weekend. However, there was a situation between September Crown and Autumn War that could have been a potential disaster: A major storm deposited approximately 4 inches of rain in a 24 hour period trapping those onsite at this isolated property with limited resources and sanitation supplies. Households, merchants, and many individuals pulled together to create dry places to rest, warm fires, food, hot drinks, and other necessities to help their fellow An Tirians. The 2 chirurgeons on location, as well as two medical professionals (one EMT and one RN), saw to the community's needs; and the property owner did manage to evacuate the one person who had to leave. Several individuals on location used their cell phones to get word to the larger SCA community via direct calls and the mailing lists about the welfare of their friends and property left behind, and about the plan to re-open the site for the

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war. Viscountess Telisia says: “The populous of An Tir, are all to be congratulated. This was a dangerous situation, and I stand in awe of how An Tir took care of each other and averted a potential tragedy.”

Chronicler -- Countess Octavia Laodice

- Reporting in second quarter was particularly poor with only 2 submitted, but this improved in third quarter. Countess Octavia has received a couple of Change of Officer forms for new Chroniclers and hopes this positive trend will continue. She is recruiting additional staff to fill out her team, and will announce further details of these positions in various venues.
- A few branch Chroniclers are doing an exceptional job and she plans to recognize them at May Crown.
- Supplement to the Crier: The Kingdom has the option of creating a purely online version of the newsletter which can contain far more content. Unfortunately due to the page restrictions of the printed Crier, the size of our Kingdom, and the number of events occurring, that document has become almost exclusively a vehicle to publish legally required information. The first edition of the Supplement was published after some uncertainty, and a number of authors not following through. Countess Octavia says she recognizes it may take some time to build momentum for this project, and to obtain additional content and background art, but she hopes it will become a chronicle of our successful activities and shared history.
- The exchequer for the Chronicler’s office has written a new financial policy that Countess Octavia will be reviewing in the coming days.

Exchequer -- Mistress Genevieve Marie Etienne de Montagne

- She presented her roster of officers for signature by TRM.
- The Comparative Balance Statement shows a loss of \$11,361 for the calendar year 2013. However this does not indicate the full story:
 - There is money in 2 dedicated accounts: \$20,000 from this year’s An Tir – West War, and \$2300 from the Kingdom Feast. We want to keep both amounts set aside to make it simpler to manage costs for those events in the future.
 - An Tir owes the Society \$6844 in NMS fees which will be paid out later in the month.
 - Ultimately An Tir has about \$2500 in profit for the year. This is a big improvement over the last 3-4 years where we were losing money between the recession and the sexual abuse lawsuit. It is also clear that the decision to raise Crown event site fee to \$20 per adult starting last May Crown made the difference or we would still be in the red.
- Travel continues to consume about 75% of our expenses at a rate of \$16,598 this past year. We have a huge and busy Kingdom, and spreading Royal attention and officer business throughout it takes money.
- Raven Travel Fund has \$5896 as of the end of the year.
- We have been fortunate and not had to cash out any of our cd’s early and take the resulting penalties. As of the end of the year we have \$19,113 unspent in the budget, but several expenses still to come in for 2013.
- The 2014 budget plan was reviewed and approved. It largely will be a repeat of the 2013 plan, though there are a few increases:
 - Authorization for the Family Activities Officer and Youth Armored Combat each to obtain a pavilion for their activities at Crown events.
 - Funding for the Seneschal and Exchequer and 2 deputies to attend the Known World symposium in Texas. As well as funding for them to travel to Avacal and the Summits to educate our own officers.
 - Funding for the Herald’s Office to work with Avacal as they continue to move to Kingdom status.

Family Activities -- HL Mericke de Ross

- Reporting for third quarter was better in the past. There are now 10 Family Activities Coordinators in the Kingdom. The Society has eliminated the SCA Corporate Youth Officer as a major position, and put it under the Seneschal’s office. Kingdom Family Activities Coordinators are also to report to their Seneschals.
- There are currently 65 people with active background checks in An Tir between her department, youth marshals, and other positions.
- The Family Activities day shade was destroyed at An Tir – West War, and the Youth Armored Combat marshal has also requested a shade. A final purchasing decision has not yet been made.
- Youth & Family Achievement program (YAFA) is overseen by Lady Meiralyn O’Shea. This continues to move very slowly at the Society level, but testing of the idea is expected soon. An Tir is eager to move forward in finding more ways to make its regular activities open to parents and their children. Many adults now active in the SCA who started as children state that a major reason they stayed is because they were able to build relationships with the adults and be included in their activities from an early age, not be segregated into “children only” functions. HL Mericke has

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submitted a proposal to the Society, created by the Kingdom Preceptor of Pages for what An Tir wants to do, and she is awaiting their response.

Herald -- HL Gwenlliana Clutterbooke

- Her term of office will expire at July Coronation. An announcement of the vacant position was made in the Herald's meeting yesterday, and will appear in the Crier.
- Heraldry continues to progress throughout the Kingdom and reporting has improved.
- The Kingdom Heraldic Symposium was held in Adiantum in October and was reasonably well attended. They would like to see more new heralds at these activities, and not just the veterans. Suggestions from those at Curia include encouraging experienced heralds to explicitly invite new individuals to come along and see how much fun it can be to learn about this field. Attendance could be made mandatory for some officers. Branches could approve funding to send their officer to the symposium. (The same principles can apply to other disciplines as well.)
- Avacal's new device has been registered by the Laurel office, which is another key step along the road to becoming a full Kingdom. It shows a crown within the required laurel wreath.
- The Society office tracks the number of submissions received each year. In 2013 An Tir had 279 submissions which places us 4th in the Known World. An additional unknown number of submissions were made to the Kingdom level, but returned to the sender for further revision.

Marshal -- Sir Einar Knuteson

- The new Queen's Rapier Champion is Ambrose of Dragon's Laire. 28 of the 53 participants pre-registered, making the onsite process simpler.
- Thanks to the Web Team the list of Kingdom marshal officers was expanded and reorganized this fall to make it simpler for the community to know who to direct their questions to.
- New authorization paperwork was released in October. The general "fighter card" has new rapier weapon forms, and youth armored combat (YAC) fighters and marshals now have their own card. The marshal promotion form was reorganized to hopefully improve the accuracy of the information provided. An Tir now has an individual and practice roster version of a combat waiver specifically for minors, whether for teens fighting with adults or children fighting with children. YAC waivers are now valid for 2 years as long as parents can show their copy at events.
- A new edition of the Book of Target was approved this weekend. It adds a chapter for atlatls, which is a new weapons form that An Tir is excited about. There were also changes to the thrown weapons scoring system, a description of MIC duties, and an explanation of the new youth archery marshal program.
- A new edition of the Addendum to the Martial Manuals was signed by TRM this weekend to announce the new approved blade list for rapier. The armored manual changes are focused on explaining the responsibilities of the marshal in charge. A new officer roster was also signed this weekend.
- A number of efforts are underway to better educate the martial community, as well as Seneschals and Event Stewards, about the responsibilities of branch marshals and of the Marshal in Charge at events.
- Information from Lists Minister Dame Elena de Mailswarin:
 - HL Rose Atherton from Adiantum is her Contingency Deputy and interested in assuming the position in January 2015 should everything continue to go well and the Earl Marshal and Crown approve. HL Rose has extensive experience in her Principality and is now learning the administrative side of the job.
 - The number of fighters competing in Crown Tournaments who do not have a Lists shield has been growing. The Lists team will make more blanks available at future Crown events and encourage fighters to paint them for future use. The Lists team is also creating a set of shields with "very cute devices" to supplement the current set of letters, to use as further incentive to fighters to make a shield with their own arms.
 - Dame Elena is coordinating with HL Alessandra da Montefeltro, (former Kingdom Lists Minister) on two projects to improve education of local lists staff: One, reformatting blank forms that HL Alessandra had on her personal website so they can be put on the Kingdom Forms shelf. Two, a short instructional guide on how to manage lists at an event, including descriptions of some of the most common tournament formats.
 - Per Dame Elena: "Lists has a wonderful group of volunteers, who regularly show up to help out at Kingdom events. Without their able assistance, this job would truly not be possible."

Media Officer -- Magistra Julia Sempronia

- Deputy is Don Andrew Williams. Social media activities continue to blossom under Baroness Khalja Khorkoi, Mistress Isabella Lucrezia, and Sir Arminius Scorpius.
- She has completed her first full year in office.
- She had 4 general inquiries for information this quarter. Other media inquiries and coverage wound down as the tourney season concluded. Noteworthy coverage includes:
 - An excellent video by a reporter from KIRO TV in Seattle who attended a regular practice in the Barony of Madrone. This showed some excellent fighting footage from the perspective of the fighter (Don Talentus del

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Albero) and the interviewees presented the very best of our game. [*Sword fighters clash at duel recreation near Green Lake* on 10/28/13]

- *Equinox Brings Middle Ages to Rock Island* -- Newspaper article in Wenatchee World. (Wenatchee, WA. College of Cranehaven.) 10/20/13
- *SCA Social* -- Newspaper article in the Statesman Journal. (Salem, OR. Terra Pomeria) 10/30/13
- Magistra Julia recommends that An Tir create a media communication plan that can be used in the case of an emergency. Avacal – Tir Righ War was cancelled on short notice this summer, and Autumn War came very close to that decision, both due to flooding. At some point if we do have people in a bad situation and the media arrives, it would be good for someone onsite to know what to say when they cannot reach the Kingdom or Society Media Officer for assistance. Magistra Julia will work on a specific plan.

Scribe -- HL Renart le Fox de Berwyk

- Everything is going well in the scribal community. Charter paper was mailed to the incoming Royal scribes prior to Twelfth, and more was delivered onsite.
- This weekend, in addition to the customary informal discussions in the scribal workroom, there were several classes taught about charter design and coloring, by HL Aron the Sinister, HL Maderun verch Trahaern and HL Mirien la Texedora.

Teamster -- Master Talentus del Albero (“Talon”)

- No report at Twelfth Night.

Web Minister Baronessa Chiara Francesca Arianna d’Onofrio

- There were 155 edits and changes to the website during the fourth quarter.
- The new Crier Event Submission form is in its 10th revision.
- The website and server for the Martial Authorization Database need to be transferred to SCA ownership.
- New website format: Sneak Peak: <http://drupal.antir.sca.org/> Art was donated and inspired by HL Toyama no Katsuhito (<http://www.cranehaven.org/>). Additional Artwork by HE Chiara Francesca. Programming has been done by Lady Aoife inghean ua Fiachrach (Drupal SME) and by Master Jean Louis de Chambertin (database administration).
- Chiara’s full report on her officer website includes a list of all of the An Tir related websites and the staff overseeing them, as well as Facebook pages. The official An Tir Facebook page will debut very soon. <http://antir.sca.org/Blogs/webminister/files/2013/12/2013Q4AntirReport.pdf> .

KINGDOM EVENT UPDATES

Bids are requested for events in 2015 including Arts & Sciences and Bardic Championships, May Crown, July Coronation, and September Crown. Branches are encouraged to team up with one another to make this happen!

Instructions for current and prospective Event Stewards:

- Getting started:
 - Contact Events Deputy is HL Ysabella Greene at [eventinfo (at) antir.sca.org]. She can answer your questions, help you arrange partnerships with other branches, and more. Please send your draft bid submission to her so she can make sure all of the questions are answered before it is presented to the Financial Committee.
 - Event Stewards have a great resource at <http://currentmiddleages.org/autocrats/welcome/> . Mistress Vivien nic Uldoon is managing this site and welcomes your feedback on current articles, and suggestions for new items.
 - The SCA cannot agree to a “performance clause” in a contract indicating a penalty if we do not reserve a certain number of hotel rooms. Instead, we must agree on a price assuming nothing is reserved, and then discounts based on room nights used. The difference in language may be subtle, but the financial consequences are large.
- Once your event is chosen:
 - 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.

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- 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 and assist as needed. Event Stewards also must report once a month to their hosting branch. You are not doing this on your own.
- After their Kingdom event, branches should use the Kingdom Event Report form which has space to easily record all of the required information. Please use the comments section so that others can learn from your event. A copy of this is to be sent to the Seneschal, Exchequer, and HL Ysabella.
- Forms and instructions to run a Kingdom event are available under the Event Stewarding and Administrative sections of the forms website: <http://www.antir.sca.org/Pubs/forms/>

September Crown 2013 (August 30 – September 2) -- Shire of Fire Mountain Keep. Event Steward HL Bors the Luscius. He was assisted by Sir Godric ap Rhys and HL Dafydd Caerfyrddin.

http://www.antir.sca.org/Upcoming/?Event_ID=2504

- Site was Nix Ranch, a private property in Chehalis, WA.
- No officer present at Twelfth Night to provide the final report, so they must appear at May Crown.
- Events Deputy HL Ysabella Greene has information from the team's written report to state that the final attendance was 1025 people. The event had \$9957 in total profit, of which the Kingdom received \$5900.

Kingdom Feast 2013 (November 1-3) -- Kingdom Culinary Guild. Event Stewart was HL Renart le Fox de Berwyk.

<http://www.antirkingdomfeast.org/>

- Event occurred at the Ocean Shores Convention Center (WA).
- The goal of this event was to allow people interested in food and music from many branches to get together for a weekend to cook and entertain with one another.
- Attendance was 229. Everyone had a great time, and those at Curia wish to congratulate HL Renart and his team for a great job.
- The event earned a profit of \$2402. This money will remain in a dedicated An Tir fund, with the intent this would be used as seed money to host the event again in 2015.

Twelfth Night 2014 (January 10-12) -- Barony of Wyewood. Event Steward was HL Alianora Greymoor.

http://www.antir.sca.org/Upcoming/index.php?Event_ID=2506

- Site was the Doubletree Hotel in SeaTac, WA within blocks of the airport and light rail station.
- Wyewood was very excited to be running their first Crown event as a Barony; and the response from the populace this weekend was very positive.
- Estimated attendance for the weekend is a little over 900, and over 600 room nights reserved. The tentative profit was \$16,100, of which \$9600 will go to the Kingdom. This is largely because HL Alianora negotiated a very positive contract, and thus An Tir got the public space for free. The hotel was a little disappointed in the patronage at the food cart. Dame Brigid Ross asks people to spread the word that this is a big way hotels make their money and our use of that resource rather than going elsewhere makes a difference in the type of deals we can obtain.
- HL Alianora says her team is glad they did not use ACCEPS for pre-registration as it was necessary to closely track the number of room reservations, and obtain the full discount on public SCA space.
- Don Enzo Bandinelli arranged combat activities for the weekend, which included a smoothly run Queen's Rapier Tournament managed by Master Talentus del Albero and several other members of the Order of the White Scarf. While Curia took place a large armored fight practice took place downstairs. There were also arts and sciences displays, scribal activities, classes, and a large merchants room.

Arts & Sciences and Bardic Championship (March 7-9, 2014) -- Barony of Stromgard. Event Steward is Sir Edward Ean Anderson. http://www.antir.sca.org/Upcoming/?Event_ID=2507

- Site will be the Heathman Lodge in Vancouver, WA. <http://www.heathmanlodge.com/>
- Note: This is one weekend later than the traditional date.
- 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.
- The contract has been signed and plans are coming along. So far 27 room nights have been reserved. The SCA needs 150 room nights to get the public space for free, but registration should pick up now that Twelfth Night is over.
- All SCA participants will be in one portion of the building to minimize the disruption to other guests, and the grand hall will be open on Saturday evening for socializing. The hotel is offering a buffet in the main hall on Saturday and is encouraging guests to register for this when they reserve their room.

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- The Barony of Stromgard is 100% behind the event. Duchess Hlutwige Wolfkiller is working on decorations with a team. There will be a fight practice outside on Saturday.
- As of today there are 8 full entries for Arts & Sciences, and 15 single entries. Bardic had 5 full entries and 5 single entries. A few more might come in by the deadline. More judges will be needed.

May Crown 2014 (May 16-18) -- Baronies of Madrone and Vulcanfeldt. Event Stewards are HL Sarra the Brave and Lady Rowena d' Ath-Fhirdia.

- In the absence of any other bids, the Baronies of Madrone and Vulcanfeldt agreed to reprise the event they held last May at the Toppenish Rodeo & Livestock Association site (WA). They will be using essentially the same event steward team, and expect roughly the same costs and profit margin.
- Madrone has requested help with breakdown and site cleanup on Sunday given their team's long drive home. The Barony of Wastekeep has already offered volunteers, but more are being sought.
- Armored MIC is HL Steven Desjardin. Archery and thrown weapons will be handled by Archos Loegair mac Lochlainn. Rapier MIC is still to be determined.

July Coronation 2014 (July 18-20) -- Barony of Three Mountains. Event Steward is HL Tamar Rustavelli.

- Information today presented by HL Selene Trioros.
- Site will be Trojan Park in Rainier, Oregon; which is just across the border from Longview, WA and about an hour west of Portland, OR. The site has permanent toilets and picnic structures, lots of shade, and a paved parking lot. <http://www.oregon.com/node/2282>
- This is the same site as was used for July Coronation 2012, where attendance was 550 people and about \$5500 in profit. Planning so far is going very well.

September Crown 2014 (Aug 29 – Sept 1) -- Barony of Lion's Gate. Event Steward is Cassandra Wineday.

- This bid was awarded this morning. The site is an equestrian center very close to the Blaine, WA and White Rock, BC border crossing.
- The team was estimating an attendance of 600 people, but 800 is more likely given the location.
- There are already horses at the site which are used in SCA equestrian games so this would be an alternative to Americans transporting their own mounts. Perhaps a collection can be taken to offset the rental fees. HL Violante von Oesterreich may be able to help with more information about this, and health procedures for border crossing.

Twelfth Night 2015 (January 9-11) -- Barony of Adiantum. Event Steward is Mistress Yseult of Broceliande.

- Site will be the Valley River Inn on the north side of Eugene, OR. <http://www.valleyriverinn.com/>. This is the same site as was used for Twelfth Night in 2009 and 2011.
- The event website should be up soon, and room reservations will also shortly be available. They sold out very quickly last year, so don't delay. A basic room is \$89 a night, with additional costs for those with a view. The suites and related rooms on each hall will be reserved for the incoming and outgoing monarchs and their retinue to allow them to coordinate better.
- The Event Team is extremely excited: With about 18 months to plan their event they are assembling a games room, bardic activities, and lots of decorations. They were selling songbooks and bags this weekend to pay for supplies. They would like slides and video clips for "An Tir TV" in the bar. The Event Team is putting together information about activities who wish to visit other things in the area on Friday or Monday: visits with a local weaver, micro-breweries, and a manuscript museum.
- If you need a meeting this weekend, please notify them.

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

- Site will be the Doubletree Hotel in the Rose Quarter of Portland, OR.
- This is the same site as was used for Twelfth Night 2013, but this time the Barony of Dragon's Mist will host as their first Crown level event, rather than the Barony of Three Mountains.
- The hotel was very pleased with us in January 2013 and is willing to give us a larger discount this time on the public spaces. Room rates would be \$114 a night, plus possibly a fee for parking; although some additional efforts are going to be made to reduce this rate before the final contract is signed.
- They are starting to build some enthusiasm this early for ideas on decoration and food. As a young branch this is an opportunity to build teamwork and create a vision for what they can be.