

## AN TIR CURIA MEETING -- July Coronation 2012 (7/22/12)

### Royalty present:

- Their Royal Majesties Vik & Astrid
- Princess of the Summits Telisia Brutusdottir

### LAW CHANGES -- None

### OFFICER REPORTS

#### Seneschal -- Dame Brigid Ross

- She is in the position temporarily. A long term decision will be made at September Crown. Any interested applicant should immediately send their modern and SCA resume to Dame Brigid and TRM.
- Everything is going well at this time. Second quarter reports are due on 8/1 and are starting to come in.
- Background clearances for Family Activities officers, Youth Armored Combat marshals, and other volunteers: This process is complex and confusing, and when it is not followed correctly results in significant delays in approval. There will be a meeting at September Crown to discuss the details so that everyone can do their part to follow the rules and help it run more smoothly. Anyone who has any role with children is strongly urged to attend. -- Instructions for obtaining a background check are posted at [http://www.antir.sca.org/Offices/Seneschalate/Background\\_Checks\\_Process.pdf](http://www.antir.sca.org/Offices/Seneschalate/Background_Checks_Process.pdf)

#### Arts & Sciences -- Viscountess Katherine atte Moure

- The bid for the 2013 championship submitted by the Barony of Blatha an Oir was approved this morning.
- The populace was informed during Saturday's court that 3 entries will be required this coming year in order to compete for the Arts & Sciences championship. Competitors can enter 4 items and have the scores on the best 3 count. Single entries by individuals wishing to showcase their work, rather than competing will still be accepted. The children's non-competitive presentations will be repeated as it was positively received by everyone.
- Everything else is going well.

#### Chamberlain -- HE Oddny

- Not present. No report available.
- She is seeking a replacement for this position.

#### Chatelaine -- HL Muirgheal inghean Alasdair.

- Not present. No report available.

#### Chirurgion -- HL Jahnkin de Leeuw

- Lord Yahnkin is currently deployed so Viscountess Sumayya min Yibna is acting as his Contingency Deputy. Today's report is made by Summits Princess Telisia Brutusdottir.
- Avacal added another warranted chirurgion in the past few weeks, and has others in process which is necessary for their proposed move to being their own Kingdom.
- The only recent major incident occurred at a June event in Summits: An ambulance was called as a precautionary measure after a fighter showed signs of a possible serious injury. Fortunately once the shock wore off and he was evaluated by experts, the fighter was determined to be fine and returned to site a few hours later. The marshal's community discussed the possible contributing factors in this incident at this weekend's meeting, and that information will be part of the notes published on those lists.

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Chronicler -- HL Marike Sigrunasdotter.

- She took over from Godith d'Arcy of Goosefoot Mead at June Faire.
- A project she would like to begin working on is the archiving of years' worth of Crier newsletters and other documents online. This would be far cheaper than physical storage, and also allow the populace to access the material. Currently the boxes are scattered across 3 households.
  - Baron Arontius of Bygelswade has already scanned all of the Criers from his tenure as Kingdom Chronicler and could supply copies of those files. Mistress Angharad Albanes is currently doing the same from her time as Chronicler.
  - As for interim storage of the physical records, Lady Marike could speak with HL Alyna Wolfstan about moving them to the same location as the waivers. Or she could speak to the Society staff about using their storage space in California.
  - Costs: At the moment there is none because individuals are doing the work with machines they already have access to, and short PDF files take up so little electronic space that free sites are easily able to accommodate them. However in the long run a proposal will be required to cover the entire project.
  - Lady Marike will consult with other Kingdom Chroniclers to see how they are addressing this topic.

Exchequer HL Genevieve Marie Etienne de Montagne

- The second quarter report for the Kingdom will be going to the Society by the end of the week. Reports are coming in from her local officers.
- The new Kingdom Financial Policies have been approved by Society and will be posted on the Exchequer's website shortly for all of the local officers to use.  
<http://www.antir.sca.org/Offices/Exchequers/index.php>

Family Activities Madame Jacqueline de Lioncourt

- With tournament season in full swing she and her local officers are exceptionally busy!
  - There were 30 families participating at May Crown, 40 at Grand Thing, and 30 at An Tir – West War. If children arrive without an adult, they are told to go and get their parents. Fortunately more unrelated adults are volunteering as well.
  - Madame Jacqueline began offering more structured activities and classes at Grand Thing with the help of a large number of volunteers. She is starting to hold activities during court so that the children have something constructive to do during what otherwise can be a boring time for them. Parents still need to be involved, but because court is occurring in the same area, it is easier for adults to take turns.
  - A healthy family activities program is an excellent recruitment and retention tool for the SCA overall: If the children are having fun at events, they'll want to return, and they'll bring their parents with them.
- Branch coverage: She only has 13 officers out of An Tir's 82 branches, and only 2 of the seneschals report in the absence of designated Family Activities staff. She will speak with Dame Brigid to remind the seneschals of their responsibility.
- Enforcement of the rule that children age 12 and under must be in the sight and sound of a responsible adult at all times is everyone's responsibility! The goal is to keep the children safe, and also keep them from disrupting activities or damaging property with their enthusiasm. Madame Jacqueline and Dame Brigid Ross are going to be talking further about how best to communicate and implement this directive.
- Website: She has changed the format some to add a section called "The Lion's Tale" to appeal directly to children. She has added instructions for various games and activities. Next month she is going to explain more about An Tir versus SCA waivers; and about the sexual abuse lawsuit. The latter has contributed to some misinformation in the community that the rules requiring direct supervision of pre-adolescents is solely due to that; and that some locales are not holding activities because they do not understand what is permitted and how the background clearance process works. [ <http://antir.sca.org/Blogs/ministerofchildren> ]

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- Pages program -- HL Isabel of Oxenford has been helping her re-design this program. They've shared the original 1998 Pages Manual, and the new plans with the Society officer who is working on a Known World template. In the meantime, they are encouraging branches to come up with their own programs. The goal is to design quests and incentives for children of all ages, not just adolescents. "If you keep their hands and minds busy, then they won't get into trouble."
- Madame Jacqueline's term expires in May 2013 and she would like to find a deputy she can train to replace her well in advance of that time, as she has so many plans she would like see come to fruition.

Herald -- Lady Gwenlliana Clutterbooke

- Lady Gwenlliana replaced HL Anthony Hawke at last night's court.
- All is going well.

Marshal -- Viscount Matheus Bane

- Lists Mistress HL Jenae la Joyeaux will be stepping down at September Crown. She will be replaced by Mistress Elena de Maisnilwarin, currently Lists Mistress for the Principality of Tir Righ.
- The updates to the Society armored rules are still in the future. However, revisions to An Tir's rapier, equestrian, and youth armored combat manuals are all underway over the next few months.
- A new document will be added very soon to the Combat Shelf called the "ABC Addendum". This will be the repository of rule changes in all disciplines in between updates to the complete combat manuals. This should increase communication and compliance over the current system of individuals having to track posts on the email lists or in the Crier. Please urge all fighters and marshals to review it. [ <http://www.antir.sca.org/Pubs/index.php#combat.shelf> ]

Scribe -- HL Renart the Fox

- Lord Renart replaced Masteritsa Bronwen Elgars at last night's court.
- The new Kingdom seal has been completed. Master Arion the Wanderer is now working on the new Royal signet, and then will create a new seal for the Black Lion's office.

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

- Report made by Dame Brigid Ross as Don Talon has other duties this morning.
- Don Talon stepped into the position at May Crown when Baron Michel Evers had to relinquish it due to his duties to the Barony of Terra Pomaria, even though a several month search had not yielded a replacement. Initially Don Talon was only going to do the task until July Coronation, but has agreed to stay on for a full term now that the Kingdom has authorized paying to dry the officer pavilions after wet events, rather than expecting the Teamster to manage this within his own resources.

Don Talon has some ideas for re-organizing the interior layout in the trailer and improving the shelving system. He will submit details to TRM soon, and can discuss with the Chamberlain and Exchequer any impact this will have on the office's budget.

Webminister Baroness Chiara Francesca Arianna d'Onofrio

- Not present. From her written report:
  - The website will be refreshed in the next three months with the first new visual change in many years.
  - Links to Facebook have been removed from the Kingdom site as these are not sanctioned. They are continuing to go through the Wiki pages to verify all photos meet the requirements for credits and waivers.
  - They are still searching for a new server to host the site, and are still working on officer forms.

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- Local web ministers are quick and cooperative in responding to requests from the Kingdom staff.
  - Further details posted at <http://antir.sca.org/Blogs/webminister/files/2012/07/2012Q2AntirReport.pdf>
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### KINGDOM EVENT UPDATES

Comments by His Royal Majesty Vik -- An Tir has a strong and positive array of activities, plans, people, and methods of accomplishing things. In many cases these are different from how other Kingdoms manage their affairs. "Be proud of this! Our numbers may be down, but our spirit is very much alive."

Comments by Seneschal Dame Brigid Ross:

- Throughout the Known World event attendance is down about 20%. The number of merchants is also lower as most now sell online where the profit margin is greater. Branches need to plan accordingly when selecting sites and creating budgets. They also need to make more assertive efforts to recruit and retain members in their area.
- Crown events should be cooperative efforts between multiple branches. Reach out to the small ones in less populated areas who have land available, and supply them with the manpower the larger urban branches have. Share supplies and expertise at event running, and mentor new team members. This can help individuals in diverse locations gain the experience to further their own journey in the SCA and possibly be recognized for awards.

Reminders:

- Events Deputy is HL Ysabella Greene [eventinfo \[at\] antir.sca.org](mailto:eventinfo[at]antir.sca.org). She can assist branches with proposals. Information is also on the Kingdom Reference Shelf at <http://www.antir.sca.org/Pubs/#reference.shelf>
- A representative of the event team is expected to be present and prepared to speak at every Curia meeting from the time their bid is accepted, until one meeting after the conclusion of their event.

May Crown 2012 (May 8-20) Shire of Dregate. Event Steward HL Julia Sempronia.

- Site was the Okanaogan Fairgrounds in Omak, WA.
- In recent years May Crown has drawn 750-800 people. Their final count was 652.
- Fighters in various Crown activities were: 130 armored, 110 rapier, 40 archery, and 18 equestrian.
- Arts & Sciences had 38 people participate in general activities and 18 in classes.
- Income was \$8875. Expenses were \$5255. As a result their profit was \$369 less than expected, but still respectable at \$3620.
- She had an outstanding event team drawn from branches throughout the Inlands Region.
- There were 3 problems of note: Two damaged irrigation lines that were fixed partway through the weekend. Wind gusts during merchant set-up on Friday, and another during Crown Procession, that damaged a couple of pavilions. One modern guest who brought his falcon onto site. There were concerns that he was not properly caring for the bird, and also that he was merchandising without permission, and so he was asked to leave.

An Tir – West War 2012 (July 5-8) -- Kingdom of the West. Information supplied by Dame Brigid Ross.

- Site was private property in Gold Beach, Oregon.
- This event is the exception to the significant attendance drop seen elsewhere. The final total was 1182, which was about 100 down from the prior year.

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- The West may not yet have paid the site owner the remaining fees for this year's event. Dame Brigid Ross will check with the West's Seneschal and Event Steward and offer to help if they need it, and then the West can reimburse An Tir later. It's vital we maintain a good relationship with this site as it is the best option the SCA has had in many years, and maintaining this annual interaction between the two Kingdoms is also important to our long term cultural heritage.

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

- The site is on highway 3 just south of Gorst, and across the street from the Bremerton airport. (The address is in Port Orchard.) Detailed event information at [http://www.dragonslaire.org/events/sept\\_crown.php](http://www.dragonslaire.org/events/sept_crown.php)
- HL Renart the Fox and Maestra Althaia filia Lazari are speaking with TRM, and other team members this weekend in an effort to move the event schedule to the point it can be published to the community. His Majesty would like the next week to review it again, but they it can be posted.
- Equestrian activities: There were some concerns from the community that as a former landfill and trailer park the site might pose risks to the horses. However, Baron Arontius and others gathered a lot of data from the county to show this is not the case. Duchess Miranda Faoltiarna and Sensei Murakami Tsuruko, as equestrians themselves have both approved the site, and a summary of the data will be posted on the September Crown website for others to review.
- The contract with the landlord has been signed, and the insurance certificates obtained.
- The site is larger than the one being used for July Coronation this weekend, but households will still need to camp close together. Parking space is particularly limited and attendees are strongly urged to carpool.

Twelfth Night 2013 (Jan 11-13) -- Barony of Three Mountains. Event Steward is Selene Trioros [Selene\_Trioros (at) Comcast.net]

- Doubletree Hilton Hotel in Portland, Oregon. (Near Lloyd's Plaza. I-5 circa exit 300.) Detailed event information at <http://12th-night-2013.antir.sca.org/>
- Outside food cannot be served in the meeting rooms, but individuals bringing something in for personal use is fine. There are no restrictions on food being served in the hotel rooms, so vigils will need to occur there.
- The initial room block is full so they signed an addendum with the hotel for additional space. Room rates are \$109-119 a night with free parking. Use the code "SCA" when registering by phone or online.
- Otherwise everything is progressing smoothly.

Arts & Sciences and Bardic Championship 2013 (March 1-3) -- Barony of Blatha An Oir. Event Steward will be HL Elizabeth FittzWilliam of Carlisle. [fittzwm (at) Hotmail.com]

- This bid was awarded today during the financial meeting.
- Site will be the La Quinta Inn & Suites in Tacoma. This in the city's main convention and arts district, a mile off of I-5 exit 135. The hotel has ample space for presentations, display tables, and social areas.
- Individuals who are considering cooking entries, or who may be holding a vigil at this event, should contact the Event Steward to make arrangements.
- Room rates are \$91 regardless of the number of occupants, and this includes a free breakfast. Any food in public portions of the hotel must be purchased from that establishment, but they are working on options for quick meals. (There is no restriction on what occurs in private rooms.)
- No fight practice will be possible indoors, but they are looking at the option of using the parking lot or nearby parks.
- Gate will be \$15 for adults (plus NMS), \$10 for youth ages 12-17, and \$5 for children ages 5-11.

May Crown 2013 (May 17-19) -- A bid is urgently needed. Preferably from a branch east of the Cascades.

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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. Information presented by Dame Brighid Ross.

- Site will be the private property in Gold Beach, Oregon that has been used for a few years now.
- Ladies Jenae and Magdalena went to the war a couple of weeks ago and spoke with the West's event team and the site owner (Lyle) about how they managed affairs to get an idea of what will work best next year.
- The land owner is planning several improvements to the property, including running water lines to more locations, and possibly putting in semi-permanent showers. The later would be well received by everyone as renting a truck is so expensive that An Tir chooses not to do so on its years, and the West could not this year because all of the trucks were being used by entities working to fight forest fires.
- Due to the proposed improvements, the site owner is requesting that the deposit be paid much sooner than normal. This is \$2000 of the total \$3500 fee. Dame Brighid will have Ladies Jenae and Magdalena speak with Exchequer Genevieve about the details.
- Exchequer Genevieve asks that An Tir and the West explore making the War its own financial entity similar to Pensic and Gulf Wars to better coordinate responsibilities between the two Kingdoms. The Society office is strongly encouraging these entities. Baron Arontius of Bygelswade agrees to assist with this work.

July Coronation 2013 (July 19-21) -- Shire of Midhaven. Event Steward Bryson MacLachlan [ brysonmcc (at) gmail.com ] -- *Information carried over from May Crown report.*

- This would be the same site as Coronation 2011 in Sedro-Woolley, WA. Additional support will be provided by the Barony of Aquaterra, and possibly other branches.
- Summer 2011 was unusual in the amount of rain leading up to the event, and that created many problems. While it is unlikely the same conditions will recur, the team is working with the Parks Department on contingency plans related to parking arrangements, marking mud pits, towing cars, and servicing of the toilets, should the rain again descend. The site will be mowed further in advance of the event in an effort to drive away the wildlife that nested in many people's belongings. Large RV's will not be allowed in the grassy areas.
- The location and layout of the archery range will be adjusted both for general use, and for the Kingdom Protector tournament.

September Crown 2013 (Aug 30 – Sept 2) -- There are bids in process.

Twelfth Night 2014 (Jan 10-12) -- Shire of Wyewood. Event Steward is HL Alianora Greymoor [ AzureAndErmine (at) gmail.com ]

- Site will be the Doubletree Hotel in SeaTac, WA within blocks of the airport and light rail station.
- The contract has been signed and the initial deposit paid.
- The populace can begin making reservations in January 2013. There will be a link on the Kingdom calendar event copy directly to the hotel, specific to our group's rate, to make this as easy as possible. The hotel is more than large enough to accommodate our group, and there are others within blocks.