

CURIA MEETING -- July Coronation (7/21/13)

Significant Figures Present:

- His Majesty, Ieuan Gower
- Her Majesty, Gwyneth Gower
- Kingdom Seneschal, Dame Brigid Ross

Law Changes read into the record at June Faire

Revision to Article VI.E Kingdom Committees, Guild or Companies and Other Entities. *(New text is in italics)*

Section 2 [c] The Council of the Exchequer shall:

- i) Set budgets for the operation of the Kingdom.
- ii) Approve extraordinary expenditures.
- iii) Set An Tir Financial policy.
- iv) Meet:
 - (1) *a minimum of 4 times per year. These meetings may take place at each of the 4 (four) Crown events or using online or telephone conference within 2 weeks following each Crown event.*
 - (2) *Additional meetings can be called for at the Spring or Fall Crown Council if needed.*
 - (3) *Other times as requested by the Crown, the Kingdom Seneschal or the Chancellor of the Exchequer.*
 - (4) *If a member is unable to attend a meeting, a representative, acceptable to the other members of the Council of the Exchequer, shall be designated with the authority to make decisions in the member's absence.*

Revision to Article VI.A. Branches of An Tir, specifically (4) Baronies:

- v) Observe the following event restrictions:
 - (1) Place at least one event per calendar year on the Kingdom calendar, with complete event copy appearing in The Crier.
 - (2) Place a maximum of three no-conflict (~~Level One~~) events on the Kingdom Calendar; and
 - (3) Place a minimum of 3 events total on the Kingdom calendar.

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Article I.B Changes to Kingdom Law -- *New text is added in italics:*

All changes to these laws must be proclaimed at a legal Society event with complete copy published in The Crier or any publication that is recognized as some form of the official newsletter of the Kingdom of An Tir. *If the law changes are printed in some other format other than a regular monthly issue of The Crier, a notification of the law changes and where they will be published must appear in next available edition of The Crier, and on the Kingdom Website. No provision of law shall be in effect, nor shall any subjects be responsible for such provision, until such proclamation and publication have taken place.*

Article I.C Principality Law -- *New text is added in italics:*

- 1) Within any Principality of the Kingdom of An Tir, the word of the Coronet is Law subject to the same restrictions as Kingdom Law. Additionally, Principality Law is subject to Kingdom Law and the approval of the Crown. The Coronet is subject to its current written Principality Laws.
- 2) Any changes to the Laws of a Principality must first be submitted to both the Crown of An Tir and the Kingdom Seneschal in writing and receive the Crown's signatures before being proclaimed. They must then be proclaimed at a legal Society event and published in The Crier *or any publication that is recognized as some form of the official newsletter of the Kingdom of An Tir. If the law changes are printed in some other format other than a regular monthly issue of The Crier, a notification of the law changes and where they will be published must appear in next available edition of The Crier, and the appropriate Principality newsletter, before they are fully in effect*

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OFFICER REPORTS

Seneschal -- Dame Brigid Ross

- Things are moving along well, and generally people are in compliance with the requirements.
- Events Deputy HL Ysabella Greene states we are desperate for a bid for May Crown bid for 2014. She is very pleased at how communicative the Event Stewards for current Crown events have been.

Arts & Sciences -- HL Nidda Ridarelli

- Things are going well at this time, and there is a lot of enthusiasm for future projects.
- An Tir has amazingly generous artisans who made the May Crown Largess Competition a great success.
- At An Tir – West War, 27 people from both Kingdoms participated in the Queens' Prize Competition. The activity was positively received and HL Nidda plans to do it again next year.
- Plans for September Crown include another largess competition for adults; as well as competitions for youth.
- HL Nidda is working on a webpage for Arts and Sciences activities. The goal is to make this a repository of useful information that is currently lost in the density of Facebook or the transient nature of email. Nidda sees this as a crucial organizing tool for next year's championship tournaments.

Chamberlain -- HL Sigvald Garansson. No information given.

Chatelaine -- HL Emma Barrington assumed the office this weekend. She expects to have her first briefing prepared for the September Crown meeting.

Chirurgion -- Viscountess Telisia Brutusdottir

- There are currently 36 warranted chirurgions in An Tir. This includes 10 fully warranted individuals, 9 recognized as mentors, 9 as emeritus (retired), and 8 in training. During this quarter the order added one new fully warranted chirurgion and one in training.
- Officer changes: Lord Kenji of Terra Pomaria has stepped into the role for the Principality of the Summits. Lady Katya Zhdana Vokova has agreed to hold the post in the Principality of Tir Righ, while Viscount Ulfgar Hjartar bani Thorvaldson is Prince.
- Reporting is going well, though there are plans to do some training about WHAT to report. Some currently say more than is necessary, while others leave out helpful information.
- There was one significant injury in the second quarter of 2013, which occurred at Art of War, but fortunately it was not a life altering situation. The other ambulance call was at June Faire and this involved a minor whose parent could not immediately be located. By the time the medics arrived, the parent had been found and refused transport.

Chronicler -- Countess Octavia Laodice

- HL Marike Sigrunasdotter stepped down this weekend as she soon will be Baroness of Blatha An Oir. Countess Octavia Laodice assumed the office. The Crown thanks HL Marike for her service.
- The job of Contingency Deputy now needs to be filled.
- The online version of the Crier Copy submission and Event Information Form will be posted soon. The drop-down boxes, automated error checks, and other features of the document will simplify and streamline the process of copy submission for both Event Stewards and the Chronicler team; making it far easier to get correct information submitted on time. The form will automatically send the Event Steward, the Branch Seneschal, and the Chroniclers office a verification email with a copy of the form; so that everyone can see when the work was done, and more easily file a copy for their archives. -- Credit goes to HL Marike, Viscountess Lenora di Calizzan, and Baronessa Chiara Francesca Arianna d'Onofrio for making this new form a reality.
- Please see the changes to Kingdom Law announced this weekend which allow future legal changes to be made in ways other than posting the entire text in the Crier. Kingdoms are now limited to 16 pages of text with the standardized online system, and An Tir is a huge Kingdom with many wonderful things going on. This means that especially during tournament season there often is no room to spare. The new law states that the Crier must only include a reference to the change and where the full text can be found.

Exchequer -- HL Genevieve Marie Etienne de Montagne

- An Tir is currently operating at a loss of \$26,000 for the first 2 quarters of 2013. However, all but \$2000-3000 of this is due to money the Kingdom has put forth to fund An Tir – West War a couple of weeks ago, and for the Kingdom Feast & Bardic event in November. Once the profits from those events come in, this

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deficit should be made up; and thus HL Genevieve is feeling pretty good about the Kingdom's situation. The Raven Travel fund is especially healthy after the new donations this weekend.

- All of the insurance reimbursement from the sexual abuse lawsuit has now been returned to the branches. The Kingdom paid out approximately \$35,000 between the settlement and its own funds to refund roughly 95% of what the branches had contributed.
- An Tir opened a bank account near the An Tir – West War site this year, which made managing gate and other expenses much easier. The plan is to put all of the income from this year's event into that account as a dedicated budget line, rather than mixing it back into Kingdom funds; so that it is easily available two years from now when An Tir hosts again. The policies regulating the use of this money are nearly finished. An Tir is still talking with the Kingdom of the West to make this a jointly financed endeavor, separate from either Kingdom's operations, as other large wars are managed, but they have been reluctant to participate so far.

Family Activities -- HL Mericke de Ross

- She has started an An Tir Family Activities Facebook page to encourage discussion, and also a Yahoo Group for the officers to use in discussing plans and posting their reports.
- She received the Kingdom toy box, but many of the items need to be replaced and new ones added. She has already purchased several period games, craft and felting supplies, and blocks for this. She is requesting funding to buy a table to use at Kingdom events.
- HL Mericke is currently trying to verify which branches have Family Activities Officers as those individuals are crucial to making sure these endeavors happen. Officer recruitment is going to be her primary focus in the coming months.
- The Family Activities day shade was destroyed at An Tir – West War, and the Youth Armored Combat marshal has also requested a shade. Several avenues are being explored as to how to obtain one new pavilion for the two offices to share now, and then perhaps a second one can be acquired in 2014. (Further details are in the Financial Meeting notes.)
- Youth & Family Achievement Program:
 - HL Mericke recently participated in the online training program, and presented about the program to the An Tir Seneschals and the Ithra Chancellory. Madame Jacqueline de Lioncourt is overseeing the detailed implementation.
 - The Corporate Office continues to work on plans for this project and is expected to release the formal proposal a couple of weeks after Pensic War. There is a mandatory 3-6 month comment period before the Board of Directors can issue official approval for the idea, so nothing will start before early 2014.
 - Each topic will have 3 different curriculums with successively advanced lessons for the different age groups, so children can re-visit topics and learn more as they grow up. The badges for the youngest children will have a bronze outline, those for the middle group a silver one, and the young teens will receive gold badges.
 - This weekend the Chivalry stated their intentions to do the fund raising necessary to cover the cost of the badges so that parents do not have to pay for them. This can be handled through the same financial tracking mechanisms the Kingdom already has for award tokens given to adults.
 - An Tir will need to make a large effort to find volunteers to be mentors if this program is going to operate, especially because so few branches have Family Activities Officers. No background check is required.

Herald -- HL Gwenlliana Clutterbooke

- Reporting has improved in recent months: Nearly every barony sent one in, and most shires as well.
- HL Gwenlliana and Lion's Blood Herald Lord Oddr Mjksiglandi attended the Known World Heraldic Symposium in the Kingdom of Ansteorra at the end of June. Lord Oddr was able to talk to the developer of the online submission system, and now An Tir has instituted its own online notifications of registrations and returns.
- The Principalities of Avacal and Tir Righ continue to develop their Colleges of Heralds as they work towards becoming independent Kingdoms. Avacal has issued their own internal letters of intent which is a crucial step in the process.

Marshal -- Sir Einar Knuteson

- Viscount Matheus Bane stepped down as Earl Marshal this weekend, and was replaced by Sir Einar Knuteson, The Crown thanks Viscount Matheus for his service.

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- Sir Styrkarr Jarlsskald has assumed the duties as Kingdom Armored Marshal. This will become an increasingly distinct post in the coming months; mirroring the way that rapier, equestrian, and archery currently operate. The goal is to insure that armored combat receives the attention it needs, while freeing the Earl Marshal to focus more on the administrative aspects of An Tir's diverse range of martial activities.
- Dame Macha of Mountain Edge stepped down this weekend after 4 years as Equestrian Marshal, and was replaced by HL Guillaume de Garrigues. Dame Macha will remain as a contingency deputy, and will also be working at the Society level encouraging mounted archery and pageantry activities.
- The new Book of Target was signed at An Tir – West War. Archos Loegaire mac Lochlainn (Loric) chose to reduce the text to only those items where An Tir differs from the Society archery and thrown weapons manuals. Primarily that is on the topics of marshal authorizations, scoring systems, and participant ranks.
- The rapier community is starting the process of revising their manual which will take several months. However some changes related to marshals and new weapons forms will be published in the ABC Addendum as an intermediary measure, hopefully by September Crown.
- Seneschals and Event Stewards are asked to please give careful thought to selecting qualified and currently warranted Marshals in Charge for events where there will be combat. If you need help finding an MIC, or in preparing an otherwise eager volunteer to assume those responsibilities, please contact your Regional or Principality Deputy for assistance.
- Participants are reminded that they must follow all SCA armor and weapons standards, and other safety rules if they are engaged in combat activities at any event or practice which has been published in the Crier, An Tir website, or site copy of an event. This applies even if it's informal sparring between friends.

Media Officer -- HL Julia Sempronia

- The one line for everyone to memorize and use: *"We are a worldwide research and reenactment organization specializing in the Middle Ages."*
- Film projects and SCA events: The Society Media Relations Officer must see a detailed proposal from any film crew seeking to do an in-depth piece, and he generally declines crews that are using our events as a setting for their films. This does not prevent individual Society members from acting in films, so long as it is clearly understood that their participation does not represent the Society in any capacity, and they do not mention the SCA in interviews.
- Reporters at events: Local media (tv, radio, or print) are welcome at our events and practices if they would like to do a short story in the vein of "activities in our community". However, it is strongly recommended that they be greeted as soon as possible upon their arrival; and given an escort who can explain our activities and customs, introduce the reporters to others who can speak knowledgeably about what they are doing, and otherwise make sure that we convey the best aspects of our community.
- Social media activities continue to blossom under Baroness Khalja Khorkoi, Mistress Isabella Lucrezia, and Sir Arminius Scorpius.
 - The role of the Social Media Officer is to manage a branch's official social media presences on Facebook, Google+, Twitter, and similar venues. This may include creating material for those feeds (e.g. status updates, graphics, and links), as well as moderating posts on those feeds so that only appropriate content appears.
 - Plans for the fall include a better coordination of An Tir's presence on Facebook, establishing a foothold on Google+, and possibly starting one on Twitter.
 - Long term plans include creating resources for local social media officers so that they can use these technologies in a positive manner. This may include a "how to get started" guide, a policy guide, and a "help desk" of some type.
 - Check out An Tir Events Virtual Feed on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/pages/An-Tir-Events-Virtual-Feed/435054063240998>

Scribe -- HL Renart le Fox de Berwick

- Reporting is not 100%, but he is working on increasing this.
- Lady Muriel Buchanan accepted the role as Contests Deputy, and is very excited about running scribal competitions at Kingdom events. HL Maderun verch Trahearn is the new Education Deputy, and will be assisting local branches in obtaining the tools, classes, and training on documentation they need to encourage more scribal arts. Both ladies are working on arrangements for scribes to have a suitable workspace at Crown events.
- The last Seal Matrix has been completed for the Black Lion's office. HL Renart thanks to Master Arion the Wanderer for his exquisite craftsmanship.
- Viscountess Sina Erdeneva is Royal Scribe for TRM Ieuan and Gwyneth, and now has the charter paper and wax seals she needs.

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Teamster -- Don Talentus del Albero ("Talon") -- No new information

Web Minister Baronessa Chiara Francesca Arianna d'Onofrio

- The new website design has been completed and the coding is nearly completed. The merger of the development site with the active one should occur soon, and hopefully will go more smoothly than the server move this past winter. This is the team's consuming project beyond responses to routine requests. The next big task will be creating more online forms for officers.
- Avacal is continuing to prepare themselves to become a Kingdom. Master Raoul Delaroché is actively involved in this as the Principality web minister, and Baronessa Chiara believes he will aid in the success of that endeavor. More information about his activities is at <http://www1.avacal-sca.org/officers/web-minister>
- Tir Righ is also beginning to explore the idea of becoming their own Kingdom. Maighstir Uilliam mac Fearchair mhic Gille Aindrias has been serving Tir Righ people well as their web minister for many years. Baronessa Chiara says: "I have faith that he will remain a guiding light inspiring others to continue their work as well."

KINGDOM EVENT UPDATES

Bids are urgently needed for May Crown and September Crown in 2014. They are also requested for May Crown, July Coronation, and September Crown for 2015. 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://currentmiddleleages.org/autocrats/welcome/>. HL Vivien nic Uldoon is managing this site and welcomes your feedback on current articles, and suggestions for new items.
- 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.
 - 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.
 - After their Kingdom event, branches should use the Kingdom Event Report form which has space to easily record all of the required information.
- 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/>

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

- Gate count was weekend was 947 adults and about 75 children. Profit was \$11,246.
- There were only minor problems during the weekend.

Arts & Sciences and Bardic Championship 2013 (March 1-3) -- Barony of Blatha An Oir. Event Steward was HL Elizabeth FittzWilliam of Carlisle. -- Final report was completed at May Crown.

May Crown 2013 (May 17-19) -- Baronies of Madrone and Vulcanfeldt. Event Stewards were HL Sarra the Brave and Lady Rowena d'Ath-Fhirdia. <http://maycrown.baronyofmadrone.net/index.php>

- Event site was the Toppenish Rodeo & Livestock Association (WA).

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- HL Sarra the Brave reports this was a great partnership between Vulcanfeldt which supplied the land and site crew, while Madrone filled most of the officer positions. There were 754 adults and 120 children onsite, which was up 300 people from last year's May Crown and the largest attendance several years.
- There were no significant complaints about the new \$20 adult site fee, and the decision to admit same-gendered couples into Crown Lists was also well received. Profit margin was \$10,754.

An Tir – West War 2013 (July 4-7) -- Kingdom of An Tir. Event Stewards HL Jenae la Joyeaux and Lady Magdalena del Albero. <http://www.antirwestwar.org/>

- Site was the private property in Gold Beach, Oregon that has been used for the past few years. The owner mowed during the set-up week so that the camping area could be expanded. He also is allowing An Tir to store some items in his barn for next year: portable holes, stakes, signs, etc.
- Attendance was approximately 1350 people, which is going to result in roughly \$14,000 in profit.
- Changes this year included putting archery and equestrian activities in the main event site, rather than a separate area; and having potable water piped throughout the camping area. The later was one consequence of the higher site fee, an investment the populace has historically supported.
- What small problems came up were quickly solved and everyone had a great time. There were no ambulance calls, plenty of water bearers, and good service on the toilets. The combined An Tir and West Kingdom party was a great team effort.
- An SCA member used an aerial vehicle to take video clips of the battles and the camping area, which shows how much room is still available for expansion: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dfdUo_Gwemg

July Coronation 2013 (July 19-21) -- Shire of Midhaven. Event Stewards HL Bryson MacLachlan and HL Mericke de Ross. <http://midhaven.antir.sca.org/JulyCoronation2013/>

- Site is the Northern State Recreation Area in Sedro Woolley, WA. The same as was used in 2011.
- HL Mericke de Ross reports that attendance was about 1000 people this weekend, and there was still plenty of room to spare. The land owner had done some plowing earlier in the year which created some significant ruts, but these should smooth out in the future.
- The new Kingdom Protector is Archos Gerald de Huntington. The new Armored Champion is Sir Arminius Scorpius.

September Crown (Aug 30 – Sept 2, 2013) -- Shire of Fire Mountain Keep. Event Steward HL Bors the Luscious. He is assisted by Sir Godric ap Rhys and HL Dafydd Caerfyrddin. http://www.antir.sca.org/Upcoming/?Event_ID=2504

- 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.
- There is no report from the Event Steward team this weekend. Maestra Althaia filia Lazari has some information from correspondence she did with them related to the May Crown report: Scheduling is now being handled by HL Sarra the Brave. The armored MIC will be HL Fergus the Red. Equestrian MIC will be Dame Macha of Mountain Edge. The general site and equestrian insurance certificates were ordered.

Kingdom Feast (November 1-3, 2013) -- Kingdom Culinary Guild. Event Stewart is HL Renart le Fox de Berwick. <http://www.antirkingdomfeast.org/>

- Event will take place at the Ocean Shores Convention Center (WA). Pre-registration will be required.
- The goal of this event is to allow people interested in food and music from many branches to get together for a weekend to cook and entertain with one another. All of the lead cooks for the feast and classes have been chosen. The Bards are very busy with a variety of secret projects.
- Site contracts have been signed.

Twelfth Night 2014 (Jan 10-12) -- Barony of Wyewood. Event Steward is HL Alianora Greymoor. http://www.antir.sca.org/Upcoming/index.php?Event_ID=2506

- Site will be the Doubletree Hotel in SeaTac, WA within blocks of the airport and light rail station.
- Wyewood is very excited to be running their first Crown event as a Barony. They are expecting about 1200 people.
- Don Enzo Bandinelli will be the MIC for the rapier championship tournament. The hotel is also allowing armored fight practice to occur indoors. The team is working on plans for arts and sciences displays.
- The hotel required 280 room nights to obtain the event space for free, and there are 503 nights confirmed as Coronation. Rates are \$109 a night, with an additional fee for parking. To get the convention rate go to

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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 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 the hotel is accepting reservations. All SCA participants will be in one portion of the building to minimize the disruption to other guests. The grand hall will also be open on Saturday evening for socializing. The event was considering a no-host bar in that room, but this needs to be discussed with the Kingdom Seneschal given the Society's rules about alcohol.
- If any officer would like to tour the site, please contact Sir Edward.

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

- 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 toilet 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.
- The one concern about this site is that if there has been a significant amount of rain recently, people cannot drive on the grass. This was broadcast as an absolute prohibition in 2012 and that negatively affected attendance. However, if the message is re-framed as "Yes you can drive on the grass unless the weather has been really bad", the community may be more receptive.

Twelfth Night 2015 (Jan 9-11) -- Barony of Adiantum. Event Steward is unknown.

- 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. Response from those in Financial meeting this morning was that this is a lovely site well suited to our needs. The Event Steward team was enthusiastic and ran a good event in the past.
- Excellent bids were also received from the Baronies of Dragon's Mist and Glymm Mere. Ultimately the decision was to go with the location that would result in a Crown event being in one of An Tir's Principalities, rather than the central area where so many others are currently scheduled.