

CURIA MEETING -- July Coronation (7/20/14)

Significant Figures Present:

- King, Styrkarr Jarlsskald
- Queen, Dagrún Stjarna
- Ban-Tanista of Tir Rígh, Lenora di Calizzan
- Kingdom Seneschal, Dame Brigid Ross

Law Changes = None

Announcement from Their Majesties = Fall Crown Council will take place the weekend of November 7-9 using the same online format as we have the past couple of times. Watch the mailing lists for further information.

OFFICER REPORTS

New officers are being sought for many Kingdom positions over the next several months:

- Announcements for all of these positions have appeared in one or more editions of the Crier since January.
- Main Offices: Chirurgeon, Media Officer, and Web Minister.
- Deputies are also being sought by the chroniclers and heralds; as well a web minister for the Summits, a Central region chatelaine officer, and A&S deputies in the western and rivers regions.
- If you would like more information about any of these positions, please use the resources below or email the officer directly. The An Tir Handbook also describes all of the offices, though some of that information is out of date. <http://www.antir.sca.org/Pubs/ATH/0toc.php>
- To apply for a position, you must send your SCA resume and a letter of interest describing your interest in and goals for the position to the current officer. For Greater Offices please also send a copy to the Kingdom Seneschal and the Crown. For deputies, include the relevant Kingdom officer instead.
- Contact information for officers is posted at <http://www.antir.sca.org/Offices/>

Seneschal -- Dame Brigid Ross

- She plans to step down at September Crown.
- Avacal is conducting a new poll between May 7th and July 7th to determine whether they will seek permission from the Board of Directors to become a Kingdom. This reportedly received a much higher participation rate than the first attempt. More information about the outcome is expected soon. Further information is available at <http://www.avacal.org/koa/SitePages/Home.aspx>.
- If a branch does not have an officer in a position, then the Seneschal must report to the Principality or Kingdom Deputy instead.
- "Constable" -- An Tir used to use this term for event security, but that role was eliminated a few years ago. The West still uses it a lot, especially to refer to the team working gate.

Arts & Sciences -- Mistress Tuirrean dal gCais

- Mistress Tuirrean dal gCais stepped up at court last night.
- The Crown thanks HL Nidda Ridarelli for her service as A&S Minister. She brought a great deal of energy and enthusiasm to the position. Her advocacy for the Dirty Dozen Largesse competitions and capstone presentations was especially appreciated.

Chamberlain -- HL Sigivald Garansson

- As of this weekend the Kingdom has collected \$12,582 for the regalia projects.
- Work has begun to refurbish the orb: Mistress Fjorlief in Haga and Master William Beornsson will create 3 vertical bands and one horizontal one wrapping our current orb in a silver setting inlaid with stones and enamel work. There will also be a base for the ball to sit on, and a wooden box to protect it when it is not being used. Estimated cost is \$1700, and half of this has been paid out.
- Additional Crowns: The final decision is being delayed until September Crown to allow the populace more time to comment on the designs, and then for the official committee to review that input. Detailed descriptions and sketches of the proposed designs are posted at <http://antir.sca.org/Pubs/Regalia/>. The most helpful feedback is of the variety "I prefer option X because Y and Z." Send those notes to [regalia (at) antir.sca.org].

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Chatelaine -- HL Emma Barrington

- She is seeking a reporting deputy for the Central region who can take the time to reach out to local chatelaines and ask what they are doing, and to insure quarterly reports are submitted on time.
- There were a number of successful demos and other activities during the second quarter, and these are showing some increases in newcomers.
- Current projects with her deputies include revising the Chatelaine's Handbook, and creating an interactive map of branches for the An Tir website.

Chirurgion -- Viscountess Telisia Brutusdottir

- She will step down at September Crown and has 2 applicants for her office.
- An Tir chirurgions provided a lot of service at An Tir West War, as the West was short-handed.
- There were 2 injuries in second quarter serious enough to be reported to the Society. There was also one incident where a person claimed to be a chirurgion when they were not warranted, but that was resolved by the relevant officers.
- Discussions are continuing about the future of the chirurgionate at the Society level. A panel has been formed led by the Society Chirurgion to research the situation further. If you would like to provide your input to this work group, write to Chirurgion@sca.org prior to the September Board meeting. Further information can be found on the SCA website at: <http://www.sca.org/BOD/announcements/ChirurgionateFAQupdate.pdf>. The 4 options they are considering:
 - Abolish the office.
 - Keep the office, but require each individual to have insurance.
 - Keep the office, but require each region to have insurance.
 - Keep the office, but change the scope of the position in a manner that is not yet determined.

Chronicler -- Komtessa Octavia Laodice

- Octavia is seeking a number of deputies for her department, including a Copy Editor. Specifics were printed in the April Crier Supplement.
- Octavia recognized the hard work of some existing staff in court last night. Nominations for the Society Black Fox awards are also being sought. Details are at <http://sca.org/officers/chronicler/blackfox-awards.html>.
- The monthly Crier continues to be fairly easy to assemble. This is full of the required event descriptions and officer contact information; leaving little space for officer letters, lists of awards, or educational articles. The quarterly newsletter supplement provides far more space for the latter material, but Octavia is having trouble getting enough material to make it worth creating that issue. The next supplement deadline is 8/15.
- Online Copy Submission form: This continues to be a frustrating project. The form is now working fine on the input side, but the Crier staff have to do a lot of editing of the output before it can be inserted into the newsletter. Octavia has some change requests in to the Web Team to improve this. <http://antir.sca.org/Pubs/forms/Crier/EventCopy/>
- There were no submissions received for the youth cover contest for the January 2015 Crier.
- Archiving: Octavia's team is collecting and scanning all of An Tir's old Criers to a DropBox account. Once this is done, a copy will be given to the Society Archivist.
- Octavia will be designing an "end of the year" report for her staff to make it clearer what data is required.
- Future of the Chronicler's Office: Most of the content of our newsletters, especially officer contact information and event copy, is available on a website; and people are using those more often. This raises questions about the role of newsletters in our community, and the respective roles and responsibilities of a chronicler and web minister. This is an important discussion to pursue.

Exchequer -- Mistress Genevieve Marie Etienne de Montagne

- As of the end of second quarter the Kingdom is in good shape, even though we are actually \$3000 in the red. This is because income will increase in third quarter once the proceeds from July Coronation and September Crown are received; and the annual cycle of when NMS is received and paid out balances in An Tir's favor. We still need to be careful about costs, but there's no reason to take additional actions.
- Regalia funds: The current total stands at \$12,582. The \$875 payment to refurbish the orb has been made. The decision about which bid will be accepted for the second pair of crowns will be made at September Crown.
- The state of California is conducting a routine audit of the SCA's financial activities which means they may choose to look at An Tir's US operations as well. Mistress Etienne is confident our records are in good

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shape, but this may occupy some of her time. If California does determine the SCA is not in compliance, then there will be some fines to pay.

- One year review of the decision to raise the adult fee for Crown events from \$15 to \$20. -- Crown events brought in \$19,980 more income as a result of the increased site fee. Of this the Kingdom's portion was \$11,988. While this sounds like a lot, in a Kingdom of this size and complexity, it's really not that much. 2013 was actually the first time in several years the Kingdom showed a profit. It only takes one disaster to wipe out this margin and cut into our savings. The Kingdom will continue charging \$20 for Crown events.
- Experiment to not charge site fees for minors at Crown events. -- During the Financial Committee meeting this morning Baron Ivon Drengir made a proposal based on practices in Stromgard in the past few years. They found that with this financial barrier removed, it was more likely that both parents would come to the event and bring their children. The result was more diverse participation at events, simpler processes at gate, and hopefully momentum towards the SCA's long term recruitment and retention goals. After some discussion the committee agreed to implement this policy from September Crown 2014 through Twelfth Night 2016. At that time the Financial Committee will review the data about changes in attendance and the monetary impact on the Kingdom. This decision only applies to Crown events. Principality and local branch events may still choose to charge fees for youth if they wish. [Note the age of majority is 19 in BC, and 18 in the rest of An Tir. The fee and waivers is based on where the event is held.]

Family Activities -- Maestro Talentus del Albero (Talon) and Mai'tresse Jenae' la Joyeaux

- No information presented at this meeting

Herald -- HL Richenda Du Jardin

- HL Richenda Du Jardin stepped up at court last night.
- The Crown thanks HL Gwenlliana Clutterbooke for her service as Black Lion Herald.
- The Known World Heraldic Symposium was held in the Barony of Starkhafn in Caid in late June, and 10 heralds from An Tir attended.
- The title and badge for the Order of the Sable Gauntlet, An Tir's new grant level award for excellence in tournament combat, is currently pending at the Society level. 5 individuals have already received this award and it will continue even if a last minute change is needed in the design.
- The Society has created a deputy for silent (i.e. signing) heraldry and is encouraging Kingdoms to do the same. If you know anyone in An Tir who would be interested in helping, please notify HL Richenda.

Marshal -- Sir Einar Knuteson

- There were some problems this weekend with the initial set-up for the erics being far too small, and the quality of the archery field. This is not an isolated incident. HL Ysabella Greene and Viscountess Lenora di Calizzan can work with the martial leadership to update the bidding instructions for Crown events to make it clearer what the requirements are for these activities. Perhaps a map with the necessary dimensions would help. Both the event stewards and martial leadership have a responsibility to initiate communication with one another about event. However, if this is running into complications, Ysabella can try to facilitate things.
 - Rapier, and youth & adult armored combat need a space for eight erics each a minimum of 25x25 feet, with at least one 15 foot aisle down the center and 12 foot aisles around the outside. If there is space to make the erics 30 or 40 feet on a side, to add a second aisle added in the center, and make the ones around the outside made wider, then that is even better.
 - Archos Loegaire mac Lochlainn has information on the archery and thrown weapon field layouts.
 - HL Ysolt Tayler of Windhill created a detailed map of the eric area for both the fighting fields and all of the Kingdom and branch pavilions that go around it. This was what the May Crown 2013 & 2014 used for their layout.
- Sir Einar asks if it is possible to work with event stewards to move archery and equestrian activities closer to the main core of the event? Dame Brigid Ross says that this discussion has been going on for years. Often the barrier is the land owner who is concerned about insurance issues. However, sometimes it's possible if a knowledgeable marshal is involved from the time the site is selected and laid out.
- Lists Minister: There are now blank forms for local officers posted on the Kingdom forms website, courtesy of Dame Elena de Maisnilwarin and the Web Team. There is also a chart of the number of participants in martial activities at Crown events to be used in allocating space for future events.
- Martial Authorization Officer: More people are turning in authorization forms than ever before, but there's a lot of progress still to be made. The documents released last October became mandatory as of July 1st. Don Ramon de la Vega made some crucial updates to the database this spring, including the new rapier

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weapon forms and way to generate a report on how many minors are fighting. The semi-annual roster of officers is signed this weekend.

Media Officer -- Magistra Julia Sempronia

- She will be stepping down in December and would like to have her replacement chosen well in advance to aid in a smooth transition. Details are posted at <http://antir.sca.org/Blogs/media/>
- Magistra Julia is reviewing some flyers and brochures branches are using to communicate with the public.
- She wishes to recognize Olaf of Montenore in the Barony of Wealdsmere who is building a very enterprising recruitment campaign, and who has designed an excellent outline for how to conduct this work.
- The Baronies of Dragon's Mist, Glymm Mere, and Myrgan Wood all received positive media coverage in the past couple of months.

Scribe -- HL Renart le Fox de Berwyk

- HL Sarra the Brave stepped up at court last night.
- The Crown thanks HL Renart le Fox de Berwyk for his service as Royal Scribe.

Teamster -- HL Sigivald Garansson, assisted by HL Sterling Veyox

- They took over from Maestro Talentus del Albero officially as of June Faire, and then physical custody of the trailer transferred at An Tir – West War.
- The trailer is now at its weight limit and needs to be reorganized.

Web Minister Baronessa Chiara Francesca Arianna d'Onofrio

- Baronessa Chiara plans to step down in October. Details about her job are posted in in the April Crier Supplement and at <http://antir.sca.org/Blogs/webminister/2014/05/19/kingdom-webminister-office-open/> . She has 3 applications for her position so far. They are also eagerly seeking a Web Minister to manage things in the Summits.
- During second quarter the Web Team made 1202 edits and changes on the server. They also created new webpages for the Crown, the exchequer, and one for regalia bids.
- Discussions are continuing about how to improve the martial authorization database, including looking at the format that Avacal is planning to use for their own system, and the surgeon's database. The server and domain name still need to be transferred to Kingdom ownership.

KINGDOM EVENT UPDATES

Bids are requested for events in 2015 including An Tir – West War, 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:
 - 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/>
 - 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 review your draft bid to make sure it is complete before it is presented to the Financial Committee.
 - Event Stewards have a great resource at <http://currentmiddleages.org/autocrats/welcome/> . Mistress Vivien nic Uldon manages 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 must 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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- You are not doing this on your own: Event Stewards must report to their hosting branch at their monthly business meetings, and to HL Ysabella Greene by the 15th of each month, in order to track the progress of event planning efforts. Kingdom officers can also provide you with advice related to event functions in their department.
- After the event, the Event Steward must complete the Kingdom Event Report form, and send this to their branch leadership, as well as the Kingdom Seneschal, Exchequer, and HL Ysabella Greene. This document prompts users for all of the required information; and encourages comments which others can use in planning future renditions of that event.

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

- Event website http://www.antir.sca.org/Upcoming/index.php?Event_ID=2509&myDate=2014
- Site this weekend was the Toppenish Rodeo & Livestock Association site (WA). This is a very central and easy to reach location for An Tir's citizens.
- This was a great partnership between the Baronies of Madrone and Vulcanfeldt. They had help from 4 other Baronies: Dragon's Laire, Dragon's Mist, Glymm Mere, and Wastekeep. The last group did the site clean-up so the Madrone folks could go home at a reasonable time.
- Attendance was down 37 people compared to last year at the same site, but still 100 higher than the prior trend for the event. One factor was an unfortunate series of coincidences that meant several merchants were unable to attend. The event made a profit of \$9150, which meant \$5706 paid to the Kingdom.

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

- Event website http://www.antir.sca.org/Upcoming/?Event_ID=2511
- Site was 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>
- Gate reported 796 people onsite, including 89 minors. Income was \$13,730, and due to the very low cost for the site rental and minimal number of portable toilets required, they are estimating \$10,000 in profit.
- There were 47 entrants in the Armored Championship Tournament this weekend. Sir Michael Richard the Tall was victorious. In the Kingdom Protector Tournament there were 7 competitors and Magister Arion the Wanderer was victorious. Squires tournament saw 56 entrants, with 34 on the rapier field, and an unknown number engaged in youth armored combat activities.

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

- http://www.antir.sca.org/Upcoming/?Event_ID=2512
- The site is Green Wode Farm in Langley, BC. <https://www.facebook.com/TheGreneWode>
- They are conducting pre-registration via the postal service and giving a \$5 discount for doing so.
- The team is in place and a rough site map has been worked out.
- Armored MIC is HL Cyneric Bearson. Equestrian MIC is HL Guillaume de Garrigues, the Kingdom Equestrian Marshal. They have space for 40x40 erics and York rounds on the archery range. His Majesty posted the requirements for the Crown tournament in the August *Crier* and these are also posted on the event website.
- There are details on the event website about IDpaperwork, food restrictions, and equestrian requirements to cross the border. Also contact information for large household camping, eric reservations, meetings, etc.

Fall Crown Council 2014 (Nov 7-9) -- This will take place using the same online format as we have the past couple of times. Watch the mailing lists for further information.

Twelfth Night 2015 (January 9-11) -- Barony of Adiantum. Event Stewards are Mistress Yseult of Broceliande and Baroness Marian Staarveld.

- Event website <http://www.antir12thnight.org/>. They also have a very active Facebook page.
- Site will be the Valley River Inn on the north side of Eugene, OR. <http://www.valleyriverinn.com/>. This is the same location as Twelfth Night in 2009 and 2011. The event team has a great relationship with the hotel and free rein to do loads of decorating.
- Officially the hotel is sold out, but they are maintaining a waiting list and some rooms will open up at the last minute as people's plans change. There are also a number of other hotels close by, and given that parking is free and the event will have a cloak room for day trippers, that isn't too much of a barrier. The

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event team has two hallways of rooms reserved for the incoming and outgoing Monarchs, and just need to know who will be using each of these by 12/1.

- The event team is planning a lot of extra activities: On Friday they will have a tour of local breweries and then after dinner a panel discussion by brewers about the activity in our period. There will be a Roman Bath in the hotel's sauna and hot tub area, with a licensed masseuse available for hire and classes on Roman bathing culture. There will also be a 30' diameter labyrinth to walk by candlelight overlooking the river, dancing, and other entertainments. The event team is also assembling information about other activities such as a possible visit with a local weaver, and manuscripts at the Univ. of Oregon art museum.
- Food: There will be an "all you can eat Renaissance buffet" dinner available in the restaurant both Friday and Saturday evenings, as well as a Peasant lunch buffet on Saturday. Even if you are not partaking of these, please consider eating in the hotel as this forms a substantial amount of an establishment's income and affects the rates conventions are offered in the future.
- Merchants: HL Elsbeth Cameron is taking requests now, and the final decision will be made by a jury given the limited space.
- Meeting requests: There is a form on the event website to use in submitting your request, or you can email the stewards directly.
- Team: Most of the positions are filled, including their gate head.

Arts, Sciences, and Bardic Championships 2015 (March 6-8) -- Barony of Dragon's Laire. Event Steward is HL Adelheide Leeuwin.

- Event website http://www.antir.sca.org/Upcoming/?Event_ID=3287
- The site will be the Baymont Inn and Suites in Bremerton, WA. <http://baymontinnbremerton.com/>
- Dame Madrun y Gwehyddes says that planning is progressing.

May Crown 2015 (May 15-17) -- Barony of Dragon's Mist and the Shire of Hauksgardr. Event Stewards are HL Finn Grim and HL Marco Valentino, as mentored by Countess Daedin MacAoidh a'Mhonadh.

- Event website http://antir.sca.org/Upcoming/index.php?Event_ID=3289
- This bid was awarded during Financial Committee meeting this morning.
- The event site will be the Hood River Fairgrounds in Oregon. <http://www.hoodriverfair.org/facilities.htm>.
 - This is 60 miles east of Portland, OR and 150 miles SW of Tri Cities, WA. The fairgrounds are 15 minutes off of I-84.
 - The site is flat with good grass we can drive on. There are permanent toilet and shower buildings we can use. There is water, power, and RV connections on site. There is plenty of free parking.
 - There is a large permanent fire pit that can be used as a setting for bardic activities. There is a concrete amphitheater with seating for court. There is also a covered barn that can be used for archery. It is not yet known if they will have equestrian activities.
 - Looking at the weather record it has only rained on this weekend three times in 10 years. It can be windy, but the site is far enough off the river to avoid the intense gorge winds.
- Projected attendance would be 650 adults and 14 merchants.
- Armored MIC will be HL Kerryk Wolfram. A&S activities will be overseen by Desa of Dragon's Mist.

An Tir – West War 2015 (July 1-5) -- It is An Tir's year to host and we need a bid.

- Event website http://antir.sca.org/Upcoming/index.php?Event_ID=3290
- Both Kingdoms have a multi-year contract with the site owner for the Lazy J Moore Ranch in Gold Beach, Oregon.
- An Tir has \$20,000 in a dedicated bank account to pay for expenses.
- A bid was presented by Mistress Attia Prima from the Barony of Three Mountains during Financial Meeting this morning. Another bid is in the works. Both will be reviewed and a decision made at September Crown.

July Coronation 2015 (July 17-19) -- No bid yet.

September Crown 2015 (September 4-7) -- No bid yet.

Kingdom Feast & Bardic Celebration 2015 (November 6-8) -- Barony of Dragon's Laire. Event Steward HL Renart le fox de Berwyk.

- Event website http://www.antir.sca.org/Upcoming/?Event_ID=3605
- Site will be the Ocean Shores Convention Center (WA) as in fall 2013. Contracts have been signed.
- No new information presented.

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

- Event website http://www.antir.sca.org/Upcoming/index.php?Event_ID=3439&myDate=2016
- Site will be the Doubletree Hotel in the Rose Quarter of Portland, OR. The contract has been signed. <http://doubletree3.hilton.com/en/hotels/oregon/doubletree-by-hilton-hotel-portland-RLLC-DT/index.html>
- 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.
- No new information presented.

