

Significant figures present:

- Their Royal Majesties Ieuan and Gwyneth
- Their Royal Highnesses Vik and Astrid
- Kingdom Seneschal Dame Brighid Ross

LAW CHANGES

- Laws must be read at an official event and published in the Crier in order to be official. (These changes were read in court the prior night.) Kingdom Law will no longer be mailed to members, but rather will exist as a PDF file on the Kingdom website. Any changes to the laws will be made to this document as soon as they become official. [<http://www.antir.sca.org/Pubs/#reference.shelf>]
 - There was a small change to the language requiring Their Majesties and Their Royal Highnesses to have access to a copy of the Crier, to permit them to do so in the online format, and not solely the paper version.
 - The Kingdom Protector competition (archery championship) will now be held at July Coronation instead of at September Crown.
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OFFICER REPORTS

Seneschal -- Dame Brighid Ross

- She stepped into this role of Interim Kingdom Seneschal the prior evening. Per Kingdom Law the post will remain open for 3 months with the decision being made at September Crown. If you are interested, please submit your modern and SCA resume to Dame Brighid, TRM and TRH immediately.
- The Kingdom Exchequer & Seneschal would like to thank all of the branches for their cooperation with the challenges related to the sexual abuse lawsuit settlement. Community reaction was appropriate, and the payment collection process went far smoother than it could have. Their Majesties reinforce this gratitude.

Arts & Sciences -- Viscountess Katherine atte Moure

- The Kingdom championship event went well despite the low attendance. The weather was unexpectedly good, making travel easier, but the Kingdom should not accept a bid for this event in one of the mountainous or northern branches.
- Next year competitors will be required to enter 3 entries instead of only 2 as a reflection of the continued growth in the number of participants and the excellence of their work. 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.

Chatelaine -- HL Muirgheal inghean Alasdair. Report provided by Deputy HL Emma Barrington.

- Recruitment and retention of members is something for everyone to participate in, not solely the appointed officer, although having one in each branch to lead those efforts is valuable, even in small chapters.
- A number of branches are reporting plans to hold demos in the coming months, which is exciting, as they are part of the Society's educational mission and an excellent way to recruit new members. HL Muirgheal has resources if groups need advice on doing so.
- The new chatelaine webpage will be finished soon, and this will include a reverse directory where a visitor can enter their modern zip code and be told which branch to contact.
- The classes for chatelaines were well received at 12th Night, and more will be held at either July Coronation or September Crown.

Chirurgion -- HL Jahnkin de Leeuw

- They are working hard at recruiting and certifying additional volunteers. Avacal has 4 new surgeons warranted, which is a big step forward.
- Efforts are being made to clarify for everyone that even those individuals who have substantial medical training from their modern lives must still go through the same warranting and training processes as volunteers who start without basic first aid skills. This keeps the system clear and fair for everyone, and also insures that volunteers learn the rules and factors unique to medical situations in the SCA.
- There have been no major medical incidents in An Tir since 12th Night.

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Chronicler -- Godith d'Arcy of Goosefoot Mead. Report read by Curia Clerk Maestra Althaia filia Lazari.

- Godith will be stepping down at June Faire and will be replaced by HL Marike Sigrunasdotter.
- The online versions of the newsletter will be starting very soon, watch for announcements from the Society.
- Officers are encouraged to submit articles for the Crier in both the print and online versions. An Tir has the option of publishing an expanded online version of the newsletter, but only if there is enough material submitted and if there are sufficient volunteers to create this each month.

Exchequer HL Genevieve Marie Etienne de Montagne

- Receipts must be submitted within 120 days of the expense. You can do this electronically, but must follow up with a physical copy via postal mail. If you do not receive confirmation the information was received, please send a second message checking in.
- For those officers who are eligible to have their gas costs reimbursed: You must fill your tank at the start of the trip, and submit that receipt for calculation purposes though you will not be paid for that amount. You must fill your tank again the day you arrive home or the day after. The receipts for that cost, as well as any gas purchased during the trip, will be reimbursed.

Family Activities Madame Jacqueline de Lioncourt

- There is a new Society officer for her to report to, and a great deal of discussion at that level of everything from what to call the office to the role it should fulfill. An Tir has been at the forefront by renaming the position Ministry of Family Activities to emphasize that this is not a baby-sitting service, but rather a means of organizing activities for adult caregivers and children to enjoy together.
 - The emphasis on "family activities" is well received. The use of the title "ministry" is under debate.
 - Credit is given to HL Jenae La Joyeaux for An Tir's new label for this office.
- Out of An Tir's 82 branches, there are only 13 officers and many of those are not reporting. Jacqueline is going to work harder to reach those individuals and the community as a whole through emails, her blog, and articles in the Crier and branch newsletters.
- Comments are reaching her from parents saying they are so confused about what is and is not allowed for children they have stopped attending events. She wants to hear more specifics so we can figure out a way to fix the problem. Kingdom law regarding the supervision of minors under age 12 is on pages 50-51.
- Activities:
 - Event teams and branches do not need to arrange anything elaborate for families: They can choose to have a central point for a few hours with games and crafts, or they can make information and supplies available for families to do on their own time.
 - The emphasis on the "two deep" rule (two unrelated adults must be running all activities) is less important now that adult caregivers are expected to participate in all activities with their children, rather than dropping them off.
 - Her Majesty Gwyneth suggests that a "game a month" be publicized in the Crier and at events.
- Background checks:
 - The person responsible for family activities in a branch must have a check, as must all Youth Armored Combat marshals. If there are formal, scheduled family activities at an event (crafts, archery competition), then the individual leading that activity must also have a check.
 - If youth are participating in general event activities with adults, then checks are not needed. (Examples: youth shooting at the archery range during open hours, teens participating in rapier and armored combat, youth running list cards.)
 - Additional clarification will be coming from the Society.
 - 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%20Checks%20Process.pdf)]
- Documents -- The revised edition of the Pages Handbook is being shortened to 4 pages and should be available for the community soon. A procedures handbook for branch family activities officers is being developed.

Herald Anthony Hawke

- This is his last meeting. His successor is Lady Gwenliana Clutterbooke. Anthony will remain as her contingency deputy until someone new is found for that role.
- A great deal has been accomplished during his 2 years in office. He is particularly proud of the fact that Tir Righ now has an entirely self-contained heraldry unit, able to do everything the Kingdom does other than

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produce their own external letter to the Laurel Sovereign of Arms. Avacal is now beginning this same growth process.

Marshal Viscount Matheus Bane

- A new Society Marshal recently stepped up, and this has led to significant change in the direction of the discussion of many proposed alterations to the rules. As a result the new Society combat manual is being delayed and thus the Armored An Tir Book of Combat cannot be updated. He will publish an online "addendum" in the meanwhile with those rules that are confirmed, such as the prohibition against obvious modern sporting equipment and logos.
- HL Macha the Determined, Equestrian Marshal -- Per her written report An Tir has the largest equestrian program in the Known World in terms of riders, marshals, practices, and events. The program is growing both in central An Tir and the more distant corners, while maintaining an excellent safety record.
 - Equestrian activities are planned at many events in the coming months, but not at An Tir – West War. Event stewards are reminded to send in their insurance certificates to Macha prior to the event.
 - A new equestrian website is under development and testing will begin soon.
 - The An Tir Book of Horse is currently being updated to address ground driving and driving authorizations. Further updates will be made after the Society updates their equestrian handbook.
 - Macha has submitted a request to extend her term for one year to see the conclusion of the website and handbook, and because there is no immediate candidate willing to take her office.

Scribe Mistress Bronwen Elgars -- She will be stepping down at July Coronation. Their Majesties are currently reviewing applications for her successor.

Teamster Baron Michael of Terra Pomaria

- While a replacement for his post has not yet been found, he is stepping down immediately due to other commitments. Their Majesties have someone who can fill in until July Coronation, but they are urgently seeking a long term replacement. If you know someone who could help, have them contact Dame Brigid Ross (Seneschal) and Baroness Oddny (Royal Chamberlain).
- Requirements:
 - The trailer must be towed to May Crown, An Tir West War, July Coronation, and September Crown. The Teamster is admitted to those events for free.
 - The Teamster must be a paid SCA member, and have a ½ or ¾ ton truck, capable of towing 10,000 lbs. The trailer must be parked in a safe, off-street location.
 - The Teamster must coordinate with the event team, retinue, and officers to arrange for the unloading and re-loading of all of the Kingdom equipment at those events. The Teamster is expected to oversee the proper balanced loading of the trailer, but the labor is done by others.
 - The Teamster will need to coordinate with the Kingdom Chamberlain to conduct an inventory of the trailer's content at appropriate intervals.
 - The Teamster is currently expected to be able to dry and re-pack all of the Kingdom pavilions if it rained at the event. However, the Kingdom is willing to consider paying for this to be professionally done, if it will result in someone taking on this position.
 - Reimbursement is provided for annual servicing of the trailer, additional insurance on the truck and trailer, and gas expenses to required events.
 - The trailer is licensed in the United States, and thus can only be towed by someone with a truck also licensed in the US. This is due to rules on crossing the US-Canadian border.
- The attendees at Curia express their thanks for the job that Baron Michael has done in this role for many years. In turn he says he has enjoyed the opportunity to serve the Kingdom in this manner, and all that he learned in the process.

Webminister Baroness Chiara Francesca Arianna d'Onofrio

- She has a huge team and they try very hard to acknowledge, if not resolve, every inquiry within 24 hours.
- The layout of the website has not been updated since 1997 so they are now working on a whole new look for it. They are also removing a great deal of archived information so that the site runs faster. She will send the link for comments to the Curia email list, if anyone has suggestions.

KINGDOM EVENT UPDATES

Reminders:

- New Events Deputy is HL Ysabella Greene. 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.
- If Kingdom events submit their financial report within 30 days, then they keep 60% of the profits. If there are circumstances which mean that report must be late, then speak with the Exchequer to see if an extension can be granted. Otherwise late reports will result in a greater share of the profit going to the Kingdom, rather than remaining with the host branch.

May Crown 2012 -- HL Julia Sempronia. Shire of Dregate.

- This was a joint effort of many members of the Inlands Region, not solely the Shire of Dregate, and they worked very well together as a team.
- Target attendance was 800, but they counted 626 through gate. Despite this, they still expect to make a small profit. All of the major expenses have already been paid.
- Site issues: A few tents were damaged in the big gust on Saturday, but no one was hurt. A pipe broke on Friday when someone drove over it, limiting water onsite until midday Saturday. Otherwise things ran well.
- There are compliments on the quality of the website for this event.

Twelfth Night 2012 -- No one present.

Arts & Sciences and Bardic Championship -- See the notes in the Officers section above.

July Coronation 2012 -- Duchess Hlutwige Wolfkiller and HL Vivian nic Uldoon. Barony of Three Mountains.

- This will be at Trojan Park in Rainier, Oregon. The same site as was used for the most recent Sport of Kings. After further consideration that same approximate layout is going to be used.
- Camping space is going to be extremely tight, and people will have to unload and move their vehicles quickly. Please spread the word and be prepared to cooperate with event team instructions.
- RV's will be allowed, but there will be no amenities. Rules on generator times will be published.
- The park can accommodate the Kingdom Protector tournament. They are finalizing the plan for this now.
- The Virgin Countess Inn will be serving breakfast and lunch on Saturday and Sunday for a nominal fee.

September Crown 2012 -- Baron Arontius of Bygelswade. Barony of Dragon's Lair.

- The event will be at a new, undeveloped site in Port Orchard, WA, so a learning curve is expected. The contract will be finalized this month.
- Various aspects of the event are already being planned, and then work will rapidly increase in 2 weeks after the Barony is finished with June Faire.
- Parking will be limited and roadways will need to be mapped out. Attendees will need to cooperate in camping close together, and moving their vehicles as soon as they unload.

Twelfth Night 2013 -- Lady Nabila presented. Barony of Three Mountains.

- Doubletree Hilton Hotel in Portland, Oregon.
- All of the major team positions are filled and preparations are well underway. 550 room nights have been reserved.
- 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.

New bids accepted as a result of today's financial meeting and some follow-up discussions:

- An Tir – West War 2013 will be led by a team from the Barony of Dragon's Lair.
- July Coronation 2013 for the site in the Shire of Midhaven used in 2011.
- Twelfth Night 2014 for the DoubleTree Hotel in Seatac WA. (Shire of Wyewood)

Bids are currently needed for:

- Arts & Sciences and Bardic Championship (March 2013)
- May Crown 2013
- September Crown 2013