

AN TIR CURIA MEETING -- May Crown (5/17/15)

Significant Figures Present:

- King Savaric de Porte des Lions
- Queen Dalla Hjalbaadsdottir
- Crown Prince Havordh Aettarbani
- Crown Princess Mary Grace of Gatland
- Kingdom Seneschal Magistra Julia Sempronia

Words from Their Majesties -- Welcome to the meeting.

Words from His Royal Highness Havordh -- He and his lady, Mary Grace, wish the populace to know that they are looking forward to this opportunity to lead An Tir. They have reigned as Monarchs before and learned much in that process. However that was in two other Kingdoms, so they don't want anyone to assume that they know how things are done in An Tir. Instead Havordh and Mary Grace would like individuals to share their thoughts as they would with any other Heirs.

LAW CHANGES

Article IV.C Awards and Orders of An Tir

(Italics is new language, and strike-through terms that were removed.):

The following description is added on page 31:

5) Letters Patent:

- g) *Membership in the Order of Defence may be offered to individuals who meet the general criteria for peerage and who have displayed skill at rapier or cut-and-thrust combat at least equal to the level commonly found among existing members of the order.*

The following sections are amended on pages 31-32.

6) Other Armigerous Awards:

- a) Membership in the following orders confers upon the member a Grant of Arms:
- iv) The White Scarf may be offered by the Crown on the advice of the members of the order, for demonstrating exceptional skill and chivalry in rapier combat, service to An Tir and its people, knowledge of the courtly graces, and obedience to the laws and ideals of An Tir and the Society. *With the creation of the Order of Master of Defence, the Order of the White Scarf is now closed.*
- vii) The Sable Gauntlet of An Tir may be offered to those especially deserving of honor for their excellence and chivalry in the pursuit and practice of ~~armored~~ combat.

Notes:

- The new Peerage level Order of Defence was approved by the Society Board of Directors on 2/2/15. While the Board set out parameters for this order just as it has for the other 3 peerages, each Kingdom will need to make a number of decisions about how to integrate this order into their local culture. In particular since many Kingdoms were members of the Order of the White Scarf compact, or had equivalent recognitions of excellence in rapier combat, what they wished to do with those awards in the future. Thus the Board stated that no one could be admitted to the Order of Defence until 5/1/15. An Tir decided to admit one more individual to the Order of the White Scarf in May, and then officially closed the order at June Faire on 6/6/15.
- The first 3 individuals admitted into the Order of Defence were: Master Dyon de Mantel (aka Jack Tyler), Master Sean O'Conner, and Master Talentus del Albergo (Talon). This ceremony was conducted at Avacal's May Crown on 5/2/15, and celebrated again at An Tir's May Crown on 5/16/15. Several other individuals were also named for admission into the order between those two events.
- The removal of the word "armored" from the definition of the Sable Gauntlet reflects the evolving vision of what this award is intended to recognize. While most of the recipients so far have been armored fighters, two received it for their activities on the rapier field.
- Updates to Kingdom Law are posted in the existing manual online as they become official. Look for a symbol next to the item which has been changed, and then go to the last page of the document to see

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which Monarch made that modification and on what date. The online manual has been reformatted to allow individuals to copy the text into other documents or emails for discussion as needed. <http://antir.sca.org/Pubs/index.php#reference.shelf>

PRINCIPALITY REPORTS

Avacal -- Seneschal Viscount Kirk Einarsson

- They will become a Kingdom on June 27th, 2015! This event will be held at the Benalto Agricultural Center near Red Deer, Alberta, the same site as was used for their Crown. Details can be found at http://antir.sca.org/Upcoming/index.php?Event_ID=3756&myDate=2015 and Avacal's website at <http://www.avacal.org/koa/SitePages/Home.aspx>.
- On 5/2/15 Avacal held its first Crown Tournament and Viscount Albrecht von Rugen was victorious with the assistance of his inspiration Lady Nasheeta Alrakkasa. Taking second place was Viscount Ellias Silver inspired by Keira Tornyndottir. It should be noted that it took four rounds to narrow the final 3 fighters down to just 2, with the other individual being Viscount Angar Ninefingers. 75 individuals entered the tournament, which represented 41% of those Avacalan fighters eligible to do so. 595 people attended the event despite the snow in the air.
- Branch changes: The Shire of Wyndwurm has been granted incipient status. The Shire of Cold Keep has transferred to Tir Righ's domain.

Summits -- Viscountess Suvia filia Hereberti

- The Summits has heirs! Tryggr Trysson and Temperance Trewelove.
- The Principality officers are working on bringing branch reporting up to speed, and there are a couple of branches that need additional help.
- They are seeking a new exchequer.

Tir Righ -- HL Porzia di Corbino Rosso

- Her officers reported on time for first quarter.

OFFICER REPORTS

Seneschal -- Magistra Julia Semponia

- She has a new email address seneschal@antir.org. Addresses for other officers will be changing to a similar format as the Web Team transitions everyone to Office 365.
- Between now and Twelfth Night Julia is looking for a new Polling Deputy to oversee this process in the Baronies, and a Crown Events Deputy who can educate the community about how to make those bids and then support them until the conclusion of their event. The post of Family Activities Minister is also vacant.
- Pollings are taking place in the next few weeks to choose a new Baron and Baroness in Aquaterra, and to determine whether the leaders of Wealdsmere may continue for an additional three years. The Shire of Myrtleholt just completed their polling about becoming a Barony. There was a huge response rate in support of the idea.
- Complaints Department: The Society Seneschal recently stressed that, although the Board is the ultimate arbiter, ALL complaints that do not involve the sitting Kingdom Seneschal or Crown MUST go through the established grievance procedure as outlined in Kingdom Law and Corpora. The key is to start by talking directly with the individual in question, and if that is not successful, use the next lowest rung on the ladder as a mediator, before considering to higher steps.
- Armored Combat League and Battle of the Nations (ACL/BOTN): The Society Seneschal wishes all branches to understand the following:
 - There will be no ACL or BOTN demos at SCA events.
 - There will be no ACL or BOTN announcements (on a calendar or otherwise) on any official SCA media stream.
 - If there is an ACL or BOTN announcement on an unofficial media stream, it must carry the disclaimer that this is not a sanctioned SCA activity.

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- The Society Board of Directors regularly posts announcements, request for comments, and other news of interest on their website at <http://sca.org/BOD/announcements/> . You can find the agenda for the Board meetings under one of the other tabs at that location. Detailed meeting minutes are subsequently located under the "Board Minutes" section of the same website where you download your copy of the "Crier".

Arts & Sciences -- Mistress Tuirrean dal gCais

- The Kingdom Arts & Sciences and Kingdom Bardic Championship event in March had spectacular displays and hotly- contested competitions. Congratulations to our new A&S Champion Marquessa Laurellen de Brandevin and to our new Bardic Champion Master Owen the Merry!
- Branches are hosting lots of A&S activities including project days, field trips, classes, and social gatherings. Several branches are finding great success in doing A&S gatherings at fight practices. This is a good way to encourage more people to participate in various artistic endeavors. It also helps newcomers who may have initially been attracted by the fighting, to understand the greater range of SCA activities.
- Branch Reporting is an ongoing issue despite repeated reminders. Deputies are tracking down reports and gently reminding branches of the necessity of reporting. Additional deputies in the Western WA and NW Oregon areas would also be appreciated.

Chamberlain -- HL Sigivald Garansson

- He is not present to give a report.
- See the discussion in the next section about officer pavilions at Crown events.

Chatelaine -- HL Landinn de Marest

- All of the chatelaines in Tir Righ and Avacal reported on time in the first quarter, but the same cannot be said of the rest of the Kingdom. HL Landinn would welcome suggestions from other officers about how to improve this. She is also following up with branch Seneschals and Web Ministers to make sure that chatelaine contact information is updated online and with her when the officer changes.
- Branches report holding some demos and newcomer activities at a steady rate, although there are always fewer of these over the winter.

Chirurgion -- Master Tvorimir Danilov

- Now that the chirurgions as a group are no longer covered by the SCA's insurance, their morale and numbers have declined. A planned regional chirurgions collegium in April was cancelled.
- Regardless of the Society's decisions about the chirurgions as a formal office, those in An Tir plan to continue serving the populace using a guild format.
- For more information about the Society's deliberations, go to <http://www.sca.org/BOD/announcements/> or <http://socsen.sca.org/announcement-regarding-the-society-chirurgionate-request-for-comments/>

Chronicler -- Komtessa Octavia Laodice

- Countess Octavia plans to step down at September Crown 2015. She is looking for a replacement for herself, for a new Crier Editor, and for someone to keep all of the listings of officer information up to date in the newsletter. Maestra Althaia filia Lazari would also like to train a new Curia Clerk to take notes at Crown events. See the April and May Criers for details on these positions.
- As of July there will be major changes to the Crier as we move to using more HTML material, in an effort to make our newsletters more relevant in this electronic age. The Society is still considering other changes in this vein, but they've said that a membership will still be required to access the newsletters online. References to Avacal will also be removed from the Crier once they are independent, which will mean more space for officer articles and artwork.
- Please send copies of your local newsletter to the Chronicler's office. Branches are also encouraged to share these with each other. These documents are an important way to celebrate and preserve the great accomplishments and unique culture of An Tir and all of its local communities.
- It is time to nominate newsletter content and artwork for the Society William Black Fox awards which will be announced in the fall. Background and rules are at <http://www.sca.org/officers/chronicler/blackfox-awards.html>

Exchequer -- Mistress Genevieve Marie Etienne de Montagne

- Her four year term is up at July Coronation. A detailed description of her duties was published in the April Crier. She is also looking for a new Minister of Accounts. Etienne does want to finish the new edition of An Tir's financial policies before she steps down. Some modifications are An Tir's idea, and others are required by the new Society policies which will be released this week.

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- This is always our leanest quarter, but this one was better than last year's. Our net worth is \$142,170.71 which is up \$1803.73 for the quarter. This is in large part because of a very profitable Twelfth Night (\$5353), plus \$1704 in donations to the Raven Travel fund. Of the \$3795 in expenses this quarter, 90% of that was for travel. This will decrease some once Avacal is independent, but it's always going to be high.
- Regalia projects: The new throne pillows are completed. A bid is being evaluated for a new scabbard for the sword of state. The initial payment for the second set of crowns was made in December, and the other half will be paid when Master Torfin Torgulsson and his team complete those. Various fund raising projects raised about \$14,000 for the crowns, which is more than we need for their creation, upkeep, and storage boxes. Fund raising efforts should now be directed to other endeavors.
- As of mid-April the SCA will no longer use ACCEPS to do event pre-registration, due to security concerns with that system. The initial experiment with PayPal concluded in December and the SCA leadership is analyzing that data, with the plan to allow Kingdoms to begin using that system in 2016. Permission will be granted only to Kingdoms who are submitting their financial reports and non-member surcharge payments on time. Instead of quarterly, the latter will now be due to the Kingdom within 10 days of an event, and then the Kingdom has 30 days to submit these to the corporate office. While those will be tough timelines to meet, it will mean that the balance sheets will show more accurate information because the NMS amounts won't be sitting on the books for long periods of time, which particularly makes things confusing early in the calendar year.
- SCA membership in An Tir has risen about 11% in the past 3 years to an average of 3511 in first quarter, but about 550 of those individuals live in Avacal. Trends in event attendance is harder to measure as it varies based on so many other factors. Even though we have been charging \$20 per adult for Crown events for 2 years now, the Kingdom's share of the profits have not risen because the costs to hold events have also gone up over this same period.
- Kids attend Crown events for free: Early word is that this is resulting in an increase in adult attendance, but we'll know more at July Coronation when Etiennette presents the first formal analysis. Gate staff have said it's making their job easier. While this plan only applies to Kingdom events, the Principalities and many local branches have also chosen to implement it with a significant number of their events.
- Training of officers at all levels is essential if we want to have a vibrant organization and the necessary infrastructure to do fun things for many years to come. While traditionally educational retreats have only been held by the seneschals, exchequers, heralds and scribes, any Kingdom officer can organize one. So put together a plan!

Herald -- Dame Richenda du Jardin

- The An Tir College of Heraldry has a new submissions address: An Tir College of Heraldry. PO Box 2379. Corvallis, OR 97339.
- Decision letters about names and devices are being published again. To read these, look for the "Lion's Blood Decision Letters" link in the right hand side of the Herald's website. <http://antirheralds.org/index.html>
- Richenda is seeking a deputy for education activities (Argent Scroll), and someone to oversee the herald's research and consulting activities (Aestel Herald). This weekend Lowenmahne Herald (Crown event tournaments) changed from Master Finngall McKetterick to HL Alan ap Neal.
- The Society Laurel Sovereign of Arms has expressed concerns about inaccuracies in depictions of the new Masters of Defence badge. Unless this is rendered very carefully it may conflict with another device. If you have any artisans who are going to be drawing this badge, have them talk to Dame Richenda first.
- Many Central and Inlands branches are failing to report. HL Natasha Orionova Zateeva will now provide technical assistance to branch heralds to improve this.
- Lowenmahne and Town Cry heralds have not been getting enough volunteers at Crown events to perform effectively. Dame Richenda has spoken with Mistress Ysabella Greene about adding information to the event bidding instructions to notify potential Event Stewards that they need to recruit volunteers for these roles. 12-16 heralds are needed for armored tournaments, 8-10 for rapier tournaments, 6-8 for youth tournaments, and 4-8 for town cry.

Marshal -- Sir Einar Knuteson

- Sir Einar will complete his first two years as Earl Marshal at July Coronation, and Their Majesties have agreed to sign a new warrant for him to continue serving for another year.
- Fighting went nicely over the winter season and is now picking up in earnest. Avacal Crown came off without a hitch.
- The new armored An Tir Book Combat was signed in January, and a number of efforts have been made to educate the public about the changes in that document. The archery and thrown weapons manual is in good shape after 3 revisions in 2013-14, but all of the other disciplines are working on new editions which

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will hopefully be completed by the end of 2015. Also in progress is the first edition of a manual for lists volunteers, which is being written by former Kingdom Lists Minister HL Alessandra da Montefeltro.

- The lists boards used at Crown events were modified over the winter to make them shorter, easier to anchor, and so they take up less space in the Kingdom trailer. They worked better this weekend, and it's likely that with a couple more adjustments the Kingdom can continue to use these rather than constructing new ones.
- A lot of updates to the marshal officer listings and combat manuals on the Kingdom website have been made in the past few months. Lists Minister HL Rose Atherton is also speaking with the Web Team about how best to store some records on the Kingdom server.

Media Officer -- Don Andrew Williams

- He wrote an article for the April Crier about how SCA participants can effectively interact with the media. Don Andrew is also providing support to local branches on this topic.
- He is working with the Society Media Officer on a proposal to restructure the Society's media policy. Andrew has worked as a professional in this field for years, and so can bring a lot of expertise to the topic.
- Some SCA members in Portland, Oregon proposed a series on SCA activities for public access TV. The Society Media Officer was initially not in favor of this idea, but after more discussion and some advocacy by Don Andrew, the plan has been approved.

Scribe -- HL Sarra the Brave

- Painting of artwork continues around the Kingdom. Kudos to the Barony of Dragon's Mist for hosting a scribal day.
- Avacal's Kingdom scroll, code named "Floyd", is nearing completion. This product will be vastly different from the "business document" that An Tir received when it became a Kingdom in 1982, reflecting the massive changes in the scribal arts over 33 years. They are still working on the plan for Avacal and An Tir's Royalty and Seneschals to sign the scroll. Sarra wanted to recognize the following individuals who worked on this project:
 - *Avacal Client Representative* - Countess Inga in Hraustliga
 - *Designer* - HL Adrianna the Fierce
 - *Words* - Jarl Styrkarr Jarlsskald & HL Laurin of Rosewood
 - *Calligraphy* - Lady Alicia du Bois & Mistress Annisa Elisabetta Gabrielli
 - *Gilding* - HL Renart the Fox of Berwick
 - *Painting & Shading* - Lady Brewyn Celestial Wynhaven & Viscountess Celdae the Seeker

Web Minister Duke UlfR Blodfotur Fallgrson

- First quarter: The website infrastructure has been stable with no outages this quarter (yay!). Progress on planned service upgrades is continuing slowly. Activities completed include setting up the infrastructure for Office 365 and creating accounts for all of the Kingdom officers and nobles in that system. (These will be permanent online email accounts for each position, rather than aliases that forward to some other email system the office holder has set up. These will be more reliable, and also mean there is a record of all correspondence even as offices are handed from one person to the next.) Duke UlfR is also speaking with the Board of Directors about some IT activities that affect the Society as a whole.
- Second quarter: They are currently moving all of the officers and royalty to the new Office 365 email accounts; as well as setting up One Drive spaces where officers can store materials or collaborate on future documents. The Web Team will be implementing a ticketing system for users to submit change and technical support requests. Finally they will be planning content and structure for the new website.
- Third quarter: The new website platform will hopefully be deployed. The team will then make a plan to transfer branch websites to that system.
- Fourth quarter: Branches will be given the choice to move their website to the new Kingdom platform.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

Fifty Year Celebration

- The very first tournament was May 1st, 1966, which means that the SCA is now 50 years old! The Middle Kingdom is hosting a celebration for the Known World from June 17-26, 2016 at the 4-H Fairgrounds &

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Conference Complex in Hendricks County, Indiana. (About 3 hours south of Chicago and 30 minutes west of Indianapolis.) <http://www.sca50year.org/>

- Each Kingdom will be given a display area 8 feet deep, and 20-24 feet long in a hall. An Tir needs a project organizer to lead the team who will manage our space: What do we want to display? Who will make those items or collect them from the current custodians? Who is going to transport them to the event, set them up, take them down, and safely bring them home? If you are interested in helping, please speak with Magistra Julia Sempronia.

Kingdom Officer Positions -- Seneschal Magistra Julia asks her deputies for a modern and SCA resume, as well as a letter of intent explaining why they are interested in a position and what they could bring to that role. Other Kingdom officers may have different expectations.

Financial Committee -- Currently the committee is made up of the King and Queen (with one vote together), the Kingdom Seneschal, and the Kingdom Exchequer. However, since the Monarchs change twice a year perhaps it would make sense to have another 1-2 voices at the table for greater consistency. These individuals could also help the Kingdom create and implement a long term vision for how we want to operate, and what we want to be as an organization: "What do we want An Tir to look like in 5 years? How do we manage our budget to reach those goals?" If you have any thoughts on this topic, please send them to Exchequer Mistress Etienne.

SCA Grand Council -- Mistress Manyra Thorinsdottir, who is An Tir's representative to this body is from Avacal and since they are becoming independent, we need to choose a new person. More information is available at <http://gc.sca.org/>. The introduction there says: *"The Grand Council (GC) was created by a 1995 vote of the SCA, Incorporated's Board of Directors as a purely advisory body to the Corporation. The Council's primary purpose is to examine issues of interest related to the business side of the SCA; either on topics put before it by the Board, or on topics it self-selects. The GC is to return quarterly reports to the Board in time for its quarterly meetings. Those reports may consist of either progress reports, or clear and actionable recommendations for changes in rules, policy or business models."*

Officer Pavilions at Kingdom Events

- There is an eric area layout guide for Crown Event Stewards at <http://antir.sca.org/Pubs/forms/ListFieldSetUp.pdf>. This includes a map and dimensions for the layout of the fighting fields, access paths, and all of the Kingdom officer pavilions. It also explains how to handle requests by branches and individuals for space around the erics. Unfortunately it seems that not everyone knows about or is following this plan.
- Concerns:
 - Arts & Sciences Minister Mistress Tuirrean dal gCais is frustrated that at July Coronation and September Crown last year her team's pavilion was not set up at all, and it only happened this weekend because the surgeons gave up their spot. Perhaps if there was a specific space designated for arts & sciences in the "eric layout guide" they wouldn't be left out.
 - Lists Minister HL Rose Atherton says she spoke with the Event Steward in mid-April about having some help to put her pavilion this weekend, and was assured this would happen, but it did not.
 - Black Lion Herald Mistress Richenda du Jardin says that the consulting heralds also should be on the erics, not just the tent for the voice heralds. People are more likely to come talk about names and devices if they can easily find this pavilion. They and the volunteers also want to feel as if they are still part of the main activities.
 - Mistress Ysabella Greene says that at recent events royal peers have been given priority for their tents over the officer pavilions. His Majesty says that officers must have priority. Mistress Attia Prima says that there have been times when officers requested space, but then did not set up because they didn't have the manpower to erect the tent or for other reasons, which left an open space on the erics.
 - Fewer volunteers at events overall is making it harder to find help with these tasks.
- Everyone needs to make a significant effort to communicate with one another, and not make any assumptions about what will happen. Two additional steps that would be helpful:
 - For the event team to appoint a specific individual who is responsible for coordinating with the Teamster and Kingdom Officers about which tent will be placed where, and who could also recruit volunteers to help set them up. Friday afternoons can be chaotic and it's easier to get things done if you know exactly who to speak with.

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- For the Teamster to notify the event team and post on the Curia email list about 1 week in advance what time he expects to arrive onsite. It is far easier to find volunteers at a specific time in the 4-7pm zone than after dark.
- If the tents are wet after a weekend, then the Chamberlain works with individuals he knows who has space to spread them out to dry.

KINGDOM EVENT UPDATES

Please submit bids for 2016 events! The fact that we don't have one for May Crown yet is cause for concern. A team really needs a full year of planning to create a good weekend without a large amount of stress, and to be able to effectively deal with contingencies. There have been two bids submitted for Twelfth Night 2017, but neither are ready for formal review. That event will fall on the Martin Luther King Jr. weekend, which means more groups will be competing with us for hotel space, so decisions should be made soon.

Instructions for current and prospective Crown Event Stewards:

- Getting started:
 - Forms and instructions are under the Event Stewarding and Administrative sections of <http://www.antir.sca.org/Pubs/forms/>
 - Kingdom Events Deputy Mistress Ysabella Greene can answer your questions, find branches for you to partner with, and review your draft bid before it's presented to the Financial Committee. [eventinfo (at) antir.sca.org]. Kingdom officers can also provide stewards with advice related to event functions in their department. Both sides should take the initiative to have this conversation.
 - Mistress Vivien nic Uldoon created a great resource for stewards of all types of events at <http://currentmiddleages.org/autocrats/welcome/>
- Once your event is chosen:
 - Event Stewards must immediately submit a Date Reservation & Event Information form to claim their spot on the Kingdom calendar, and to receive instructions on how to post on that page. This is the official source of information for each event and people do refer to it regularly, so while further advertising in other venues can be fun and helpful, it is not an adequate substitute.
 - 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.
 - Event Stewards must report monthly at the hosting branch's business meeting, and to Mistress Ysabella by the 15th, in order to track the progress of their planning efforts.
 - 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 Events Deputy. Be sure to include comments which others can use in planning future renditions of that event.

Minors attend Crown events for free! In accordance with the decision of the Financial Committee at July Coronation 2014, beginning with September Crown 2014 and running through Twelfth Night 2016, there will be no charge for minors attending any Crown level event. After that the Kingdom will reconsider the policy. Principality and local branches may still choose to charge fees for youth at their events if they wish. [Note the age of majority is 19 in BC, and 18 in the rest of An Tir. The fee and waiver requirements are based on where the event is held.]

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

- Site was the Valley River Inn on the north side of Eugene, OR. <http://www.valleyriverinn.com/>.
- No one was present to submit the final report.

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

- The site was the Baymont Inn and Suites in Bremerton, WA. <http://baymontinnbremerton.com/>. There were a number of challenges with the venue and Dragon's Laire will not use it again.
- There were 317 people through gate. Master Arontius of Bygelswade estimates that they made about \$500 in profit, but they are still finishing the report.

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May Crown 2015 (May 15-17) -- Shire of Hauksgardr. Event Stewards are Baron 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
- The event was held at the Hood River Fairgrounds in Oregon. <http://www.hoodriverfair.org/facilities.htm> .
- Marco says there were 720 people through gate. The total bank deposits as of Saturday night were \$11,797, and the expenses on site were \$4500 so they should have a good profit margin.
- The only problem of note was someone put a tent spike into one of the irrigation lines. This was fairly minor, but more things went wrong when the repairman tried to fix it, resulting in a geyser at that location and no water to a wider area of site.

An Tir – West War 2015 (July 1-5) -- Event Stewards are Mistress Attia Prima and Viscountess Nadezhda Volynskaiia.

- Event website http://antir.sca.org/Upcoming/index.php?Event_ID=3290 or <http://www.currentmiddleages.org/antirwestwar/> (The latter is a permanent site hosted on An Tir's server which can be used by both Kingdoms in future years.)
- Both Kingdoms have a contract through 2017 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.
- So far Caid's Monarchs are coming in addition to the West and An Tir's.
- Financial matters:
 - Pre-registration is moving along slowly with 75% of this coming from residents of the West. The fact people have to mail in a check versus doing it online is a factor. The team knows that attendance may decrease some this year with Avacal's Coronation the weekend before, but that is how it should be.
 - Trash and portable toilet costs are up to \$2800 this year. The rental company has recently changed ownership and that may stabilize the price in the future.
 - They are going to admit for free the usual Royalty from An Tir and elsewhere, our Kingdom Champions and Teamster, Kingdom officers who have duties onsite, the camp coordinator, A&S coordinator, and the team cooking for staff. Attia and Nadezhda will pay the gate fee.
 - Hay bales have been ordered and the site owner is willing to transport these if he can be reimbursed for his gas. (Even with this cost, it's cheaper than any other plan they looked at.) Stromgard is willing to loan their castle for the war for the fee of \$100 plus gas for the truck transporting it. Between these two costs, the team has expended their \$500 for incidentals; but they still need to buy supplies for land layout and siege cooking, plus print site copy pamphlets. The Kingdom approves another \$500 for that purpose. This raises their total expenses to over \$19,800, with a projected profit of \$14,000.
 - Nadezhda will put this in writing for the Kingdom Exchequer.
- They have 25 merchants signed up so far. Camping reservations are being done by Viscountess Liesel von Langental.
- Arts and sciences classes are being organized by Baron Faunus de Arden of Dragon's Mist.
- Armored MIC will be Viscount Brion of Bellatrix. Sir Waldryk the Firedryk is generating the war scenarios. Rapier MIC will be Don Victor De Guerse, and target archery and thrown weapons will be managed by Lord Brian of Cardiff. There will not be any equestrian activities at the war. Mistress Ula Brennassdottir is going to run a cancer fund raiser tournament.

July Coronation 2015 (July 17-19) -- Shire of Midhaven. Event Stewards are HL Bryson MacLachlan and Lord Rodri Glynglas..

- Event website http://antir.sca.org/Upcoming/index.php?Event_ID=3291
- The event site will be the Northern State Recreation Area in Sedro Woolley WA. This is the same site as was used for Coronation in 2011 and 2013. The site is 2 miles from town with stores and motels. Participants must bring their own water. <http://www.skagitcounty.net/Departments/ParksAndRecreation/parks/nsra.htm>
- Everything is going fine with site arrangements. This location has plenty of space for camping and it's even going to be possible to hold court in a separate area from the erics.
- Bryson is going to send out the draft schedule this week, now that we know who our Heirs are. He would like to post this online as soon as possible so people can plan their weekend.
- Armored MIC will be Sir Thorkel fitz Hrothgar. General archery and thrown weapons activities will be managed by Archos Etole Marchant. Magister Arion the Wanderer and Archos Dearbháil ingean úí Dhonnchaidh will run the archery championship. Rapier and Arts & Sciences deputies are undetermined.

AN TIR CURIA MEETING -- May Crown (5/17/15)

September Crown 2015 (September 4-7) -- Barony of Glymm Mere. Event Stewards are Baroness Francisca de Montoya and Sir Godric ap Rhys.

- Event website http://antir.sca.org/Upcoming/index.php?Event_ID=3292 and <http://glymm-mere.org/main2/en/top/upcoming-events/September-Crown/>
- The event site will be Nix Ranch in Chehalis, WA which has hosted Crown several times before, including in 2013. The site is about 10 miles from the city with stores and motels, although there are a couple of small convenience stores closer. Participants must bring their own water, although it should be possible to use site water for the horses.
- Godric says the major event positions are covered. Now that An Tir has Heirs, planning with them can begin.

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 and <http://www.antirkingdomfeast.org/index.php> both have a lot of information.
- Site will be the Ocean Shores Convention Center (WA) as in fall 2013. The site contract has been signed and the deposit paid. <http://www.oceanshoresconventioncenter.com>
- The main event hotel is the Shilo Inn two blocks away with rooms for \$89 a night, and reservations are open. http://shiloinns.com/search_results.asp?PI=COSWA
- The focus this year will be on Italy with 6 courses from different time periods spread throughout the day. There will also be a masked ball on Friday evening, arts and sciences classes, lots of bardic performances, and a game room; but no court. Renart says the early planning is going well, but the cooks cannot plan their menus until about August once everyone knows more about fall food costs.
- This weekend is also designated for Fall Crown Council, so those meetings might be happening simultaneously in the virtual world.
- Dame Madrun y Gwehyddes is handling pre-registration which starts this weekend and closes on 10/5. This is mandatory!

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 and <http://antir12thnight.org/home>
- 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. All of the rooms allocated for the SCA have been reserved, but there are several other hotels within blocks. <http://doubletree3.hilton.com/en/hotels/oregon/doubletree-by-hilton-hotel-portland-RLLC-DT/index.html> .
- The event is not going to do pre-registration for participants given that recent 12th Nights have handled this easily on site.
- They have their key positions filed and these are listed on the event website. Royal Liaison is HL Alaina Blackthorn. Merchants are being coordinated by HL Lissette de la Rose and HL Duversa of Movilla. HL Eoghan O'Briain will be the MIC for the Queen's Rapier Tournament.
- Decorations are being handled by HE Svava in Litla and HE Alexandria Dalassene Kourkouaina, and will include the creative artistry seen in the merchants area 2 years ago.
- The team is selling red and black, short and long-sleeved shirts in advance of the event (only) as a fund raiser. Purchase these through the event website.