

## AN TIR CURIA MEETING -- May Crown (5/22/16)

### Significant Figures Present:

- King Eirik Daegarsson
- Crown Prince Kjartan Daegarson
- Kingdom Seneschal Magistra Julia Sempronia
- \* Queen Driffina Ulfgarsdottir
- \* Crown Princess Sha'ya Kjartanskona.

**Note:** Due to time limitations this weekend, the Curia meeting itself lasts about 20 minutes. The majority of the information presented below is a synopsis of the written reports the officers and event stewards submitted.

**Law Changes:** There are a larger than usual number of these read into the record in April through June, and so I will print them at the end of this document.

### PRINCIPALITY REPORTS

Summits -- Viscountess Suvia filia Hereberti

- Their focus in the coming months will be on recruiting and training officers.
- The Shire of Myrtleholt continues to work towards achieving Baronial status.

Tir Righ -- HL Porzia di Corbino Rosso

- Their focus in the coming months will be on recruiting new officers, and improving communication between the Principality and local branches and between the branches themselves.
- The Principality recognized 3 new officers at their February Investiture: HL Tatiana Alexievna as Chronicler, Duchess Meagan ferch Meredydd as Chatelaine, and HL Gareth Doiron as Herald.
- The Principality experienced a loss of \$2617 between income and expenses in first quarter, but their primary bank account is a healthy \$32,089.
- The first quarter saw Thornwood host Tir Righ's February Investiture, at which Thorwulf and Wulfwyn were invested as our newest Prince and Princess. HL Seamus McKinneach won the rapier championship, and Don Richarde Touchet the archery competition. Multiple changes in Principality law were read into the record on Saturday. While the event team struggled with some elements of the event, the Shire as a whole came together amazingly, and hosted great weekend at a beautiful site. These efforts demonstrated the chapter's renewed energy as some older members have returned to join with newer ones in activities.
- Background clearances in Canada: Porzia says this was her biggest challenge in first quarter. For the past several years US Kingdom Seneschals, and family activities officers and youth armored combat marshals at all levels, were required to have a background clearance through the SCA. The plan was to eventually set up a system to do this in Canada, but other activities took precedence. Then in October the Society Seneschal decided to make this topic a priority. The communication around this issue created a good deal of confusion and stress, but by mid-February a solution was found which meets both the Society's legal criteria and Canadian laws and beliefs about sharing one's personal information. Porzia, Tir Righ's Youth Armored Combat Deputy Viscount Kheron Azov, and Kingdom Family Activities Deputy Don Kieran Gunn have been working with the Kingdom Seneschal and Background Checks Deputy to write out specific procedures for this process and implement it with the affected volunteers.
- Significant news from Tir Righ's chapters:
  - HL Magdalen of Haphazard Manor, the Shire of Appledore's Seneschal made an extra effort this quarter to connect her spread out community by holding their meetings in 2 parts in 2 communities.
  - The Shire of Hartwood held a Newcomer's Demo in February with 53 new individuals and another 30 or so current participants. They have 10 new paid members this quarter. The Shires of Cold Keep and Fjordland are both planning events which they hope will recruit some new members.
  - The Shires of Krakafjord, Ramsgaard, and Danescombe are all in need of new officers. However, Danescombe has taken on the challenge of running July Coronation 2017 with the support of some experienced event staff from the Shire of Lionsdale.
  - The Baronies of Seagirt and Lions Gate both have had active weekly armored and rapier practices over the winter, as well as at least monthly archery and arts & sciences gatherings. Seagirt members have been teaching classes in the University of Victoria's Medieval club. Lions Gate is holding a monthly equestrian practice and is starting to find other sites for this and events than the Green Woode location. (While the site is affordable and has good equestrian amenities, there have been challenges in establishing an effective contract with that site owner.)

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- Coming months: Two people applied to be Porzia's successor as Seneschal, so she will be training them, and then making the decision about who will take the primary role and who will assist as the deputy. The ongoing implementation of the new NMS rules are likely to present some challenges, and there are always interesting developments during the tournament season.

### **OFFICER REPORTS**

#### **Arts & Sciences -- Mistress Tuirrean dal gCais hands over to Baroness Cristiana de Huntington**

- The Kingdom thanked Tuirrean for her service when she stepped down from this post during Saturday's court. Cristiana has agreed to take on these responsibilities.
- Kingdom Arts & Sciences and Kingdom Bardic championship was a successful event in March. Duchess Hlutwige Wolfkiller is the new Arts & Sciences champion, and Sir Martin le Harpur is our new Bardic champion. They will be working with Cristiana and other members of the artistic community to explore some new ideas for next year's event, including how to increase the number of A&S competitors. The new judging forms worked out well overall this year, but some tweaks are needed as with any new design.
- The arts & sciences community now has a new event focused on their pursuits: The An Tir Collegium will take place on November 11-13, 2016 in the Barony of Wastekeep. Further details on this event are provided later in these notes.

#### **Chamberlain -- Master Charles de Bourbon**

- HL Sigivald Garansson stepped down as Kingdom Chamberlain and Teamster shortly after Twelfth Night. Master Charles de Bourbon has assumed the first post and Master Talentus del Albero (Talon) has returned to handling the second.
- Charlies and Talon are testing a new inventory system for the Kingdom trailer and other key property this weekend to see if that will be a practical way of gathering more accurate information.
- Please read the Financial Committee notes for an update on a number of Royal regalia topics. In brief, these include that more fund raising will be needed for Master Torfin Torgulsson to fully refurbish our first pair of crowns; and that bids are being sought for new thrones for the King and Queen, and for a signet ring that the King can wear and use as a seal for scrolls requiring a small imprint. The Regalia Committee is also continuing to explore options for providing affordable medallions to past Kingdom champions.
- Remember if you are an officer and you would like your pavilion to be on the erics at a Crown event, you absolutely must contact the Kingdom Teamster and Event Steward 1-2 months before the weekend to make this request. If you would like the event team to set it up or take it down for you, you must explicitly ask for this, and be aware the event team may or may not be able to assist. It really does help if you can find the volunteers from amongst your own community to do this work.

#### **Chatelaine -- HL Landinn de Marest**

- No information presented.

#### **Chronicler -- Komtessa Octavia Laodice**

- She is making efforts on multiple fronts to find her successor as she's already extended her warrant once. Another notice was posted on the An Tir Steps-Announce email list on 5/12/16 with a description of the tasks and skills required.
- Crier Newsletter: Although most people now obtain their event and officer information through other online sources, the Society is remaining dedicated to producing a specific document for each Kingdom each month.
- Archiving: Octavia is still working with Master Arontius of Bygelswade and Dame Angharad Albanes to get copies of the old newsletters from the latter's garage so they can be scanned into an electronic format for more convenient storage.
- An Tir Handbook: The final deadline for articles was May 1<sup>st</sup> so that last of the formatting could be finished in time to produce two physical books that will be on display at the 50<sup>th</sup> Year Celebration and then at subsequent An Tir events. Master Renart the Fox of Berwick and Mistress Aelianora de Wintringham have done an amazing amount of work to wrangle submissions from a few dozen authors over the past 9 months. With the help of some other proofreaders, they then arranged all of those articles into a consistent format to create the final product which exceeds 200 pages. Aelianora is already working with the Web Team to create a version that will be accessible to everyone online as well.

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### Exchequer -- Master Arontius of Bygelswade

- Current status: As of 5/18/16 the Kingdom has an asset total of \$129,515.57. This includes \$40,846.39 in the checking account, \$14,669.74 in an accessible savings account, and the balance in cd's.
  - Raven Travel Fund has a balance of \$3409.36. More donations are needed as our Monarchs will travel to 50th Year Celebration in June, which will consume some of this amount.
  - Major expenses in the first quarter were making the final payment to Master Torfin Torgulsson for the second pair of crowns, and for the Kingdom Seneschal and Exchequer to go to the Society Symposium in Florida in February.
- There are a number of regalia projects in the work as explained in the Chamberlain's report and the Financial Committee notes, and some of these will require some additional fund raising. This includes another \$4000-5000 to completely refurbish our first crowns, and likely an additional amount for the new thrones.
- Non-Member Surcharge:
  - As of July 2015 branches must mail the NMS they collected to the Kingdom Exchequer within 10 business days of the event, and then the Kingdom has until the end of the subsequent month to send it to the Society. (For example May events must now be paid by 6/30.)
  - Qualifying events: Any Kingdom or Branch level gathering that is advertised in any SCA written or online publication, if the event charges a fee to attend, and the SCA insurance is in effect. This new definition includes what An Tir calls "tier 2 events", which we didn't think were eligible before. NMS does *not* apply at fight, dance, or similar practices, A&S project nights, business meetings, or other gatherings which where people typically do not come in garb and no awards are given or ceremonies conducted. As a result of the new definition of qualifying activities, An Tir owes the Society some additional money for past events and will have to pay more in the future. Arontius will be working with the Society on payment arrangements for the past-due amount this summer so that we can get into good standing and work towards earning the privilege of using Pay-Pal for gate fees at future events.
  - Training local branches on this topic will be a major topic in 2016. In the meantime the Society has produced a Frequently Asked Questions document on this subject which can be found at <http://www.sca.org/officers/exchequer/#nms>

### Herald -- Dame Richenda du Jardin

- She will be stepping down at July Coronation. She will soon make the decision about her successor with Their Majesties and the Society Laurel Sovereign of Arms by May.
- Silent Heraldry: Gabrielle D'Arcy provided this service at Twelfth Night and a citizen wrote a beautiful note thanking the heraldic community for doing this, as it allowed her to understand much more of what was happening. Once Richenda steps down as Black Lion she is will take on a deputy position in the heralds' office to work on recruiting more silent heralds and helping this become a more regular part of our courts.
- Known World Heraldry & Scribes Symposium took place at the end of April, and there were several items of interest from this:
  - A system for submitting name and device submissions is in the pilot phase. While this is an exciting development and will likely be popular once it's fully implemented, paper submissions will still be accepted for a long time to come. Discussions are also underway to create the next generation of OSCAR, the current online commenting system for submissions. Richenda is participating in both projects.
  - There had been a request to use Pay-Pal to pay for submissions, but the Board of Directors said they are not going to explore this in the foreseeable future. The Society raised their cost of submissions for Kingdoms from \$3 to \$4 because their files are the largest consumer of the Society's computer servers, and more space needs to be purchased. An Tir looked at its budget and decided the current rate of \$10 (whether in US or Canadian currency) is still sufficient to cover its costs and thus won't pass on the Society's increase to our populace.
  - All of the Laurel submission files have now been archived and the 20 years of electronic archive files have been integrated. Step two this project is creating a system to remove personally identifiable information that will allow us to link between the submission forms and the online registration resources. (The ordinary and armorial database of registered submissions and the letters of acceptances and returns.)
- Shittenwoode had applied to change their name to Thornwood, and this name is already being used in a lot of settings, including their website and the Kingdom site. Unfortunately the Society has found a conflict with a chapter on the East Coast. Unless permission is given to conflict, our citizens are going to have to agree on a new idea.

### Marshal -- Sir Einar Knuteson

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- Officer changes: HL Feradach mac Tralin mec Domongairt is replacing Monsignore Michele Aquilani da Napoli (Eagle) as the Kingdom Cut & Thrust Deputy. Sir Duncan McKinnon has stepped down as Kingdom Warlord. If you are interested in this position, please contact Einar. Maestra Althaia filia Lazari is posting widely that she is looking for a successor as she must hand off the Martial Authorization Officer duties in September. This is a key administrative office required to keep us in compliance with Society rules.
- The new manuals for rapier and equestrian activities were signed at Twelfth Night and implementation of those rules are going well. Work is nearing completion on an updated cut & thrust manual, and a radically new document explaining youth armored combat. Hopefully both will be done by late summer. The first-ever manual for lists volunteers is being created by HL Alessandra da Montefeltro, and HL Arqai Neu'rin is talking about making a siege book specific to An Tir as the Society's new edition has some deficits.
- All of the forms for martial activities are being revised this summer under the coordination of Althaia. There is also a small work group writing new rules for the armored combat manual so that An Tir will again have a separate designation for missile weapon users and marshals.
- Crown Events: Please tell the Kingdom Earl Marshal and Martial Authorization Officer who you have selected as the Marshal in Charge for the activities happening on your weekend, so they can make sure the individuals have the necessary credentials and information to succeed in those roles.
- Lists Minister HL Rose Atherton:
  - Her new Google Forms system for online pre-registration for Crown and championship lists is working well. 55 of the 84 Crown Lists participants pre-registered, and two-thirds of those also signed up for July Coronation and/or September Crown at the same time. This was a lower rate than the past couple of events, but Rose said she didn't promote this as much. She's going to do more in the future, as event teams are allowing for very limited onsite registration slots anymore, which she supports.
  - Rose is creating a list of individuals who are interested in helping manage the Squires' and Cadet's Tournaments at Crown events, so that if the event team doesn't have someone in their local community to ask, she can help them find volunteers. This weekend 52 people signed in for Squires' tournament, and 24 for Cadets'.
  - Rose is thrilled to have a consistent group of cheerful and skilled volunteers helping at Crown events.
  - She is planning to extend her term until Twelfth Night 2018, but she has already identified two possible successors. Rose is hoping a deliberate transition can be conducted over a few months in order to maintain the clear and consistent expectations she inherited from her predecessors and has continued during her time to insure that tournaments run smoothly. Ideally her successor would take the lead with either the September Crown Tournament or Queen's Rapier Championship with her in the background, "as a bit of a trial by fire, with a safety net". She is also working to complete a calendar and checklist for this position.

### Seneschal -- Magistra Julia Semponia

- Julia Sempronia's Report:
  - Her term will end at Twelfth Night 2017 and she would like her replacement selected by late summer so there can be a smooth transition in this office. Anyone interested in applying for her office needs to submit a letter to her, TRM, TRH, and the Society Seneschal by the end of May. A couple of people have done so already.
  - Background clearances: See the Tir Righ Seneschal's section for an explanation of what happened in Canada in the past 6 months. Resolving this issue took a good deal of time and attention from a number of interested parties to reach a successful conclusion. The Society Seneschal has re-iterated that the only official record of an individual's clearance is the monthly Excel spreadsheet sent to each Kingdom Seneschal. The letter an applicant receives about their clearance from the Society main office is useful for that individual, but not sufficient to verify their status. Communications with youth armored combat marshals and family activities officers will be updated to clarify this.
  - Law Update: A number of changes were read into the record between April and June and those are recorded later in this document. A complete rewrite of the document is one of the major projects planned during her remaining time as Seneschal.
  - Baronial Polling: This spring and summer polling will be conducted in Wyewood, Terra Pomaria, Madrone, Blatha An Oir, and Adiantum.
- Crown Events Deputy -- Baroness Francisca de Montoya & HL Ana de la Sara
  - Event bids were reviewed and accepted today for An Tir Collegium (a new event in November 2016), May Crown 2017, July Coronation 2017, and Twelfth Night 2018. The urgent need now are for bids in 2017 for Arts & Sciences and Bardic Championship, An Tir – West War, and September Crown. It's also not too soon to be thinking about 2018. Crown event teams really need a full year to effectively plan an event, and 18 months is helpful. Hotel based events need to add 6 months to those numbers. Ana has created a new timeline which she can send to stewards.

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- We are having an easier time getting bids for hotel based events than camping ones, likely due to the challenge of finding affordable outdoor locations that meet our needs. Plus the fact that branches who do have space available often lack the volunteers to host an event, while the reverse is true in more urban areas. Francisca and Ana would like to encourage folks to share information, ideas, and success stories with others about how to effectively use our resources throughout the Kingdom. We have so many social networking venues available; it would be great to use them to their full information-sharing potential.
- Francisca and Ana are planning to update the event stewards' website to remove out of date information and add new useful articles. <http://currentmiddleages.org/autocrats/welcome/>
- Events Education Deputy -- Viscountess Nadezhda Volynskaiia -- She would like to see a track for event stewards added to administrative retreats, or classes offered in other venues. We need a pool of strong stewards who are willing and able to plan, bid and execute not only Crown events, but local ones as well.
- Family Activities -- Master Kieran Gunn -- The new Society Youth & Family Activities program is off to a slow start, but Kieran is learning more about this and starting to explain to the Baronies how they can implement it. <http://socsen.sca.org/special-deputy-for-family-and-youth-programs/yafa/>
- Media Officer -- Master Andrew Williams -- No report

### Scribe -- HL Sarra the Brave

- The Known World Heralds & Scribes Symposium took place at the end of April, and was a great experience to attend. Sarra enjoyed her "inter-Kingdom anthropology" discussions with scribes throughout the Known World. She also came away with a number of ideas for new classes for An Tir's scribes.
- Illumination and lettering continue throughout the Kingdom for both those awards and local recognitions. Discussions are underway to reinforce the content of scribal classes to ensure that all scribes, new and old, are receiving the same information, which will help us all in the long run. Social media discussions are helpful in this effort, particularly for scribes who live in areas without a regular in-person scriptoria session.
- The King's signet ring which was used as a seal on scrolls requiring a small imprint disappeared in late 2015. The Scribes would like a new small seal made that is separate from the ring. See the Financial Committee meeting notes for further details, but the creation of a new seal was approved. Bids will be solicited for a new ring as well, which could act as a second small seal.

### Web Minister Duke UlfR Blodfotur Fallgrson

- Work continues on a variety of projects including setting up Office 365 accounts for email and file storage by officers, and the re-design of the Kingdom website.

## KINGDOM EVENT UPDATES

Please submit bids for 2017 events. A full-year of preparation time is required to create a good weekend without a large amount of stress, and to be able to effectively deal with contingencies. Hotel based events generally require 2 years of planning in order to obtain favorable rental rates.

### 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/>
  - The Kingdom Events Deputy can answer your questions, find branches for you to partner with, and review your draft bid before it's presented to the Financial Committee. [events (at) antir.org]. Kingdom officers can also provide stewards with advice related to event functions in their department. Both sides should take the initiative to have those conversations.
  - *Lists Field Set-Up for a Kingdom Event*. This has a map and dimensions for the fighting fields, access paths, and the Kingdom officer pavilions. The space parameters are essential for safety. Some pavilions must be in certain locations to conduct their business, while others are flexible. The guide also explains how to handle requests by branches and individuals for space around the erics. <http://antir.sca.org/Pubs/forms/ListFieldSetUp.pdf>
  - Mistress Vivien nic Uldoon created a great resource for stewards of all types of events at <http://currentmiddleages.org/autocrats/welcome/>
- Once your bid is accepted:
  - Event Stewards must immediately submit a Date Reservation & Event Information form to the Calendar Deputy, at which time they will receive instructions about how to post on that page. This is the official

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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's 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 the Kingdom Events Deputy by the 15<sup>th</sup>, 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.

**Arts & Sciences and Bardic Championship -- March 4-6, 2016** -- Barony of Glymm Mere. Event Steward was Baroness Francisca de Montoya..

- Event website [http://antir.sca.org/Upcoming/index.php?Event\\_ID=3607](http://antir.sca.org/Upcoming/index.php?Event_ID=3607) has information on the championship requirements, as does <http://currentmiddleages.org/artsci/resources.htm>
- Site was the Shilo Inn at Ocean Shores, WA which has been used for many events in the past. The site worked out great and the staff were very accommodating. There were some communication issues prior to the event which seemed to resolve themselves at the event itself. Francisca says the one things she would do differently next time is give the hotel restaurant a better idea of our needs regarding meal times and service timing.
- The number of attendees was exactly as predicted with 281 adults and 12 children. Total profit was \$2463.63.
- Entrants: There were 5 competitors for Bardic Champion and 1 for Arts & Sciences Champion. A number of other individuals entered a single item in the competitions. There were also a dozen fighters each on the rapier and armored field.

**May Crown 2016 (May 20-22)** -- Barony of Vulkanfeldt and the Barony of Wastekeep. Event Stewards was HL Katya Kazimirova Hrafensfuri von Salza and Mistress Ysabella Greene.

- Event website [http://antir.sca.org/Upcoming/index.php?Event\\_ID=3609](http://antir.sca.org/Upcoming/index.php?Event_ID=3609) and <http://maycrown2016.webs.com/>
- Site was the Toppenish Rodeo & Livestock Association grounds (WA). This is the same site that Vulkanfeldt and Madrone hosted Crown at in 2013 & 2014.
- Attendance was as predicted: 645 adults and 105 youth. There were 84 entrants in Crown tournament.
- Things ran smoothly and court actually happened 2 hours earlier than scheduled. One lesson they'd pass on to future teams is the need for better communication with officers and branches about their needs for eric space. Those representatives need to talk to the event team well in advance about their space needs and then be flexible about where they are put. (Officers also need to talk to the Teamster so he knows where to drop each tent.)

**50 Year Celebration (June 17-27, 2016)**

- The very first tournament was May 1<sup>st</sup>, 1966, which means that the SCA is now 50 years old! The Middle Kingdom is hosting a celebration for the Known World from June 17-27, 2016 at the 4-H Fairgrounds & Conference Complex in Hendricks County, Indiana. (About 3 hours south of Chicago and 30 minutes west of Indianapolis.) <http://www.sca50year.org/> and <http://www.4hcomplex.org/index.php>
- Each Kingdom will be given a display area 8 feet deep, and 20-24 feet long in a hall. HL Khulan Hlutwigelanya of Stromgard has agreed organize this, and Duchess Angharad Banadspus Drakenhefd and HL Bryson MacLachlan have offered to transport the items in the Barony of Aquaterra's trailer. Items so far identified include the new An Tir Handbook and our Kingdom & Principality scrolls.
- There is a Facebook site set up for An Tirian's to use in coordinating camping, car-pooling, and transportation of gear. If you cannot locate it on your own, ask Magistra Julia Sempronia for the link.

**An Tir – West War 2016 (July 1-4)** -- The West is hosting this year, but volunteers from An Tir would be appreciated. This is the last year on our current contract with the land-owner, and since everyone wants to keep using that location, negotiations need to take place for us to continue using the site from 2017-2020.

**July Coronation 2016 (July 15-17)** -- Barony of Stromgard Event Steward is Sir Justin de Leon.

- Site will be the same one they use for Storm Gods which is the Zumstein Family Farm in Woodland, WA. (Exit 21 off of I-5). The site has limited shade and participants must bring their own water.
- The site contract has been signed, the dumpster has been ordered, as have 12 regular and 3 ADA biffies. Crier Copy was submitted on 5/8/16. There was a question about whether a county permit would be needed to use the site, but that is not necessary since this is a private event.

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- Expenses are so far within budget and assuming there are the projected 700 attendees the event should realize a profit of \$10,000. A donation of \$500 is being made to the local fire department so that emergency services will be stationed onsite.
- Land reservations HL GaeiRa Runfastsdottir. Interim Gate Coordinator Baron Finn Grim. Merchant liaison HL Stanton MacLlyr. Marshal in Charge will be Sir Einar Knuteson.

### September Crown 2016 (September 2-5) -- Shire of Hauksgardr. Event Steward is HL Marco Valentino.

- Event website [http://antir.sca.org/Upcoming/index.php?Event\\_ID=3612](http://antir.sca.org/Upcoming/index.php?Event_ID=3612)
- Site is the Hood River County Fairgrounds in northern Oregon, which was the same site as was used for May Crown 2015. <http://www.hoodriverfair.org/facilities.htm>
- The site contract has been signed, the insurance certificate requested, and 14 biffies have been ordered to supplement the permanent bathrooms on the site. The dumpster still needs to be ordered. There are no budget issues at this time.
- Aesa is making site tokens for the event.
- The Marshal in Charge is Kerryk Wolfram. He urgently needs to find an Equestrian MIC as the Kingdom Equestrian Officer is not local and is only able to manage the championship tournament itself. Archery and rapier MIC's are also needed, as is someone to coordinate parking.

### Kingdom Feast & Bardic Celebration 2016 (October 28-30) -- Barony of Dragon's Laire. Event Steward is Master Renart le fox de Berwyk.

- Event website [http://antir.sca.org/Upcoming/index.php?Event\\_ID=3978](http://antir.sca.org/Upcoming/index.php?Event_ID=3978)
- Site will be the same as before: Ocean Shores Convention Shores in Ocean Shores, WA. There are multiple hotels within a few blocks, including the Shilo Inn where we just held Kingdom Arts & Sciences and Bardic Championship. Room rates there are \$99 a night for single or double occupancy. [http://shiloinns.com/search\\_results.asp?PI=COSWA](http://shiloinns.com/search_results.asp?PI=COSWA)
- There is currently \$5302.42 reserved in the Kingdom account for this event. Estimated attendance for 2016 is 265 which would result in \$6625 for income, and they are projecting a profit of \$739.
- Planning is proceeding as expected. The event team is meeting at Crown events and using Google Docs to coordinate activities as they come from all over the Kingdom.
- Pre-registration of \$25 per person is required and can be done through October 22<sup>nd</sup> via: [www.antirkingdomfeast.org/feast\\_registration.php](http://www.antirkingdomfeast.org/feast_registration.php) There is a lot of advertising happening for this event.
- Mistress Sine Gillian MacDonald has agreed to make a plate or bowl for any attendee who orders this when they pre-register for the event. Attendees can order as many as they wish. There will also be serving platters and bowls that will be auctioned off during the event with the proceeds going to the Raven Travel Fund. Pictures of these items can be found on the event website.

### An Tir Collegium (November 11-13, 2016) -- Barony of Wastekeep. Event Steward will be Jarl Styrkarr Jarlsskald and HL Gudrun Saebjarnarsdottir.

- *New bid accepted this morning!*
- This is a brand new event proposed by Jarl Styrkarr Jarlsskald and other members of the Barony. They are thinking about it as sort of a "Sport of Kings" like learning weekend for the arts and sciences community. This will include both formal lthra classes as well as other types of presentation and learning sessions. Kingdom Arts & Sciences and Bardic Championship weekend (KASB) has become so busy there's no longer a chance for classes on that weekend, and the A&S community wants an opportunity to share and develop more of their skills.
  - While the focus will be on conventional arts & sciences activities, the team is also planning on a few classes on period fighting techniques.
  - This event will now be the permanent home of Fall Crown Council, so we don't have to do that online anymore.
  - In subsequent years the plan is for different branches to host, but Wastekeep will do the first and is open to doing the second in order to make sure this event concept is firmly established.
- They are estimating 300 attendees based on KASB numbers, but it's possible the event will be larger due the excitement of a new event, and because everyone will have a chance to participate in the classes, rather than only a small group entering presentations. If the event is a complete failure the loss to the Kingdom coffers would be \$5000. If it's a success they anticipate a \$600 profit.
- Hotel will be the Red Lion in Pasco. We have an excellent reputation in the hotel industry for our rate of filled rooms and our conduct onsite, so they were able to negotiate a very good deal for the public space and room nights. <http://www.redlion.com/pasco>
  - Rooms will be \$100 per night regardless of the number of beds or occupants.

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- The Pasco airport is 6 blocks away and the hotel has a free 24 hour shuttle to this. Flights are about \$80 from Seattle.
- There are other hotels next door if the primary site fills up.
- This is Veteran's Day / Remembrance Day weekend in the US and Canada, so some individuals will have Friday off of work.

**Twelfth Night 2017 (Jan 13-15)** -- Barony of Wyewood. Event Steward is HL Liadain ni Sheanachain, assisted by HL Constantine Trewpeny.

- Event website [http://antir.sca.org/Upcoming/index.php?Event\\_ID=3614](http://antir.sca.org/Upcoming/index.php?Event_ID=3614)
- Site will be the Double Tree hotel at Sea Tac Airport (WA). This is the same site as was used for 12<sup>th</sup> Night in 2014 <http://doubletree3.hilton.com/en/hotels/washington/doubletree-by-hilton-hotel-seattle-airport-CTAC-DT/index.html>
- The deposit has been paid for the hotel space and rooms are available now. (So far 465 room nights have been reserved.) All requests for suites must be sent to her and these will be allocated in late-summer once we know who our Heirs will be and how many vigil spaces will be requested.
- The event is within budget and planning is proceeding on schedule. Insurance will be ordered in June and Crier Copy is scheduled for September.
- Merchants should contact the event team now about space. The rapier Marshal in Charge will be HL Donatello Asino.

**May Crown 2017** -- Barony of Madrone. Event Stewards will be Baron Steven Desjardin and HL Gera Gangolffin.

- *New bid accepted this morning!*
- Site will be the Grant County Fairgrounds in Moses Lake, WA <http://www.gcfairgrounds.com/about.aspx> .
- The Shire of Ambergard has agreed to allow their territory to be used. They'll help a little with local arrangements, but the Barony of Madrone will be the primary ones doing the work. The site is about 30 minutes north of I-90, counting all of the stoplights through town. The site was used for May Crown in 2006, and there's enough space for fighting, camping, merchants, and RV's. The archery space may be limited, but they need to investigate this further.
- They've already recruited some other staff including Archos John de Percy as Marshal Activities Coordinator, and individuals to do gate and scheduling.
- Based on the numbers in their revised bid packet, the expected profit would be \$4280.

**July Coronation 2017** -- Shire of Danescombe. Event Steward will be Mistress Desiree Chiarestella.

- *New bid accepted this morning!*
- Site will be the Salmon Arm Fairgrounds, in Salmon Arm, BC. This is about 4 hours north of the WA border in central BC, which may result in lower attendance than they are projecting. <http://www.salmonarmfair.com/index.html>

**Twelfth Night 2018 (January 12-14)** -- Barony of Wastekeep. Event Stewards will be Countess Dagrún Stjarna and HL Gudrun Saebjarnarsdóttir.

- *New bid accepted this morning!*
- Wastekeep is estimating an attendance of 700 people and a profit of \$8200. (For the past 5 years attendance at Twelfth Night has been about 800 people and made about \$8000.)
- Hotel will be the Red Lion in Pasco. We have an excellent reputation in the hotel industry for our rate of filled rooms and our conduct onsite, so they were able to negotiate a very good deal for the public space and room nights. <http://www.redlion.com/pasco>
  - Rooms are \$100 per night regardless of the number of beds or occupants.
  - The Pasco airport is 6 blocks away and the hotel has a free 24 hour shuttle to this. Flights are about \$80 from Seattle.
  - There are other hotels next door if the primary site fills up.
- This weekend is the Martin Luther King holiday in the US, so many people will have that Monday off.
- The Kingdom also wishes to thank the HL Tatiana Alexievna from the Barony of Seagirt for presenting a second bid to host Twelfth Night at the Victoria Conference Center. Everyone is excited to see a bid come from somewhere outside of the I-5 and I-90 corridors. However there were concerns about the financial viability of this particular submission given that we would have been charged extra to use meeting rooms at the adjacent hotel, plus the costs of getting on and off Vancouver Island which would likely decrease attendance. Given that there was a strong bid by another branch for this event, the Financial Committee accepted Wastekeep's proposal instead.

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### KINGDOM LAW CHANGES

The following changes were read at event courts in the months of April through June 2016, and published in the Crier in the months of June and July. New text is in *italics*, and explanatory notes such as this in plain text.

#### Article I - The Law

##### F. Additional Handbooks

Two new books are added to the current list referred to in Kingdom Law.

*The following handbooks are incorporated by reference in the Laws of the Kingdom of An Tir and shall be treated as though they are part of Kingdom Law. . . .*

8. Baronial Polling Handbook, covering all matters relating to Baronial populace opinion polling regarding selection of new Baronial Coronets and confidence polling for landed Baronial Coronets.
9. Peerage and Polling Order Secretary Handbook, regarding staffing and duties of Kingdom- and Regional peerage and polling order secretaries.

#### Article III -- Officers of Court and State

##### C. Officers of State

###### 4. Kingdom Officers of State

###### c) Specific Duties of the Officers of State

###### 1) The Kingdom Seneschal

###### b) The Kingdom Seneschal shall:

The numbering in this section is adjusted to insert a new office for the Polling Deputy in between the Family Activities Officer (#5) and the Kingdom Media Officer (#7).

- 6) *The Polling Deputy shall facilitate selection and confidence polls for landed barons and baronesses:*
  - 1 *Contact landed barons and baronesses well in advance of the end of their tenure*
  - 2 *Provide a current copy of the Kingdom Polling Handbook, and respond to questions any concerns.*
  - 3 *Advising the Coronets about specific polling options*
  - 4 *Facilitate details of the polling process.*
  - 5 *Work with Baronial Coronets to prepare Coronets for their meeting with the Crown*
  - 6 *Facilitate the polling process including type of poll desired, polling method (in-person, mail-in, electronic), proposed polling timeline, list of names for the royal and seneschal representatives for the polling, ascertaining who from the branch will handle the arrangements for the poll, and suggest possible dates/events for the change-over if the selection poll is the option chosen.*
  - 7 *Once the Crown has amended / approved the proposed plan and the baron and baroness have announced their intentions to the branch populace, the Polling Deputy will work with the branch representative to solicit letters of intent, obtain Crown approval of proposed candidates, create official an announcement of the poll in the Crier, a schedule for candidate-populace interaction, book a site for the poll process if necessary, and to prepare the opinion poll form.*

#### Article IV -- Precedence, Awards, and Orders

##### C. Awards and Orders of An Tir

Insert the following text in section #5, after item (g) Membership in the Order of Defence and before section #6, on Other Armigerous Awards. Renumber that section as #7 and change Non-Armigerous Awards and Honors to #8.

- 6) *There shall be a Kingdom-level Secretary of each Peerage and Polling Order who shall facilitate and coordinate the deliberations of the Order and act as liaison between the Order and the Crown.*
  - 1 *At Their pleasure, the Crown/Coronet may appoint Principality and Regional Secretaries to facilitate local and regional candidate deliberations and act as a liaison between their regional council and the Kingdom Peerage / Polling Order Secretary.*
  2. *The term of service for Kingdom, Principality, and Regional Secretaries shall be two years. At the end of*

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*the term, the Crown/Coronet shall review the Secretary's performance. If requested, the Crown/Coronet may grant an extension of one year, at the Crown's sole discretion.*

### Article V -- Events

#### B. Crown and Kingdom Events

Section (2) Kingdom Events and section (6) on Event Finances are revised to say:

*(2) Kingdom events:*

*a) The Kingdom events shall be:*

- i) Kingdom Arts & Sciences Championship / Kingdom Bardic Arts Championship*
- ii) An Tir Collegium*
- iii) An Tir/West War*
- iv) Kingdom Feast*
- v) Crown Councils*

*(6) Event Finances:*

*b) Site Registration for Crown and Kingdom Events*

- i) Adult (18 and over) site registration will be a minimum of \$25.00, unless a variance is granted in advance.*
- ii) Minors (Children and Youth ages (0-17) will be exempt from Crown and Kingdom site fees*
- iii) Those participants who present current proof of membership in the Society for Creative Anachronism shall receive a \$5.00 discount from posted site registration fees.*

### Article VIII -- Conduct

#### A. Conduct of Persons in An Tir

An Tir's current Kingdom Law on the subject of firearms is replaced by text released by the Society Board of Directors in February 2016.

*6) Firearms (rev. by the BoD 2/2016)*

- 1. There is a prohibition on the possession of all modern / mundane firearms, with the exception of those parts of Alaska and the Northern Provinces of Canada where bears create issues of safety.*
- 2. This rule does not impact law enforcement officers in the performance of their duties, park rangers or site staff who maintain firearms in the performance of their duties, or a private site owned by a party other than the SCA.*
- 3. In terms of period firearms, no instruments utilizing black powder or modern gunpowder as a propellant shall be charged or fired. There is one exception for the Pennsic cannon, which is grandfathered into this regulation.*
- 4. The use of carbonate facsimile cannons or other noise making devices will be controlled by the autocrat of events and/or the corresponding seneschal, who will determine whether they will be allowed and, if so allowed, the hours of operation with courtesy to those who might be impacted by the noise (e.g., infants/small children and those individuals suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder).*
- 5. Possession of air or carbon dioxide compressed air rifles or handguns firing pellets, BBs or air-soft pellets are prohibited at all events.*