

AN TIR CURIA MEETING -- May Crown 5/21/17

Attendance:

ROYALTY

King Styrkarr Jarlsskald
Queen Dagrun Stjarna
Crown Prince Christian Bane
Crown Princess Helene d'Anjou
Summits Princess Alina of Folkstone
Summits Prince Tjorkill Kanne
Tir Righ Princess Glynis Fawr

KINGDOM & PRINCIPALITY OFFICERS

Seneschal Lenora Truble
Exchequer Arontius of Bygelswade
Curia Clerk Althaia filia Lazari
Crown Events Deputy Francisca de Montoya
Crown Events Assistant Ana de la Sera
Arts & Sciences Minister Cristiana de Huntington
Black Lion Herald Oddr Thiálfason
Chronicler Ellen Fraser
Scribe Sarra the Brave
Web Minister UlfR Blodfotur Fallgrson
Teamster Ulfgar Thorvaldsson
Earl Marshal Luciano Foscari
Summits Seneschal Piaras mac Toirdhealbhagh
Tir Righ Seneschal Alessandra Luciana Giancomo

OTHER INDIVIDUALS

Ysolt Tayler of Windhill
Ysabella Greene (Deputy Chamberlain)
William Tarrell
Thorkell Palsson (Twelfth Night 2018 Steward)
Steven Desjardin (May Crown Steward)
Seraphine Raleigh
Sebastiaen des Roseaux (Baron of Three Mountains)
Rose Atherton (Kingdom Lists Minister)
Luaithrend inghean Uilliam (Martial Auth. Officer)
Gudrun Saebjarnarsdottir (Collegium 2017 Steward)
Gera Gangolffin (May Crown Steward)
Finn Grim (Baron of Dragon's Mist)
Etiennette de Montagne (Kingdom Pelican Secretary)
Erika the Dragon's Mistress (Baroness of Three Mtns)
Erik Loren Elcara (NMR Deputy)
Elonda Blue Haven
Elizabeth de Rossignol
Edward Ean Anderson
Desiree Aurelia Chiarestella (July Coronation Steward)
Attia Prima (An Tir – West War Deputy Steward)
Alessandra da Montefeltro (Baroness of Wyewood)

Approximately 3 others, names unknown, plus 5 retinue

Words from Their Majesties: Welcome to An Tir's Heirs, Christian Bane and Helene d'Anjou. Please help them learn their new roles and to manage our Kingdom when they assume the thrones in July.

Changes in Champions:

- Rapier: Brenden Woodscolt had to leave An Tir due to his military service commitment. He had served the Kingdom honorably for 3 months and promptly notified Their Majesties of his change in circumstance. Verith de Prendergast placed second in the Queen's Rapier Championship and was named at Honor War to serve as champion until Twelfth Night, when his successor will be chosen in the usual manner.
- Bardic: Master Conchobar Clarsair tragically died shortly after proving victorious as Kingdom Bardic Champion. Their Majesties have chosen three worthy bards to carry on his legacy and the honor of this position until March 2018 when the next competition will occur. Lady Sholeh of Susa will hold the post through July Coronation and will issue the Champion's Challenge at that event. Mistress Ismenia Wystan will then bear the cloak through An Tir Collegium in November, at which time Master Martin le Harper, last year's champion, will serve through until March 2018.

Discussion: One Curia attendee asks if the Crown can do the Newcomer Recognition and any awards related to children in the first half hour of court. These two groups typically don't stay for the entire duration, and it's a shame for them to miss out on their chance to be recognized. Queen Stjarna and other attendees support this idea.

Law Changes:

Article IV.C Awards and Orders of An Tir

7) Non-Armigerous Awards and Honors:

New awards added:

- *Order of the Lion's Mane is given by the Crown to individuals excelling in the display, wearing, and/or creation of exceptional period costume.*
- *Scholar of An Tir is given by the Crown to all individuals who score an 80% or higher on any entry in the Kingdom Arts & Sciences and Bardic competition. This honor may be received more than once.*
- *Terpsichore's Fox is given for excellence in the performance of dance and/or significant contribution to the development and encouragement of dance in the Kingdom. (Terpsichore is the muse of dance.)*
- *Company of the Golden Butterfly is given at the King's discretion in recognition of an individual's contribution to the ignominious death of their King. They are charged by the Crown to forever display on their war kits the following as a warning to all who might otherwise seek protection from them on the war field: fieldless, a butterfly bearing a ballista bolt, or.*

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- *Order of the Sphincter Leonis is given for conspicuous shenanigans, the recipient shall have a temporary reduction in their Order of Precedence during the reign it is received. This reduction will move them to the absolute bottom of the list in all Order of Precedence related items. They will be restored to their previous level after the reign is over.*
- *Knight of the Queens Garter Snake -- Description pending.*

PRINCIPALITY REPORTS

Summits -- HL Piaras mac Toirdhealbhagh

- Prince Tjorkill Kanne and Princess Alina of Folkstone are nearing the end of their reign, and will be succeeded by Durin Oldenmoor Tjorkiskin and Ceridwen ferch Morgan in June.
- Summits held their first ever Arts, Sciences, & Bardic Championship in February in the Shire of Briaroak, and the event was a great success. They are looking for it to grow in subsequent years.
- Equestrian activities have declined over a few years with fewer participants in the Summits, and all of the horse events happening in Terra Pomaria or points further north. It's to the point the Principality equestrian championship may be suspended until things change. Both Piaras and Princess Alina plan to reach out to the equestrian community and encourage them to resume activities in the Summits, but this will also require a local individual passionate about this area to organize things.
- The Principality has an extremely active rapier and cut & thrust community. The Barony of Terra Pomaria, and the Shires of Glyn Dwfn and Coeur du Val, all have more fencers active than armored combatants. The Principality Rapier Championship has drawn more participants than the last two Coronet Lists. (The same has been true of the Kingdom rapier versus armored championships since 2013.) In no way does this diminish what the armored fighters are doing, but it does speak to the enthusiastic growth in other sports.
- The Principality is eagerly awaiting Office 365 accounts from the Kingdom Web Minister, as this will eliminate the need for email to forward to personal accounts, and allow records to be easily accessed by groups of officers, or by an individual's successor. It also should make it easier to create a Kingdom wide officer roster. Piaras is still researching new web hosting options for the Summits. There are lots of providers, but finding one that uses simple software that would allow officers and branches to update content on their own is more complicated. Still, achieving this would greatly reduce the burden on their Principality Web Team.
- They've added about 30 paid SCA members since last July, and have been able to fill a number of officer positions with qualified individuals. There is still work to be done, but things are moving in the right direction.

Tir Righ -- HL Alessandra Luciana Giancomo

- Alessandra took on the Seneschal role at Tir Righ Investiture in February. Only one branch was late reporting to her for first quarter.
- Confidence pollings have been completed for the Barony of Lion's Gate and the Barony of Seagirt, and both pairs on leaders will serve another 3 years. (Catitrina inghean Andriasia & Uilliam mac Fearchair and Letitia Talbot & Connall MacLagmayn respectively.)
- Their calendar policy now has each branch designate one event as a "premier" event, and on that weekend there will be few, if any, other events in Tir Righ. The goal is to improve relationships and travel between branches, and to allow each group show off their Shire or Barony to the rest of the Principality. It took a lot of effort to work out the details of this plan, but all of the branches have been incredibly supportive of the idea.
- The Principality is excited to host July Coronation this year, and be able to show off life in the BC Interior through the collaboration of the local Shires. The Principality will then have the challenge of hosting another Crown event 7 weeks later as Lion's Gate takes the lead in running September Crown. Other branches are starting to consider the idea of hosting Kingdom events as well, particularly if the ones in 2017 go well.

OFFICER REPORTS

Arts & Sciences -- Mistress Cristiana de Huntington

- The Kingdom Arts & Sciences and Bardic Championship occurred in March. Mistress Ælfgifu verch Morgan achieved the first honor, and Master Conchobar Clarsiar the second. Ælfgifu and three others received the first recognitions as Scholars of An Tir for earning a score of 80% or higher on their competition entry.
- The new judging forms were simple to use and deemed to be more accurately descriptive by those filling them out. The team did identify they need a better set of procedures to deal with the finalists on day two. The forms are posted on the Kingdom Arts & Sciences website at <http://www.antirarts.com/>.

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- The individuals receiving the new judging forms had a number of questions about the scoring system, and what a certain number meant. Cristiana says it is not a 0-100 scale, but rather one where 70 is a very good score, and judges can add or deduct points from that median point. The individuals who have been trained on the judging system know this, but it will take time to get the word out to the artistic community. Cristiana plans to do this in part by contacting local branch champions to explain the system, as well as by continuing to hold classes at events to explain to anyone who is interested. They also have a written primer on the subject which is nearly finished, but it was delayed by Conchobar's death.
 - Princess Glynis Fawr says she would like to understand in this new system what the typical score range would be for a local branch champion, a Principality one, and the Kingdom Champion. Cristiana responds that it will take some time to figure this out, and local branches will vary depending on who lives in that community.
 - HL Rose Atherton says she would hate to see someone required to have reached a certain score at the local level before being considered worthy to enter the Kingdom Championship. That will discourage participation in the competition and in the arts overall. Even if this is not a formal standard, if we're not careful with our language, people could perceive it that way. Cristiana agrees this is a risk, but the scoring form is worded in a way to encourage growth.
 - Two Baronies have used the new forms so far in their local competitions, Blatha An Oir and Glymm Mere. Cristiana met with the entrants in advance in both locations to explain the system.
- There are 4 active guilds at this time: Costumers, Apothecary, Lampworkers (beads), and Moneyers.
- Cristiana is helping coordinate class ideas for Collegium in November. She is also consulting with people about holding a Laurel's Prize Tournament, or similar competition. She has a new Deputy coordinating things in the Inlands, Lady Ionamyst Reginasdottir. Countess Elizabeth de Rossignol is taking a new position tracking all of the local arts & sciences officers.

Chamberlain -- Master Charles de Bourbon

- *For more information on the regalia projects, read the Financial Committee notes.*
- Teamster Position: Viscount Ulfgar Thorvaldsson is taking over from Magnifico Talentus del Albero this weekend. The Kingdom appreciated Talon stepping back into this role for the past year to help out. He is a highly organized and reliable volunteer. Ulfgar, Talon, and Charles are doing another inventory today.
- Charles is working with Viscount Matheus Bane to create an electronic tracking system for all of the regalia, including GPS tags on some of the most valuable items. Mistress Ula Brennassdottir made a list years ago of items that had been retired, but many of those have since disappeared into some well-meaning individual's attic. The Kingdom will now pay for a central storage unit for retired and infrequently used items.
 - Princess Alina of Folkstone says that in the Summits she has publically announced several times she will be the collection point for wayward regalia: "No names, no questions, just bring it to me." Arontius will make a similar announcement for the same thing to happen Kingdom wide at September Crown.
 - A Curia member says it would be nice to photograph all of the regalia, past and present, and create a website where these can be displayed along with related stories. This could be posted on the An Tir Wiki or a new section could be set up on the Kingdom site. Charles responds that he and his deputy Mistress Ysabella Greene are already photographing current regalia, and are going to do the pavilions and other infrastructure at July Coronation. They will send these to Their Majesties and Their Royal Highnesses. An online "museum" will take more time and volunteers.
 - An Tir's Kingdom Charter and other scrolls obviously need to be preserved intact, but what other retired items can be re-purposed like Matheus is doing with the thrones right now, or how the former Armored Champion's cloak was turned into the Riderless Horse barding?
- Crowns: Construction is underway on the new "travel crowns" and the initial amount of \$4300 has been paid to Master Sigmund Helmschmiede. (Photos and progress updates are being posted at https://www.facebook.com/newantirtravelcrowns/?hc_ref=SEARCH&fref=nf). Master Torfin Torgulsson finished the assessment of our long standing crowns and it's worse than we hoped. Their Majesties will consult further with Torfin and members of the Regalia Committee about whether we want to pursue restoring them to a usable state or find a way to retire them that keeps them an active part of our history. Viscount Matheus Bane is continuing to seek information on An Tir's very first crowns which disappeared several years ago after the next edition were created.
- Thrones: The new chairs for the King and Queen crafted by HL Alasdair Mac Roibeirt were revealed at Twelfth Night. The final payment for these has now been made. Photos may be seen at <https://www.facebook.com/New-An-Tir-Thrones-1542002872770303/?fref=ts>. Matheus has disassembled the old thrones and is turning the components into nearly 100 different objects, including book covers, marshaling batons, jewelry boxes, and tokens for the Kings and Queens who sat in them from AS 17-51. He also cut 200 shield tiles out of the thrones that fighters can use in Crown Tournament. At \$10 each, all of these have now

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been claimed, yielding a donation of \$700 so far to fund new regalia projects. (Matheus turned in another \$690 at June Faire.) Learn more at <https://www.facebook.com/AnTirThroneFundraiser/?fref=mentions>

- Bids are sought to craft the Scepter, Rod, Signet Ring with the Kingdom Seal, and goblets for Their Majesties to use for toasts. If you are interested in potentially working on any of these projects, contact Charles for details. Once we have specific plans, the Financial Committee can decide whether to authorize the expense.
- Officer pavilions -- The ridge pole for the green-dagged tent the heralds use was supposed to be fixed onsite this weekend. Unfortunately the tears in the roof of the gold-dagged pavilion have not yet been repaired.

Chatelaine -- HL Landinn de Marest -- No report this weekend.

Chronicler -- Dame Ellen Fraser

- The Principality Chroniclers are reporting in about activities in their areas, but Ellen is still trying to identify the local branch volunteers in the Central and Inlands area.
- Baroness Alessandra da Montefeltro has updated the Kingdom Officer and Branch Seneschal listings in the Crier for a few years. She now has access to the Kingdom website to make the same changes online, which will take a load off of the Web Team and increase the populace's ability to contact the correct person.
- Lady Kitsume of Madrone has made a fast start as Crier Editor. We can have color covers on the newsletter.
- Komtessa Octavia Laodice is working on scanning old issues of the Crier, a task which is being made easier by a program that HL Oddr Thiálfason provided.
- The Chroniclers for both Principalities are strong volunteers, and have facilitated the development of newsletters which do a wonderful job of informing their readers and showcasing what is happening in their part of the Kingdom. They regularly send copies of their newsletters to the Chronicler's office. However, so far Ellen has only received 10 newsletters from other parts of the Kingdom and wants to see more.

Exchequer -- Master Arontius of Bygelswade

- His first two year term ends at July Coronation. He has been granted a one year extension oversee the implementation of PayPal, and the update to our written Financial Policy. He has identified a potential successor and will use this time to train that individual as well.
- Current status: The Kingdom currently has an asset total of \$ 151,331.13. This includes \$ 62,581.26 in the checking account, \$14,672.68 in an accessible savings account, and the balance in cd's.
- The Kingdom received \$8937 in profit from Twelfth Night, but wrote off a loss of \$1099 from Arts & Sciences and Bardic Championship.
- Raven Travel Fund has a balance of \$3951.
- University of Ithra: Previously these funds were in multiple local accounts throughout the Kingdom, some of which banks were about to confiscate because they had been dormant for too long. So far the Kingdom has brought \$19,315.28 into its main account, and will set up a separate line for these funds shortly.
- Non-Member Registration: For the most part branches are mailing their checks within 10 days of their events as is required by SCA policy. However, when that doesn't happen, An Tir is temporarily covering the amount from Kingdom funds to keep us in compliance. We've achieved the minimum benchmark for the Society to approve us to start using PayPal, but there is a lot work yet to do to create those procedures. Arontius is looking for 6-8 detail oriented volunteers to help him with this project. Best case scenario we could implement this for September Crown, but Twelfth Night might be more realistic.
- The Kingdom's financial policy handbook needs a major overhaul to include minors attending Kingdom events for free, the current NMR procedures, and much more. Arontius plans to have a draft ready by Twelfth Night.
- Fund raising project by Count Edward Ean Anderson: He has engaged the merchant community in a discount card program. Individuals buy cards for a fee which will be donated to the travel funds for the Monarchs and Heirs. Participating merchants will honor the cards for various discounts on their products. The initial cards will be valid from July Coronation through Twelfth Night, then new cards will be issued for the first half of 2018, and so on. So far 10 merchants have agreed to participate and they will have a banner marking their booths. Edward will also publish the list online with a link to those merchants' websites so purchases outside of events can count as well. He is looking for volunteers to help spread the word and enlist more merchants in the Summits, Tir Righ, and the Inlands.

Herald (Black Lion) -- HL Oddr Thiálfason

- The heralds are excited Gareth Doiron was put on vigil for Pelican last night, as he is a core member of their community.
- Their Majesties requirement that every competitor and consort in the May Crown lists to have a name and device at least submitted to the An Tir College of Heralds for review, resulted in over 250 submissions, nearly triple the number compared to the same 4 month period in prior years. The Society Heralds who do the next level of review were really caught off guard by this increase in workload, as they typically they only see a surge

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like this after Pensic each year. It will take some time then some time to review all of the items and either approve them, or return them for revisions. The An Tir Heralds are extremely proud of what they accomplished, and are excited to see so many more citizens engaged in this subject. Oddr named 16 consulting heralds in his detailed report who were integral to this project.

- Not only did individuals have to put their device on the submission paperwork, they also had to paint it on a shield tile. Some were able to do this themselves or have friends do so, but Saturday morning saw three women sitting at the foot of the shield board painting the remaining tiles so that by tournament time, every individual was represented with their unique arms. An amazing sight!
- Many individuals in the Order of Precedence already had a link to their entry on the Roll of Arms, but this had to be expanded in order to support the May Crown project.
- Return rates for names and devices needing more work from either the Kingdom or Society level continue to be within healthy bounds, which is low, but not too low. If it's zero for a month, they audit to see what was overlooked.
- Even if a future Monarch wanted to institute this requirement, as long as it's not 5+ years in the future, the workload should be much more manageable as the number of new participants would likely be small. It certainly wouldn't be feasible for the heralds to handle this volume on a regular basis.
- The College has had 6 more deputy changes since Twelfth Night. Key ones which affect the populace are: Alan ap Neal this weekend transferred field heraldry duties to Arnora Grimsdottir. (Lowenmahne's largest job is managing the procession and announcement of competitors at Crown Tournament and the martial championships.) Rhieinwlydd verch Einion Llanaelhaearn has handed over responsibility for submissions (Lion's Blood) to Caitrina inghean Aindraia. The individual in charge of name and device consultation (Aestel) has stepped down, and Oddr will hold on to the library until he can find a replacement. He is also seeking a volunteer for the Archivist position. Quite a few local branches had changes in heraldic volunteers.
- Technology: The heralds' website has been moved to the Kingdom server, and the Central and Inlands members of the team have been converted to the Office 365 addresses which will facilitate communication going forward. However, not everyone has been educated yet on how to use the system, and it's not entirely compatible with some of the software the heralds were using. Oddr has requested access to be able to alter user names and reset passwords for his team. The Principality Heralds will receive Office 365 accounts in the coming months. New email addresses mean that the business cards they hand out at the consultation table need to be reprinted with the new information. Oddr is looking at options for electronic reports using the Office 365 Flow software or Survey Monkey.
- Other projects: These include continuing to gather ceremonial texts from prior Royal reigns. Finishing the tabards for the Silent Heralds and coming up with a heraldic name for that office. Revising the heraldic submission forms to remove birthdate and gender, and add a warning against modifying the shield shape. The College is considering how to accept electronic submissions for revisions or other situations where payment is not required; and how to accept payment in Canada when they cannot take cash and few people have checks anymore. The department's heraldic artist has proposed making crisp new line art for all of the Kingdom officer badges and awards.
- All branch heralds, and anyone else interested in this subject, are strongly encouraged to attend the Black Lion's meetings at Crown events.
- The Barony of Three Mountains will host the Kingdom Heraldic & Scribal Symposium on September 9th at the New Life Christian Center in Milwaukie, OR. Messages seeking instructors are going out now. More information at http://www.antir.sca.org/Upcoming/?Event_ID=4215
- A list of all of the Kingdom Heraldic positions, which officers hold this, and their contact information is at http://antirheralds.org/college/black_lion_staff.html.

Marshal -- Viscount Luciano Foscari

- Luciano assumed the Earl Marshal's office this weekend, after Their Majesties and the populace thanked Sir Einar Knuteson for nearly four years of service last night. Viscount Sverre Bjornharta has taken Luciano's post as Summits Earl Marshal.
- Master Guillaume de Garrigues will step down after 4 years as Kingdom Equestrian Officer at July Coronation. He has received a couple of applications for his position and is discussing these with Luciano. A revised version of the Book of Horse was signed this weekend. Event Stewards are reminded that if they are planning any equestrian activities at all, they must obtain an equestrian insurance certificate from the Society in addition to the regular insurance document.
- Luciano made his first "command decision" today and moved the Cadets' Tournament over on to the main erics after he determined that there was plenty of space for both it and Squires'. The cut and thrust community has had a 3 month grace period for the new helm standards, but those are mandatory as of this weekend.
- Queen's Rapier Championship: Luciano wants to find a way for this to occur at a definitive time at Twelfth Night, rather the fighters being in limbo for hours waiting for court to finish. No one wants it back on Sunday

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morning as that was equally hard on fighters and received little attention from the populace. Perhaps it can occur first thing Saturday, with court afterwards, and the Peerage meetings that night or on Sunday. Or it could run in another ballroom simultaneous to court, but that would split the audience and many hotels lack sufficient space. Another option would be to hold the tournament at Kingdom Arts & Sciences and Bardic Championships. Luciano will speak with Their Royal Highnesses, the Arts & Sciences Minister, and the Stewards of the affected events to learn their perspectives. Others are welcome to send him their comments.

- An Tir reinstated missile marshals as a separate division of armored combat at Twelfth Night, so new and renewing authorizations for bow & arrow, crossbow, and hand thrown weapons must go through those individuals. Viscount William Geoffrey the Rogue was named Kingdom Warlord at Collegium. He wants to set up communication lines with local war bands and encourage more melee activities. While An Tir is a very tournament focused Kingdom, wars do act as a gateway to recruit new participants (especially younger ones), and to retain individuals who are unable or unwilling to commit the time to be tournament fighters.
- The Society Earl Marshal, Alan Smith, announced this week that the requirement for all youth armored combat marshals to have a background clearance was accidentally omitted from the Society YAC manual. He will fix this oversight, and the marshals in all Kingdoms must be in compliance by October or have their authorization revoked until they are cleared. (Reports are due to Mr. Smith in time for the 10/28 Board of Directors meeting.) An Tir has required clearances for new and renewing US marshals since 2012, and Canadians since February 2016, and the expiration dates of their authorization has been tied to that clearance date since early 2014. An Tir has 11 people with no clearance on file right now, mostly Canadians who were authorized prior to the new rules. Luciano will see they are contacted about the new requirements. (The authorizations for all but 2 of those individuals will expire prior to October anyway.)
- Lists Minister HL Rose Atherton: Everything ran well at Twelfth Night and May Crown. Pre-registration for Crown and championship tournaments yields about 60% of the final turnout. The online registration form is working well, and the armored competitors like being able to sign up for both Crowns and their championship all at once. -- Rose reviewed the first draft of the Book of Lists written by Baroness Alessandra da Montefeltro and submitted her comments. -- Rose has chosen HL Rowena D'Ath-Fhirdia as her tentative successor. Rowena has helped with lists at Crown level events since at least 2013, and frequently manages Squires' Tournament. The plan is for Rowena to take the lead at September Crown, with Rose there to support, and then officially assume the office in January.

Seneschal -- Viscountess Lenora Truble

- Lenora Truble's Report:
 - HL Alianora Greymoor is now her Contingency Deputy, with aid from Magistra Julia Sempronia.
 - The Society now has an insurance policy specific to golf carts. If your event team plans to use one on your site, whether owned by the site manager, an individual who is loaning it to the event team, or you are renting one; you must request this \$50 rider when you ask for the general insurance certificate.
 - Background Clearances: Instructions for these are on the Seneschal's website, please follow them carefully. Dame Angharad Albanes is sent 2-4 names a month from the Society office where the individual submitted the paperwork directly to that level rather than routing it through the Kingdom first.
 - The Shire of Couer du Val (Benton County, OR) is polling on 8/10 about adding Linn County to their catchment area. The Shire of Ambergard (Moses Lake, WA) is polling on 7/5 about dissolving their branch, as they are having trouble maintaining the minimum threshold with four other chapters within about an hours' drive.
 - Baronial Polling Deputy, HL Alianora Greymoor, has been extremely busy lately. The Baronies of Lion's Gate, Seagirt, and Vulkanfeldt will all have their leaders continue for another term. Wealdsmere and Glymm Mere both have new leadership: Osrik Rolfson & Sigrun Osrikswife and Bjorn Ulfsson and Vasilisa Myshkina, respectively. Upcoming pollings will occur in Dragon's Laire (possible extension) and for new leaders in Dragon's Mist and Wastekeep.
 - The Tir Righ Kingdom Committee was formed just after Twelfth Night to explore whether it is viable and desirable for that chapter to become independent. Even if the answer is "yes", it will take a few years to accomplish all of the required tasks. Master Ljotr Einarsson is chairing the committee, and Magistra Julia Sempronia will represent the Seneschal's Office as Lenora lives in Tir Righ.
 - The SCA has created a new Board Committee structure to advise the Society's leadership on various issues. Different committees will address different topics, starting with long term financial issues and the possible creation of additional peerages. For more on the Committees, see <http://socsen.sca.org/board-committee-structure-to-replace-grand-council/>
- Events Deputy -- Baroness Francesca de Montoya is finishing up in this position this weekend, and her deputy HL Ana de la Sera is taking over.
 - If you are considering submitting a bid to run a Crown or Kingdom Event, please read the key points in the next section of these notes, and consult with Ana for much more information.

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- Event Stewards at all levels are reminded that basic information must be posted both in the Crier and the Kingdom Upcoming Events website. This includes the event date and location, accurate driving directions, valid emails for the Event Steward and others who can answer questions, an event schedule, and key details about feast or tournaments that people need to know in advance to arrive prepared. People (including our Royalty) cannot participate in your event if they don't know what is happening, and our newer participants may give up if key information is hard to find. Websites or Facebook pages devoted to a single event are not an acceptable substitute. However, they can serve as a valuable supplement for further details, and to build excitement about the event.
- Family Activities -- HL Alizand Thorgeirsson née LeFevre
 - Alizand is making a big push this year to educate everyone about the Society's Youth & Family Activities program (YAFA), and engage families and adult mentors. This is not only something fun for families to do now, but also a crucial recruitment and retention tool for the SCA's future. Alizand plans to attend An Tir – West War, Autumn War, and Border War to promote the program. She also hopes to teach a class on YAFA administration at Collegium in November. Learn more at <http://yafa.sca.org/>.
 - Alizand traveled to Estrella War and worked the YAFA display table with the current Society YAFA Administrator, Master David of Caithness. This was a great opportunity to build a working relationship with the Society administration, and talk through procedures to implement the program. An Tir is ahead of many Kingdoms in implementation, and being held up as a model of what's possible.
 - Current needs: A section of the Kingdom website dedicated to Family Activities where information about YAFA and more can be posted. Alizand is hearing from people that they are looking for information, but right now the only option is informal chatter on Facebook. She has also reached out to the Kingdom Arts & Sciences and Youth Armored Combat officers to discuss collaboration opportunities.
- Accessibility Porter -- Dame Richenda du Jardin
 - She conducted a survey of the An Tir populace between February and April asking for information about physical limitations that impact people's ability to participate in our activities. She consulted with several people on the survey questions, and then took steps to insure that individuals could respond anonymously through Survey Monkey. She is now reviewing the narrative comments to remove or mask any identifying information people volunteered.
 - 136 individuals completed the survey, of which 100 said they or someone in their household has a physical limitation that affects their ability to participate. 68 individuals said they had skipped events because they didn't feel their needs could be accommodated. Richenda is organizing the data and expects to be able to present this at July Coronation, with an eye to realistic steps Event Stewards could take to make events more accessible. Richenda also suggested creating a Facebook group where people can trade ideas amongst each other.

Scribe -- HL Sarra the Brave -- Her term ends at July Coronation and she has a couple of individual's who plan to apply for the position. The production of beautiful charters and original scrolls continues throughout the Kingdom. Magister Arion the Wandered is finishing the new Kingdom Seal.

Web Minister -- Duke UlfR Blodfotur Fallgrson

- UlfR will finish his term at September Crown 2017, and is posting online and in the next available *Crier* for his position. He is willing to stay on to insure a smooth transition and doing long term infrastructure support.
- Baroness Alessandra da Montefeltro is now handling officer changes on the website as well as for the Crier, reducing duplication of work. She has verified all of the Barons & Baronesses and Branch Seneschals are current for the Central and Inlands Regions, and is about to start on the Principalities. She is also responding to requests from officers to update their listings as needed. Send request to her at [crierlistings (at) antir.org.]
- Domina Attia Prima is screening the support tickets the populace submits and handling the easier ones. Komtessa Octavia Laodice is available to help Kingdom Officers write and post content to their sections of the website. UlfR is seeking another deputy who can act as a consultant to Branch Web Ministers.
- The company hosting the An Tir website abruptly moved to a new server, which has led to the site being unstable again. Changing companies right now would require a lot of work, and we will need to change again when the new website is ready; so we're going to tolerate things until that is done. The Web Team has chosen Wordpress as the platform for the new site, which will be programmed by a commercial company. HL Istvan Gyori is the Project Manager for that endeavor. A significant challenge is the number of custom applications different departments have invented over the years that are in a wide variety of computer formats. UlfR and Istvan are talking to the current officers about their present needs to see to what degree those can be met with new programs that are integrated to the new system, and which old programs must instead be modified to work on the new system. Core services such as the Kingdom Calendar, Order of Precedence, and documents will likely be converted; while other complex applications may only have their graphics changed to match the new site. All of this takes a lot of time and effort, particularly since Jean Louis de Chamberlin was

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the last one who knew how everything worked, and he has now fully retired from the Web Team. (Although he has well earned his respite.)

- UlfR plans to have a single web host for all of An Tir's branches by third quarter.
- Nearly all of the senior Kingdom Officers have been converted to the Office 365 system, which includes not only email addresses that don't require forwarding and document storage capacity, but also versions of Word and Excel that are fully compatible with what the Society officers are using. This resolves the issues a few officers were having in exchanging reports from other software on their home computer with their Society counterparts. Office 365 also has an online video conference function that may prove useful to officers. (Only the meeting host must have the full software. Other attendees only need to click yes to the app that will download when they accept the meeting invitation.) Since the SCA is a non-profit organization, we are able to use Office 365 for free. Converting the rest of the Kingdom Deputies and then the Principality staff is next.

KINGDOM EVENT UPDATES

Instructions for current and prospective Crown Event Stewards:

- Getting started:
 - See 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 to increase the chances it will be approved. [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 map has the minimum safe dimensions for the fighting fields and access paths. It also has dimensions for the Kingdom officer pavilions, and explanations of which must be in a certain spot to effectively do business, and which are flexible. The guide also explains how to handle requests for space around the erics. <http://antir.sca.org/Pubs/forms/ListFieldSetUp.pdf>
- Once your bid is accepted:
 - Event Stewards must immediately submit a Date Reservation & Event Information form to the Calendar Deputy. They will be given instructions on how to post on the Kingdom's Upcoming Events website. 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's not an acceptable substitute.
 - Event Stewards must report their progress monthly at the hosting branch's business meeting, and to the Kingdom Events Deputy by the 15th. The Steward must also be prepared to speak at every Curia meeting from the time their bid is presented until one Curia after their final report was accepted by the Kingdom.
 - 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.
- Resource site for event stewards of all types of events <http://currentmiddleages.org/autocrats/welcome/> (Originally created by Mistress Vivien nic Uldoon, with contributions from many others.)

Bids are needed for 2018! -- Twelfth Night and Kingdom Feast have been assigned, but everything else is still open. 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. (In other words, it's also time to think about KASB for 2019.)

Crossing the US – Canada Border -- In general, for anyone 16 and older, a passport or enhanced photo ID works best, or a government issued photo ID and original birth certificate. Children who are not with both parents need a consent letter from the other parent in addition to their birth certificate. It's best to buy and eat your groceries in the country you're visiting as fruits, vegetables, and meats are typically not allowed to cross. For more:

- American rules <https://www.cbp.gov/travel/us-citizens/canada-mexico-travel> and <https://www.cbp.gov/travel/us-citizens/western-hemisphere-travel-initiative>
- Canadian rules <http://www.cbsa-asfc.gc.ca/menu-eng.html>
- Sample consent letters <https://travel.gc.ca/travelling/children/consent-letter>

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

- Event website http://antir.sca.org/Upcoming/index.php?Event_ID=3614
- Site was the Double Tree hotel at Sea Tac Airport (WA). <http://doubletree3.hilton.com/en/hotels/washington/doubletree-by-hilton-hotel-seattle-airport-CTAC-DT/index.html>

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- There were 819 people through gate, and the event yielded a profit for the Kingdom of \$8937.44.
- Liadain said the hotel was “awesome to work with” on both the facility and corporate level. There were no major issues with either the site or the event operations.
- This was one of the largest Queen’s Rapier Championships ever, with 60 participants.

Kingdom Arts & Sciences and Bardic Championships 2017 (March 10-12) -- Barony of Dragon’s Laire. Event Steward was Master Arontius of Bygelswade.

- Event website http://www.antir.sca.org/Upcoming/index.php?Event_ID=3615 and <http://kas-kbc.wixsite.com/2017>
- The location was the Suquamish Clearwater Casino Resort in Suquamish, WA. (North of Bremerton.) <http://www.clearwatercasino.com/hotel/>. The SCA will not use this site again as it didn’t suit our needs very well, and several people commented that the smell of cigarette smoke was a problem. The amount of space the Barony contracted for was based on the 8 championship competitors and 12 individuals with single entries who had registered at Twelfth Night. Some of those individuals subsequently withdrew and so less space was needed, but the contract couldn’t be changed.
 - The venue cost \$5748.67. There were a total of 254 attendees, but some of those were comped in according to our Kingdom policies, so income was \$4755. The Barony of Dragon’s Laire covered all of the other operating expenses, and the Kingdom agreed to cover the difference between the gate receipts and the hotel rental, which was \$1098.67.
 - King Styrkarr spoke in Financial Committee that the SCA was founded on the principle of educating people about the Medieval era, and KASB is an event dedicated to that goal. Spending money in this fashion is more important than creating regalia, and particularly since Twelfth Night yielded a significant profit, he would support paying the loss. The other attendees agreed.

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

- Event website http://www.antir.sca.org/Upcoming/index.php?Event_ID=3617 and <http://baronyofmadrone.net/may-crown-2017/>
- Site was the Grant County Fairgrounds in Moses Lake, WA <http://www.gcfairgrounds.com/about.aspx> in the Shire of Ambergard. Their small group helped with local arrangements, while the Barony of Madrone supplied most of the team. Additional help came from the Baronies of Wyewood, Vulkanfeldt, and Wastekeep.
- 675 people came through gate, which when added the merchant fees puts income about \$12,000. Expenses were about \$7400, so there will be a total profit of around \$4600, assuming the \$600 deposit is refunded.
- This was a fantastic site! Flat and easy to walk, although hard to pound stakes into. There was enough space for everything, and still keep activities close together. Parking was convenient, and flush toilets and showers were appreciated. The decorations supplied by Aquaterra, Vulkanfeldt, and some folks in the Three Mountains area, created a great atmosphere.
- The biggest problem during the weekend was some frustration laying out the major site components on Thursday. The other was the event team’s decision to only print a limited number of site handouts for officers, retinue, and then to post copies for the populace on biffies and signboards. Not everyone was happy with this decision however. If a future team wants to take this approach, they need to announce it repeatedly in advance so folks can print their own from the event website.
- The arts & sciences classes and social area was well attended, as were family activities, and there were some new merchants to explore. Youth armored combat and thrown weapons both had higher than normal turnouts.
- There were 68 individuals in the Crown lists, compared to 84 at last year’s May Crown about an hour away. The shield board looked amazing with every tile having a specific fighter’s heraldry!

An Tir – West War 2017 (July 4-9) -- Dishner property in Gold Beach, OR. Event Steward is Meisterin Elsa Naherin van Aurec from the West, assisted by Domina Attia Prima from An Tir, plus many volunteers from both Kingdoms. Citizens from the Summits have particularly stepped up to help this year.

- Event website http://antir.sca.org/Upcoming/index.php?Event_ID=3618 and <http://www.antirwestwar.org/>
- The contract with the Gold Beach landowners, Lyle and Diane Dishner, has been renewed for 2017-2020.
- While in the past when July 4th has fallen in the middle of the week the preference was to use the weekend before to benefit Canadians who have time off for their Independence Day, this year the Monarchs of An Tir and the West aren’t available on that weekend, and so the second one is being used. Next year the 4th is on Wednesday and the event will also occur after that date.
- There are some extra tournaments being added this year, including a torchlight competition on Friday night sponsored by King Styrkarr. Family Activities Officer Alizand is coordinating with her counterpart in the West for classes for youth and a teen hangout area. Attia and Elsa are still looking for people to teach arts and sciences classes.

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- The check has been sent for the rental and service of the portable toilets. Even with the non-profit organization discount, this was \$13,082 or the equivalent of 374 paying adults through gate. We still have to pay the site rental fee, the dumpster and shower truck, grey water disposal, hay bales, printing, and the usual assortment of other event costs. (While An Tirians consider a shower truck a luxury, the West and other Kingdoms do not, and if we want this to be a 5 day "destination event", it's an expense we need to plan for.)
- This is the first time we've tried running the war as a joint effort between the Kingdoms, and we're going to learn some things the hard way, but that will enable us to do it even better in the future. Steward Attia and Kingdom Exchequer Arontius want to form an organizing committee with representatives from both Kingdoms who can provide continuity from year to year.

July Coronation 2017 -- Multiple Tir Righ Branches. Event Steward is Mistress Desiree Chiarestella, assisted by HL Porzia di Corbino Rosso.

- Event website http://www.antir.sca.org/Upcoming/index.php?Event_ID=3619
- The Barony of Lion's Gate is providing the event expertise. The Shire of Danescombe is supplying the site and local manpower, and the Shires of Krakenfjord and Ramsgard are also helping out. They are all really excited about this opportunity to showcase the interior of Tir Righ to the Kingdom.
- Site is the Salmon Arm Fairgrounds, in Salmon Arm, BC. This is about 4 hours north of the WA border in central BC. <http://www.salmonarmfair.com/index.html>. There is potable water and flush toilets on site, but you need to bring your own shade.
- It took longer than expected to obtain a written contract with the fairgrounds, but the request for the insurance certificate will be made tomorrow.
- The Shire of Ramsgard will run gate. They need recommendations on how much cash to have as float. There's no bank in the area, so Desiree confirms with Exchequer Arontius today that the cash box can be locked in a vehicle overnight as long as there is a written procedure explaining who can access it and how it will be moved to and from gate. If the event team needs help covering other advance costs, the Kingdom can supply those funds, and be reimbursed (hopefully) from the gate proceeds.
- Mistress Yrsa Kettildottir is setting up an Arts & Sciences Village, and is asking people to bring their day shades and projects to group together around specific crafts, and offer formal classes and individual coaching. How much you participate is up to you, but the citizens of central BC don't have many opportunities to interact with other artisans in the Kingdom, and are hungry for new information. There will also be a "Super Six" largess competition for both general and youth focused items.
- The preliminary schedule was sent to Their Majesties and will now go to Their Royal Highnesses as well, and once they approve it, it will go on the Kingdom events page. Given how far most people have to travel, most activities, including the Armored Championship and Royal Court will be on Saturday.
- HL Alessandra Luciana Giancomo will be the Marshal Activities Coordinator for the weekend. Count Savaric Coeur-de-Lion will manage the championship, and all of the other MIC's have been selected as well, except for thrown weapons. They need a senior marshal who can bring supplies for that range, or it won't happen.
- If you are an officer or branch who needs space on the eric, contact [eric.res.july.cor (at) gmail.com]. The event team will have volunteers to put up your tent if you ask. Countess Dalla in Fagra is the Royal Liaison and other contacts are on the Kingdom events page.

September Crown 2017 (September 1-4) -- Barony of Lion's Gate. Event Steward is Duke UlfR Blodfotur Fallgrson

- Event website http://www.antir.sca.org/Upcoming/?Event_ID=3620
- The original bid was for the Hovander Field site near Ferndale, WA, but that did not work out, so the event will now be at Camp McLean in Langley, BC. <http://www.campmclean.ca/>. This is barely on the Canadian side of the border so it's still easy for Americans to reach, and will be more financially friendly for Canadians given that their dollar is still running significantly below the US currency.
 - The site is level grass. There is a large open air "chapel" where we can hold court and bardic performances, and indoor rooms for meetings. There are also 14 rustic cabins with 8 beds each that attendees can ask to reserve.
 - Camp McLean was the site of An Tir's very first Crown Tournament in September 1981. Read an account of that event http://history.westkingdom.org/Year16/AnTir_FallCoronet.htm.
- UlfR has his core volunteer team and will post this on the Kingdom Events page shortly so the populace knows who to contact to reserve camping or eric space, request a meeting time, etc.
- Martial team: Duke Ieuan Gower (armored). Archos Ts'ai T'ien-pu (archery). Master Guillaume de Garrigues (equestrian). Don Warwick Drakkar (rapier and cut & thrust).

An Tir Collegium 2017 (November 10-12) -- Barony of Wastekeep. Event Stewards are HL William McKenna and HL Gudrun Saebjarnarsdottir.

- Event website http://www.antir.sca.org/Upcoming/?Event_ID=4172

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- They need another branch to agree soon to shadow them and then host in 2018 if we're going to have a solid event with a consistent and steadily improving format from year to year. The Baronies of Madrone and Dragon's Mist are both considering the idea, and King Styrkarr will post the specifications again next week.
- The Red Lion Hotel is in "downtown Richland", about 10 minutes closer to the Cascade Mountains than the site used in November. <https://www.redlion.com/richland> They have a free shuttle to the nearby airport.
 - The hotel has 149 rooms and will give us 80 for the initial block. So far 48 of 75 room nights have been sold. Rates are \$99 a night regardless of the number of people, and includes breakfast. Call the hotel directly for the SCA rate.
 - There are two more hotels and several restaurants within walking distance, and a mall nearby.
 - Airfare and Amtrak to the Tri-Cities is reasonable. The hotel runs a free 24 hour shuttle to the stations.
- The team thinks this year's hotel's layout will work better for the event. They've also spoken with the hotel restaurant about handling the load from our populace.
- Track coordinators and classes are being arranged now. If you are interested in helping, please contact King Styrkarr Jarlsskald using his personal email on the event website. They are considering adding tracks for culinary arts and event administration. Like last year, they want more classes planned than there are slots, since a couple of things always happen at the last minute where a substitution is needed.
- The team has a Facebook group for planning, and where class ideas can be submitted.

Twelfth Night 2018 (January 12-14) -- Barony of Wastekeep. Event Stewards are Countess Dagrún Stjarna and HL Thorkell Pálsson, assisted by HL Gudrún Saebjarnarsdóttir.

- Event website http://www.antir.sca.org/Upcoming/index.php?Event_ID=4043
- This weekend is the Martin Luther King holiday in the US, so many people will have that Monday off.
- Hotel is the Red Lion in Pasco <http://www.redlion.com/pasco>. Our initial block has already been filled, and the team is trying to obtain a second one, or else a block at a nearby hotel. In the meantime, information about those locations is on the Kingdom Events page for people to reserve on their own.
- Airfare and Amtrak to the Tri-Cities is quite affordable, and the hotel has a free 24 hour shuttle to the stations.
- This is the same hotel and many of the same people who managed An Tir Collegium in fall. They learned a few things about the hotel that weekend, and will apply those lessons to Twelfth Night. This includes a long talk with the restaurant about our service needs. They are also planning to invite food trucks to park in the college lot across the street.
- Marshal in Charge will be Master Ulrik Grimwolf. He is also handling merchant reservations. For any other questions contact the team at [Wastekeep12thNight (at) gmail.com].

Kingdom Feast 2018 (October 12-14) -- Barony of Dragon's Mist. Event Steward is HL Ana de la Sera, supported by Master Renart le fox de Berwyk.

- Event website http://antir.sca.org/Upcoming/index.php?Event_ID=4125 and www.antirkingdomfeast.org
- Site will be the same as before: Ocean Shores Convention Shores in Ocean Shores, WA. <http://www.oceanshoresconventioncenter.com/>. This site works very well for this event, and Dragon's Mist was not able to find something comparable in the Portland area.
- Hotels: Ana was not able to reserve a block of rooms at the Shilo Inn which has been our main base in the past, but she's negotiating a deal with another hotel nearby and will post the details on the Kingdom Events page as soon as that contract is signed. Reservations typically cannot be made more than 1 year in advance.
- This year's theme will be "A feast for the suitors of Queen Elizabeth I".

Twelfth Night 2019 (January 11-13) -- Barony of Three Mountains. Event Steward is Mistress Selene Trios.

- Event website http://www.antir.sca.org/Upcoming/?Event_ID=4164
- Site is the Doubletree Hotel in the Rose Quarter of Portland, OR. This is where Twelfth Night was held in 2013, 2015, and 2016.
 - Room rates are \$115 (single bed) or \$149 (two beds) per night. We have 250 rooms reserved for the initial block. They are checking about whether a second block will be possible, but many hotels have corporate rules about reserving a certain number for business clients or airline personnel. There are other hotels very close by. Reservations will open in January 2018.
 - This hotel suits our needs at Twelfth Night very well, and we have a good relationship with their staff.
 - <http://doubletree3.hilton.com/en/hotels/oregon/doubletree-by-hilton-hotel-portland-RLLC-DT/index.html>
- Merchants fee will be \$10 each, with space for 30 vendors.
- The hotel contract was signed in mid-January. The Event Stewards are currently talking with the hotel staff about our needs.