

Royalty present:

- Her Royal Majesty, Astrid of the Fjordlands
- Her Royal Highness, Caoimhe (Keeva) ingen Domnaille. (Our new Crown Prince is UlfR Blodfotur Fallgrson.)
- Princess of the Summits, Telisia Brutusdottir

LAW CHANGES -- None

OFFICER REPORTS

Reporting -- Nearly every officer today states they are not receiving a significant portion of their reports by the required dates. Page 26 of Kingdom Law, article III (D) on "Reporting" explains the requirements. What follows is a summary of the key points:

- Branch officer reports are due to their regional reporting deputy or principality officer in the time frame below. (If there is no one in that role, then send it directly to the Kingdom officer.) Copies must also be sent to the branch Seneschal, and Baron & Baroness or Royal Patron. Direct deputies of Kingdom officers also report on this schedule.
 - First quarter (January – March) by May 1st
 - Second quarter (April – June) by August 1st
 - Third quarter (July – Sept) by November 1st
 - Fourth quarter (Oct – Dec) by February 1st
- Regional reporting deputies and Principality officers must report to their Kingdom representative by the 15th of the month stated above. (E.g. May 15th for first quarter.) In Principalities, copies of the report should also be sent to the Prince & Princess, and Principality Seneschal.
- The first time a branch officer fails to report, a reminder should be sent to them. If that does not elicit a response, the question should be asked of the branch Seneschal. Subsequent steps should follow the same logical progression as in the grievance procedure in order to obtain the reports. Officers who repeatedly fail to report should be replaced.
- Branches must have certain officers to maintain their status. Failure to do so could ultimately result in a branch being dissolved. Read "Article VI Subordinate Groups" on pages 36-38 for details.
- If an office is vacant, then the branch Seneschal must include the information in their report, and also send it to the relevant reporting officer, even if that is solely to say "no activity in Q domain".
- The current edition of Kingdom Law is from May 2012 and can be read at http://www.antir.sca.org/Pubs/Laws/Laws2012/AnTir_Law_May_2012.pdf

Seneschal -- Dame Brigid Ross

- She was confirmed in this position as the ongoing officer this weekend.
- Please follow the grievance procedure as specified on page 51 of Kingdom Law. Resolve the problem at the lowest level possible, and only move up the chain one step at a time. Do not write the Board of Directors as a first step.
- The Medical Authorization for Minors form needs to stay with the child at all times. It is only shown to gate staff, not left with them. Parents are encouraged to complete these forms prior to events. Copies can be obtained at <http://www.antir.sca.org/Pubs/forms/>
- The Crown announces the new incipient Shire of the Fjordlands in Tir Righ for the official record. A formal declaration and recognition of the branch will occur as soon as it's determined which event both the Crown and a significant portion of the Fjordland community can attend.
- The new Kingdom scepter being made by Duke Torgul Steingrimsson should be finished by now. Seneschal Brigid will check with him.

AN TIR CURIA MEETING -- September Crown 2012 (9/3/12)

Arts & Sciences -- Viscountess Katherine atte Moure

- Countess Caoimhe (Keeva) ingen Domnaille won Kingdom Arts and Sciences in March. However, yesterday she inspired her lord, Count UlfR Blodfotur Fallgrson, to victory in Crown Tournament; and so she had to step down. The prior champion, Dame Gwenllyn Potter, agreed to resume the role until the next competition in March 2013.
- Viscountess Katherine is having difficulty receiving timely reports from her local officers.
- Arts & Sciences would like help in updating their website. Viscountess Lenora di Calizzan volunteers to assist.

Chamberlain -- Baroness Oddny in Kyrri

- Not present. Report made by Dame Brighid Ross.
- Baroness Oddny worked with Teamster Don Talentus del Albero to complete the inventory this weekend, and all was in order.
- The chamberlain's warrant will be extended to 12th Night 2014.

Chatelaine -- HL Muirgheal inghean Alasdair.

- Not present. Seneschal Brighid Ross states that HL Muirgheal is now living in New York. She has been working through the website to improve the information available to new members. However a new Kingdom officer may be needed who is local and can address these issues more directly.

Chirurgion -- HL Jahnkin de Leeuw

- Not present. Summits Princess Telisia Brutusdottir states that three new Mentor Chirurgions were recognized yesterday.

Chronicler -- HL Marike Sigrunasdotter.

- Not present. Seneschal Brighid Ross relays word that all is good in this area.

Exchequer HL Genevieve Marie Etienne de Montagne

- She is working to educate her officers on the importance of reporting on time. She's willing to work with them the first time, but after the second she'll be asking for a replacement.
- She will speak to the ACCEPS managers again, as there continue to be complaints about lack of timely response with the names of those pre-registered, and with sending the check to the branches.

Family Activities Madame Jacqueline de Lioncourt

- Not present. Seneschal Brighid Ross reports on her behalf.
- Family activities used a scheduled class format this weekend which was quite successful. They would like to do more partnerships with the arts and sciences area in the future.
- A focus group is being set up by Seneschal Dame Brighid Ross to look at long range plans for further development of family activities.
- Additional information from the written report Madame Jacqueline sent to the Curia list:
 - She received more reports this quarter than in prior ones, after sending a reminder message to the Steps. However, a substantial number are still missing.
 - The day shade needs several grommet holes repaired and two additional side poles, preferably before it is used at May Crown. (The shade is in the Kingdom trailer.)
 - Madame Jacqueline periodically receives requests from modern schools for information and demonstrations, and re-routes these to the local seneschal.
 - She has a number of handouts on period games and similar activities that can be distributed to parents at events. When time permits she will post this information on the An Tir website.

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- Her term expires in April 2013 as does her background clearance, so she will step down at that time. She has a long list of projects she would like to complete before then, including training her replacement, recruiting deputies at least for the principalities, writing an officer's handbook, making activity packs that can be given to youth to play with in their own camps, and encouraging more branches to copy Aquaterra's model of the Pages program.
- Further details are on her blog at <http://antir.sca.org/Blogs/ministerofchildren/>

Herald -- Lady Gwenlliana Clutterbooke

- She has a contingency deputy now, HL Caius Foxcotte.
- They are creating an online reporting option in hopes that this will increase compliance. The plan is to have this in place when third quarter reports are due on 11/1.

Marshal -- Viscount Matheus Bane

- HL Jenae la Joyeaux will be remaining in her position as Kingdom Lists Mistress until 12th Night to allow her successor, Dame Elena de Maisnilwarin, time to find a replacement for her current role as Tir Righ's list mistress.
- Other officer changes include Archos Loegaire mac Lochlainn (Loric) as the new Royal Archer, and HL Drakkus Blackroque as Kingdom Siege deputy.
- Viscount Matheus is having the same reporting issues as other officers. Please make sure local Seneschals understand that their branch marshal can be from any discipline, not solely armored combat. They must be paid SCA members, have a current junior marshal card, and be in the Lists database.
- A post office box is being set up for future authorization cards to be sent to, rather than the Lists Mistress receiving them at her personal address. Submissions are also accepted electronically.
- In alignment with the heralds and surgeon's office, and the marshallate in several other kingdoms, the duty of tracking fighter and marshal authorizations is being moved to a new deputy position, rather than continuing as the responsibility of the Kingdom Lists Minister. Particularly in light of recent incidents which received public attention, it is important that An Tir follows its own manuals and verifies that all authorizations are recorded in the database and Kingdom files, not solely by an individual possessing a card. Creating the new deputy position is one of several steps to improve compliance in this area. Maestra Althaia filia Lazari will be the initial officer.
- The current database was created 10 years ago by Don Ramon de la Vega. He has hosted this on his private server, and maintained it in his spare time; but he is no longer able to do so. The system has developed a number of serious failures and new elements are needed to meet the changing needs of the fighting community, but it is not feasible to do this work within the existing program. Viscount Matheus and HL Jenae agreed in August that planning for a new system should begin. HL Steven Desjardin is leading this project in consultation with the Kingdom web team, particularly Master Jean Louis de Chambertin, who will likely create the online user interface. HL Steven has located two individuals willing to do the infrastructure programming for no compensation other than a professional letter of reference. The product would belong to the Kingdom and be hosted on a Kingdom server (details to be determined), with the latter being the primary expense. Viscountess Lenora di Calizzan can help with other aspects of project management. The goal is begin testing by 12th Night, and for the system to be operational by May Crown 2013. Further information will be provided at 12th Night.
- Viscount Matheus and HL Jenae both express their gratitude to Maestra Althaia and HL Steven for their support with entering cards in the past 2 years, and taking the initiative to improve the system at this time. Also to Don Ramon de la Vega for creating the initial database, and maintaining it for so long.
- In order to provide a single point of reference for all changes to combat rules in between publications of the various manuals, a document called the "ABC Addendum" was created in July. However, it was not possible to get all of the approval signatures until this weekend, so posting was delayed. Please urge all fighters and marshals to review it at <http://www.antir.sca.org/Pubs/index.php#combat.shelf>

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Scribe -- HL Renart le Fox de Berwick

- Reporting is actually going well with his officers. They have a standardized form, but it does not meet their needs so no one uses it. He'll speak with Viscountess Lenora di Calizzan about designing a replacement.
- Master Arion the Wanderer is working on the new Royal signet. He will then complete some other projects before creating a new seal for the Black Lion's office. HL Renart is hoping that the old objects can be preserved in some fashion as part of our Kingdom's history.

Teamster -- Don Talentus de Albero ("Talon")

- See Chamberlain above.

Web Minister Baronessa Chiara Francesca Arianna d'Onofrio

- Not present. This information is taken from the written report she sent to the Curia mailing list. The entire report can be read at <http://antir.sca.org/Blogs/webminister/files/2012/09/2012Q3AntirReport.pdf>
- Wiki site -- The web team has initiated a strict sign up process, including verification of the requestor's email address, in an attempt to prohibit more spam from being posted.
- More than 500 changes were made on the server this quarter, most by Master Jean Louis de Chambertin. He has automated a number of processes to track warrants, OP status, heraldry, etc. so that changes happen in real time.
- A decision was made on the new host for the An Tir server: FDC in Denver. Baronessa Chiara, Aoife, and others are continuing to work on the new website at a private URL. The plan is for this to go live on the Kingdom site during the next 3 months. If you would like a preview, please contact Baronessa Chiara directly.
- A reminder that local web ministers report to the Kingdom Web office, not through the Chronicler's chain.
- A number of branches have lost their web ministers in recent months. The Kingdom team is working with the remainder, and with the Seneschals and Chroniclers in the absence of a dedicated web officer, to make sure that every site is in compliance with the rules regarding copyright and disclaimer messages, regardless of where they are hosted.
- The largest discussion in recent months was regarding the Society's mandate that event pages and other official business not be posted on social media sites (Facebook, Live Journal, Yahoo, Google, etc). Those venues can only be used for socializing and informal discussion. There was a certain amount of frustration about this requirement, but that contributed to a richer conversation which improved everyone's understanding of the rule.

KINGDOM EVENT UPDATES

General Interest:

- Forms and instructions to run a Kingdom event are available under the Event Stewarding section of <http://www.antir.sca.org/Pubs/#reference.shelf> . Events Deputy is HL Ysabella Greene is there to assist: [eventinfo \[at\] antir.sca.org](mailto:eventinfo[at]antir.sca.org). HL Vivian nic Uldoon is working on a handbook for running events.
- A representative of the event team is expected to speak at every Curia meeting from the time their bid is approved, until one meeting after their final report has been accepted by the Kingdom.

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- After their Kingdom event, branches should use the Kingdom Event Report form under the Administrative section of the Forms website <http://www.antir.sca.org/Pubs/#reference.shelf>. This has space to easily record all of the required information.

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

- Site was Okanogan County Fairgrounds in Omak, WA.
- Target attendance was 800, but they counted 548 adults and 61 children through gate.
- Income was \$8875 and expenses \$5255, with a resulting profit of \$3620.

An Tir – West War 2012 (July 5-8) -- Kingdom of the West. Information supplied by Dame Brigid Ross.

- Site was private property in Gold Beach, Oregon.
- This event is the exception to the significant attendance drop seen elsewhere. The final total was 1182, which was about 100 down from the prior year. The site owner has been paid and other tasks from the event completed.

July Coronation 2012 (July 17-19) -- Barony of Three Mountains. Event Steward HL Vivian nic Uldoon.

- Site was Trojan Park in Rainier, OR.
- Attendance was 670 adults. There were no incidents of note at the event.
- Income was \$8845 and expenses \$4247, with a resulting profit of \$4598. ACCEPS sent the pre-registration check in a timely fashion.

September Crown 2012 (Aug 31 – Sept 3) -- Barony of Dragon's Laire. Event Steward Baron Arontius of Bygelswade.

- Site was a county property on highway 3 just south of Gorst, and across the street from the Bremerton airport.
- Total attendance was 1005 this weekend, with 979 being adults. Projected attendance was 850. This makes it the only Kingdom event in the past couple of years to exceed expectations.
- Gross income is roughly \$14,000. Site cost is \$4000. Tentative profit should be \$3000-4000. Baron Arontius requests a two week extension to get the check from ACCEPS and other payments made, and this is granted.

Twelfth Night 2013 (Jan 11-13) -- Barony of Three Mountains. Event Steward is Selene Trioros. Update today provided by Consulting Steward Mistress Penelope Violet.

- Doubletree Hilton Hotel in Portland, Oregon. (Near Lloyd's Plaza mall. Circa I-5 exit 300.) Detailed information at <http://12th-night-2013.antir.sca.org/>
- They reached the required room nights to get the public spaces for no cost. There are still rooms available at the SCA rate of \$109-119 a night with free parking. Tell staff "SCA" when calling or enter it online, and contact the event team if there are problems.
- Viscount Matheus Bane agrees to be MIC for the weekend. In addition to the rapier championship, the adult and youth armored combat practices can be held indoors.
- The decorating teams are very busy planning.

Arts & Sciences and Bardic Championship 2013 (March 1-3) -- Barony of Blatha An Oir. Event Steward is HL Elizabeth FittzWilliam of Carlisle. [fittzwm (at) Hotmail.com]

- Site will be the La Quinta Inn & Suites in Tacoma. This in the city's main convention and arts district, a mile from I-5 exit 135.
- No new information provided.

May Crown 2013 (May 17-19) -- No formal bid submitted yet. The Baronies of Madrone and Vulcanfeldt may be submitting one soon however as a joint endeavor. Countess Elizabeth de Rossignol provides some preliminary information.

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- They are looking at a couple of sites near the Yakima, WA: either the rodeo grounds in Toppenish or private property in Selah.
- Event Steward would be HL Sarra the Brave. The gate and merchant coordinator positions are also filled. The team that ran Vulcanfeldt's 2007 May Crown and Madrone's 2008 September Crown are being asked to repeat their roles, or mentor new staff in them.
- Vulcanfeldt will supply the space and local contacts, Madrone will bring much of the event staff, and other branches will also be asked to assist. This is the way of the future!

An Tir – West War 2013 (July 4-7) -- Kingdom of An Tir. Event Stewards HL Jenae la Joyeaux and Lady Magdalena of Dragon's Laire.

- Site will be the private property in Gold Beach, Oregon that has been used for the past few years.
- Many of the key positions have been filled and recruiting is actively underway for the rest. Viscount Matheus Bane will be MIC for the armored war, and Sir Raphael the Rogue is willing to head equestrian activities.
- Barring some unforeseen developments, there will be equestrian this time.
- The site owner is requesting an advance deposit given improvements he wants to make on the property which will benefit the attendees, and delays in being paid for the 2012 event.

July Coronation 2013 (July 19-21) -- Shire of Midhaven. Event Steward Bryson MacLachlan [brysonmcc (at) gmail.com] --

- This would be the same site as Coronation 2011 in Sedro-Woolley, WA.
- No new information provided.

September Crown 2013 (Aug 30 – Sept 2) -- Two bids were reviewed in Financial Committee this morning. One from the Barony of Borealis for an equestrian center in Edmonton, Alberta; and the other from the Shire of Fire Mountain Keep for the use of Nix Ranch in Chehalis, WA. There are unresolved questions about the budgets for both events. The team is sensitive to the philosophical reasons for holding a Crown event in Avacal given they so often must drive to events in central An Tir; but financially an event at Nix Ranch would be more beneficial. A decision will be made in the next 3 weeks due to the need to finalize contracts for the site.

ADDENDUM -- On 9/20/12, the Avacal team submitted a new bid for Haymaker Arena in Thornsby, Alberta, about an hour from Edmonton, as the original site was no longer available. After reviewing this, and additional information from Fire Mountain Keep, Their Majesties awarded the bid to the latter branch. Event Steward will be HL Bors the Luscious [bobzhouse (at) yahoo.com]

Twelfth Night 2014 (Jan 10-12) -- Shire of Wyewood. Event Steward is HL Alianora Greymoor [AzureAndErmine (at) gmail.com]

- Site will be the Doubletree Hotel in SeaTac, WA within blocks of the airport and light rail station.
- No new information provided.

Arts & Sciences and Bardic Championship (March 7-9, 2014) -- Barony of Stromgard. Event Steward will be Sir Edward Ean Anderson. [ed.carthell (at) Weyerhaeuser.com]

- This bid was accepted in Financial meeting this morning.
- Site will be the Heathman Lodge in Vancouver, WA. <http://www.heathmanlodge.com/>
- The hotel is 15 minutes from the airport and provides a shuttle for guests. The Vancouver mall with shops and restaurants is 2 blocks away. Room rates are \$95 a night for double occupancy, with \$10 for additional guests. Parking is free.
- A fight practice could take place in the parking lot. The Barony is looking into setting up a tent there to provide some shelter for the participants.