

AN TIR CURIA MEETING -- September Crown (9/1/14)

Significant Figures Present:

- King Styrkarr Jarlsskald
- Queen Dagrún Stjarna
- Crown Prince Savaric de Porte des Lions
- Crown Princess Dalla Hjalbaadsdóttir
- Kingdom Seneschal, Dame Brigid Ross

Law Changes = None

OFFICER REPORTS

Seneschal -- Dame Brigid Ross

- She will step down at Twelfth Night. Magistra Julia Sempronia has agreed to take on this task in her place. Brigid wants to thank the “committed, dedicated, and brilliant Monarchs and officers” she has served with over the past 2 years.
- Avacal’s movement towards becoming a Kingdom is continuing to progress: We should know more after the January SCA Board of Directors meeting. Further information is available at <http://www.avacal.org/koa/SitePages/Home.aspx>.
- If a branch does not have an officer in a position, then the Seneschal must report to the Principality or Kingdom Deputy instead.

Arts & Sciences -- Mistress Tuirrean dal gCais

- She is not present this weekend as her second child is due imminently. Dame Madrun y Gwehyddes has been assisting her.
- Tuirrean sent word that she is struggling to receive reports from officers, but otherwise things are going well.

Chamberlain -- HL Sigivald Garansson

- Orb: Work began in July to refurbish this piece of regalia. Mistress Fjorlief in Haga and Master William Beornsson will create 3 vertical bands and one horizontal one wrapping our current orb in a silver setting inlaid with stones and enamel work. There will also be a base for the ball to sit on, and a wooden box to protect it when it is not being used. Estimated cost is \$1700, and half of this has been paid out.
- Additional Crowns: The final decision was announced this weekend awarding the bid to Master Torfin Torgulsson for his idea to make crowns that maintain the spirit of An Tir’s current set. However, he was asked to work with the other 3 artisans who submitted bids to incorporate some of their ideas for cast elements and enamel work to make items that reflect the culture and skill of present day An Tir. Updates on this project will be posted at <http://antir.sca.org/Pubs/Regalia/>.
- Other projects: Some repairs will be made to the chairs for Their Royal Highnesses. The Sword of State is going to receive a new scabbard. New cushions for the Monarch’s and Heir’s thrones, as well as a new kneeling pillow will be made by the end of the year.
- Fund raising has gone very well with over \$12,500 received in 2014. An Tir needs about another \$3000 to implement all of the plans it has, but the leadership is optimistic we can achieve this without having to dip significantly into savings.

Chatelaine -- HL Landinn de Marest

- HL Emma Barrington had to step down due to modern commitments. Her contingency deputy Landinn de Marest stepped into the role temporarily, and may assume the duties permanently.
- Current projects include revising the Chatelaine’s Handbook, and creating an interactive map of branches for the An Tir website.

Chirurgion -- Master Tvorimir Danilov

- Viscountess Telisia Brutusdóttir stepped down this weekend. The Crown thanks her for her service.
- The Chirurgionate has been joyfully quiet this quarter with no serious injuries reported.

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- Discussions are continuing about the future of the chirurgeonate at the Society level. A panel has been formed led by the Society Chirurgeon to research the situation further beginning in September, but it's not known what their timeline is to make a decision. Previously 4 options were mentioned:
 - Abolish the office.
 - Keep the office, but require each individual to have insurance.
 - Keep the office, but require each region to have insurance.
 - Keep the office, but change the scope of the position in a manner that is not yet determined.
 - For more information, go to <http://www.sca.org/BOD/announcements/ChirurgeonateFAQupdate.pdf> or <http://socsen.sca.org/announcement-regarding-the-society-chirurgeonate-request-for-comments/>

Chronicler -- **Komtessa Octavia Laodice**

- Octavia is seeking a number of deputies for her department, including a Copy Editor. Specifics were printed in the April Crier Supplement. She would also like a deputy who can help her finish the roster of local branch chroniclers and track who is and is not reporting. Octavia will be designing an "end of the year" report for her staff to make it clearer what data is required.
- Her office is exploring the idea of reprinting certain articles from the main Crier and Supplemental editions to spread the word about various activities to non-members. These pages may be distributed by willing merchants or using an advertising board at events. They would prefer to find an alternative to putting things in the biffies.
- Archiving: Octavia's team is collecting and scanning all of An Tir's old Criers to a DropBox account. Once this is done, a copy will be given to the Society Archivist.
- Future of the Chronicler's Office: Most of the content of our newsletters, especially officer contact information and event copy, is available on a website; and people are using those more often. This raises questions about the role of newsletters in our community, and the respective roles and responsibilities of a chronicler and web minister. This is an important discussion to pursue now that the tournament season is ending and there's more spare time.

Exchequer -- **Mistress Genevieve Marie Etienne de Montagne**

- We are currently in good shape financially. As of the end of August, An Tir has \$130,926 in its accounts. Kingdom events through July Coronation brought in just over \$22,000 for An Tir's coffers.
- Officers need to start planning their 2015 budgets as she needs this information by mid-December so it can be reviewed and approved at Twelfth Night.
- While there is no definite decision yet on Avacal becoming their own Kingdom, it may well happen sometime in 2015. This will require some increases in the training and travel budgets for officers so that An Tir can provide as much support as possible for the transition.

Family Activities -- **Maestro Talentus del Albero (Talon) and Mai'tresse Jenaë' la Joyeaux**

- No information presented at this meeting

Herald -- **HL Richenda Du Jardin**

- Dame Juliana de Luna has temporarily agreed to cover the vacant role of Lion's Blood Herald, which handles all of the name and device submissions for the Kingdom. They are urgently seeking a full time officer, as well as someone to handle the duties of Demi-Lion Herald (reporting deputy).
- Dame Juliana has reviewed all the name and device submissions since 1/1/14 and created a list of what was returned to the individual by the Kingdom staff, what was passed to the Society level for review, and what those officers accepted or returned for modification. She is working with other heralds to notify individuals of the status of their submissions. The list will also be published in the September Crier Supplement.
- An Tir made 26 submission requests at Pensic War, the fifth most of the 19 Kingdoms. (The other 4 were all from the states around Pensic with far higher populations on site.)
- The Society has created a deputy for silent (i.e. signing) heraldry and is encouraging Kingdoms to do the same. If you know anyone in An Tir who would be interested in helping, please notify HL Richenda. Volunteers do not need to be able to do verbatim translation, but rather provide a summary of what is happening in court. Assistance will be provided in establishing SCA specific signs.

Marshal -- **Sir Einar Knuteson**

- There was one major disciplinary action this quarter in which an individual's card was suspended for 6 months.

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- List Boards used at Crown events: HL Liadain ni Sheanachain and HL Ysolt Tayler of Windhill have offered to do some repair on the existing ones, but they actually need to be replaced entirely with a design that works better for the volunteers and will take up less space in the Kingdom trailer. Queen Stjarna suggests a design where the board slides down the legs for easy storage and to put the shield tiles on, and then slides up for maximum visibility on the field. Lists Minister Dame Elena de Maisnilwarin will do some research and collect bids. Hopefully the new boards can be done in time for May Crown.
- Since July Coronation several of the marshal leaders have worked with Mistress Ysabella Green as Events Deputy, and Administrative Projects Deputy Princess Lenora di Calizzan, as well as others to create a 3 page guide to the set-up of the eric area at Crown events. This includes a map, list of dimensions, and explanation of the layout of the fighting fields, walkways, emergency access roads, and all of the Kingdom officer pavilions. It also explains how to handle requests by branches and individuals for space around the erics. After some challenges this weekend, a section will be created for equestrian activities as well. Mistress Ysabella can then distribute this to Crown Event Stewards so they can set things up more successfully.
- Officer changes: New Avacal Earl Marshal is Viscount Toryn Davinsson as of June. New Tir Righ Earl Marshal is HL Thorin Olafsson as of August. HL Tamar Rustavelli replaced Baron Jolgeirr Alarson as Kingdom YAC Marshal this weekend.

Media Officer -- Magistra Julia Sempronina

- She will be assuming the role of Kingdom Seneschal at Twelfth Night. Don Andrew Williams will be her replacement as Media Officer.
- Magistra Julia has heard that An Tir has received some media coverage since Coronation, but does not have links to the specific stories.
- An individual in the town of Nakusp in SE British Columbia contacted her asking for assistance from members of the SCA to develop a large event called Medieval Days, most likely along the lines of a Renaissance Faire. It's not yet certain if the SCA will have an official presence at the event.
- More information about her office is available at <http://antir.sca.org/Blogs/media/>

Scribe -- HL Sarra the Brave

- She hosted a social gathering this weekend for the scribal community, and is planning some contests for next season.
- Painting continues! Seals are being made!

Teamster -- HL Sigivald Garansson, assisted by HL Sterling Veyox

- The trailer is now at its weight limit and needs to be reorganized. It would be helpful if the canvas and roof beam poles for the officer tents were clearly labeled so that those not intimately familiar with the items can put things up.

Web Minister Baronessa Chiara Francesca Arianna d'Onofrio

- Baronessa Chiara will step down at the end of October and Duke UlfR Blodfotur Fallgrson will assume her responsibilities. There were 3 other strong applicants who will also hopefully continue to contribute to the office in other ways. They are also eagerly seeking a Web Minister in the Summits.
- It has been a very challenging few weeks for the Web Team between server crashes, a hacking attempt, and other difficulties which caused the An Tir website to go down more than once. Fortunately no data loss or corruption was found once things were back online; although some hyperlinks disappeared making it harder for people to find things (e.g. the regalia bid proposals). Her team is working on steps to prevent these issues in the future, but some of this is the nature of the computer age.
 - An Tir did move to a new server because of the problems. However, Chiara wants to stay with the same web hosting company we've been with for the past 2 years as it has a very good reputation in the industry, and allows us to pay month by month instead of a long term contract.
 - Back-ups of the website: Both Chiara and Master Jean Louis de Chambertin have all of the material on flash drives to use in restoring it when needed. There is also a Google site that acts as a backup. They are working with Baroness Khalja Khorkhoi on some other solutions as she does this work in her modern career.
 - Way Back Machine at <http://archive.org/web/>. This site hosts archived versions of millions of webpages including An Tir's site. Some copies are a couple of weeks old and others may be from years ago. While not a perfect backup, it does work in a crisis when you need to locate information on a site that is not currently operational. It's also fun from a historical viewpoint.
- The ability of the populace to email Kingdom officers has also been affected by some computer issues:

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- When the An Tir website is down none of the Kingdom email addresses work and senders will receive an error message. They either have to wait until the website is back up, or try emailing the officer via other addresses if they know them. (Hint: If an officer replied to a message you sent in the past, look closely at that address as it's usually from a different domain that you can use.)
- An Tir uses Spamcop to limit malicious emails. However, Spamcop periodically decides that legitimate emails sent from an ISP that deals in a large amount of traffic (such as Qwest in the Seattle area) are spam and refuses to deliver these. The sender has 2 choices: Resend from a different account, or wait 72 hours until Spamcop lifts the restriction and then send their message again.
- Curia attendees suggested saving the list of officer contact information as a PDF file pinned at the top of the main An Tir Facebook page, so that it would be available when the Kingdom website is down. However, as stated above, emails wouldn't go through until the server was online again.
- There is a request in Curia to add a list of the current Kingdom Champions to the website.
- Dame Brigid Ross said she would follow up with Baronessa Chiara about the suggestions the Curia attendees made after the event. (Reminder sent by the Curia Clerk.)
- Further information is in her blog at <http://antir.sca.org/Blogs/webminister/>

KINGDOM EVENT UPDATES

Bids are requested for events in 2016. Branches are encouraged to team up with one another to make this happen! There will be a class at Twelfth Night 2015 on this topic. Please come!

Instructions for current and prospective Event Stewards:

- Getting started:
 - Forms and instructions to run a Kingdom event are available under the Event Stewarding and Administrative sections of the forms website: <http://www.antir.sca.org/Pubs/forms/>
 - Contact Events Deputy is Mistress Ysabella Greene at [eventinfo (at) antir.sca.org]. She can answer your questions, help you arrange partnerships with other branches, and review your draft bid to make sure it is complete before it is presented to the Financial Committee.
 - Event Stewards have a great resource at <http://currentmiddleages.org/autocrats/welcome/>. Mistress Vivien nic Uldoon manages this site, and welcomes your feedback on current articles and suggestions for new items.
 - The SCA cannot agree to a "performance clause" in a contract indicating a penalty if we do not reserve a certain number of hotel rooms. Instead, we must agree on a price assuming nothing is reserved, and then discounts based on room nights used. The difference in language may be subtle, but the financial consequences are large.
- Once your event is chosen:
 - 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.
 - You are not doing this on your own: Event Stewards must report to their hosting branch at their monthly business meetings, and to Mistress Ysabella Greene by the 15th of each month, in order to track the progress of event planning efforts. Kingdom officers can also provide you with advice related to event functions in their department.
 - 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. This document prompts users for all of the required information; and encourages comments which others can use in planning future renditions of that event.

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

July Coronation 2014 (July 18-20) -- Barony of Three Mountains. Event Steward HL Tamar Rustavelli.

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- Event website http://www.antir.sca.org/Upcoming/?Event_ID=2511
- Site was Trojan Park in Rainier, Oregon; which is just across the border from Longview, WA and about an hour west of Portland, OR.
- Gate reported 708 people onsite, including 41 children and 49 youths. Income was \$13,890, and due to the very low cost for the site rental and minimal number of portable toilets required, profit was \$10,121. Of that the Kingdom's share was \$6073.
- There were 47 entrants in the Armored Championship Tournament. Sir Michael Richard the Tall was victorious. In the Kingdom Protector Tournament there were 7 competitors and Magister Arion the Wanderer was victorious. Squires tournament saw 56 entrants, with 34 on the rapier field, and an unknown number engaged in youth armored combat activities.

September Crown 2014 (Aug 29 – Sept 1) -- Barony of Lion's Gate. Event Steward HL Cassandra Wineday of Newingate.

- Event website http://www.antir.sca.org/Upcoming/?Event_ID=2512
- The site was Green Wode Farm in Langley, BC immediately across the US border. <https://www.facebook.com/TheGreneWode>
- Gate reported 862 people onsite. Expenses for this event were low so there should be a healthy profit.
- There were some challenges with the unequal distribution of camping space: large households being clustered in the quiet area and the noisy camping being sparsely populated.
- There were a record 106 entrants in the Crown lists! This included 45 Knights and 23 individuals from Avacal. The Kingdom Equestrian Championship had 8 entrants and HL Duncan Taddio was victorious. Squires tournament saw 66 entrants, Cadet's tournament 54, and there were 11 engaged in youth armored combat activities.

Fall Crown Council 2014 (Nov 7-9) -- This will take place using the same online format as in the past couple of years. This will be arranged by Duke UlfR Blodfotur Fallgrson and will include peerage meetings, but likely no financial discussion. Watch the mailing lists for further information.

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

- Event website <http://www.antir12thnight.org/>. They also have a very active Facebook page.
- Site will be the Valley River Inn on the north side of Eugene, OR. <http://www.valleyriverinn.com/>. This is the same location as Twelfth Night in 2009 and 2011. The event team has a great relationship with the hotel and free rein to do loads of decorating.
- Officially the hotel is sold out, but they are maintaining a waiting list and some rooms will open up as people's plans change. There are also a number of other hotels close by listed on the website. Given that parking is free and the event will have a cloak room for day trippers, that isn't too much of a barrier. The event team has two hallways of rooms reserved for the incoming and outgoing Monarchs, and just need to know who will be using each of these by early November. (TRM say they will submit the information in the next week, while TRH need a little more time.)
- Queen's Rapier Championship: If this is held on Saturday evening it becomes the focal point of the event and more people come and watch, but it also ends up running very late. If it's held on Sunday, the fighters are fresh, but many people are busy packing out and don't stay to see the tournament. -- Subsequently the decision is to do it on Saturday evening. The MIC will be Viscount Luciano Foscari.
- The event team is planning a lot of extra activities: On Friday they will have a tour of local breweries and then after dinner a panel discussion by brewers about the activity in our period. There will be a Roman Bath in the hotel's sauna and hot tub area, with a licensed masseuse available for hire and classes on Roman bathing culture. There will also be a 30' diameter labyrinth to walk by candlelight overlooking the river, dancing, and other entertainments. The event team is also assembling information about other activities such as a possible visit with a local weaver, and manuscripts at the Univ. of Oregon art museum.
- Food: There will be an "all you can eat Renaissance buffet" dinner available in the restaurant both Friday and Saturday evenings, as well as a Peasant lunch buffet on Saturday. Even if you are not partaking of these, please consider eating in the hotel as this forms a substantial amount of an establishment's income and affects the rates conventions are offered in the future.
- Merchants: HL Elsbeth Cameron is taking requests now, and 22 of the 28 slots are filled. Decisions are being made through a jury process given the limited space.
- Meeting requests: There is a form on the event website to use in submitting your request, or you can email the stewards directly.

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

- Event website http://www.antir.sca.org/Upcoming/?Event_ID=3287
- The site will be the Baymont Inn and Suites in Bremerton, WA. <http://baymontinnbremerton.com/>
- Now that the Kingdom has a new A&S officer planning can begin in earnest.

May Crown 2015 (May 15-17) -- Barony of Dragon's Mist and the Shire of Hauksgardr. Event Stewards are Baron Finn Grim and HL Marco Valentino, as mentored by Countess Daedin MacAoidh a'Mhonadh.

- Event website http://antir.sca.org/Upcoming/index.php?Event_ID=3289
- The event site will be the Hood River Fairgrounds in Oregon. <http://www.hoodriverfair.org/facilities.htm>. The contract has been signed.
 - This is 60 miles east of Portland, OR and 150 miles SW of Tri Cities, WA. The fairgrounds are 15 minutes off of I-84. This is a very small town, so we'll make a big impact when we're there.
 - The site is flat with good grass we can drive on. There are permanent toilet and shower buildings we can use. There is water, power, and RV connections on site. There is some free parking at the fairgrounds and more at the school next door.
 - There is a large permanent fire pit that can be used as a setting for bardic activities; and a concrete amphitheater with seating for court. They have 2 options for archery that they will discuss with the Royal Archer, including a covered barn. It is not yet known if they will have equestrian activities.
 - Weather: It has only rained this weekend 3 times in 10 years. It can be windy, but the site is far enough off the river to avoid the intense gorge winds.
- Projected attendance is 650 adults and 14 merchants.
- Event team: Armored MIC will be HL Kerryk Wolfram. A&S activities will be overseen by Desa of Dragon's Mist. Countess Daedin and Lord Thorulfr inn Grai will be managing land allocation; while Becky Fletcher oversees gate. They will be asking for more volunteers from the Baronies of Wastekeep and Three Mountains.

An Tir – West War 2015 (July 1-5) -- Mistress Attia Prima and Viscountess Nadezhda Volynskaiia have offered to be the team leaders.

- Event website http://antir.sca.org/Upcoming/index.php?Event_ID=3290
- Both Kingdoms have a contract for the next 3 years with the site owner for the Lazy J Moore Ranch in Gold Beach, Oregon.
- This is Mistress Attia's fourth time as Event Steward for the war so she knows the requirements and has a team of people to draw on. The other branch who was going to submit a bid may also be willing to help.
- An Tir has \$20,000 in a dedicated bank account to pay for expenses.
- Changes from last year's event:
 - An Tir will not rent a shower truck as this is extremely expensive.
 - The West charged \$40 per adult this year, but An Tir will charge \$30. They will also have a day trip or demo fee to encourage more local residents to come and check out the event as it gets a lot of publicity in the area.
 - The site copy handout will be shorter which will be easier to read and cost less.

July Coronation 2015 (July 17-19) -- Shire of Midhaven. Event Stewards are HL Bryson MacLachlan and HL Mericke de Ross.

- Event website http://antir.sca.org/Upcoming/index.php?Event_ID=3291
- The event site will be the Northern State Recreation Area in Sedro Woolley WA. This is the same site as was used for Coronation in 2011 and 2013. <http://www.skagitcounty.net/Departments/ParksAndRecreation/parks/nsra.htm>
- Anticipated income is \$16,300 based on an attendance of 800 adults, plus 15 merchants. The projected profit is \$9535.
- The site is 2 miles from town with stores and motels. Participants must bring their own water.
- The event team will work on a site arrangement that brings activities closer together than in 2013. Bryson is also going to talk to the county about the possibility of having the site graded to eliminate the huge ruts, but this may not happen.
- Martial activities: There is space for 8 armored erics, 4 rapier, and 2 youth; all 30x30. MIC will be Sir Thorkel fitz Hrothgar.

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

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- Event website http://antir.sca.org/Upcoming/index.php?Event_ID=3292
- The event site will be Nix Ranch in Chehalis, WA which has hosted Crown several times before, including in 2013.
- Anticipated income is \$19,575 based on an attendance of 900 adults, plus merchants. They do plan to do pre-registration through ACCEPS. The projected profit is \$8586.
- The site is about 10 miles from the city with stores and motels, although there are a couple of small convenience stores closer. Participants must bring their own water, although it should be possible to use site water for the horses.
- Martial activities: There is lots of space on open grassland for erics. Equestrian activities will initially be coordinated through the Kingdom Equestrian Officer. Other MIC's are not yet determined.

Kingdom Feast & Bardic Celebration 2015 (November 6-8) -- Barony of Dragon's Laire. Event Steward HL Renart le fox de Berwyk.

- Event website http://www.antir.sca.org/Upcoming/?Event_ID=3605
- Site will be the Ocean Shores Convention Center (WA) as in fall 2013.
- Contracts have been signed and planning is moving along.

Twelfth Night 2016 (January 8-10) -- Barony of Dragon's Mist. Event Steward HL Ana de la Sara.

- Event website http://www.antir.sca.org/Upcoming/index.php?Event_ID=3439&myDate=2016
- Site will be the Doubletree Hotel in the Rose Quarter of Portland, OR. The contract has been signed. <http://doubletree3.hilton.com/en/hotels/oregon/doubletree-by-hilton-hotel-portland-RLLC-DT/index.html>
- This is the same site as was used for Twelfth Night 2013, but this time the Barony of Dragon's Mist will host as their first Crown level event, rather than the Barony of Three Mountains.
- Planning is starting to move along. They will do a walk-through of the hotel soon to figure out how they want to use the space. The decoration team is shifting from brainstorming to concrete planning.