AN TIR CURIA MEETING -- September Crown (9/7/15)

Significant Figures Present:

- King Havordh Aettarbani
- Queen Mary Grace of Gatland
- Kingdom Seneschal Magistra Julia Sempronia

NOTE: Fall Crown Council will take place on November 8th. See details later in this document.

LAW CHANGES

Family Activities -- Kingdom Law has been changed to put this officer under the Kingdom Seneschal. The new text reads as follows:

Article III.C Officers of State
(f) Deputies of the Kingdom Seneschal:
(5) The Family Activities Officer:
(a) The Family Activities Officer is the chief officer in charge of encouraging opportunities for entertainment and education of SCA participants under the age of majority.
(b) The Family Activities Officer shall:
a) Administer the Society Youth and Family Activities program.
b) Assist branches in developing activities specifically for children and their families.
c) Serve as an information officer for safety issues affecting children and teens at events.
d) Establish guidelines and coordinate activities for children under the age of majority and their families at Kingdom events.
e) Educate children under the age of majority and their families on age-appropriate aspects of our historical period of study and of the Society.

Magistra Julia Sempronia will lead a complete rewrite of Kingdom law in 2016 as there are a lot of other updates which need to be made. These include removing references to the Chirurgeon's office since it was closed on 8/10/15, updating references to the martial manuals and timing of their championships, and reconfirming that there are no conflicts between our law and Society Corpora.

Updates to Kingdom Law are posted in the existing manual online once they are approved. Look for a symbol next to the item which has been changed, and then go to the last page of the document to see which Monarch made that modification and on what date. http://antir.sca.org/Pubs/index.php#reference.shelf

GENERAL BUSINESS

How does one apply for a Kingdom or Principality office?

- Different officers may ask for different information, but typically you should write a letter explaining why you are qualified for the position, what you would do to further An Tir's goals. Include your SCA membership information and any applicable SCA credentials (e.g. marshal authorization).
- You should also send a copy of your SCA resume showing past offices held, events you worked on, etc. Some officers may ask for your modern resume to get a sense of what other skills you have, particularly if these are relevant to what you are doing in the SCA.
- Who do I send my application to?
  - Greater Officers = Their Majesties, Their Royal Highnesses (when these exist), the Kingdom Seneschal, and to the current office holder. Also send your application to your Society counterpart.
  - Deputies to a Greater Officer (aka Lesser Officers) = Send this to the current individual holding the position, and to the Greater Officer for that department.
- Principality Greater Officers = The outgoing officer is typically the one who chooses their successor. However, their Kingdom counterpart, Prince & Princess, and Principality Seneschal should also receive the applications and have an opportunity to consult in the process.

Kingdom Pavilions & related signage:

- The arts and sciences pavilion sustained a rip at Coronation. Until this is fixed they will use the former chirurgeon's tent; after which it will be re-assigned to the marshals. Currently they have been using the Earl

Marshal's personal day shade or putting their gear under their respective branch tents; but the heralds are also willing to make space for them.

- The heralds talked with the teamster last night about the cracks they saw in the ridge pole on their tent. He is going to examine this further and see if it needs to be replaced. If anyone else ever notices a problem with their tent, please immediately tell the Kingdom Chamberlain and Exchequer.
- The Kingdom Seneschal has a banner for that pavilion, and these are currently being constructed for the arts, sciences, and scribes. It would be helpful to have obvious officer banners for the remaining tents so that everyone can easily find the correct personnel. Similarly it would help if everyone could agree on a single obvious way of designating the Event Steward's camp, so people knew where to go for emergencies and lost & found, other than taking these matters to gate. The Crown Events Team will think about this second item.
- Event Stewards are encouraged to create informative site layout maps for their site copy handouts. A more detailed site map should be at gate and at herald's point, as those are the two places people typically go with their "where is X" questions.

PRINCIPALITY REPORTS

Summits -- Viscountess Suvia filia Hereberti

- The Principality continues under the excellent care of their beloved Prince and Princess. They are looking forward to their Coronet tournament later this month. A Squires Tourney was added to the schedule on Sunday. The arts and sciences championship will be a stand-alone event as of 2016 in order to put more focus on those activities, and to create a setting more similar to the Kingdom competition to prepare Summits artisans to compete in that setting.
- Administrative retreat: They hope to agree on a location at Summits Coronet. Affordable venues are hard to find so there will likely be a site fee for that session. A private Facebook site has been set up for Summits branch seneschals to discuss various issues. Suvia's goal is to have them think beyond how many privies do they need for the next event. She is impressed by her colleagues and enjoys working these excellent people. She thinks several of them could do very well in her shoes or other Principality or Kingdom level offices in the future.
- The Principality is facing two challenges:
    - The first is less than 5 sustaining members in the Shire of Southmarch, with most of the individuals who have other types of members coming from one extended family. Suvia has spoken with the branch seneschal about options for recruiting new members. If they cannot do so soon, then the branch may need to be dissolved, although that's an outcome we want to avoid if we can. This is a common problem for branches on the edge of a Kingdom.
    - The second issue is a person in the Shire of Briaroak who is advertising a community college based non-SCA medieval martial arts group at formal SCA events, which is something the SCA cannot endorse. Suvia thinks the situation has been dealt with for the moment, but will ask for guidance if it comes up again.
- On a positive note, the Shire of Myrtleholt continues to work towards achieving Baronial status.

Tir Righ -- HL Porzia di Corbino Rosso

- Once again, she had 100% reporting from Tir Righ Seneschals, with only one coming in after the deadline. This is great! The Shires of Danescombe and Appledore have a solid officer team, and she hopes to find deputies for False Isle and Hartwood.
- Sadly the Shire of Cae Mor covering Kitimat and Terrace BC, has reached a point where it can no longer sustain operations, despite a lot of hard work by several members of the chapter. The plan is to combine those postal codes with the Shire of Tir Bannog to the NE in Smithers BC. This will result in a stronger community throughout the region.
- Next quarter, she hopes to initiate a few projects to help the Principality grow further. They need to do a comprehensive update of their laws, and also clarify the description of the boundaries for Tir Righ as a whole and its individual branches. (The description of the boundary between An Tir and Avacal in Eastern BC requires 2 paragraphs to explain.) They need to verify that the Shire of Cold Keep and the modern province of the Yukon Territories are both properly included in the relevant Tir Righ documents. With luck, both tasks will be completed by February Investiture.

OFFICER REPORTS

Arts & Sciences -- Mistress Tuirrean dal gCais

- New officers: Master Charles de Bourbon as Electronic Communications Deputy and Mistress Sionann in Ui Fhlaithbheartaig as overall Reporting Deputy. A good number of branches reported on time for second quarter, and only 5 failed to report at all, which is a huge improvement.
- A&S classes took place at most events this quarter, including those otherwise focused solely on fighting, such as Sport of Kings. Local A&S nights are still taking place, although attendance is down due to conflicts with other summer activities. There should be a resurgence in the fall and winter. Combining A&S activities with fight practices is working well in some areas, but not in others, mostly based on whether individuals are having to choose between the activities or whether parents must divide child care responsibilities.
- After extensive discussion by many members of the arts, sciences, and bardic community the judging forms for the annual championship tournaments have been re-designed. Their individual work group reports are due late this month to the forms committee. After they determine no further changes are needed, the new documents will be presented to Their Majesties for approval, and then they will be implemented at the competition in March. Tuirrean wishes to extend her gratitude to Master Leith an Amhrenai dal gCais, Dame Aelianora de Wintringham, and Marquessa Laurellen de Brandevin for heading up the committees which worked on various aspects of this project. A new handbook for competitors and judges will also be posted online after its approved by TRM. Letters of intent for the championships must be submitted by Friday of Twelfth Night.

Chamberlain -- HL Sigivald Garansson

- An inventory of the Kingdom trailer was done in late July as part of the Society's review of our financial records. Their Majesties also did an inventory of the Pensic storage unit when they were at that event a couple of weeks ago.
- The Financial Committee is re-examining the costs associated with making enough medallions for the former Kingdom Champions to clear the backlog owed, as well as for the new Masters of Defense.

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

Chirurgeon -- Master Tvorimir Danilov ("Mir")

- The Society eliminated this office as of 8/10/15 in large part due to challenges with insurance requirements. A copy of this announcement as well as notices about earlier deliberations are posted at http://www.sca.org/BOD/announcements/ .
- Event Stewards must still follow local requirements about arranging for emergency medical services on site, particularly for large events. They are also encouraged to put information about local medical services in site copy. The requirements for seneschals and marshals to report injuries have not changed.
- The Society's decision means that there will be fewer people offering first aid at events, and modern rules on that topic only allow them to respond the moment an injury happens, not tend to things later, so the populace needs to be prepared to take care of more of their own needs. An Tir's existing chirurgeons are considering forming a guild to support each other as they continue to volunteer. There will no longer be a set Chirurgeon's point, but rather they are likely to be roving with a radio so the event team can reach them if necessary.

Chronicler -- Komtessa Octavia Laodice

- She was due to step down this weekend, but chose to extend her warrant for another year as the Chronicler's role is still in flux at the Society level, and she needs more time to find and train a replacement.
- The Content Editor is hard at work getting interesting articles now that Avacal is no longer part of our newsletter. Please send in your officer reports, artwork, and general articles of interest.
- Deputies: The Copy Editor is currently training her successor. Replacements are being sought for the Chronicler Exchequer, Listings Deputy, and Curia Clerk. Octavia is most urgently seeking a Reporting Deputy who can track which branches are reporting and remind those that have not. This individual would also review the newsletters branches are submitting, so that good work can be recognized within the Kingdom and by the Society wide Black Fox awards review team. New volunteers create new opportunities and new ideas!
- Copies of newsletters: The Summits is sending their Principality newsletter each month, and some of their larger branches are also sending their document to the Kingdom. Unfortunately, Octavia is not receiving anything from Tir Righ, perhaps because they are doing so much online. Within Central and Inlands An

Tir, most branches send copies of their documents although not on a consistent basis. Octavia and Julia Sempronia really do enjoy reading the newsletters they receive.

- Scanning old newsletters: A scanner was purchased to assist with this project. Creating digital copies of these documents means that they can be searched for historical information, which is a request Octavia periodically receives. She is still talking with the Web Team about sufficient online storage space for the files, and there may be a cost for this. (We cannot use the Corporate server for this purpose.) Ultimately we need to decide whether we're going to continue paying to store the paper copies as well.

Exchequer -- Master Arontius of Bygelswade

- Review by the Society Exchequer: This occurred in late July and An Tir received good marks. Baroness Katherine Angelique d'Artois de Berry was particularly impressed both with the level of detail of the financial meeting notes and the extremely detailed documentation on NMS fees.
- Budget report: Our bank account is now in a much better place since we received the profits from May Crown ($3800), An Tir – West War ($10,000), and July Coronation ($4200). While we're still in negative territory for the year, this should change with deposits from the remaining 2 Crown events.
- Budgets: Officers need to look carefully at what they have left to spend in 2015 so as not to exceed their limits. This also means turn in your receipts promptly. Officers also need to start looking ahead to 2016. There will be a financial meeting at Fall Crown Council to discuss these issues in more detail. Travel is going to be an interesting variable to balance since on the one hand we no longer have to travel to Avacal, but on the other hand there will be a trip to 50 Year Celebration which means more fund raising for the Ravel Travel fund. (Now that the second set of Crowns are paid for, this is a worthy cause.) There will also be costs for the Seneschal and Exchequer to travel to the Known World Symposium in Florida in February; and then they will be traveling around An Tir spreading that information in various training weekends. Other departments are also encouraged to create their own traveling training programs and submit a budget request for this: Some of the costs can be paid from their regular line item and some from the training line item.
- Minors attend Crown events for free: This experiment began a year ago and has been very well received throughout An Tir. Gate staff like it because it makes their job simpler, events are seeing more families attending and teens bringing their friends, and people believe this is an essential recruiting method. If one only looks at Crown events in January through July our income is up over the past 2 years. It remains to be seen how the second half of the year will compare. Odd years make more money for An Tir as we host both the war with the West and the Kingdom Feast at those times. The Exchequer is going to look at the attendance numbers in more detail, as well as data submitted by those Principalities and local branches who also decided to experiment with this idea. However, at this time the Kingdom is going to make the "minors attend Crown events for free" idea a permanent part of our financial policy.
- NMS fees are required for all events advertised in the Crier, local newsletters, or on Kingdom and branch websites. In the past the money a Kingdom collected was sent to the Society the following quarter. Now branches must mail it to the Kingdom Exchequer within 10 business days of the event, and then the Kingdom has 30 days to send it to the Society. While these are tough timelines to meet, it means that our balance sheets will show more accurate information because the NMS amounts won't be sitting on the books for long periods of time, which particularly makes things confusing early in the calendar year. Chapters who fail to follow the new system can lose their status. A Kingdom's compliance with this system will be one factor in determining whether they can use Pay Pal for event registration in the future.

Grand Council of the SCA -- Baron James Llewellyn ap Gruffydd is An Tir's Representative

- The Grand Council was created by the SCA Board of Directors in 1995 to act as an advisory body on topics related to the modern or business side of the SCA. The Board may assign topics for review, or the Council may generate their own ideas. The Council reports to the Board in time for each quarterly meeting with news about their projects, and when relevant with concrete recommendations for changes to the organization's rules, policy, or business models. You can learn more about the Grand Council at http://gc.sca.org/
- The Council is currently analyzing the process used in the creation of the Masters of the Order of Defense. They will examine steps taken to create this new peerage, and what did and did not go well in that process. The intent is to be able to apply these lessons to any future discussions about a new peerage order. They just finished their first quarter on this project which consisted of interviewing members of the committees involved in creating the Order of Defense. Now that the Council understands the timeline and steps taken in that process, they will start analyzing the details of those actions.
- In the past the Council has reviewed the SCA's sanctions process, social media policies, how to increase attendance and membership, and how to effectively train officers within a volunteer organization.

Herald -- Dame Richenda du Jardin

- Officer changes: Internal Submissions (Boar Herald) has changed from HL Alizaund Thorgeirsson to Lord Basil Dragonstrike. Education Deputy (Argent Scroll) has changed from HL Michael FitzGeoffrey to HL Kattera Giese. The heralds have a lot of officers, but still try to spread the changes out across everyone's two year terms so that institutional memory is maintained.
- The Barony of Wastekeep is hosting the Kingdom Heralds and Scribes Symposium on October 10-11. All branch heralds and anyone interested in serving as a herald are strongly encouraged to attend. Classes on what to do with your heraldry are planned for the general populace as well.
- Baronies need to be reminded that a herald is a required officer and this person must submit quarterly reports, which is not always happening. It is not a required office for smaller branches, but it would still be very helpful if Seneschals proactively informed Richenda whether or not they have someone in this role, and if so if that person submitted reports. Richenda is trying to develop a program to allow local heralds to accept submissions at events, but this can only happen if that group consistently reports on time.
- Shire of Shittimwoode: Earlier this year they decided to change their name to Thornwood and that is what their members are now using in conversation and on their website. Unfortunately the formal heraldic submission paperwork disappeared while crossing the US-Canadian border in spring and had to be sent a second time. It was submitted to the Society heralds in August, and hopefully the final approval will be received in January 2016. This is not the first heraldic paperwork to disappear at the border, so Richenda is working with her team in Tir Righ on some alternative procedures.

Marshal -- Sir Einar Knuteson

- The Kingdom is in excellent shape. Not counting the portion of our populace who are now Avacalans, the number of participants is holding steady, with many new fighters coming in to replace those who have moved on to other activities.
- Einar's goals as he starts his third year are to increase marshal training, and to encourage more fighters to try out different sports as a way of building better connections between disciplines. A lot of progress has been made in the second area in the past couple of years, but more is possible.
- There were 77 participants in Crown this weekend, with the victor being Eirik Daegarsson and his inspiration Driffina Ulfgarsdottir. (This is compared with an average of 91 participants at September Crown in the past 3 years when Avacalan residents could still enter.) There were only 4 competitors for equestrian champion this year. The victor was HL Ivan Leskov.
- Archery: There is a lot of discussion in the community right now about how to draw in more competitors for their championship (Kingdom Protector). Two key variables are coming up with a set format that everyone can count on from year to year, and possibly moving the competition back to September Crown which has more space in the schedule.
- Injuries: There were two notable injuries this summer, both at An Tir – West War: A dislocated shoulder and a compressed spine from diving head first into the castle wall. Both individuals are doing fine now.
- Lists Minister HL Rose Atherton:
    - July Coronation: Rose ran lists for the armored championship and that went smoothly. Dame Elena de Maisnilwarin managed the lists for the archery championship and her part of things went fine, although there were last minute changes in the tournament format and number of competitors.
    - September Crown: Lists for Crown and the equestrian championship went smoothly this weekend.
    - Pre-Registration for Crown & championships: Rose created an online form for competitors to use as of Coronation. This compiles the required information into a spreadsheet for her, so she doesn't have to copy it from each email by hand. Rose gave armored participants the option of pre-registering for both the championship and September Crown at the same time, which many of them did. In 2016 she's going to do both Crowns and the armored championship all at the same time.
    - Rose is creating a roster of lists volunteers willing to manage Squires and Cadets tournaments at Crown events, so that she can give this information to the Event Steward since they often struggle to find experienced volunteers on their own.
    - Rose worked with Master Finngall McKetterick and Maestra Althaia filia Lazari this weekend to further narrow the collection of shield board tiles to only include those currently fighting in An Tir.
    - Baroness Alianora Greymoor donated a table for the lists volunteers to use as they needed a second one. The teamster confirmed there was room for this in the Kingdom trailer.

Seneschal -- Magistra Julia Semponia

- Julia's Report:

- Officers should check their files to be sure their own warrant, and those for their deputies, are still current. Otherwise the forms to update these are posted at http://antir.sca.org/Pubs/forms/#administrative . Officers must maintain a current SCA membership, and some like marshals must have additional credentials.
- Deputies: Julia is seeking a contingency deputy for herself by 12th Night so that person can support her and be more prepared to possibly be her successor. Until that person is chosen, Dame Brighid Ross is filling this role. Baroness Francisca is still administering the Kingdom Calendar for a bit longer while HL Marco Valentino's email is switched to the new system. They would also like to find a contingency deputy for this post.
- HL Renart the Fox took the initiative to create a new edition of the An Tir Handbook for the first time since 1998, coordinating with a large number of individuals throughout An Tir to update existing entries and write new chapters. The first drafts are due by November 1st. A printed edition of the book will be displayed at the 50 Year Celebration in Indiana, and then be given to TRM. An electronic copy will be posted on the Kingdom website for the populace.
- Julia wishes to thank Maestra Althaia filia Lazari who was patient and thorough in working with her to revise the *Waivers Tips Sheets* for both the seneschal and martial communities. The devil is in the details, and there is no one better to catch those details.
- Baronial polling is currently taking place in Three Mountains; and soon will be starting in Terra Pomaria, Stromgard, and Wyewood. Dame Madrun y Gwehyd agreed to oversee this process until Twelfth Night when she will turn the job over to Baroness Alianora Greymoor. Madrun is also finishing a revision of the polling process instructions.

- Crown Events Deputy
  - All of the events for 2016 have now been awarded except for July Coronation.
  - Mistress Ysabella Greene will step down at Twelfth Night. Baroness Francisca de Montoya and HL Ana de la Sara have agreed to split the role after that date. This new team is already collaborating actively with one another: New emails are set up, and the team has a dedicated Outlook group for bid files, online event tracking forms, etc. As bids are awarded, the team will contact the Social Media Deputy to add Crown events to the official An Tir page.
  - Several branches have been requesting a site rental template contract. HL Luaithrend inghean Uilliam kindly drafted a sample, which has been added to bid packages.
  - *Lists Field Set-Up for a Kingdom Event* -- Julia is working on some more updates to this tool with Viscountess Lenora Truble, Mistress Isabella Lucrezia, and HL Renart the Fox; all of whom have worked through several rapid fire revisions with good grace. The current document is posted in the Event Steward section of the An Tir Forms website http://antir.sca.org/Pubs/forms/ListFieldSetUp.pdf
- Media Officer -- Master Andrew Williams
  - Since stepping up, Master Andrew has dispensed advice to branches seeking tips for media interaction. He also obtained permission from the Society for a video recruitment series by Sir Ataias ek Paralatae and HL Sebastien de Roseaux which we hope to see at 12th Night.
  - Andrew is also part of the Society committee to review and possibly restructure Society media policy.
- Events Education Deputy -- Viscountess Nadezhda Volynskaiia -- She will be working through the fall and winter to develop a curriculum with the Crown Events team and some individuals in the Summits, which will increase the capacity of branches to host Crown events.
- Family Activities
  - Master Kieran Gunn has agreed to oversee An Tir's implementation of the Society's new Youth and Family Achievement program. Julia thinks that having someone from a martial peerage be the leader is going to give a boost to our program as we hold those individuals in high esteem, while too often we unfortunately do not have the same regard for those who work with children.
  - Everyone is encouraged to think about how they can contribute: offer to teach a class to youth in your field of expertise or volunteer to be a mentor in the new program. Again, this is about children and caregivers learning about the SCA together, it's not a place to drop off youth.

Scribe -- HL Sarra the Brave

- Illumination and lettering continue throughout the Kingdom.
- HL Adrianna the Fierce and Sharon of Aquaterra have been training a new scribal officer in Aquaterra who agreed to take on that job despite her lack of experience. Fáelán na hInnsi is quickly learning her new role, and her enthusiasm is attracting other scribes. Together they are in the process of building a vibrant scribal community in that location.

- A variety of scribal classes are planned for the Heraldic & Scribal Symposium taking place in the Barony of Wastekeep in October.

Web Minister Duke UlfR Blodfotur Fallgrson

- Officer support: The IT team has designed a ticketing system which should speed their response to requests for changes to the website: officer listings, posting new documents, etc. This is similar to what many large companies use in that you mail your request to a single address support@antir.org. Then the request is assigned a job number, and a technician responds to each item in the order received.
- Office 365 email addresses: These are permanent online email accounts for each officer, rather than aliases that forward to some other email system the office holder has set up. These will be more reliable, and maintain a record of all correspondence even as offices are handed from one person to the next. The email addresses will also be in a format standard across all Kingdoms. The Royals and some officers have been moved to the new addresses already, and the rest of the officers should be converted by the end of September. There have been some recent problems with spam being sent to officers who still have the old style of email addresses.
- Website update: They are cataloging what is on the current website so they can match this content with the design changes planned for the end of 2015.
- Online reporting form for officers: This is on a lot of people's wish list as the sense is that it would make it easier for more officers to report on time. Details will need to be worked out at a future date.

KINGDOM EVENT UPDATES

We desperately need a bid for July Coronation 2016! Also please submit bids for 2017 events. A team really needs a full year of planning to create a good weekend without a large amount of stress, and to be able to effectively deal with contingencies. Hotel based events often require 2 years of planning in order to obtain favorable rental rates.

Instructions for current and prospective Crown Event Stewards:

- Getting started:
  - Forms and instructions are under the Event Stewarding and Administrative sections of http://www.antir.sca.org/Pubs/forms/
  - The Kingdom Events Deputy can answer your questions, find branches for you to partner with, and review your draft bid before it's presented to the Financial Committee. [eventinfo (at) antir.sca.org]. Kingdom officers can also provide stewards with advice related to event functions in their department. Both sides should take the initiative to have those conversations.
  - *Lists Field Set-Up for a Kingdom Event*: This has a map and dimensions for the fighting fields, access paths, and the Kingdom officer pavilions. The space parameters are essential for safety. Some pavilions must be in certain locations to conduct their business, while others are flexible. The guide also explains how to handle requests by branches and individuals for space around the erics. http://antir.sca.org/Pubs/forms/ListFieldSetUp.pdf
  - Mistress Vivien nic Uldoon created a great resource for stewards of all types of events at http://currentmiddleages.org/autocrats/welcome/
- Once your bid is accepted:
  - Event Stewards must immediately submit a Date Reservation & Event Information form to the Calendar Deputy, at which time they will receive instructions about how to post on that page. This is the official source of information for each event and people do refer to it regularly, so while further advertising in other venues can be fun and helpful, it's not an adequate substitute.
  - A representative of the event team must speak at every Curia meeting from the time their bid is approved until one meeting after their final report has been accepted by the Kingdom.
  - Event Stewards must report monthly at the hosting branch's business meeting, and to the Kingdom Events Deputy by the 15th, in order to track the progress of their planning efforts.
  - After the event, the Event Steward must complete the Kingdom Event Report form, and send this to their branch leadership, as well as the Kingdom Seneschal, Exchequer, and Events Deputy. Be sure to include comments which others can use in planning future renditions of that event.

Minors attend Crown events for free! This experiment started at September Crown 2014 and as of September Crown 2015 has become a permanent part of An Tir's financial policies. Principality and local branches may still

choose to charge fees for youth at their events if they wish. [Note the age of majority is 19 in BC, and 18 in the rest of An Tir. The fee and waiver requirements are based on where the event is held.]

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

- The event site was the Northern State Recreation Area in Sedro Woolley WA. http://www.skagitcounty.net/Departments/ParksAndRecreation/parks/nsra.htm
- Their final report was submitted on time. There were approximately 715 attendees. The event made a profit of $2100 for the Shire and $4200 for the Kingdom.
- The heat and ruts presented a number of challenges to attendees, but the hardest were the cooking and lighting restrictions due to the extreme fire danger. Still everyone persevered and worked together. Nearly the entire Shire of Midhaven helped in some fashion, along with many volunteers from outside the area.
- The Towne of KeyPoynt put on an excellent feast for Count Savaric and Countess Dalla after they stepped down in appreciation for their time and efforts ruling this great Kingdom. Funds were raised at the Midhaven Harvest Feast last November.

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

- Event website http://antir.sca.org/Upcoming/index.php?Event_ID=3292 and http://glymm-mere.org/main2/en/top/upcoming-events/September-Crown/
- The event site was the Nix Ranch in Chehalis, WA which has hosted Crown several times before.
- There were 820 people on site and they will make a profit. In terms of injuries there was one twisted ankle and a number of bee stings. The team did a great job on the event!
- Everyone loved how close the archery and equestrian events were to the central event area.

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

- Event website http://www.antir.sca.org/Upcoming/?Event_ID=3605 and http://www.antirkingdomfeast.org/index.php both have a lot of information.
- Site will be the Ocean Shores Convention Center (WA) as in fall 2013. http://www.oceanshoresconventioncenter.com
- The main event hotel is the Shilo Inn two blocks away with rooms for $89 a night, and reservations are still available. http://shiloinns.com/search_results.asp?PI=COSWA
- Dame Madrun y Gwehyddes is handling pre-registration which closes on 10/15. This is mandatory and they are really trying to encourage more people to sign up.
- The focus this year will be on Italy with 6 courses from different time periods served between 8am and 8pm, with bardic performances, a game room, and arts and sciences classes to entertain people in between. There are also going to be armored and rapier tournaments outside.

Fall Crown Council 2015 (November 8) -- Barony of Dragon's Laire. Coordinated by Magistra Julia Sempronia.

- For those attending the Kingdom Feast, this will occur in the meeting rooms at the Ocean Shores Convention Center on Sunday. The event is getting this space for no additional cost.
- For everyone else, watch the Curia and Peerage mailing lists and other announcement venues for instructions about how to access the discussions via your computer and phone. There will be a Financial Committee meeting this weekend to help in creating the 2016 budget.

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

- Event website http://www.antir.sca.org/Upcoming/index.php?Event_ID=3439&myDate=2016 and http://antir12thnight.org/home
- Site will be the Doubletree Hotel in the Rose Quarter of Portland, OR. This is the same site as was used for Twelfth Night 2013, but this time the Barony of Dragon's Mist will host. http://doubletree3.hilton.com/en/hotels/oregon/doubletree-by-hilton-hotel-portland-RLLC-DT/index.html .
- Ana says everything is coming along. Now that An Tir's Heirs have been chosen additional planning about the schedule, etc. can occur. They have their key positions filed and these are listed on the event website. Royal Liaison is HL Alaina Blackthorn. Merchants are being coordinated by HL Lissette de la Rose and HL Duvessa of Movilla. HL Eoghan O'Briain will be the MIC for the Queen's Rapier Tournament.
- Activities:

  - Their Majesties want to use a very different schedule this year: They plan to hold final court from about 10-12 on Saturday, followed by the Coronation ceremony. This means the Queen's Rapier Championship can be the focal point of the event in the afternoon and everyone will have more time to socialize in the evening. TRM are also considering whether all 4 peerage meetings will occur this weekend, or whether the Knights may wait until Ursulmas for example.
  - Make sure your meeting or activity is listed on the website or email the event team as they will use that list to create the schedule.
  - They are going to run An Tir TV on the in-house system again this year, which will include a new SCA recruitment video and hopefully a live feed of court.
- Room reservations: They were able to arrange for a block of 90 rooms at the Inn at the Convention Center a few blocks away for the same $99 a night rate as at the Doubletree.
- Merchants: 12 have registered so far and the room can fit twice that so the deadline has been extended.
- The team is selling red and black, short and long-sleeved shirts as a fund raiser through their website. This sale closes in November.

Arts & Sciences and Bardic Championship -- March 4-6, 2016 -- Barony of Glymm Mere. Event Steward will be Baroness Francisca de Montoya who presented today, assisted by HL Disa I Birkilundi.

- Event website http://antir.sca.org/Upcoming/index.php?Event_ID=3607 has information on the championship requirements, as does http://currentmiddleages.org/artsci/resources.htm
- Site will be the Shilo Inn at Ocean Shores, WA which has been used for many events in the past. http://shiloinns.com/search_results.asp?PI=COSWA
- This event was awarded in a phone conference by the core Financial Committee a couple of weeks ago given that the team has barely 6 months to plan.
- Candidates for champion must declare their intention to compete by a letter or email to Their Majesties, Their Royal Highnesses, and the Kingdom Minister of Arts & Sciences by midnight on Friday January 8th.
- The deposit on the hotel has been paid. There are 9 meeting rooms available for classes and judging, and the main ballroom can also be divided into smaller spaces if necessary. Mistress Tuirrean dal gCais will do a walk-through of the site at Kingdom Feast. They still need to plan some classes and arrange for fighting space.

May Crown 2016 (May 20-22) -- Barony of Vulkanfeldt and the Barony of Wastekeep. Event Stewards will be HL Katya Kazimirova Hrafensfuri von Salza and Mistress Ysabella Greene. Presentation today by Baroness Isa Ormriauga of Vulkanfeldt.

- Event website http://antir.sca.org/Upcoming/index.php?Event_ID=3609 and http://maycrown2016.webs.com/
- Site will be the Toppenish Rodeo & Livestock Association grounds (WA). This is the same site that Vulkanfeldt and Madrone hosted Crown at in 2013 & 2014. It's about 3 hours from Seattle, Spokane, and Portland; and 5 hours from Vancouver, BC.
- Event team members have been recruited from both branches, and they will be meeting again at Baron's Ball and Vulkanfeldt Yule Feast to discuss plans. They have a bid for the portable toilets as that's the next thing that must be pinned down.
- Land and eric reservations will be done by HL Rowland Greene. Merchants will be coordinated by HL Lleoffled Willoughby. Marshals in Charge: Lord William McKenna (armored). Archos Ronan McKay (archery). HL Luaithrend inghean Uilliam (rapier).

50 Year Celebration (June 17-27, 2016)

- The very first tournament was May 1st, 1966, which means that the SCA is now 50 years old! The Middle Kingdom is hosting a celebration for the Known World from June 17-27, 2016 at the 4-H Fairgrounds & Conference Complex in Hendricks County, Indiana. (About 3 hours south of Chicago and 30 minutes west of Indianapolis.) http://www.sca50year.org/ and http://www.4hcomplex.org/index.php
- Each Kingdom will be given a display area 8 feet deep, and 20-24 feet long in a hall. HL Khulan Hlutwigelanya of Stromgard has agreed organize this, and Duchess Angharad Banadspus Drakenhefd and HL Bryson MacLachlan have offered to transport the items in the Barony of Aquaterra's trailer. There are still a lot of questions to answer: What do we want to display? Who will make those items or collect them from the current custodians? Who will handle set-up and take down on site?

July Coronation 2016 (July 15-17) -- Bids are eagerly being sought!

September Crown 2016 (September 2-5) -- Shire of Hauksgardr. Event Steward will be HL Marco Valentino. *This was awarded this morning!*

- Event website http://antir.sca.org/Upcoming/index.php?Event_ID=3612
- Site is the Hood River County Fairgrounds in northern Oregon, which was the same site as was used for May Crown 2015. http://www.hoodriverfair.org/facilities.htm
- May Crown 2015 had 759 attendees and about 20% of the camping space was open, so there's room for expansion. This event will be a bit more expensive because it's during the main summer season, we need a fourth day and the equestrian arena, and we have to pay for both the fairgrounds and the school parking lot to be on the equestrian insurance certificate as well as the general SCA one.
- Marco needs to speak with Master Guillaume de Garrigues about the exact details necessary for the equestrian championship. During Financial Committee this morning, the current Deputy Royal Archer and Kingdom Protector both confirmed that the site can work for the archery championship if it's moved back to this weekend.

Twelfth Night 2017 (Jan 13-15) -- Barony of Wyewood. Event Steward will be HL Liadain ni Sheanachain. Presentation today by Baroness Alianora Greymoor.

- Event website http://antir.sca.org/Upcoming/index.php?Event_ID=3614
- Site will be the Double Tree hotel at Sea Tac Airport (WA). This is the same site as was used for 12th Night in 2014 http://doubletree3.hilton.com/en/hotels/washington/doubletree-by-hilton-hotel-seattle-airport-CTAC-DT/index.html
- This bid was presented at July Coronation along with one from the Barony of Dragon's Laire, but Their Majesties had some questions and wanted time to consider the idea, so the decision was made in August.
- This is a huge hotel so there's no risk of running out of rooms, although rates are a bit higher than 2 years ago. Attendees must also pay for parking and sometimes this lot fills up. There are multiple other hotels and parking lots within blocks.
- Assuming 600 adults at $20 each, and that we rent 405 room nights, the profit would be $10,280. Even if no rooms were rented and we had to pay for the function space, the event would still yield a profit of $864. The attendance was estimated by averaging the last 5 Twelfth Night's and then reducing that by 20%. Likely this is low given the location, but now that Avacal is independent it's hard to guess. This is Martin Luther King weekend in the US so some portion of the populace will have Monday off as well.
- The hotel contract has been signed. More planning will begin in early 2016.