

AN TIR CURIA MEETING -- September Crown 9/4/16

ATTENDANCE:

ROYALTY

King Kjartan Daegarson
Queen Sha'ya Kjartanskona
Crown Prince Styrkarr Jarlsskald
Crown Princess Dagrún Stjarna
Summits Prince Sverre Bjornhjarta
Summits Princess Breaca Flanure
Tir Righ Prince Ieuan Gower

KINGDOM & PRINCIPALITY OFFICERS

Seneschal Julia Sempronia
Exchequer Arontius of Bygelswade

Curia Clerk Althaia filia Lazari
Crown Events Deputies Francisca de Montoya and Ana de la Sera
Summits Seneschal Piaras mac Toirdhealbhagh

Black Lion Herald Oddr Þjálfason
Scribe Sarra the Brave
Family Activities Alizand Thorgeirsson nee LeFevre
Earl Marshal Einar Knuteson
Martial Authorization Officer Luaithrend inghean Uilliam
Cut & Thrust Deputy Feradach mac Tralin mec Domongairt

OTHER INDIVIDUALS

Alessandra da Montefeltro (Baroness of Wyewood)
Attia Prima
Conchobar MacEoin (Baron of Dragon's Laire)
Dalla in Fagra (Financial Focus Committee)
Eilidh Keldelth (Baroness of Dragon's Laire)
Elizabeth de Rossignol
Etiennette de Montagne (Financial Focus Committee)
Finn Grimm (Baron of Dragon's Mist)
Garet Doiron
Gera Gangolffen (Event Steward for MC 2017)
Ivon Drengir (Baron of Stromgard)
Katherine of Akornebir (Baroness of Wastekeep)
Lenora Truble
Liadain ni Sheanachain (Event Steward for 12th Night 2017)
Miranda Faoltiarna
Phelan Tolusmidr

Renart the Fox of Berwick (Event Steward for Kingdom Feast)
Savaric Coeur-de-Lion (Financial Focus Committee)
Steven Desjardin (Event Steward for MC 2017)
Thorkell Palsson
Ysabella Greene
Ysolt Tayler of Windhill

Approximately 12 others, names unknown

INTRODUCTION

Words from our Royalty: Crown Prince Styrkarr Jarlsskald says he is very happy to be in this role again.

Reminder: Fall Crown Council will take place at An Tir Collegium on November 11-13. This will include Financial, Curia, and Peerage meetings.

Law Changes: None at this event.

PRINCIPALITY REPORTS

Summits -- Viscountess Suvia filia Hereberti

- This is her last Curia report. She will hand over the Seneschal job to HL Piaras mac Toirdhealbhagh at Coronet in a couple of weeks.
- Background checks are taking a frustratingly long time. The most recent complaints have come from the Barony of Adiantum where their prior Family Activities Coordinator waited 2 years to complete the clearance process, and their new Coordinator has now been waiting for 2 months.
- Briaroak has had well attended war practices this summer, and some of these folks are new to the chapter. Hopefully this new blood will result in some new officers as they've had trouble keeping all of the slots filled.
- Glyn Dwfn has lots of new members as well. They are looking at sites with the idea of hosting a Kingdom event.

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- Myrtleholt is struggling to understand the process and requirements to transition from Shire to Barony, and it is taking them a long to assemble the required packet. They are also having a lot of trouble recruiting new members, and recruiting and retaining a full slate of officers. They're still trying, but this may not be a viable goal at this point in time.
- Terra Pomaria has a new Baron and Baroness, and cool plans for the future.

Tir Righ -- HL Porzia di Corbino Rosso

- Their highnesses leuan and Gwyneth Gower stepped up last weekend at Tir Righ's August Investiture in Rock Creek, BC.
- Baron Conall MacLagmayn of Seagirt has been researching the rules around alcohol at camping events in light of SCA and British Columbia liquor laws. He has written a concise guide on this topic that will shortly be sent to all of the Branch Seneschals in Tir Righ. Porzia can post this on that community's Facebook group as well as the one for all of An Tir's Seneschals.
- In an effort to minimize conflict and overlap between Tir Righ events, they are going to start following the example of central An Tir and hold periodic calendar meetings to make sure each branch has at least one conflict free event each year. The intent is to avoid last minute scrambles for viable dates, and make it easier for people to travel to events outside of their home area. The first planning meeting will be held at Lions Gate's Baronesses Inspirational Tournament in mid-November.
- They are looking forward to hosting July Coronation 2017, and showing off BC hospitality to the rest of the Kingdom.

OFFICER REPORTS

Arts & Sciences -- Mistress Cristiana de Huntington

- The Kingdom Arts & Sciences and Bardic Championship event site for 2017 has been selected. It will be at the Suquamish Casino & Resort north of Bremerton WA. Individuals wishing to compete for either championship, or to submit single projects or research papers for judging, must submit a letter of intent in advance. Instructions about how to do so, and the judging rules will be posted on the Kingdom Arts & Sciences website at <http://www.antirarts.com/>
- Artisans are also highly encouraged to attend the An Tir Collegium, a new educational event in November. Details are later in these notes.
- The Kingdom arts & sciences website has been redesigned in the past few months. There is now much more information on the site, as well as a ton of photos. The results of the An Tir A&S survey were posted in July, along with a link to the current Society survey. Judging forms, instructions on research papers, and details about An Tir's guilds will be added in the coming months.

Chamberlain -- Master Charles de Bourbon

- There are a number of regalia projects in the work as explained in the Financial Committee notes. This includes a new small seal for scrolls, new thrones for Their Majesties, and potentially an additional \$4000-5000 to refurbish our first crowns. (Master Torfin Torgulsson is still evaluating whether this will be possible.) Charles is currently soliciting bids for a pair of lightweight, durable, low-cost "travel crowns" that the Monarchs could wear around camp or fly with to more distant events. Bids are also being solicited for a signet ring with the Kingdom seal that can be used for small scrolls. Once we have specific proposals from artisans for these projects, the Kingdom can decide where these ideas fit in with its other priorities.
- Research is underway on how An Tir can have all of its regalia appraised and insured.
- Pavilions: There was further discussion this weekend of obtaining a new pavilion that could be set up at major events for use by the Royal retinue so they have a designated and enclosed space to hold meetings, work on scrolls, assembling largess, planning out the agenda for court, or other tasks. Crown Prince Styrkarr Jarlsskald is willing to build one like what he has for his household, which would be a 20x40 dragonwing that would convert to a wall tent. Alternatively we can purchase another Panther pavilion like we have for the Kingdom officers, which we know is a rugged, easy to setup design. The big question is how this tent would be transported: The Kingdom trailer is currently full and its unknown if there's space in the Royal trailer. Their Majesties and Their Royal Highnesses will discuss this topic further outside of the meeting.

Chatelaine -- HL Landinn de Marest

- Landinn is receiving reports from about 35% of the branch chatelaines either directly or through their Principality Chatelaine. She wants to increase this rate. Quite a few people's warrants will expire in the next few months.

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- As usual, summer brought an increase in the number of demos. Many branches are also holding Newcomer Nights or Meet & Greet sessions, which is highly encouraging. Typically June Faire in the Barony of Dragon's Laire is one of the biggest recruitment opportunities of the season, but due to a change in sites and exceptionally high heat that weekend, attendance was down. There were still about 15 newcomers who expressed further interest in our activities.
- Three current projects: (1) Recruiting a deputy to track warrants and reports, and increase the rate of both. (2) Doing a much needed overhaul of the An Tir Chatelaine Handbook. (3) Following up on the Curia discussion at July Coronation to increase SCA presence at science fiction conventions in the hopes of recruiting more of those participants to our activities. Landinn has recruited two deputies to work on this project. One to seek out conventions and speak with their staff about whether they would be willing to include a SCA demo, and then to connect those cons with local branches. The other to coordinate more closely with branches who do have demo opportunities to make a plan for their activities. This is a great marketing opportunity.

Chronicler -- Komtessa Octavia Laodice

- Dame Ellen Fraser will be the new Kingdom Chronicler and Lady Tsukime of Madrone will be the new Crier Editor beginning on October 1st. Octavia spent August training Tsukime how to assemble and publish the Crier. Now she's going to work with Ellen on a plan to reach out to all of the branch chroniclers and review their systems and duties. As part of this transition, Octavia has set up a Dropbox account for the entire Chronicler team to store documents in related to the Crier, Curia notes, officer contact information, etc. She is hoping the Web Team can create an Office 365 account on the Kingdom system so the team can move the documents there and also have a shared email system, regardless of the different software everyone is using on their home machines.
- While most people now rely on the Kingdom website and social media outlets for event and officer information to meet their immediate needs, these do little to preserve the history of our community for future reference. That is still a very important role for the Crier and local newsletters.
- An Tir Handbook: Master Renart the Fox of Berwick and Mistress Aelianora de Wintringham did an amazing job in creating this 230 page encyclopedia of An Tir's history and culture. Two physical books were on display at the SCA's 50th Year Celebration, and will appear at various future An Tir events. An electronic version is now on the Kingdom website for everyone to read at their leisure.
http://antir.sca.org/Pubs/ATH/may_2016_final1_antir_handbook.pdf

Exchequer -- Master Arontius of Bygelswade

- Current status: The Kingdom currently has an asset total of \$136,747.47 US dollars. This included \$48,051.25 in the checking account, \$14,670.73 in an accessible savings account, and the balance in cd's.
- Major expenses in the past couple of months have been \$720 to repair the Kingdom trailer, and \$1300 to craft the new royal thrones.
- Raven Travel Fund has a balance of \$4091.52. We have been fortunate that the larger than usual outflow from this account has been balanced by a healthy number of donations this year, keeping the overall total from dropping as much as we feared it might.
- Arontius is working on the first draft of the budget plan for 2017. Officers need to start thinking about their 2017 plan: Did your needs match your budget this year? Are you planning for extra travel or a symposium next year? Further discussion will happen at Fall Crown Council.
- Non-Member Registration:
 - An Tir has paid out nearly \$11,000 in the past two months alone from summer events.
 - After much effort and discussion between An Tir officers, and the Society Exchequer, Treasurer, and NMR Deputy, an agreement was reached about what NMR is owed from events prior to 10/1/15, which is \$4,077.50. (Since October 2015, An Tir has been in compliance with the NMR requirements as far as we know.) The core Kingdom Financial Committee agreed in a phone conference on 8/31/16 to authorize that payment and the check is being cut this weekend.
 - Please see prior editions of the Financial Committee notes for a detailed explanation of when NMR applies and the timelines for it being submitted. In addition, a copy of the FAQ on this topic is available on the Society Exchequer's website at <http://www.sca.org/officers/exchequer/#nms>. It is crucial that An Tir adhere to these rules, particularly if we wish to be eligible to use PayPal for gate fees at future events.
- The Kingdom's financial policy handbook needs a major overhaul. A number of items have changed over the past few years that are either not in our manual or no longer correctly explained in that book, including NMR policies and minors attending Kingdom events for free. Arontius will have a rough draft of the new handbook finished by Collegium in November, and submit the final draft for approval at Twelfth Night.

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- The Financial Focus Committee that was formed a year ago made its first report to the full Financial Committee this morning. Their current big project is a survey with all of the Landed Barons and Baronesses, Branch Seneschals and Exchequers, and current Kingdom and Principality Royalty asking them for what their goals are. This same group will be asked to prioritize the list of items that's developed, and those results will go to the main Financial Committee to use as a reference point when making decisions about our entire community's values and spending priorities going forward. Other projects include an instructional document on finances for new Royalty, an explanation of how to split the money when 2 branches host a Crown event, and how money could be spent to recruit new members.

Herald (Black Lion) -- HL Oddr Þiálfason

- Oddr would like the populace to know that the herald's meetings at events are open to everyone with an interest in the topic, and not solely Branch Heralds.
- Despite calls for volunteers, they continue to be chronically short-handed for voice heralds at Crown events. They need about 16 field heralds, 3-4 for court, and 2-3 for town cry.
- They are seeking bids for the 2017 Kingdom Heraldic & Scribal Symposium. Please contact the Argent Scroll Herald for details. HL Kattera Giese has also fielded a few requests for basic training of heralds in specific branches, and encourages people to contact her with questions outside of their quarterly reports.
- Blue Anchor Herald, their web deputy, has been working on transferring the An Tir Heralds web program and domain name from private to Kingdom ownership before she leaves the Kingdom. HL Wenyeva ate Grene has also been asking the Web Team to update the Kingdom officer listings to match the Herald's website. Her successor will explore the creation of an online reporting system for Branch Heralds. (As a low tech solution for helping people know who to contact in the Herald's department, they've printed business cards which are available at the consult table at events.)
- Submissions:
 - The rate remains steady at about 2 dozen a month. The consult table at Crown events typically bring in an additional 2 dozen submissions in a weekend. The acceptance rate at the Kingdom and Society level are in healthy bounds.
 - Individuals are notified about the status of their submission via an email from OSCAR, the SCA's online heraldic commentary system. If an individual does not click on that email and check their status in OSCAR, the request remains on the Herald's spreadsheet as incomplete. If you receive an email from (apache.sca.org), please follow the instructions to check on the status of your submission; even if you have already heard the results via another means.
 - Currently individuals must pay for their submission fees by check, but Canada is moving away from that form of payment. Oddr is talking with the Heraldic Exchequer (Mistress Etienne de Montagne) about the possibility of accepting cash payments in the future. If this is approved it will probably be limited to BC residents. (Handling cash has additional risks and documentation requirements. We already have a lot of trouble with items being lost when mailed across the border. While we're continuing to price things as if the US and Canadian dollar are equal, the latter has actually been notably weaker for two years now.)
- Oddr has designed a free app for SCA heralds to use in name and armory consultation. You can obtain this from <https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/store/p/aspilogia/9wzdnrcdmck9>
- The heralds would like to digitize about 2 dozen banker boxes of records. Countess Elizabeth de Rossignol is researching the cost of a vendor doing this work.
- Open office positions: Mistress Kataline MacFarlane is stepping down after 10 years as Mano d'Oro (Liaison and instructor for court heralds), and so far there are no applicants for that post. There is 1 applicant for Boar Herald (the individual who assembles An Tir's Internal Letter of Intent) and 3 for Demi-Lion Herald (reporting and contingency deputy for the Black Lion).

Marshal -- Sir Einar Knuteson

- This was a busy weekend with Crown Tournament and two championships. There were 72 participants in Crown and the victor was Stykkarr Jarlsskald, inspired by Dagrún Stjarna. The equestrian championship saw 8 entrants, and HL Tassi Hestamader was victorious. A lot of promotional work and a format that was clearly stated months in advance resulted in a significant increase in the number of participants in the archery championship, up to 13 this year. Archos Warwick Drakkar was the victor.
- Einar renewed his warrant for one more year at July Coronation, but this weekend he announced that he is starting the process to find his successor. Applications will be accepted until December 1st, the decision will be announced probably at Twelfth Night, and this will give plenty of time for a transition process in the spring.
- Officer changes: Archos Warwick Drakkar took over as Tir Righ Earl Marshal last weekend. Archos Loegaire mac Lochlainn handed over Royal Archer to Archos Dearbhail ingean ui Dhonnchaidh, and stepped into the role of Missile Combat Deputy. Maestra Althaia filia Lazari transferred the role of Martial Authorization Officer

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to HL Luaithrend inghean Uilliam this weekend, although training will be taking place over the next few months. Althaia will also remain involved through the end of Einar's term working on various projects.

- Work continues on the new cut and thrust and youth armored combat manual, as well as revisions to the archery & thrown weapons handbook in light of pending changes to the Society's rules. The new rules to create separate missile marshals on the armored combat field will be finalized this fall, along with new forms for the martial community.
- If you used to participate in Crown Tournament or the armored and rapier championships, but are no longer doing so, please contact Kingdom Lists Minister Rose Atherton about getting your list shield. She would like to make room in the box for new fighters without bringing as much to events. The shields belonging to Avacal's citizens were delivered to that Kingdom's List Minister at Tir Righ – Avacal War.

Seneschal -- Magistra Julia Semponia

- Julia Sempronias Report:
 - Viscountess Lenora Truble has been chosen as her successor to assume the job at Twelfth Night. *"Viscountess Lenora joined the SCA in 1995 and has over 15 years of experience on the Kingdom Seneschal staff, further, she is former Tir Righ Seneschal and has reigned twice as Princess. Her resume includes stints as event steward for both baronial and principality events. Most importantly, Viscountess Lenora is excellent judge of character, an insightful team builder and inclusive communicator. Her extensive leadership skills will serve our great kingdom very well indeed. I would be remiss if I failed to mention and thank the other talented candidates we interviewed: Baroness Francisca Montoya, Mistress Genvieve Marie Etienne de Montagne, and HL Alizand Thorgeirsson née LeFevre. All are actively employing their own leadership skills to benefit An Tir and can be justly proud of their accomplishments"*
 - Event contracts: In mid-August the Society issued a ruling that contracts for every event must be carefully read by the applicable seneschal. For Kingdom events this would be the Kingdom Seneschal, for Principality events the Principality Seneschal, and for local events the Seneschal of the hosting branch. Whenever possible that individual should be the one actually signing the contract. If that's not feasible, they must delegate in writing who is approved to sign on their behalf in that specific situation (e.g. the Event Steward). This rule only applies to the site contract itself, and not to other contracts like for portable toilets. If there is any request by a property owner for more than a "named insured" insurance policy or a security deposit, then the contract must be reviewed in advance by the Society Seneschal, the Society VP of Corporate Operations, and the SCA President.
 - Two other items covered in this memo: (1) Any time there is a plan for even a single horse at an event or demo, you must order an equestrian insurance permit from the SCA. This is true even if the horse will be in a paddock the entire time. (2) The SCA's insurance does not cover theft or damage of golf carts, rental trucks, trailers, and other moveable items. You must purchase this from the vendor at the time of rental.
 - HL Luaithrend inghean Uilliam is an attorney who is familiar with this type of contract and has offered to help review documents. She is writing a tips sheet to help local seneschals know what to look for.
 - Two educational opportunities for branch officers, particularly seneschals and exchequers are on the Kingdom calendar: Barony of Vulkanfeldt on October 22nd, the Barony of Three Mountains on the weekend of November 18-20, and an exchequer training in the Barony of Wastekeep on March 4th.
 - The SCA has created a new Board Committee Structure to replace the Grand Council which has long advised the Society's leadership on various issues. Multiple committees are planned to address a variety of topics. Membership in those teams will be drawn from the membership at large. If you would like more information, you have a topic to suggest the Society examine, or you would like to receive the form to nominate someone to a committee, please contact Julia. Nominations will be made by Their Majesties and the Kingdom Seneschal. For more on the Committees, see <http://socsen.sca.org/board-committee-structure-to-replace-grand-council/>
 - The SCA is seeking comments on its Sanctions Guide through 10/1/16. Details at <http://socsen.sca.org/sanction-guide-corpora-changes-request-for-comments/>. As with all of their proposals, the Board does sincerely want to hear from the populace of the Known World. Regardless of your location, rank, or number of years in our community, you do have something to contribute to contribute to this conversation.
- Kingdom Events Deputies -- Baroness Francisca de Montoya & HL Ana de la Sara
 - See details in the next section, but An Tir needs bids for many events in 2017 and it's not too early to be thinking about 2018.
 - Reports from Crown Event Stewards: These are due by the 15th of each month on the status of your team's plans. In recent months some teams have reported late or not at all. However, based on the information Francisca and Ana have received, planning for all of our current events is going fine.

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- The Society's insurance policy has a \$2 million dollar limit and some property owners are asking for higher amounts, which is becoming yet another barrier to us finding sites for events. Julia will talk to the Society Seneschal about this.
- Family Activities -- HL Alizand Thorgeirsson née LeFevre
 - She has recently taken on this office, and has already set up a Facebook page to both promote the Society's Youth & Family Activities program (YAFA), and to get to know and share ideas with parents and youth officers throughout the Kingdom. Response so far to this has been positive and the number of participants is growing.
 - She has been granted access to the Society YAFA website and database, and is now trying to gather information from An Tirian officers or prospective mentors to add them to that database. So far she is aware of the two Principality contacts (Viscountess Suvia filia Hereberti and Viscount Kheron Azov), as well as 14 local branch officers. Alizand would like to have more contact with these individuals. If you know who is out there in this role, or wanting to help, please help them contact her.
 - Initial goals: Obtain a better list of youth officers, inventory the status of youth supplies in Kingdom hands, and start promoting youth activities at all levels. Alizand believes she'll make more progress once the camping season is over, as indoor events make it easier to focus on these topics.
 - A conference call is being set up between the Royalty and Officers of An Tir and Tir Righ, and the Society YAFA team to work out the details of implementing the program in Tir Righ. Once that is well underway, it will be expanded into other parts of An Tir. The Society has FAQ handouts, manuals, and instructional videos at <http://yafa.sca.org/>

Scribe -- HL Sarra the Brave

- Design, lettering, and Illumination activities continue throughout the Kingdom for all levels of recognitions. Branch scribes in several regions are changing over in the second half of 2016.
- The scribe's tent was busy all weekend with classes, meetings, social discussion, and painting work.
- There will be a scribal track at An Tir Collegium in November. Depending on the response to those classes some may be repeated at the Kingdom Heraldic & Scribal Symposium in 2017. Sarra would also welcome other suggestions from the scribal community about classes they want to see.

University of Ithra -- Dame Madrun y Gwehyddes

- <http://ithra.antir.sca.org/> to see your own transcript, learn what classes you can bring to your event, and much more.
- Madrun took over managing the Ithra from Countess Elizabeth de Rossignol at Emprise of the Black Lion in mid-September. Master James d'Orleans and HL Elewys Cuylder of Finchingefeld have both stepped down from this project, and new volunteers are being recruited. Updates are pending for both the contact list on both the University website and the Ithra section of the Kingdom officer site.
- One big project for 2017 will be going through the database of classes and separating those which are being offered by instructors who are available now, from those that were offered in times past and are being retained on the list because they are on various citizens' transcripts.

Web Minister -- Duke UlfR Blodfotur Fallgron

- His first two year term is up on 11/1/16 and he is asking for an extension until September Crown 2017.
- The backlog of change requests have been cleared, and the IT department's "roadmap" has been updated. The plan to migrate all of the Royalty and officers to Office 365 email accounts has been going more slowly than planned, but UlfR is now working more directly on it and plans to finish in September.
- The server that the Kingdom website is on has been subject to a number of cyber-attacks this year, which has impacted the functioning of our site, taking it offline an average of once a month. UlfR is exploring options to move the program to a more reliable server. Once that occurs, then other Kingdom sites such as the herald's website and order of precedence will be moved to that location as well.
- New Kingdom Website: UlfR, HL Istvan Gyori, and HL Tomyris di Cavallino have finished the "proof of concept" stage of the new Kingdom website, and tested it using Wordpress on a LAMP (Linux, Apache, MySQL, PHP) platform. They are now working to finalize additional design details. They would then like to hire someone to do all of the programming for the actual site as the team is too busy with other tasks to do this themselves in a timely fashion. Istvan would oversee that work which should take 1-2 months. A request for \$1000 was submitted to the Financial Committee for this project.
- Survey Tool: An Tir now has an account on one of the survey websites which can be used to poll the populace via email on a variety of topics. This has already been used by the Arts & Sciences Minister to conduct a survey of that community. The account costs \$228 Canadian a year (about \$300 US). If we used it for even a couple of Baronial Pollings in a year, the Kingdom would make back that amount. The Financial Committee this morning expressed some concerns about using the tool in that fashion. The Kingdom will add

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this item to the 2017 budget, but more discussion is needed about how the tool will be used, or whether another program might work better, before the funds are spent.

- The most accessed sections of the Kingdom website are the event calendar, the photos and contact information for our Royalty, and documents in the library.

KINGDOM EVENT UPDATES

Instructions for current and prospective Crown Event Stewards:

- Getting started:
 - Forms and instructions are under the Event Stewarding and Administrative sections of <http://www.antir.sca.org/Pubs/forms/>
 - The Kingdom Events Deputy can answer your questions, find branches for you to partner with, and review your draft bid before it's presented to the Financial Committee. [events (at) antir.org]. Kingdom officers can also provide stewards with advice related to event functions in their department. Both sides should take the initiative to have those conversations.
 - *Lists Field Set-Up for a Kingdom Event*. This has a map and dimensions for the fighting fields, access paths, and the Kingdom officer pavilions. The space parameters are essential for safety. Some pavilions must be in certain locations to conduct their business, while others are flexible. The guide also explains how to handle requests by branches and individuals for space around the erics. <http://antir.sca.org/Pubs/forms/ListFieldSetUp.pdf>
 - Resource site for event stewards of all types of events <http://currentmiddleages.org/autocrats/welcome/> (Originally created by Mistress Vivien nic Uldoon, with contributions from many others.)
- Once your bid is accepted:
 - Event Stewards must immediately submit a Date Reservation & Event Information form to the Calendar Deputy. They will be given instructions on how to post on the Kingdom's Upcoming Events website. This is the official source of information for each event and people do refer to it regularly, so while further advertising in other venues can be fun and helpful, it's not an adequate substitute.
 - A representative of the event team must be prepared 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.
 - 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.

Bids are needed for 2017!

- A full-year of preparation time is required to create a good weekend without a large amount of stress, and to be able to effectively deal with contingencies. Hotel based events generally require 2 years of planning in order to obtain favorable rental rates.
- An Tir – West War (June 30 to July 3rd, 2017) -- It is An Tir's turn to host, and we really need a leadership team to step forward to start planning soon. Kingdom Events Deputy Baroness Francisca de Montoya will post on the e-lists and Facebook asking for volunteers. Arontius will get the specific details about costs and attendance from the West for this year's event.
- September Crown (September 1-4, 2017) -- The organizers must be able to accommodate not only the Crown Tournament, but also the equestrian and archery championships.
- An Tir Collegium (November 2017) -- The intent is for this to be an event hosted at diverse locations throughout the Kingdom by various branches. However, if no one volunteers to host 2017, then the Barony of Wastekeep is willing to consider hosting again in the interests of insuring this project gets off to a solid start. The 2016 team plans to create a handbook with their vision and specific planning details so there is a consistent platform for the event.

NOTE: This part of the meeting is done very quickly so notes are limited. The Kingdom Events Deputies have the full reports from each team.

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

- Site was the Zumstein Family Farm in Woodland, WA.
- Approximately 750 attendees. The Kingdom's share of the profit was \$4668.89

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

- Event website http://antir.sca.org/Upcoming/index.php?Event_ID=3612
- 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>
- There were 819 people through gate and they expect to have a profit.
- There were a few small issues during the weekend, but no repeat of the water fountain from 2015, so it was all good.

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

- Event website http://antir.sca.org/Upcoming/index.php?Event_ID=3978
- Site is the same as before: Ocean Shores Convention Shores in Ocean Shores, WA. There are multiple hotels within a few blocks, including the Shilo Inn where we just held Kingdom Arts & Sciences and Bardic Championship. Rooms are still available at \$99 a night for single or double occupancy. http://shiloinns.com/search_results.asp?PI=COSWA
- There is currently \$5402.42 reserved in the Kingdom account for this event, and this number is growing as people start to pre-register. Pre-registration of \$25 per person is required and can be done through October 22nd via: www.antirkingdomfeast.org/feast_registration.php.
- Planning activities are going well. Publicity blasts are going out once a month via various electronic venues, and the rate will increase as the event is now less than 2 months away.

An Tir Collegium (November 11-13, 2016) -- Barony of Wastekeep. Event Stewards are Jarl Styrkarr Jarlsskald and HL Gudrun Saebjarnarsdottir.

- Event website http://www.antir.sca.org/Upcoming/index.php?Event_ID=3613&myDate=2016 and <http://www.antircollegium.org/>
- Mission statement from the event website: *"An Tir Collegium shall support the people of An Tir in the pursuit and development of the medieval arts and sciences in a way that nurtures all and challenges the people of An Tir to advance these arts to the glory and enrichment of our populace, our Kingdom, and our Society. An Tir Collegium is a venue and a mechanism to encourage people to participate in the arts and sciences, and guides them through this process in a way that does not compromise the gains made in the artistic and scientific communities to date. More directly, Collegium gives the populace of An Tir a way to bring themselves up to the level that has made A&S in An Tir great and makes that goal achievable. An Tir Collegium provides a format for all of An Tir to learn and improve in the arts and sciences. Collegium is for everyone! It is for those contemplating their first sewing project, for those honing their research in preparation for the Kingdom Arts & Sciences Championship, and for all in between."*
- Hotel is the Red Lion in Pasco. <http://www.redlion.com/pasco> Rooms will be \$100 per night regardless of the number of beds or occupants. Please reserve your rooms now by calling the general reservation number. Tell them the event name and date, and the code ANTC1111 for the discount. The Pasco airport is 6 blocks away and the hotel has a free 24 hour shuttle to this. Flights are about \$80 from Seattle.
- Event information is on the Kingdom Calendar page, the Arts & Sciences website, and a dedicated site for the event. Flyers have also been posted at several events in recent weeks.
- There was a meeting at the hotel last week to revise plans on using the space, and so their décor representative could start making specific plans. Applications are being received for the merchants area.
- Track leaders have finalized the list of instructors and topics for classes in all 9 tracks. This initial plan will be published online within a few days to generate more interest in the event, and allow people to start planning what they'll attend. Track leaders are also setting up a few alternative classes and lecturers, as inevitably a couple of the primary people will have to drop out. While the focus will be on conventional arts & sciences activities, there are also plans for a period fighting track.
- This event will now be the permanent home of Fall Crown Council, so we don't have to do that online anymore. This will include Financial, Curia, and Peerage meetings. The schedule for these and other non-class activities will be sent to Their Majesties in early October.
- This is Veteran's Day / Remembrance Day weekend in the US and Canada, so some individuals will have Friday off of work.

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

- Event website http://antir.sca.org/Upcoming/index.php?Event_ID=3614
- Site is 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>

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- Hotel rooms are still available. All requests for suites must be sent to Liadian in a few weeks now that we know who the Heirs will be, and we have some sense of how many vigils will be taking place.
- They Crier Copy will be submitted in September, while the insurance certificate cannot be ordered until November.
- The rapier Marshal in Charge will be HL Donatello Asino, with Maitre Sebastien de Caen managing the Queen's Rapier Championship.

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

- Event website http://www.antir.sca.org/Upcoming/index.php?Event_ID=3615 and <http://kas-kbc.wixsite.com/2017>
- The location is the Suquamish Clearwater Casino Resort in Suquamish, WA. (North of Bremerton.) <http://www.clearwatercasino.com/hotel/> . Call 1-866-609-8700 and mention the SCA for our room rate.
- This event bid was approved by the core Financial Committee in a phone call on 8/31/16, after Kingdom Arts & Sciences Minister, Dame Cristiana de Huntington, had an opportunity to visit the site and confirm it was suitable. This event is taking place one weekend later than is traditional, as the site was not available on our preferred date. (Another example of why these events need to be planned a year or more in advance.)
- Individuals wishing to compete for either championship, or to submit single projects or research papers for judging, must submit a letter of intent in advance. Instructions about how to do so, and the judging rules will be posted on the Kingdom Arts & Sciences website at <http://www.antirarts.com/>

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

- Event website http://www.antir.sca.org/Upcoming/index.php?Event_ID=3617
- Site is the Grant County Fairgrounds in Moses Lake, WA <http://www.gcfairgrounds.com/about.aspx> which is in the Shire of Ambergard. Their small team will help with local arrangements, but the Barony of Madrone will be the primary crew. Counting stoplights, the fairgrounds are about 30 minutes north of I-90. There will be adequate space for fighting and camping, but the archery range may be limited to small for Royal Rounds.
- They are still filling out the event team. A walk through of the site is being set up for mid-October. Mistress Ysolt Tayler of Windhill is doing site layout. Archos John de Percy will be the Marshal Activities Coordinator and armored MIC. Mistress Etienne de Montagne will run gate. Countess Judith will organize arts & sciences activities. Lady Juana la Cristiana is organizing merchants.

July Coronation 2017 -- Shire of Danescombe. Event Steward will be Mistress Desiree Chiarestella, assisted by HL Porzia di Corbino Rosso.

- Event website http://www.antir.sca.org/Upcoming/index.php?Event_ID=3619
- Site is the Salmon Arm Fairgrounds, in Salmon Arm, BC. This is about 4 hours north of the WA border in central BC, which may result in lower attendance than they are projecting. <http://www.salmonarmfair.com/index.html>
- The event team is really excited about this opportunity to showcase the interior of Tir Righ to the Kingdom.

Twelfth Night 2018 (January 12-14) -- Barony of Wastekeep. Event Stewards will be Countess Dagrún Stjarna and HL Thorkell Pálsson, assisted by HL Gudrun Saebjarnarsdottir.

- Event website http://www.antir.sca.org/Upcoming/index.php?Event_ID=4043
- This weekend is the Martin Luther King holiday in the US, so many people will have that Monday off.
- Hotel is the Red Lion in Pasco. <http://www.redlion.com/pasco> Rooms will be \$100 per night regardless of the number of beds or occupants. There are other hotels next door if this site fills up. The Pasco airport is 6 blocks away and the hotel has a free 24 hour shuttle to this.
- The hotel contract has been signed. Further planning with the hotel is on hold until they hire a new Events Coordinator; but with the event over a year from now, there's plenty of time.
- Marshal in Charge will be Master Ulrik Grimwolf.