

## AN TIR CURIA MEETING -- July Coronation (7/19/15)

### Significant Figures Present:

- King Havordh Aettarbani
  - Queen Mary Grace of Gatland
  - Prince & Princess of the Summits Tryggr Trysson & Temperance Trewelove
  - Heirs of Tir Righ Vikingr & Lishinia
  - Kingdom Seneschal Magistra Julia Sempronia
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### LAW CHANGES

Now that Avacal is its own Kingdom, references to them as a principality are being removed from An Tir law:

#### ARTICLE IV PRECEDENCE, AWARDS AND ORDERS

##### Article IV.A The Order of Precedence in the Kingdom of An Tir

- 1) *Sovereign and Consort.*
- 2) *Royal Heir and Consort.*
- 3) *Principality Coronets*
  - a) *The Summits*
  - b) ~~Avacal~~
  - c) *Tir Righ*
- 4) *Heirs to Territorial Principalities.*
  - a) *The Summits*
  - b) ~~Avacal~~
  - c) *Tir Righ*

Additional law changes will be coming once the text can be worked out in the following areas:

- Removing references to the Chirurgeon's office since the Society is eliminating this office as of 8/10/15.
- Changing references to Family Activities to make this a deputy officer to the Seneschal.

Updates to Kingdom Law are posted in the existing manual online as they become official. 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>

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### PRINCIPALITY REPORTS

Avacal became an independent Kingdom on 6/27/15! Albrecht von Rugen and Nasheeta Alrakkasa are their first Monarchs. There were 595 people at their Crown event in May and 680 at the Coronation event in June. The latter included Royal representatives from the Principality of Oertha; as well as the Kingdoms of Atenveldt, Meridies, Ansteorra, Artemisia, Northshield, and Gleann Abhann.

Summits -- Viscountess Suvia filia Hereberti

- Plans are underway for an administrative retreat in 2016. This will include marshal officers as well as seneschals and exchequers. They are also developing some guidance documents to assist new officers and champions when they step up, as well as some FAQ handouts.
- Membership is increasing and they are focusing on helping newcomers integrate into the SCA. Their chatelaines are now communicating more between themselves and with the public in various social media forums. The Principality has copied a program created by HL Kattera Giese, Chatelaine of the Barony of Three Mountains. One project is to craft messenger bags that can be loaned to newcomers with sunscreen, cups, and other simple supplies. Banners are being made to hang at campsites willing to welcome newcomers in to socialize.
- They are implementing a formal bid process for principality level events similar to the current Kingdom system. They also plan to create a dedicated event for their arts, sciences, and bardic championship; both to focus more on their own artisans, and to prepare those individuals to compete at the Kingdom level.

Tir Righ -- HL Porzia di Corbino Rosso

- June Coronet in Coill Mhor was a successful weekend. The Heirs are Vikingr and Lishinia out of a field of 18. It has been difficult to obtain bids for principality events, but 3 were ultimately submitted for October Coronet,

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and this will be hosted by the Shire of Danescombe. Bids for 2016 events are now under review. Master Luther Magnus worked with others in the principality to create a new event policy which lays out the schedule for submitting and awarding bids. There are also incentives for early bid submissions, and compensation if an event is not particularly profitable, to encourage more branches to host.

- Avacal-Tir Righ War is being hosted at a new location this year in Nakusp as a partnership between the town and the principality. With Avacal now its own Kingdom, the event takes on the theme of an "international incident". Nakusp's leadership is very excited about this event and making a number of additional arrangements related to it throughout the week of 7/27 to 8/3. Event Steward Tatiana has been meticulous in negotiating countless details with the town, and while it's been a learning experience on both sides with more wrinkles inevitably to come, it promises to be a really amazing event! An Tir's website [http://antir.sca.org/Upcoming/index.php?Event\\_ID=3425&myDate=2015](http://antir.sca.org/Upcoming/index.php?Event_ID=3425&myDate=2015) or the event website at <http://tirrigh.org/ATWar/>
- The Shires of Tir Bannog, Fjordland, and Appledore all have new Seneschals this year, and several more seneschals will be changing in the coming months. Officers are strongly encouraged to find deputies who can assist with projects now, and be trained to fill the main office in the future. The Shires of Shittimwoode, Lionsdale and Danescombe all have successors to their current Seneschals in place, while False Isle and Lions Gate are seeking these individuals. Officers in all disciplines are encouraged to acquire deputies who can be trained to succeed them in a timely fashion.
- Tir Righ's leadership is concerned about their smallest and most remote branches as they have been struggling for some time not only for officers, but also participants. No one wants to see these branches dissolved, but it may be the only option. Then decisions must be made to either leave those postal codes unaffiliated or to merge them with their closest neighbor. The latter decision results in a very large branch with a diffuse population which creates its own sustainability challenges.

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### OFFICER REPORTS

#### Arts & Sciences -- Mistress Tuirrean dal gCais

- The Arts & Sciences are flourishing in An Tir! Most events have some type of A&S classes, and those at An Tir / West War were an overwhelming success. Local branches are also hosting an array of project days, field trips, classes, and social gatherings related to the arts. There is probably even more of this going on than Tuirrean knows about, as consistent reporting is a continuous problem despite her reminders.
- An Tir has been recognized by her Society counterpart as a leader in holding classes for the populace. We have several hundred options in our database, versus 20-40 in some other Kingdoms.
- The scribes used the surgeon's pavilion for much of this weekend as they worked on the huge number of charters and scrolls given out each year.
- 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. A few more changes will be made before they are presented to TRM at September Crown for approval.

#### Chamberlain -- HL Sigivald Garansson

- He was not present to give a report, but the other officers discussed the use of Kingdom pavilions during Financial Committee this morning. Currently there are 8 in the Kingdom trailer, which is the maximum it can hold: Royals, seneschal, lists, two for the heralds, surgeons, family activities, and youth armored combat. The last 2 have not been set up in a couple of events, and the surgeon's will no longer be used for that office.
- TRM will consider how these tents should be used in the future. They do want to see more family activities occurring on the main erics. The scribes used the surgeon tent this weekend, but the marshals are asking to do so in the future. Someone else suggested setting up one of these tents in a more private place onsite for peerage meetings.
- Regardless of who is using which tent, it's important that ALL of them be actively used throughout the day: If there are not meetings or classes occurring at a given time, then the space should be clearly designated as open to the public.

#### Chatelaine -- HL Landinn de Marest

- Outreach efforts are going well in the larger branches, but could use a boost in the smaller ones.
- As always, consistent reporting by current officers is a problem.

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### Chirurgion -- Master Tvorimir Danilov ("Mir")

- On 7/11/15, the Society announced their decision to close the office of the Chirurgion 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/>.
  - The Society has given directions on processing chirurgion related records currently in the possession of Kingdoms or local branches. Groups need to send their records within 30 business days to the corporate office which will retain them for the necessary period and then shred them. (Adult records will be retained for 2 years and those for minors for 21 years.) Master Tvorimir has distributed these instructions to branch Seneschals.
  - 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.
  - Physical assets owned by SCA branches related to chirurgion activities may be kept, donated, or sold in accordance with applicable financial policies.
  - SCA participants can still choose to volunteer to provide first aid, but they will now do so under "Good Samaritan" or similar laws, or under their modern medical credentials, and not the protection of the SCA as an organization. Any of these volunteers may use the familiar fleam symbol as a way of being recognized as this will no longer be an official badge of the office. There will no longer be a set Chirurgion's point, but rather they are likely to be roving with a radio so the event team can reach them if necessary.
- An Tir's plan going forward per Master Tvorimir:
  - 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.
  - Our current chirurgions are considering forming a guild to support each other as they continue to volunteer. They would create their own level system and a new badge so that the populace could have confirmation that a volunteer has a certain level of knowledge related to SCA first aid situations. They are thinking about setting up a system where volunteers will be roaming wearing a baldric and carrying a radio that the event team can use to reach them.
  - Mir is writing a letter on these subjects which will be posted on the Steps and similar venues.
  - The Crown thanks Mir and all of the chirurgions for the care they have provided to our community.

### Chronicler -- Komtessa Octavia Laodice

- Komtessa Octavia plans to step down at September Crown 2015. She has been acting both as the Chronicler overseeing all of the deputies and as the Crier newsletter editor; but ideally two different people can be found to do these jobs in the future. There will soon be changes in how the newsletter is assembled which could reduce the required time to about 6 hours a month for someone with good desktop publishing skills. One volunteer focusing on that would allow the Chronicler more time to support branches with their own newsletters and to talk with the Society about the future of the office.
  - HL Alessandra da Montefeltro is seeking a replacement maintain the officer listings in the Crier.
  - Maestra Althaia filia Lazari would also like to train a new Curia Clerk to take notes at Crown events.
  - See the April and May Criers for details on these positions. All of them can be done even if you cannot attend many events, but they still provide an opportunity to get to know people throughout the Kingdom as you correspond with them.
- Now that Avacal's information is no longer part our Crier there is more room for officer reports, artwork, and general articles of interest. Please send material! An article on lace making will be printed in August.
- Some volunteers are currently scanning all of the old editions of the Crier so they can be preserved electronically rather than in boxes in the storage unit.

### Exchequer -- Mistress Genevieve Marie Etienne de Montagne (outgoing) & Master Arontius of Bygelswade (incoming)

- Mistress Etienne stepped down in court yesterday and Master Arontius assumed her responsibilities. Etienne says it's been an honor to serve An Tir in this fashion for the past 4 years. She grew a lot in the process and was able to work with some amazing people. The Crown and officers thank her for her service. The Society Exchequer is visiting An Tir next week to review our books and will sign Arontius' warrant then, and after that the checkbook will be handed over. (The last review was 4 years ago.)
- Budget planning for 2016 needs to happen in October, so start thinking ahead.
- The Kingdom had a \$11,000 loss for second quarter, compared to only \$4000 last year, but there was a lot more travel to Avacal this time. Despite the negative numbers, Etienne is not worried: An Tir always

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spends more than it makes in the first 6 months of the year. The big income is in third quarter when we receive the profit from May Crown, plus An Tir – West War, July Coronation, and September Crown take place. We still have reserves in the main bank account and we haven't had to touch our cd's.

- Etiennette is still updating An Tir's financial policy with the new NMS rules and language allowing electronic transfers. She plans to finalize these within the next month so they can be approved at September Crown.
- NMS fees: 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 days of the event, and then the Kingdom has 30 days to send it to the Society. While these will be tough timelines to meet, it will mean 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.
- Long range strategic planning committee:
  - This was approved in Financial Committee this morning based on the detailed proposal submitted by Kingdom Seneschal Magistra Julia Sempronia.
  - Concept: We are not seeing significant growth either in SCA membership or event attendance, thus our income is also not growing. The costs of hosting events is steadily increasing, we're having a harder time attracting younger members, and our world now offers far more competition for the free time of individuals who might be interested in the SCA. This committee would take a broad look at the functioning and future of An Tir: reviewing our financial records, looking at the attributes in the 2010 SCA census, talking with participants, examining how we use volunteers, etc.
  - They would submit a preliminary report after the first year and a full report after the second with recommendations for steps An Tir can take to improve its long term functioning.
  - The initial members will be Etiennette and Dame Brigid Ross as the immediate past Kingdom Exchequer and Seneschal, as well as Count Savaric de Porte des Lions and Countess Dalla Hjalbaadsdottir. They may later add someone with modern experience in long term strategic planning. Future team members will hold 2-3 year terms, staggered so that only 1 person changes each year. Members will not be current Royalty or Kingdom officers as they have many other responsibilities, and this project requires people who can focus on the relevant topics for long periods of time.

### Herald -- Dame Richenda du Jardin

- The An Tir College of Heraldry has a new submissions address as of May: An Tir College of Heraldry. PO Box 2379. Corvallis, OR 97339.
- Richenda is seeking a deputy for education activities (Argent Scroll), an internal submissions deputy (Boar), and someone to oversee the herald's research and consulting activities (Aestel Herald).
- Richenda attended Known World Heraldry and Scribes Symposium in June. She raised concerns about submission being repeatedly returned for modification when the black and white line drawing varied slightly from the color drawing of a particular device. She asked for some latitude on this as An Tir provides consultation at camping events so the 2 pictures may be made by different people or at different times. The Society herald overseeing such matters (Wreath) agreed that as long as there wasn't a blazonable difference, both pictures would be accepted.

### Marshal -- Sir Einar Knuteson

- Sir Einar completed his first two years as Earl Marshal this weekend, and Their Majesties signed a new warrant for him to continue serving for another year.
- Revisions to the rapier, cut and thrust, equestrian, and youth armored combat manuals are all currently in progress. Former Kingdom Lists Minister HL Alessandra da Montefeltro is writing the first edition of a manual for those volunteers. Einar helped with the latest version of the "eric area layout guide" for Crown events.
- Einar is aware of three injuries at An Tir West War. In the next few weeks he is planning to address an uptick in fighters losing their cool on the field.
- There were 34 participants in the armored championship this weekend, with the victor being Jarl Styrkarr Jarlsskald. The Kingdom Protector tournament faced some challenges with equipment and number of competitors, but ultimately 9 people tried out and Archos John de Percy was victorious.
- Lists Minister HL Rose Atherton:
  - She ran the Crown Tournaments for both Avacal and An Tir in May, as well as the one for the armored champion this weekend. Dame Elena de Maisnilwarin took care of the archery championship lists which were occurring at the same time.
  - HL Liadain ni Sheanachain modified our current list boards used for the Crown tournaments and martial championships. Rose is going to pick up some more washers before September Crown to

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help with assembly, but otherwise the new system goes together more smoothly and breaks down into a smaller package for the trailer.

- At May Crown and again this weekend Rose went through the box of shield tiles to identify which ones belong to fighters who are still actively competing. Tiles belonging to Avacalan citizens are going to be sent to their Lists Minister for use in their tournaments. Those for retired An Tirian fighters can be claimed if those individuals want the memento, otherwise they will be put into a separate box and may be re-purposed later. We need the space in the main boxes for new fighters.

### Seneschal -- Magistra Julia Semponia

- Julia's Report:
  - This has been a very busy quarter! Not only did An Tir host its Crown Tournament and Coronation, but so did Avacal and they became independent on 6/27/15. We also hosted our annual war with the Kingdom of the West.
  - Officer changes: Julia is seeking deputies to manage family activities and baronial polling. She would also like a contingency deputy for herself by 12<sup>th</sup> Night so that person can support her and be more prepared to possibly be her successor. HL Marco Valentino is going to take over from Baroness Francisca de Montoya as Calendar Deputy. Viscountess Nadezhda Volynskaia is leading a new office as Event Training Coordinator.
  - Baronial pollings were completed in 2 locations: Sir Lars Gunnarson and HL Kara Bjornsdottir will do a second term in the Barony of Wealdsmere. Duchess Angharad Banadspus Drakenhefd and HL Bryson MacLachlan stepped up to lead the Barony of Aquaterra yesterday. The Baronies of Three Mountains and Stromgard are both beginning the polling process.
  - The Shire of Myrtleholt is continuing the process to become a Barony.
- Crown Events Deputy
  - 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, and are already helping out in reviewing new bids and supporting current event teams. This type of overlap in officers is very helpful.
  - New event bids need to be submitted to the above team so they can review them and work with the branch to fill in any gaps before the bid is officially presented to the financial committee. Trainings will be offered soon about how one can successfully tackle this challenge.
  - Both Kingdom Officers and Crown Event Stewards need to work harder on communicating with one another so that operations flow more smoothly at those events. We have many new volunteers hosting events and they need our support. Even experienced stewards don't necessarily know or remember which meetings cannot conflict and other details. If you have problems reaching parties or clarifying information, please contact the Crown Events Deputy.
  - Lists Field Set-Up notes and map -- This tool has been updated by Viscountess Lenora Truble, Mistress Ysabella Greene, and some other individuals. Event Stewards for Crown events are urged to refer to this as a guide when setting up the area around the erics. HL Marco Valentino said this was very useful at May Crown. The document is posted in the Event Steward section of the An Tir Forms website <http://antir.sca.org/Pubs/forms/ListFieldSetUp.pdf>
- Family Activities -- Seeking officer
  - The Society is finalizing the new plan for the family activities program, modeled loosely after what is done in Boys and Girls Scouts. The program will require adult mentors willing to teach about various aspects of the SCA, but the youth's caregivers will have to be involved as well: This is not a place to drop off your child.
  - We need a program like this for the short and long term health of the SCA. If children aren't having fun at events, then families won't attend now, and we lose an opportunity to recruit a future generation of participants.
- Media Officer -- Master Andrew Williams -- No report at this event.

### Scribe -- HL Sarra the Brave

- Painting of artwork continues around the Kingdom. Based on the number of seals produced, An Tir gives out 200-300 charters per reign (mostly for AoA and grant level awards), and then another 50 or so original scrolls (mainly for Peerages, but some White Scarves and OGGs). This doesn't begin to count what is distributed in the Principalities or Baronies.
- Sarra and HL Adrianna the Fierce have been training a new scribal officer in Aquaterra who agreed to take on that job despite her lack of experience.
- A variety of scribal classes are being planned for the Heraldic & Scribal Symposium taking place in the Barony of Wastekeep in October. Sarra is also working to update the documents on the scribe's website.

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- Avacal's Kingdom scroll, code named "Floyd", was completed on time, and delivered to their Coronation event to great applause. Images were subsequently sent throughout the Known World, although these don't do justice to the original. This masterpiece required 165 hours of artistic work, plus another 100 hours of planning and travel. Floyd traveled approximately 4,500km (2,800 miles) from the Southern Summits to Tir Righ, and from the WA peninsula to the Inlands, before it will be delivered to Avacal. Sarra said it was a joy to get to know and work with the incredible artisans who made this project happen:
  - *Avacal Client Representative* - Countess Inga in Hraustliga
  - *Design and line art* - HL Adrianna the Fierce
  - *Words* - Jarl Styrkarr Jarlsskald & HL Laurin of Rosewood
  - *Calligraphy* - Lady Alicia du Bois & Mistress Annisa Elisabetta Gabrielli
  - *Gilding* - HL Renart the Fox of Berwick
  - *Painting & Shading* - Lady Brewyn Celestial Wynhaven & Viscountess Celdae the Seeker
  - *Transportation* - 5 more people in addition to those named above.

### Web Minister Duke UlfR Blodfotur Fallgrson

- Infrastructure: The server has been largely stable with only one reboot in the past few months.
- Officer support: There have been delays in responding to requests for changes on the website. The IT team has designed a ticketing system to be implemented shortly which should help with this. (It will be similar to what many large companies use in that you mail your request to a single address, it's assigned a job number, and then 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 also mean there is 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 plan is to have 90% of the officers converted to the new system by the end of July.
- Website update: Planning and design of the appearance and functions of the new site will continue through third quarter, and then the changes should be implemented by the end of 2015.

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### KINGDOM EVENT UPDATES

*Please submit bids for 2016 and 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/>
  - Kingdom Events Deputy Mistress Ysabella Greene 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 this conversation.
  - There is an eric area layout guide for Crown Events which includes a map and dimensions for the layout of the fighting fields, access paths, and all of the Kingdom officer pavilions. The space parameters are essential for safety. Some Kingdom pavilions have required locations because of business requirements, while others can vary. 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 claim their spot on the Kingdom calendar, and to 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, that is 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.

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- Event Stewards must report monthly at the hosting branch's business meeting, and to the Kingdom Events Deputy by the 15<sup>th</sup>, 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!** In accordance with the decision of the Financial Committee at July Coronation 2014, beginning with September Crown 2014 and running through 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 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.]

**May Crown 2015 (May 15-17)** -- Shire of Hauksgardr. Event Stewards were Baron Finn Grim and HL Marco Valentino.

- The event was held at the Hood River Fairgrounds in Oregon. <http://www.hoodriverfair.org/facilities.htm> .
- Their final report has been submitted. This was a great partnership between the Shire and personnel from the Barony of Dragon's Mist.
- There were 759 attendees, of which 88 were children. About 20% of the camping space was still available, but they did need the extra parking at the school for another \$150.
- Gate proceeds were \$13,553, which resulted in profit of \$6357 for the Kingdom account. There was an unexpected \$500 for the dumpster, but this was offset by lower costs in other areas.
- The weekend's major issue was a "water feature" created after a tent spike punctured an irrigation line, and then the city technicians made the problem worse when they tried to fix it. The park maintenance employee was hunting during the weekend, but a local citizen helped the event team reach the right town officials.
- The event team did a lot of outreach to the local community, including putting flyers on the doors of the homes surrounding the park. Citizens were allowed to check out the event for free, and a tour was organized at 3pm on Saturday. There was a lot of positive feedback about our activities and several people came back on Sunday. The branch will see if this results in new members. There was also a front page article in the Hood River News. <http://www.hoodrivernews.com/news/2015/may/23/armed-and-chivalrous-medieval-tournament-graces-fa/>
- They are considering a bid to host September Crown 2016. It would cost another \$1000 for the main site for the fourth day, and to have access to the horse facilities. There are also some other possible sites in the area.

**An Tir – West War 2015 (July 1-5)** -- Event Stewards were Mistress Attia Prima and Viscountess Nadezhda Volynskaiia.

- Permanent event website <http://www.currentmiddleages.org/antirwestwar/> This is hosted on An Tir's server but can be used by both Kingdoms.
- Both Kingdoms have a contract through 2017 with the site owner for the Lazy J Moore Ranch in Gold Beach, Oregon. An Tir has \$20,000 in a dedicated bank account to pay for expenses in the years it hosts.
- They are still counting up everything, but are estimating a \$12,000 profit. Attendance was 980 adults and 138 children. Expenses were \$23,000, of which \$14,000 were the portable toilets. It sounds like a better deal can be obtained in the future, but only if the West is also going to be part of the conversation and pay the company on time. Perhaps a 2 year contract can be negotiated.
- Activities at the event were successful: The war scenarios were well received, and all of the arts & sciences classes had a good turnout. There was only 1 EMS call and a couple of other minor incidents. This is the fourth time Attia and Nadezhda have run this event, so they have a solid routine.
- Coordinating with the West Kingdom: It's challenging because we do things so differently. They pay \$7000 for showers and \$8000 to bring in large pavilions for the comfort of the attendees, while An Tir chooses to have lower gate fees and a larger profit margin. Paying for the shower truck is also a risk as some years it is rerouted to serve wildfires and the West loses their deposit. The two Kingdoms need to sit down and come up with a long term plan for the event. Originally the plan was the hosting Kingdom would share a portion of the profit with the other Kingdom since both supply volunteers for the event. The West stopped paying this first and now An Tir isn't either. A similar lack of cooperation has resulted in the decline of Estrella War. Mistress Etiennette de Montagne and Dame Brigid Ross tried previously to engage the West in having a joint bank account as is done for other multi-Kingdom events, but the West declined. Etiennette, Attia, and TRM will talk some more about how to possibly engage the West on this subject, as they all have friends there who might be allies in this project.

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

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- The event site was the Northern State Recreation Area in Sedro Woolley WA. <http://www.skagitcounty.net/Departments/ParksAndRecreation/parks/nsra.htm>
- No report this weekend.

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

- Event website [http://antir.sca.org/Upcoming/index.php?Event\\_ID=3292](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 will be Nix Ranch in Chehalis, WA which has hosted Crown several times before, including in 2013. The site is about 10 miles from most services in the city, although there are a couple of small convenience stores closer.
- Francisca says that planning is going well. The contract for the portable toilets has been signed as has the deposit for a 40 yard dumpster. (The Barony of Blatha An Oir failed to pay the company in a timely manner for a prior event, so they are now insisting on a deposit.) Water access at this site is a challenge: Participants definitely must bring their own, but the hope was to use site water for the horses. Unfortunately the creek is dry because of the lack of rain this summer. Even if this changed, Dame Macha of Mountain Edge is not attending and she has the best equipment for pumping from a ground source. Kingdom Equestrian Officer, Master Guillaume de Garrigues is looking into other options, including renting a water truck.
- Fire rules: The site is private property so we have a bit more flexibility, but common sense still needs to prevail. The event team will know more after the 7/31 site walk through. Tentatively the plan is propane and charcoal fires only; but everyone should plan for something even more restrictive and be happy if that's not the case. The event team will give the populace as much notice as possible about the plan.
- Godric is working on the site layout map, while Francisca will talk with TRM about the schedule. Both are talking with other Kingdom officers about their needs and roles.

**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](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 open. [http://shiloinns.com/search\\_results.asp?PI=COSWA](http://shiloinns.com/search_results.asp?PI=COSWA)
- Renart says everything is going according to plan. 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. The plan is to set things up so people can move between tables with the different courses. TRM point out it would be helpful to make some arrangements for families or households to sit together even if they aren't present when the doors open to reserve a space.
- Dame Madrun y Gwehyddes is handling pre-registration which closes on 10/5. This is mandatory!

**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.
- 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.

**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](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. There's been a recent change in hotel managers, but the new one seems to support the event.
- Room reservations: Our initial block of 250 rooms is full, but they are trying to negotiate additional rooms. The hotel has been unwilling to make a waiting list, but attendees can reserve a regular room at the \$129 a night rate. (Versus the event rate of \$99 which was negotiated with the initial contract in 2013.) When the event was held at this site in 2013, 20% of the rooms were cancelled within 2 weeks of the event, so the hotel management is nervous this will happen again. The populace tends to reserve early knowing the hotel will fill



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up and then decide later if they are actually going to attend the event, because there's no direct penalty to them in doing so. However, we need to educate them on the larger consequences of this action. Other hotels are also now requiring some payment at the time the room is reserved for the same reasons. There is another hotel a couple of blocks away and Ana will talk to them about setting aside a block of rooms at the same rate.

- The event is not going to do pre-registration for participants given that recent 12<sup>th</sup> Nights have handled the lines easily onsite.
- Activities: There is a list of planned events and meetings on the event website. If you don't see yours here, email the event stewards. The details of the schedule will be figured out after September Crown once our Heirs can be consulted. The Society Seneschal will be attending the event and doing a meet and greet with the populace sometime during the weekend.
- 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 Duessa of Movilla. HL Eoghan O'Briain will be the MIC for the Queen's Rapier Tournament.
- The team is selling red and black, short and long-sleeved shirts as a fund raiser through their website. This sale closes on 9/30.

**Arts & Sciences and Bardic Championship -- March 4-6, 2016** -- Two bids were just received. The Events Deputy will confer with the Crown shortly about these.

**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. *Newly awarded this morning!*

- Event website [http://antir.sca.org/Upcoming/index.php?Event\\_ID=3609](http://antir.sca.org/Upcoming/index.php?Event_ID=3609)
- 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, but the rental cost has gone up by \$1000. It's about 3 hours from Seattle, Spokane, and Portland; and 5 hours from Vancouver, BC.
- Merchants: Rather than paying a specific booth fee, the plan is to ask them to contribute something for the Kingdom largess trunk, or which can be put into a silent auction for the Raven Travel Fund or another purpose. Many merchants prefer this approach as they have more goods than spare cash.
- Marshals in Charge: Lord William McKenna (armored). Archos Ronan McKay (archery). HL Luathrend inghean Uilliam (rapier).

### 50 Year Celebration (June 17-27, 2016)

- The very first tournament was May 1<sup>st</sup>, 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)** -- A bid from the Barony of Lion's Gate was reviewed in the Financial Committee meeting this morning but the suggested site has too many challenges. Lion's Gate and other branches are encouraged to submit other bids.

**September Crown 2016 (September 2-5)** -- The Shire of Hauksgardr is considering bidding for this event at the same site as was just used for May Crown. The Shire of Lionsdale is also looking at potential locations.

**Twelfth Night 2017 (Jan 13-15)** -- Two bids were discussed in Financial Committee meeting this morning. One from the Barony of Dragon's Laire to use the Clearwater Casino on Bainbridge Island, WA. The other from the Barony of Wyewood to use the Doubletree Hotel in SeaTac, WA where the event was held in 2014. The official Financial Committee team is going to review both plans in more detail and make a decision in the next few days.