

AN TIR CURIA MEETING -- July Coronation 7/16/17

Attendance:

ROYALTY

King Christian Bane
Queen Helene d'Anjou

KINGDOM & PRINCIPALITY OFFICERS

Seneschal Lenora Truble
Exchequer Arontius of Bygelswade
Curia Clerk Althaia filia Lazari
Seneschal Contingency Deputy Alianora Greymoor
Crown Events Deputy Ana de la Sara
Exchequer PayPal Deputy Katherine of Akornebir
Arts & Sciences Minister Cristiana de Huntington
Earl Marshal Luciano Foscarelli
Lists Minister Rose Atherton
Scribe Sarra the Brave
Web Minister UlfR Blodfotur Fallgrson
Summits Seneschal Piaras mac Toirdhealbhagh
Tir Righ Seneschal Alessandra Luciana Giancomo

About 6 other people I didn't recognize.

OTHER INDIVIDUALS

Ysolt Tayler of Windhill
Elizabeth de Rossignol
Thorkell Palsson (Twelfth Night 2018 Steward)
Erik Loren Elcara (NMR Deputy)
Edward Ean Anderson
Gwyneth Gower
Taranis Darius Bolverka
Garet Doiron (Tir Righ's Chief Herald)
Dalla in Fagra (Long Term Planning Committee)
Markus the Merciless "Hammerhand"
Styrkarr Jarlsskald (Collegium Class Coordinator)
Steven Desjardin (May Crown 2017 Steward)
Guðrun Sæbjarnarsdóttir (Collegium Event Steward)
Gera Gangolffin (May Crown 2017 Steward)
Elena de Maisnilwarin
Desiree Chiarestella (July Coronation 2017 Steward)
Dagrun Stjarna (Twelfth Night 2018 Steward)
Alessandra da Montefeltro (Baroness of Wyewood)
Afra Sternberg (Tir Righ Lists Minister)

Words from Their Majesties: They are glad to see so many at the meeting.

Bardic Championship: Master Conchobar Clarsair tragically died shortly after proving victorious in March. Their Majesties Styrkarr and Stjarna decided to honor a couple of individuals with this role until the next championship is held. Lady Sholeh of Susa took the post on 4/21 and held it through An Tir – West War. Master Martin le Harper then assumed the Champion's cloak during Saturday's final court this weekend.

Law Changes: None this weekend.

PRINCIPALITY REPORTS

Summits -- Master Piaras mac Toirdhealbhagh

- Current paid members are 424. Their bank balance as of the end of June is \$21,967. They have filled almost all of our open officer positions, including several that had been vacant for a long time.
- Office 365 accounts are now being set up for the Principality Royalty and officers through An Tir's account, which they are very excited about. This will eliminate the need for email to forward to personal accounts, and allow records to be easily accessed by groups of officers, or by an individual's successor; amongst other functions. The Principality still wants to move its website to a different server, but is going to wait until the Kingdom site is converted over to the new programming, to see if that eliminates the need for a change or at least to be sure the systems are compatible.
- Coeur du Val, which currently consists of Benton County, is polling on 8/10 to add the adjacent Linn County to their Shire. Linn county is currently surrounded by Summits branches, but has remained part of central An Tir "King's Land" until now.
- Equestrian activities have declined over a few years with fewer participants and events in the Summits. In an effort to turn this around, the Barony of Terra Pomaria recently hosted a very well received equestrian ithra with 20 hours of classes, 25 hours, and 30 riders. The plan is to make this a recurring event. The Principality is also looking at different ways of holding their equestrian championship to encourage more participation and ease the workload on sponsoring branches.
- Several branches are considering bidding for Kingdom Events in 2018. Adiantum is considering hosting Twelfth Night again, or Collegium. Terra Pomaria is speaking with some shires about hosting a Crown or summer Coronation.

Tir Righ -- HL Alessandra Luciana Giancomo

- This weekend's Event Team came together, with a lot of help from Tir Righ and beyond, to pull off relocating the event a distance of over 400 kilometers on a week's notice! This was unfortunately necessary because of

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the wildfires raging through central BC. However, it was also a testimony to what can be accomplished with great volunteers, and strong relationships with those in our modern community. Everyone is sorry we weren't able to visit that area, and looking forward to another chance with May Crown next spring. In the meantime, the border communities will be welcoming An Tir back in a few weeks for September Crown.

- Tir Righ is currently updating their Principality files and procedures, and plans to add this information to their website so it can be easily accessed by their populace. Alessandra is recruiting an Education Deputy to assist with this process, and in training new Branch Seneschals. (Particularly in situations where it's not possible for the prior officer to provide thorough training.) Her team is also working with their Shires to review their Customaries and their financial policies, and update those documents as needed.
- Tir Righ's Exchequer is contacting each branch about doing an audit of their books.
- The Principality has a new Arts & Sciences Minister in Master Iain Guthrie.

OFFICER REPORTS

Arts & Sciences -- Mistress Cristiana de Huntington

- Last year's huge project were the new judging forms, and while there's a bit more to do on those; the big project for the next 12 months will be organization:
 - Cristiana is examining the job definitions for the current Kingdom deputies, as some posts seem to have few responsibilities, and there are other tasks which aren't clearly assigned.
 - Countess Elizabeth de Rossignol is stepping in to work on educating local A&S Ministers: What is their job description? What should they be doing beyond reporting every month? What help do they need from the Kingdom?
 - Should the focus of the Bardic Championship competition be changed to put more emphasis on public performance? If so, then how could other bardic aspects be incorporated into the overall Arts & Sciences competition. (Elements such as musical skill, historical research, composition, etc.)
- Judging Forms: After their first practical trial at the Kingdom Championship in March and in a few Baronies, there is a bit of editing going on this summer. They are also working on the Handbook which will explain to judges and competitors alike how the forms are to be used and what the different scores mean. Cristiana and her deputies will also continue offering classes on these topics at various events. The forms are posted on the Kingdom Arts & Sciences website at <http://www.antirarts.com/>: Cristiana and her team are continuing to add other information and photos to this site as well.
- Guilds: There are 4 active groups at this time: Costumers, Apothecary, Lampworkers (beads), and Moneyers. No new reports have been filed since May Crown.

Chamberlain -- Master Charles de Bourbon

- *For more information on the regalia projects, read the Financial Committee notes.*
- Officer pavilions: The ridge pole for the tent with green dags the heralds use was fixed at May Crown, and the damaged side pole was replaced.
- Crowns: Construction is underway on the new "travel crowns" and the initial amount of \$4300 has been paid to Master Sigmund Helmschmiede. Photos and progress updates are being posted at https://www.facebook.com/newantirtravelcrowns/?hc_ref=SEARCH&fref=nf. No decision has yet been made about restoring An Tir's longstanding crowns. Viscount Matheus Bane is also still seeking the location of the Kingdom's very first crowns.
- Throne Re-Purposing Project: Matheus has disassembled the old thrones and is turning the components into a variety of objects, including book covers, marshaling batons, and jewelry boxes. The first auction of these items will occur at September Crown. He also cut 200 shield tiles out of the thrones that fighters can use in Crown Tournament. At \$10 each, this has resulted in \$1390 so far being donated to fund future regalia projects. All of the remaining tiles are currently spoken for, and Matheus is working to connect with those individuals for payment. Learn more at <https://www.facebook.com/AnTirThroneFundraiser/?fref=mentions>
- Bids are sought to craft the Scepter, Rod, Signet Ring with the Kingdom Seal, and goblets for Their Majesties to use for toasts; contact Charles for specifics. Once a bid is submitted, the Financial Committee can decide whether to authorize the expense.
- Duke Styrkarr Jarlsskald has located an appraiser who has the skill set to evaluate our current crowns, but he would like more information about what An Tir is looking for in the appraisal. The rate for the work is \$95 an hour. After the crowns, the next priority will be the orb. Master Phelan Tolusmidr has located 2 or 3 companies which could insure our regalia. The policy must cover the crowns and the armored champion's sword residing at different times in both the US and Canada. The other policies must cover cross-border travel, but we might be able to save money by storing the items in only one country. Charles is creating a spreadsheet to track all of the regalia and other Kingdom property, as there are a lot of items in a lot of hands.

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He is investigating attaching GPS trackers to some of the most valuable items to aid in retrieving them if they are lost or stolen.

Chatelaine -- HL Landinn de Marest

- Landinn's two year warrant is up in January. She has spoken with a couple of individuals about taking the office, but both said they did not want to do so at this time, although they might consent to being her deputy. She is willing to stay on for an additional term if the Crown agrees. She recommends that successor have been a Branch Chatelaine for at least one term, and be well versed and comfortable in using social media as that has become a large part of this position.
- Landinn is continuing to work on the handbook for her office, which hasn't been updated since 2004. The new edition should be finished by the end of the summer.
- She plans to attend Stormgods, Honey War, Autumn War, and Great Western War this summer.

Chronicler -- Dame Ellen Fraser

- There is not much to report this quarter. The "Crier" continues to improve under the auspices of Lady Kitsume of Madrone, and Komtessa Octavia Laodice is still working on archiving old issues of the "Crier".
- Ellen is retiring the deputy positions for Branch Reporting and the Grete Book as there's no need for them at present. These offices can be re-activated in the future should the need arise.

Exchequer -- Master Arontius of Bygelswade

- His first two year term ended this weekend July Coronation, and he has been granted a one year extension oversee the implementation of PayPal, and the update to our written Financial Policy. He has identified a potential successor and will use this time to train that individual as well.
- Current status: The Kingdom currently has an asset total of \$ 152,762.45. This includes \$63,999.09 in the checking account, \$14,673.17 in an accessible savings account, and the balance in cd's.
- The Kingdom received \$2914.44 in profit from May Crown.
- Raven Travel Fund has increased in the past two months to \$4450.90. Of this \$500 came from the "merchant discount card" program that Earl Edward Ean Anderson proposed, and which runs through Twelfth Night.
- Society Officers will be reviewing An Tir's financial records on 8/12/17. This is a required assessment every two years. Arontius is confident An Tir will pass this inspection, although there are a couple of areas we can improve in, most notably more frequent reviews of financial records of local branches. The Society's other requirement for An Tir right now is to finish updating our financial policies and have these approved at the October Board meeting.
- Pay-Pal implementation: An Tir met the minimum Society standards to be eligible to use PayPal as of May Crown, but operational procedures and other details still must be worked out, and a bank account set up to process the funds. Baroness Katherine of Akornebir has agreed to be the leader of this work. One training session is set for 7/19 and another at September Crown. Currently the plan is to use PayPal for the first time at gate at An Tir Collegium and then again at Twelfth Night 2018, and then start rolling it out for other events. Branches must meet certain standards in order to qualify, including submitting their financial reports and paying NMR fees on time.
- The State of Idaho has determined that admission to SCA Events meets the criteria as an activity where the 6% state sales tax applies, the same as for a concert or sporting event. The fact that the SCA is a Federal 501(c)3 non-profit organization does not qualify us for an exemption to this rule. The SCA's accountant has written out a procedure on how to collect this tax and submit it to the SCA which in turn will pay to Idaho. Washington state has a similar law on its books, but so far has not chosen to apply this to activities like SCA events. That could change at any time however. Oregon currently does not have a tax law like this.

Herald (Black Lion) -- HL Oddr Thiálfason

- New Deputies: Caitrina inghean Aindraisia has taken on name & device submissions (Lion's Blood) assisted by James Irvein (Red Flame). Erik Loren Elcara is now managing the research library for names (Aestel) and Hafr Toki is the new web deputy (Blue Anchor). Oddr has an individual interested in taking on the Archivist position, and is seeking someone to lead the Silent Herald's (ASL interpretation) work. New business cards with the team's Office 365 addresses have been printed and distributed so they can be given to members of the populace as needed. Contact information for all of the Kingdom Heraldic positions is at http://antirheralds.org/college/black_lion_staff.html.
- Name & Device Submissions:
 - The Society is now limiting each Kingdom to 60 submissions per month so that they can insure complete quality commentary in the monthly review letters. An Tir will submit items based on the order they are received, although the Principalities will be guaranteed 10 slots each. Submissions above the 60 cap will be filed the following month. This shouldn't be a problem for An Tir as typically

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- we have about two dozen submissions a month most of the year, and about double that on months with a Crown event when the team is able to offer extensive consulting onsite.
- One challenge in recruiting someone to be Aestel Herald is the ability to haul a couple of bins of reference books to Crown and other key events. Oddr is talking with his team about paring this down, especially since some information can be looked up online if there's cell coverage onsite, but this would still increase the number of consultations that must be continued after the event via email.
- An Tir is considering accepting electronic submissions in cases where no payment is required, such as revising a name or device application that was returned for conflicts.
- We need to create procedures to accept electronic payments for submissions as Canadians have largely stopped using checks, and the heralds cannot accept cash. Money orders are an option, but an inconvenient one.
- Technology: The Heralds' department now all has Office 365 accounts, but many are still learning how to use these. Oddr has requested access to be able to alter user names and reset passwords for his team. He has a new deputy, Hafr Toki, specifically to work with the Web Team on these topics, including transitioning the Heralds' website from private control to Kingdom ownership, and how to redesign that site in a way that is compatible with the new Kingdom site. Hafr will also investigate options for online reports for officers, such as using Office 365 Flow or Survey Monkey.
- Heraldic & Scribal Symposiums:
 - An Tir's gathering will be September 9th in the Barony of Three Mountains. Specifically the New Life Christian Center in Milwaukie, OR. Details at http://www.antir.sca.org/Upcoming/?Event_ID=4215
 - Known World gathering will be in Pittsburgh, PA on June 8-11, 2018. Oddr is confirming with the Society Herald, but he believes attendance is required for the lead herald from each Kingdom. Flight quotes are available 360 days in advance so Oddr will start looking at options. With airport fees it may be cheaper to depart from Vancouver, BC.
 - All branch heralds, and anyone else interested in this subject, are strongly encouraged to attend the Black Lion's meetings at Crown events.
- Other projects include: Continuing to gather ceremonial texts from prior Royal reigns for historical purposes and to use as references for future texts. Finishing four tabards for the Silent Heralds and coming up with a heraldic name for that office. Revising the heraldic submission forms to remove birthdate and gender, and add a warning against modifying the shield shape. The department's heraldic artist has proposed making crisp new line art for all of the Kingdom officer badges and awards.

Marshal -- Viscount Luciano Foscari

- Luciano assumed the Earl Marshal's office at May Crown and is settling into the position. Things are going well overall. His two biggest learning areas in the coming months will be archery in general, and the process for experimental weapons and activities.
- Officer changes: Master Guillaume de Garrigues is stepping down after 4 years as the Kingdom Equestrian Officer this weekend. HL Domenico Taddio is taking on this post and has lots of exciting plans. (Elephants and camels, anyone?) While HL Rose Atherton has identified one possible success as Lists Minister, applications from others will be taken until 8/1. The plan is for that person to shadow Rose at September Crown and then assume full responsibility at Twelfth Night. Luciano will also be posting again for a new Youth Armored Combat Deputy, as HL Tamar Rustavelli has not been able to fulfill this job in several months. The last request for this position was lost in the transition as Luciano took over as Earl Marshal.
- Manuals: A revised youth armored combat manual was prepared for signature at Ursulmas, but some stakeholders had a different perspective on the concept and that was submitted to Luciano this week. He will work with the new YAC Deputy to reconcile these ideas. Baroness Alessandra da Montefeltro is still working on An Tir's first handbook for Lists Ministers, and will be testing this with her class at Sport of Kings.
- Queen's Rapier Championship: Luciano wants to find a way for this to occur at a definitive time at Twelfth Night, rather the fighters being in limbo for hours waiting for court to finish. No one wants it back on Sunday morning as that was equally hard on fighters and received little attention from the populace. Perhaps it can occur first thing Saturday, with court afterwards, and the Peerage meetings that night or on Sunday. Or it could run in another ballroom simultaneous to court, but that would split the audience and many hotels lack sufficient space. Another option would be to hold the tournament at Kingdom Arts & Sciences and Bardic Championships. Luciano will speak with Their Majesties, the Arts & Sciences Minister, and the Stewards of the affected events to learn their perspectives.
- Lists Minister HL Rose Atherton's Report: Everything ran smoothly at May Crown and with the armored championship his weekend. There were 68 competitors in the first and 41 in the second. Sir Leith An Amhrenai dal gCais is our new Armored Champion. Rose sent the full report from May Crown a few weeks ago to the Earl Marshal and our Monarchs, and will do the same by the end of the month for activities at

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Coronation. While not directly her responsibility, Rose was informed there were 24 on the field for Squires', 22 for Cadets', and 2 for youth armored combat.

Seneschal -- Viscountess Lenora Truble

- Pollings Deputy -- Baroness Alianora Greymoor:
 - Dragon's Mist will have a new Baron and Baroness as of Sport of Kings: Jose Cabrera de Castilla and Ana De la Sara.
 - Dragon's Laire will have a confidence polling on 7/18 to determine if Conchobar MacEoin and Eilidh Kedeleth will continue for a second term.
 - Wastekeep will have a polling in August to select new leaders, as Baroness Katherine of Akornebir is choosing to step down after one term.
 - Ambergard polled on 7/5 to dissolve their Shire in central WA. Next decisions will be made about whether those zip codes will be assigned to the neighboring branches, or be considered King's Land.
 - Coeur du Val in Benton County, Oregon will be polling on 8/10 as to whether to add the King's Land in adjacent Linn County to their Shire.
- Family Activities -- HL Alizand Thorgeirsson née LeFevre
 - The Youth and Family Achievement program continues to grow across An Tir. Workshops are being held at most large events, and tokens continue to be earned by our youth. Alizand wants to thank 5 volunteers in particular for their tireless promotion of the program, and their feedback to her and to the Society about how it can be improved. HL Emil of Dragon's Laire, Lord Bledyn Drwg de Caerdydd, Lady Katerina Seligkint, HL Ulf the Wanderer and HL Duessa of Movilla.
 - Alizand has found a deputy for the Summits. The YAFA program is also inspiring more individuals to volunteer for family activities in local branches, as it provides a structure for their work.
 - Her plans for the next quarter are to travel as much as feasible to promote the YAFA program and to support her local officers. She also wants to talk to Arts & Sciences officers to find ways to align at least some classes in those areas with the YAFA curriculum, and to offer more classes at events.
 - Current needs: A section of the Kingdom website dedicated to Family Activities where information about YAFA and more can be posted. Alizand would like to know if there is a pavilion she can use for activities at Crown events, and whether a banner can be commissioned to mark that tent.

Scribe -- HL Sarra the Brave

- At Sport of Kings Sarra will turn the office over to HL Margaret Fae from the Barony of Dragon's Mist.
- The production of beautiful charters and original scrolls continues throughout the Kingdom.

Web Minister -- Duke UlfR Blodfotur Fallgrson

- UlfR is extending his term again until Twelfth Night as his likely successor has withdrawn his application due to other commitments, and no one else has yet applied. UlfR will post the request again online and in the "Crier". UlfR also wants to complete the transfer of An Tir's website to the new platform. He is willing to stay on to long term infrastructure support if his successor wishes.
- There continue to be major stability issues with the current host for our website, so UlfR is trying to finish the programming of the new website as quickly as possible so it can be moved to the new host. Unfortunately the deputy who was helping with this project is now otherwise occupied, and so the task has fallen back to UlfR's desk. They are on target to roll out the new site in September.
 - The new website will use the Azure / Sharepoint platform as this will best accommodate our diverse array of existing programs, and allow officers to directly manage documents on the website on their own. A significant challenge is the number of custom applications different departments have invented over the years that are in a wide variety of computer formats. The Herald's office and the Calendar Deputy both have specific requests for the new site which they are working with UlfR on.
 - The Azure backend is being set up to take advantage of our non-profit free services.
 - The Roadmap for the project has been updated, and the "proof of concept" is underway.
- Office 365: Microsoft is treating An Tir well in terms of software deals. All of the Greater Officers now have accounts, and work is continuing on their deputies. Accounts have also been set up for The Summits Royalty and officers. Baroness Alessandra da Montefeltro is now handling officer changes on the website as well as for the "Crier", reducing duplication of work. (This includes both Kingdom and Regional Officers, and the information for Barons, Baronesses, and Branch Seneschals.)
- UlfR still needs to finish setting things up so his other two new volunteers can take their roles: Domina Attia Prima will screen support requests from the populace, and route them to the relevant member of the team, also fixing some of the simpler ones herself. Komtessa Octavia Laodice is willing to help Kingdom Officers write and post content to their sections of the website. UlfR is seeking another deputy who can act as a consultant to Branch Web Ministers.

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KINGDOM EVENT UPDATES

Instructions for current and prospective Crown Event Stewards:

- Getting started:
 - See 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 to increase the chances it will be approved. [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 map has the minimum safe dimensions for the fighting fields and access paths. It also has dimensions for the Kingdom officer pavilions, and explanations of which must be in a certain spot to effectively do business, and which are flexible. The guide also explains how to handle requests for space around the erics. <http://antir.sca.org/Pubs/forms/ListFieldSetUp.pdf>
- 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 acceptable substitute.
 - Event Stewards must report their progress monthly at the hosting branch's business meeting, and to the Kingdom Events Deputy by the 15th. The Steward must also be prepared to speak at every Curia meeting from the time their bid is presented until one Curia after their final report was accepted by the Kingdom.
 - 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.
- 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.)

Bids are needed for 2018! -- We are seeking bids for July Coronation, September Crown, and Collegium. 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. (In other words, it's also time to think about KASB for 2019.)

Crossing the US – Canada Border -- In general, for anyone 16 and older, a passport or enhanced photo ID works best, or a government issued photo ID and original birth certificate. Children who are not with both parents need a consent letter from the other parent in addition to their birth certificate. It's best to buy and eat your groceries in the country you're visiting as fruits, vegetables, and meats are typically not allowed to cross. For more:

- American rules <https://www.cbp.gov/travel/us-citizens/canada-mexico-travel> and <https://www.cbp.gov/travel/us-citizens/western-hemisphere-travel-initiative>
- Canadian rules <http://www.cbsa-asfc.gc.ca/menu-eng.html>
- Sample consent letters <https://travel.gc.ca/travelling/children/consent-letter>

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

- Event website http://www.antir.sca.org/Upcoming/index.php?Event_ID=3617 and <http://baronyofmadrone.net/may-crown-2017/>
- Site was the Grant County Fairgrounds in Moses Lake, WA <http://www.gcfairgrounds.com/about.aspx> in the Shire of Ambergard. Their small group helped with local arrangements, while the Barony of Madrone supplied most of the team. Additional help came from the Baronies of Wyewood, Vulkanfeldt, and Wastekeep.
- Total attendance as 675, with 85 of those being children. Income was \$12,328 and expenses \$7389.60, which resulted in a profit for the Kingdom coffers of \$2914.44.
- There were no significant issues during the weekend and the team worked well together. This is a site that those in Curia would support using again.
- There were 68 individuals in the Crown lists, compared to 84 at last year's May Crown about an hour away. The shield board looked amazing with every tile having a specific fighter's heraldry!

An Tir – West War 2017 (July 4-9) -- Dishner property in Gold Beach, OR. Event Steward was Meisterin Elsa Naherin van Aurec from the West, assisted by Domina Attia Prima from An Tir, plus many volunteers from both Kingdoms. Citizens from the Summits particularly stepped up to help this year.

- Event website http://antir.sca.org/Upcoming/index.php?Event_ID=3618 and <http://www.antirwestwar.org/>

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- The contract with the Gold Beach landowners, Lyle and Diane Dishner, was renewed for 2017-2020.
- An Tir is awaiting the final event report, but attendance was just over 1000 people which resulted in income of about \$35,000, plus merchant fees. Unfortunately expenses are in excess of \$30,000, including over \$13,000 for the portable toilets alone. The team is expecting a profit, but it will be much smaller than in prior years, and it rightfully belongs to both Kingdoms this time.
- This was the first time we've tried running the war as a joint effort between the Kingdoms, and overall it went well. Of course there are things that we can improve on, but An Tir is optimistic that will be possible and future collaborations will work even better. More discussions will take place in the coming weeks as the final report is prepared.

July Coronation 2017 -- Multiple Tir Righ Branches. Event Steward is Mistress Desiree Chiarestella, assisted by Countess Dalla in Fagra, HL Alessandra Luciana Giancomo, HL Porzia di Corbino Rosso, & Sabrina of Lion's Gate

- Event website http://www.antir.sca.org/Upcoming/index.php?Event_ID=3619
- This team pulled off a miracle this weekend, re-locating the event on a week's notice over 400 kilometers when the wildfires in Central BC made the Salmon Arms Fairgrounds site an unsafe choice. The Shire of Lionsdale had a strong relationship with the City of Maple Ridge and the managers of the Albion Fairgrounds, and thus were able to secure that site and set things up in a way that worked for our populace. Huge congratulations are due to the July Coronation team, and to many other citizens of An Tir who came forward with needed supplies and volunteer hours when some from the Central BC branches couldn't make the trip.
- Attendance through gate was tentatively 356. This is much lower than a normal Coronation, but many in Northern and Central BC were unable to come this far south, in part because of the fire risks; and many from southern An Tir had already made other plans for the weekend as they expected the event to be too far north.
- Income is approximately \$6000 and expenses \$3000. (Flush toilets on site meant only a few portable toilets had to be rented, which greatly reduced the cost.) There was a \$1000 deposit on the Salmon Arm site that the event team is assuming is lost.

September Crown 2017 (September 1-4) -- Barony of Lion's Gate. Event Steward is Duke UlfR Blodfotur Fallgrson

- Event website http://www.antir.sca.org/Upcoming/?Event_ID=3620
- Site will be Camp McLean in Langley, BC. <http://www.campmclean.ca/>. This is 10 minutes from the US border crossing so it's easy for Americans to reach, and will be more financially friendly for Canadians given that their dollar is still running significantly below the US currency.
 - The site is level grass with lots of shade. There is a large open air "chapel" where we can hold court and bardic performances, and indoor rooms for meetings. There is space onsite for the equestrian championship, but it will be tight, so the team is looking into doing this at an adjacent camp.
 - There are 14 rustic cabins with 8 beds each that attendees can ask to reserve. There are flush toilets near the cabins, and the contract is being finalized for portable toilets for the rest of site.
 - Camp McLean was the site of An Tir's very first Crown Tournament in September 1981. Read an account of that event http://history.westkingdom.org/Year16/AnTir_FallCoronet.htm.
- UlfR will be doing more promotion of the event in the next couple of weeks. Mistress Desiree Chiarestella is helping advise his team.
- Martial team: Duke Ieuan Gower (armored). Archos Ts'ai T'ien-pu (archery). HL Cassandra Wineday (equestrian). HL Samuel McKinneach and HL Ewein Whowood (rapier and cut & thrust). Viscount Kheron Azov (youth armored combat).

An Tir Collegium 2017 (November 10-12) -- Barony of Wastekeep. Event Steward HL Gudrun Saebjarnarsdottir and are HL William McKenna.

- Event website http://www.antir.sca.org/Upcoming/?Event_ID=4172 and <http://www.antircollegium2017.org/>
- They need another branch to agree soon to shadow them and then host in 2018 if we're going to have a solid event with a consistent and steadily improving format from year to year. The Baronies Wyewood, Lion's Gate, and Adiantum have all expressed interest.
- The Red Lion Hotel is in "downtown Richland", about 10 minutes closer to the Cascade Mountains than the site used in November. <https://www.redlion.com/richland> They have a free shuttle to the nearby airport.
 - There are a still a few rooms left in our block, so call the hotel directly for the \$99 a night SCA rate. There are two more hotels and several restaurants within walking distance, and a mall nearby.
 - Airfare and Amtrak to the Tri-Cities is reasonable. The hotel runs a free 24 hour shuttle to the stations.
 - The team thinks this year's hotel's layout will work better for the event. They've also spoken with the hotel restaurant about handling the load from our populace.
- Classes: Now that Styrkarr Jarlsskald has stepped down from being King, he will have more time to work on this project, so advertising and specific class planning will pick up speed.

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- The Keynote Speaker has been confirmed: Dr. Claire Valente who studied Medieval history at Harvard and Oxford, specializing in the English Civil War period. She's going to teach a second class in the history track as well. Dr. Valente is now teaching at Walla Walla Community College. She was Styrkarr's professor when he was a student and she's also participated in the SCA in the past.
- Tracks for Culinary Arts and Administration are being added this year. Baroness Alianora Greymoor has agreed to lead the latter. Styrkarr still needs track leads for costuming and martial arts. You don't need to be an expert in the subject, only able and willing to recruit and herd those who are.
- Like last year, they want more classes planned than there are slots, since a couple of things always happen at the last minute where a substitution is needed.
- The team has a Facebook group for planning, and where class ideas can be submitted.

Twelfth Night 2018 (January 12-14) -- Barony of Wastekeep. Event Stewards are Duchess Dagrún Stjarna and HL Thorkell Pálsson, assisted by HL Gudrun Saebjarnarsdóttir.

- 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>. Our initial block has already been filled, but there are several more hotels close by. This is the same hotel and many of the same people who managed An Tir Collegium in fall. They learned a few things about the hotel that weekend, and will apply those lessons to Twelfth Night.
 - The stewards are speaking to the restaurant about ways to serve us more efficiently, including with a buffet option, as this was a big challenge with Collegium last fall. There is a new restaurant manager who has worked with the Fannish community before. The team is also considering inviting food trucks to the public parking lot across the street from the hotel.
 - Airfare and Amtrack to the Tri-Cities is quite affordable, and the hotel has a free 24 hour shuttle to the stations. The airport is only a mile away.
- Marshal in Charge will be Master Ulrik Grimwolf. He is also handling merchant reservations. For any other questions contact the team at [Wastekeep12thNight (at) gmail.com].

Kingdom Arts & Sciences and Bardic Championship 2018 (March 2-4) -- Barony of Glymm Mere. Event Steward is HL Disa i Birkilundi.

- Event website http://www.antir.sca.org/Upcoming/?Event_ID=4098. Additional competition information will be on the Kingdom Arts & Sciences website at <http://www.antirarts.com/>.
- This bid was awarded in Financial Committee this morning.
- Site is the Shilo Inn in Ocean Shores, WA which we have used for this event several times before. There is plenty of space for presentations and meetings, an area that can be used for fight practice or a small tournament, and the rooms are nice. The only challenge has been slow restaurant service, and the event team will talk to the hotel about options for addressing that. Room rates will be \$124 per night for two adults, with additional adults being \$25 each, plus taxes. http://shiloinns.com/search_results.asp?PI=COSWA
- Projected attendance is 275 people, which is the average for this event. This would bring in \$5500 at gate. Projected expenses are \$3245, most of which is the hotel costs of \$2750. Expected profit would be \$2255.

May Crown 2018 (May 18-20) -- Shire of Ramsgaard. Event Steward is HL Conn McRoy.

- Event website http://www.antir.sca.org/Upcoming/?Event_ID=4099
- This bid was awarded in Financial Committee this morning on the condition additional information and photos from the second walk-through show appropriate spaces for camping and fighting.
- Site will be the North Thompson AgriPlex in Barriere, BC. <https://www.fallfair-rodeo.com/agriplex/>
- They are projecting attendance of 500 people given the location, which would bring in \$10,000 Canadian at gate. (Typical attendance is 700.) Expenses are estimated at \$7975. The result would be a profit of \$2025.
- The site has flush toilets, water spigots, 2 full kitchens which we could use, propane fire pits, 10 horse stalls and an indoor riding area. There is space for 300 campsites.
- There was considerable discussion of the bid this morning as some individuals who have been to the site are concerned it doesn't offer suitable ground for fighting and pitching tents; and that it is even more compartmented with buildings than the Albion Fairgrounds we used this weekend. However, Conn McRoy said that the inside of the race track is all grass and that is the intended space for tents. We will also be able to use the AgriPlex buildings and flush toilets. Concerns were also expressed about the Central BC Shires not having experience with a Crown level event. However, we do want to give them a chance to host and share their part of the Kingdom, especially after the fires made that impossible this weekend.
- Kingdom Events Deputy Ana de la Sera will work with the Ramsgaard team and some experienced event runners in Tir Righ to arrange mentorships.

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Kingdom Feast 2018 (October 12-14) -- Barony of Dragon's Mist. Event Steward is HL Ana de la Sara, supported by Master Renart le fox de Berwyk.

- Event website http://antir.sca.org/Upcoming/index.php?Event_ID=4125 and www.antirkingdomfeast.org
- Site will be the same as before: Ocean Shores Convention Shores in Ocean Shores, WA. <http://www.oceanshoresconventioncenter.com/>. This site works very well for this event, and Dragon's Mist was not able to find something comparable in the Portland area.
- Hotels: Ana was not able to reserve a block of rooms at the Shilo Inn which has been our main base in the past, but she's negotiating a deal with another hotel nearby and will post the details on the Kingdom Events page as soon as that contract is signed. Rooms cannot be reserved more than a year in advance, so there's a little time yet.
- The basic event team has been selected and planning will start in earnest this fall. The theme will be "A feast for the suitors of Queen Elizabeth I".

Twelfth Night 2019 (January 11-13) -- Barony of Three Mountains. Event Steward is Mistress Selene Trios.

- Event website http://www.antir.sca.org/Upcoming/?Event_ID=4164
- Site is the Doubletree Hotel in the Rose Quarter of Portland, OR. This is where Twelfth Night was held in 2013, 2015, and 2016.
 - Room rates are \$115 (single bed) or \$149 (two beds) per night. We have 250 rooms reserved for the initial block. They are checking about whether a second block will be possible, but many hotels have corporate rules about reserving a certain number for business clients or airline personnel. There are other hotels very close by. Reservations will open in January 2018.
 - This hotel suits our needs at Twelfth Night very well, and we have a good relationship with their staff.
 - <http://doubletree3.hilton.com/en/hotels/oregon/doubletree-by-hilton-hotel-portland-RLLC-DT/index.html>
- Merchants fee will be \$10 each, with space for 30 vendors.
- The hotel contract has been signed. The Event Stewards are currently talking with the hotel staff about our needs. Active planning will start in early 2019.

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