



## **Winter Investiture Moot**

December 10, 2016  
Barony of Adiantum

### **Words of Tsarevich Tjorkill:**

Anyone who has stories and history of the Summits or An Tir, please let Me know so I can incorporate those into the fairy tales that I will be telling. We think it is important to learn the history of the Summits, so please let Me know the stories you think people should know.

I hope to make it to branch meetings throughout the Summits during Our reign.

## **Summits Roll of Officers**

### **Seneschal - *Piaras mac Toirdhealbhagh***

I attended the Seneschal & Exchequer Symposium in Three Mountains and learned a lot, mostly on the Exchequer side. Some important updates and reminders include:

- a. You cannot comp non-members
- b. Only members can hold any regalia or other items owned by the branch
- c. All Seneschals and Exchequers for each branch must have a warranted deputy (it's common to have the outgoing officer to sign on as a deputy to fulfill this requirement until a replacement can be found).

We still have several open offices in the Summits that I would love to see filled! This includes our Family Activities Coordinator, Youth Armored Combat Deputy, C&T Deputy (will be added to the Officer Handbook), Rapier Deputy, Exchequer and Webminister. Please discuss with your local branches and see if there is interest from our populace to fill these positions! If you do not have a deputy lined up, please do so to avoid open offices.

I'm looking for the original word documents for things like the Officer Handbook. It may have been on a previous Summits Seneschal computer, so if you were in this roll and remember having that, please let me know. Otherwise I'll need to recreate them, which isn't a problem.

Please check emails and respond and let people know that you have received them.

Regarding emails: We have consistently had problems with the aliases used by most Kingdom officers. Not only do these aliases regularly fail to work correctly, but all they do is forward emails to officers' personal emails. That means there is no retention of records.

We will be moving all Principality Officers to the new Office 365 system that An Tir is using for some of its officers. This will allow each office to pass on their email to their successor. This is far better in terms of data and information retention. It should theoretically also work better for receiving emails.

Each officer will receive an email from the An Tir webminister with log-in information for their specific, dedicated e-mail. Once everyone has migrated, we will be updating the website with these new e-mails and publishing them with reckless abandon.

There is a possibility, in the future, that all branch officers could have these e-mails as well.

## **Deputy Seneschal – Maeve Cunningham**

*From the Seneschal:* Maeve has signed on to continue as Deputy Seneschal.

## **Calendar Deputy - Kanavati Manikkam**

I have been trained and believe that I have a grasp for my new office. I am still not receiving the emails directly from [summits-calendar@antir.sca.org](mailto:summits-calendar@antir.sca.org). They are still having to be forwarded by the previous calendar deputy. Please be patient. There are currently two groups wanting the same weekend in July. Both groups are communicating and I am expecting a resolution soon.

## **Social Media Deputy – Seamus O’Caellaigh**

I am new to the office and don’t have a lot to report. The administration ability for the Official News feed has been transferred to me and I am a member of the Kingdom group where information is diffused through.

Please allow the Social Media Deputy to make official event pages in Facebook – please do not do your own. The Seneschal and Social Media Deputy set up the official event page, and then make the event steward an administrator for it. This eliminates the confusion of duplicate pages. People can also help by letting me know what sort of information the Summits would like to see on the official news feed.

## **Bleu Grael Herald - Berengaria de Montfort de Carcassonne**

I held my first heralds’ meeting at Fall Coronet, and was encouraged by the turnout. Among other matters, I asked and will continue to ask that each branch make or obtain a tabard for their herald to be worn while acting as herald, and at no other times. This is an easy way to identify and spot the herald on duty if they are out among the populace taking business for court or what have you.

Our challenges: I was asked to obtain a census of all heralds for Demi-Lion and to maintain it going forward as part of our on-going reporting status. I have not been able to complete this at the time of this writing due partly to my modern obligations, but also in communication with Marya Demi-Lion, due to ongoing web form reporting problems reported by branch seneschals and heralds. I will be working with Marya Demi-Lion to address this and get it caught up as soon as possible.

I realize the web form problems are largely out of our control here, so I am asking and will continue to ask that people use this address to contact me: [bleugraelherald@gmail.com](mailto:bleugraelherald@gmail.com), and please do not rely upon the web form. I know this is frustrating and seems like a step backwards, but it is more important that information be received and recorded than how it is obtained. This issue is part of the “not reporting” problem, and I would ask that our lovely Chronicler help me in printing a small blurb showing this email address in large, bold type as “send all reports and correspondence here for the Herald’s office”.

I am also starting work on my first article for *The Echoes* on our awards, as discussed at Fall Moot, with the objective of educating the populace and encouraging them to submit more award recommendations.

The past reign’s Court Coordinator has asked about putting together some tips for future holders of her role in terms of working with the heralds’ office; I have been mulling this for some time, and I would like to see something perhaps like a web- handbook started, with input from as many sources as we can get on how to effectively accomplish the tasks and goals inherent in the collaboration between the Coronet and their officers to make awards in court and assure their proper reporting – the steps involved in obtaining charters, coordinating with the scribes, the heralds, and all the other moving parts of this process.

### **Chancellor of the Exchequer - *Jennet MacLachlan of Loch Fyne***

*From the Seneschal:* Mistress Jennet signed an extension to serve as Exchequer for one more year. However, it is crucial that we have a replacement. Mistress Jennet wants to work with that person heavily this year so that the person is completely familiar with the position before taking over.

Please ask your groups to consider tithing because it really helps keep the Principality in the black. Glyn Dwfn is the only group to tithe so far this year.

### **Chamberlain – *Diana de Winterton***

I am very passionate about making sure the regalia of the Summits is well maintained. Many items have been lost or damaged, and I will work closely with Their Highnesses to make sure that everything is inventoried and cared for. Everything that is regalia should be checked out, whenever it is handed off to a successor.

Viscount Sverre has offered to take the Summits trailer in for service (maintenance, packing bearings) as he's taking his trailer in for the same and could do both at the same time.

Also, the trailer is configured incorrectly; the shelves are currently at the front of the trailer and should be on the sides, so that heavier things can be put on the tongue. Their Highnesses have someone who is willing to do the work.

The box thrones are a bit in of disrepair. Although usable, they need a little bit of love to come back to their former brilliance. (Viscountess Diana is working on new cushions for the thrones.)

The table that belongs between the thrones is in need of repair. Nemo has offered to fix the table for Their Highnesses. This will take several months, which is acceptable.

### **Minister of Arts & Sciences – *Rowan SpiritWalker***

There isn't much to report this quarter. The outdoor event season has closed; people are taking a breather and getting ready for the winter event season. All branches report holding monthly A&S days, and various individuals are working on entries for the upcoming Summits A&S/Bardic Championship.

### **Chronicler – *Aoibheall an Sionnach***

The Chronicler's Office is delighted to announce that the Shire of Briaroak has a new chronicler. That means that five localities – Adiantum, Briaroak, Glyn Dwfn, Terra Pomaria, and Myrtle Holt – have warranted Chroniclers in place. That's over half of the Principality. *The Echoes* has been published monthly in its new format (PDF that can be downloaded or read online) for a little over a year now. And as we receive more contributions of original research, art, photos, and creative work, the content will keep getting better and better.

The Kingdom Chronicler position is changing, and the outgoing Chronicler has asked for my help to update our information. So to local Seneschals, if I haven't contacted you already for this information, I need to know how meeting minutes are taken and how/where they can be accessed by members. For example, the minutes from Principality moot are distributed with the next month's issue of *The Echoes*. Copies of the minutes are (or will be) posted on the Principality website, and archive copies are sent to Their Alpine Highnesses, the Tanist and Ban-Tanist (if appropriate), the Seneschal, and the Chronicler. We have certain reporting responsibilities as local representatives of a non-profit organization, and we need to pull together all that information. If there's no system in place for your local group, we'll need to work together to make sure a system gets set up and is maintained.

Please send reports and articles to me via email; please do not send them as Facebook messages.

### **Chatelaine – Naible Martyn**

Chatelaines are settling in for the Winter. This summer has resulted in some great strides for recruitment and newcomer inclusion. My term is up at the beginning of April. I would like to open up applications for the next person to wear this hat.

### **Gryphon Scribe – Diana de Winterton**

Telisia is our outgoing Scribe and Viscountess Diana de Winterton will be stepping up.

### **Family Activities Coordinator – VACANT**

*From the Kingdom Family Activities Coordinator:* I would like families in the Summits to check out the new Youth And Family Achievement (YAFA) program in An Tir. I am really pushing it, so please let me know of anything that I can do to promote this in the Summits. I may have a deputy for Summits who will be in charge of YAFA, and we also need families, kids, and adult mentors.

The YAFA program came out of the 2010 census. The census revealed that families were leaving the SCA because there was nothing for families to do. In the YACA program, youth go through a series of set activities and receive a token of achievement. We need people to teach those activities.

### **Minister of the Lists – Acacia Gryffyn**

There are no updates or important information concerning lists. My only challenge is not knowing who I need to report to (other than to the Seneschal on a quarterly basis). I have had people step in to help make the tournaments run smoothly and quickly. The Captain of Cats tournament went quickly and smoothly, despite the very large list.

### **Earl Marshal – Luciano Foscari**

Combat is going well in the Principality. Reporting from Branch marshals was weak last quarter. Briaroak and Southmarch did not report. This is Southmarch's second quarter not reporting.

There were several incidents in the last quarter. They were all reported to Kingdom.

Society is concerned with concussions and head injuries, so there has been an increased scrutiny of the padding in helmets, in all disciplines. Rapier is requiring that masks be inspected off the head first, to check that the padding is still there and in good working order. I've not seen anything from the KEM mandating any changes to the heavy inspection.

A reminder that when performing inspections in any disciplines, you are to go around to the back of the fighter, or have them turn around, to inspect their back armor. You are not to reach around the fighter to inspect the back.

I have applied at Kingdom to be the Kingdom Earl Marshal. If I get that position, we will need to open the office to seek a new Principality Earl Marshal. I believe we will know at 12th Night whether I was selected or not.

### **Archery Deputy - NO REPORT**

### **Rapier Deputy – Alail Horsefriend**

The Arte of Defence is continuing to flourish in the Principality of the Summits! Reporting for the last quarter was on time, and while there was an incident of a blade failing, it broke in a "safe" manner and there was no injury. Practices are doing well and Glyn Dwfn's practice in particular has become one of the largest in the Kingdom.

The new level of mask inspection that came down from Society and Kingdom was instituted at Terra Pomaria's Championship tourney held at Martinmas Feast and I am happy to say masks passed the far more rigorous inspection with no issues.

I am looking for a successor for the Office Summit's Deputy for Rapier; it is time for the Office to pass on. I did receive an extension through this coming September but will not and cannot extend beyond that date

### **Equestrian Deputy – Anna von Engelberg**

One branch has an equestrian officer (Terra Pomaria) who reports regularly. Terra Pomeria is still having monthly equestrian practice, weather permitting.

A Summits equestrian, Tassi HestaMadr, is the Kingdom Equestrian Champion.

I am communicating with Myrtle Holt in regards to the Outrider competition to be held during ARC at the end of July. The Summits equestrian season will start up again in May if Glyn Dwfn runs another equestrian Hocktide. I haven't heard from them. The only confirmed equestrian event is ARC at this time.

**War Lord of the Summits - NO REPORT**

**Youth Armored Combat Deputy - VACANT**

**Webminister - VACANT**

## **Coronet and Principality Events**

### **Winter Investiture 2016 - Adiantum**

We had 168 people through Gate, including lots of children. Preliminary totals give \$4095 from gate, resulting in roughly \$2300 profits. Lost and found will be collected by the end of the event. NMS will be mailed within 10 days. The final report to Principality, along with payment for the profit split to Summits, is due within 30 days of the close of the event.

*Captain of Cats Tournament - Winter Investiture - Piaras mac Toirdhealghaigh.* There were twenty fighters in the list. This is the largest list for Captain of Cats that I've ever seen. At the time of this report, I am no longer Captain of Cats and Don Andrew Crowe has taken my place.

### **A&S & Bardic 2017 - Briaroak**

The site fee is \$25 (\$20 with membership discount). Children 17 and younger do not pay gate. Room and board fees apply to all, including children, no special rate. Room and board for the weekend is \$60, while food for just Saturday is \$25. If you are planning to sleep on site or participate in the meal plan, you must pre-register. Pre-registration is up and going. It will close Feb 4th so the staff can do meal planning.

We're currently asking Artisans to donate prizes showcasing their art or craft.

Their Majesties will be in attendance.

Proof of additional insured has been ordered.

Everything has been posted to the Facebook event, the Kingdom calendar, the Crier, the Echoes, and shared to all Facebook groups I have access to.

*Alpine Scholar - A&S & Bardic – Anya Snihova'* Plans for the Championship are coming along. I have a few people to read the papers that will be submitted at 11th Night, but could use a couple more experts in specialized topics. I have only gotten a couple of offers of judges for the

Championship. Most of the specialty judges that I've been asking cannot make it to the February event. This is going to be an issue since we have some unusual entries. I will be putting up some special requests this week on Facebook and will be talking to folks at Investiture. (On a personal level, I have taught at several events since Coronet and have one more scheduled in December (Hogmanay) and a display/informal class at Mid-Winter's Feast.)

*Bard of the Summits - A&S & Bardic – Sholeh of Susa.* I have judges confirmed, plus the Prince can vote in the final round if he wants to. The format is the same as last year's championship and I will post again on the Facebook page to remind people.

### **March Coronet 2017 - Coeur du Val**

The event stewards are Diana de Winterton and Solbella HaTayeret. It is scheduled for March 17-19, 2017 at the Benton County Fairgrounds Auditorium.

There will be some barrack-style indoor camping, tent camping, and RV camping will be available. We are also working on getting deals with 1-2 local hotels for discounted rooms.

There will be a period feast Saturday evening.

Activities include: A&S (Fabulous Six Largess Competition, displays, Never-Won-An-A&S competition, classes), Tournaments (Coronet tournament, rapier prize tournament, Summits Cut & Thrust Championship tournament), Meetings (Pelican, Laurel, Chivalry, Master of Defense, Moot), and Gatherings (Consorts tea, potentially, and a masked ball Friday night).

*Captain of Tigers - Spring Coronet (March) – Victor de Guerse.* There will be a C&T tournament at March Coronet to determine the next Captain of Tigers: Summits' C&T Champion. We will need:

- An Eric;
- A list minister;
- A herald;
- A sun/rain pop-up;
- Chairs and table for Lists;
- Pens, Sign-up sheet, double elim tourney scoresheet, clipboard, extra paper, and,
- A 1 hour (minimum) time-slot at the event to have the tourney and have their Highnesses present.

I would request (and the fighters would appreciate):

- Water & Gatorade containers;
- Water & Gatorade bottles; and,
- Fighter snacks (oranges, pickles, pretzels) and,
- Bowls/trays for snacks.

Format: Likely to be double elimination, starting with a challenge round.

Finals: Best 2 out of 3

- Sword and secondary, no case (sword & dagger is OK),
- Two-handed sword (as defined by An Tir C&T ABCs 13.11),
- Single 1-handed sword (as defined by An Tir C&T ABCs 13.11), no secondary.

All non-standard devices must be pre-approved by the RMIC (see, for example, An Tir C&T ABCs 13.12, 15.5, & 15.6).

Could use the shield board at this event.

## **June Investiture 2017 - Corvaria**

The proposed budget has been submitted to the Principality to look over.

## **Summits Archery Championship 2017 – Corvaria**

The Summits Archery Championship will be at Harvest in Corvaria in late August. Tati and Naible will be event stewards and an event proposal has been accepted by the shire.

## **September Coronet 2017 - Glyn Dwfn**

We are working on finding a site for September Coronet 2017, and have two potential co-autocrats who will likely present a bid at the next moot.

*From the Seneschal:* Budget must be submitted for approval no later than March Coronet, but preferably before. This can be done through email.

## **Winter Investiture 2017 - Myrtle Holt**

We are currently looking at potential venues.

## **Branch Seneschals**

### **Adiantum – Gwyn ap Llewellyn**

We have good engagement from the Barony on upcoming Baronial and Principality events (11th Night, Midwinter's Feast). Our Chatelaine is doing a lot of work encouraging new people. Weather reporting drove down attendance at Amergin's Revolt, which resulted in a loss.

One great idea would be streamlining officer reports for ease of submission.

### **Briaroak – Dawnhela Heartsblood**

Briaroak is doing well. We have had a good year with our events, our officers, and new participation. There are no foreseeable complications at this point.

We have three events of note coming up. The first is Birl Feast on February 4, 2017. We have decided to still hold this event despite how close it is to our Principality event. We are having a potluck instead of a feast for this event.

The second is the first Principality Alpine Scholar/Bardic Championship, Feb. 24-26, 2017. We have pre-registration open, the link is on the kingdom calendar, and the event listing is on Facebook, the Crier and the Echoes. We now need Artisans of the Summits to donate prizes for the tournaments, since our original plan hit a snag and can no longer happen.

The third event will be Bash in August.

### **Coeur du Val – Solbella haTayeret**

March Coronet is coming along nicely.

We are going to start working on increasing our events per year. We are looking into adding Linn County into Coeur du Val and we are going to start digitizing records to make it easy to see. We are going to try to add more A&S to our regular Tuesdays as well as doing more mini-events to encourage our newest members!

One thing I would like to see from others is more encouragement for people to join offices and to teach A&S.

### **Corvaria – *Thaddeus macGreagair***

The budget for June Investiture has been submitted to the Principality for approval. A challenge we are facing is a lack of people wanting to be event stewards.

### **Glyn Dwfn – *Kathren of Carnforth***

The major update for Glyn Dwfn is that we had a Seneschal changeover in October. Overall it's been going fairly well, with a few things missed that I didn't know existed, which is on me. I think that most of the challenges facing me at the moment are related to both being new and juggling a full course load with being seneschal. I think that will be easier next term, as I'm taking few classes.

### **Myrtle Holt – *Brynhildr Smidsdotter***

We have Hogmanay coming up on the 31st of December. We will be offering sleep space on site for \$5 so no one has to deal with other drivers. We will have a number of classes, including two dance classes. Preregistration is available, and the feast has a Russian theme.

I have a replacement for my position as Seneschal.

We have Outrider coming up at ARC. Equestrians will have plenty of shade.

### **Southmarch – *Keith the Wanderer***

I will no longer be Seneschal after this week. Frostbite was a great event. We do not have any Summits events coming up soon.

### **Terra Pomaria – *Gwyneth Blackthorne***

I have been serving as official Seneschal since September. It has been enjoyable and enlightening as I learn more with each passing month. I enjoy working with their Excellencies and cultivating our officer corps to their full potential.

We have recently found a new Herald for our Barony in Lady Christmas Caryl, a transplant from Caid. Our Exchequer continues to seek a successor as her term ends in January.

The bidding process has been opened for March 2018 Spring Coronet, which we are slotted to host. We are moving Long and Short to August.

### **Tymberhavene – *Yrmegard de Groet***

No Principality events are scheduled in Tymberhavene this year. War in the Trees is scheduled for 9 June - 11 June 2017.

We're transitioned to doing business meetings at socials on weekends, which is making it easier for farther flung members to attend.

Our biggest challenge right now is finding a legal contingency deputy seneschal. The most active members (with memberships, willing to take on responsibility) within the shire are roommates within four different households. Those willing to take on contingency deputy for seneschal either share a household with the current seneschal or the exchequer we're transitioning to. There isn't anyone else that I've been able to find who has a membership and is willing/honestly able to step up.