

College of Cranehaven

“Crane Tracks” Newsletter – Summer 2017



An Tir Regnum Their Royal Majesties of An Tir

The glorious reign of King Styrkarr and Queen Stjarna will conclude at July Coronation on the weekend of July 14-16 in Salmon Arm, BC.

Their Heirs, Crown Prince Christian Bane and Crown Princess H el ene d’Anjou will reign over An Tir through 12th Night. They reside in the Barony of Lions Gate and reigned as 20th Prince and Princess of Tir Righ. His Royal Highness is a Knight of the Society, and his arms are: gyronny or and sable, a gauntlet aversant argent, and an orle of chain counterchanged. Crown Princess H el ene holds an Award of Arms, and is a member of the Order of the Jambe de Lion.

They will be served by a retinue of volunteers, headed by Duchess Mary-Grace of Gatland. Would you like a ringside seat on the inner workings of court? Offer to serve as a guard or Lady-in-Waiting! These hard-working volunteers erect the Royal Pavilion, bring the Crown much-needed refreshment to sustain them in the often-grueling schedule of Crown events, and see the faces of gentles receiving awards and accolades. To learn more or to volunteer, write headofretinue@antir.org.

Looking to the Future from the Past

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- Fall Equinox - Symphoriaan Quickeborne, Elizabeth Anderson, Eithneingen Ferchart, and Gey Sha of Dragon Haven
- Kingdom Event – Domnall Scriptor, Christina Van Brant, Wilhelm Meyer, Lucrezia Moranducci, and Dubheasa Cambeul
- A&S Activities – Wilhelm Heinrich Meyer – first Thursday of the month at 6:00 PM
- Marshal Activities / Practices - Gerhard Emelrich
- Meetings are the third Monday at 6:00 PM at the Red Lion Inn.

Activities, Events, and Updates

Kingdom Event(s)

The Kingdom Heraldry and Scribal Symposium for 2018 Planning has been evolving. The Team consulted with the Officers, and the Heraldry and Scribal Symposium has been changed to a bid for May Crown. Cranehaven has risen to the challenge, and embarking on voyage with a new sense of prominence. The honor of hosting May Crown would be a proud moment for all. Event Stewards are Domnall, Christina, Wilhelm, Lucrezia, and/or Dubheasa Cambeul.

Demos

Four demos were conducted by Cranehaven- Wen Com in Wenatchee, Renn Faire in Cashmere, Maifest in Leavenworth, and 'knights' with the Cub Scouts. Demonstrations may feature a living village of artists, scientists, craftsmen and warriors. It's designed to educate and entice visitors to travel through time to learn about the historical wonders of everyday life, and the bloody work of war.

Expanding Cranehaven's Local Annual Events

The populace of Cranehaven is broadening and stabilizing three key local major events- 1) feast in January, 2) flight tournament in June, and 3) equestrian tournament in October.

Jagerfest

Look to the Kingdom of An Tir "Upcoming Events Database" date of January 20th, 2018 for the second annual Jagerfest. We look forward to this German themed feast. Event Stewards are Domnall, Julia, and Gey Sha.

Missile Madness

Missile Madness is scheduled for June 22 - 24, 2018. This is a new event which includes all missile weapons. "Bring it and fling it" which includes flight, clout, and york. The hope is to develop and expand the event over time. Nathan and Domnall are the Event Stewards.

Fall Equinenox

College of Cranehaven's Eighth Annual Fall Equinenox is October 21-22, 2017. Come learn to compete in medieval equine games which include: "pig sticking," quintain, and "Saracen's head". This is an entry-level equine based tournament. Even if you have

never competed at an SCA horse event, this may still be for you. You will learn the games and see demonstrations of other fun horse events you can compete in. There will be an A&S (Arts and Sciences) (no documentation required) competition; archery and thrown weapons competitions; heavy fighting competition; and an evening of open bardic fun.

Inland Archery and Thrown Weapons Practice

The Facebook page is running - Inland Archery & Thrown Weapons Practice. Come practice, and earn some scores.

An Tir Archery Scores Basics

The rank for adults and minors 13 and over is determined by averaging their 3 highest Royal Round (RR) scores during the 12-month period from November 1 - October 31.

Archery and Thrown Weapons General Scoring at a glance

1. Scores may be submitted only for published practices or SCA events.
2. Published practices may be declared on either electronic web sites or monthly publications.
3. At least 2 people, including a warranted Target Marshal, must be present.
4. Adult and Senior Youth archers may submit only one score per bow division, per day.
5. Youth and child archers may submit two scores, per day.
6. Only the Target Marshal in Charge or their deputy may enter scores from an event or published practice into the online system, not a Youth Archery Marshal in Training or other marshal running the line. This must be done within 30 days.
7. Scores may be submitted on-line at <http://scores-sca.org>

An Tir Archery Scores Basics (Cont.)

The rank for youth age 12 and under is based on averaging their 2 highest scores.

You earn a separate rank for each type of bow you use.

Please refer to the An Tir Book of Target 2014 for more information on bow types and equipment.

A Royal Round is the same for all Kingdoms and consists of four groups of shafts or bolts. For adults age 15 and up (as of November 1), the distances and times are:

6 shafts/bolts (no time limit) at 40 yards; 6 shafts/bolts (no time limit) at 30 yards; 6 shafts/bolts (no time limit) at 20 yards; and a 30-second timed shoot at 20 yards (as many shafts/bolts as you can Safely shoot in the 30 seconds) Please note that the distances for youth and children under the age of 12 are different.

An Tir Thrown Weapons Scores Basics

The thrower's score is the combined total for 20 knife throws, 20 axe throws, and 20 spear throws. Scores considered for ranking will consist of a thrower's three highest scores from three separate days. An Tir Book of Target has all the rules.

Monthly A&S Nights

Wilhelm has orchestrated Cranehaven's A&S Social Nights 1) April - Norwegian money pouches, 2) May - Persona and courtly manners

tutorial, 3) June - Garb; and 4) July - Bardic. Attendance is high with an average of 12 citizens. Contact Wilhelm for details on future events.

Shoe Making Workshop and Social on July 22, 2017 sponsored by Gerhard Emelrich. The location is the "New Song" church. Come one, come all.

Members of Cranehaven *Gerhard Emelrich*

"Hello my name is Gerhard Emelrich. My story begins in the year of our lord 1250. I was born on a small Estate in the city of Chemnitz Bohemia, to a minor lord and lady. I was an only child and orphaned upon the death of my parents in a fire at the age of fourteen. I was lucky enough to have a distant relative take me into his protection.

Shortly after this happened, he took me on a pilgrimage to the holy land where most of our party was killed by bandits. My relative died of disease when I was sixteen, and I was then alone. He left me with a small amount of money and some nice armor and arms, so left with little choice, I became a mercenary.

I spent many years selling my sword and eventually formed my own company. I made many contacts while a mercenary in the holy land and used these contacts to set

myself up as an arms merchant to the many lords and knights defending Jerusalem from the Saracen hordes.

I eventually retired and made my way back to Chemnitz, very quickly realizing that it was no longer my home. I began wandering about the world looking for a place for myself. Soon I came to the kingdom of An Tir. It was very peaceful with varied terrain and plentiful harvests of a wide variety of foods. I then decided to make this place my home, and approached the king as a visiting noble and swore my fealty to him.

This was the first time I had ever sworn fealty to anything other than money, and since becoming a loyal citizen and servant of the kingdom, I have found an inner peace."

A Word from our Seneschal

The last six months have been amazing. The previous year was pretty good, but things have gone from "OK" to "Wow" fast. Being the Seneschal of Cranehaven has gone from helping out with a fun hobby to being a part time job! It's totally worth it too!

Recently, we've gone from passing around officer "hats" to being darn near fully staffed. Three of our positions even have deputies! A year ago this was mostly a dream.

A Word from our Seneschal (Cont.)

It's all because of our populace, our people. Long time players, new players and those somewhere in between have stepped up their game to take on the areas of our hobby about which they are most passionate.

On a more serious note, one of my duties as Seneschal is to select, prepare and train my successor. We need a deputy with the time and abilities to do the job right. I put 10 hours or more into this job every week. There's some administrative stuff that the Seneschal deals with that the populace never really knows about. This is part of being a responsible officer in the modern middle ages.

Now is the time for opening the position of Deputy Seneschal. As a mentor, I am eager to begin this phase of helping another become a leader. In medieval times, the Seneschal was a household administrative official in charge of domestic arrangements and servants. A favorite definition: "head bureaucrat, diplomat and mediator"

- First major role—be the local legal representative of the SCA
- Second major role—promote and facilitate communications
- Third major role—help other SCA members find and do what interests them

While the Seneschal's Handbook tells us that our job is to guide the populace through our endeavours, delegating rather than dictating and things like that, the simple fact is that there often come times when someone has to make final decisions, and for branches smaller than baronies, that means it falls to the Seneschal.

The Seneschal is not only responsible and answerable to the branch populace, they must answer to the Kingdom and the King as well.

A potential Seneschal must have some ability in organization and record keeping. It doesn't really matter what systems they use, as long as they consistently do it.

In these modern middle ages, a potential seneschal must be ready, willing and able to be connected to the world in every way possible. She or he must monitor our social networks, web sites and email communications. He or she must have knowledge and experience of many forms of modern technology. Did you know that most Society documents can now be downloaded, filled out and submitted without ever printing anything? In fact, Kingdom prefers we do it this way as much as possible. Old forms are going away in favor

of spread sheets. Documents shared via Google Docs or other such cloud resources instead of static documents in emails and that sort of thing.

So, what am I looking for in my successor?

1. I'm NOT looking for a clone. The branch does not need another Domnall, the branch needs someone with different ways of looking at things and doing things to guide us forward.
2. Do it for Cranehaven and the Society, not for yourself.
3. Maturity. This comes in many forms and can be very subjective.
4. Responsibility. If you can't admit you screwed something up then step up to fix it, this isn't the job for you.
5. Willingness to try anything. I find myself stepping up to try different things often. This also implies a certain amount of risk management. Sometimes we have to take a chance and try something knowing we might be wrong.
6. Decision making. There comes a time when every Seneschal has to look at all the available data and make a decision. Then they must act on it. Sometimes we ultimately find we made the wrong decision, see #3.

A Word from our Seneschal (Cont.)

7. Able to deal with a variety of personalities. Look up “cat herding”.

8. Connected and technologically capable. Basically, you MUST have access to a computer and pretty much full time access to the internet.

9. Ability and willingness to travel. The Seneschal must be ready willing and able to travel to other events through the year.

10. Organizational skills.

This list could go on, if it looks like a job listing, it should, because it is.

I, Domnall Scriptor, Seneschal of the College of Cranehaven in the Kingdom of An Tir of the SCA, Inc., am hereby soliciting and accepting applications for the position of Deputy Seneschal. The winner of this position will serve as my deputy for a period of approximately one year with the intention that they will then step up to the full position of Seneschal for a two year term of office.

Contact me to apply and let the adventure begin!

The College of Cranehaven

Located in the lovely vale of Wenatchee, Cranehaven was granted her charter on Twelfth Night, Anno Societatus XXXVI, by the hand of the Black Lion King Aveloc and his fair Queen Mahliqua. College of Cranehaven comprises modern Chelan and Douglas Counties in the Inlands of An Tir.

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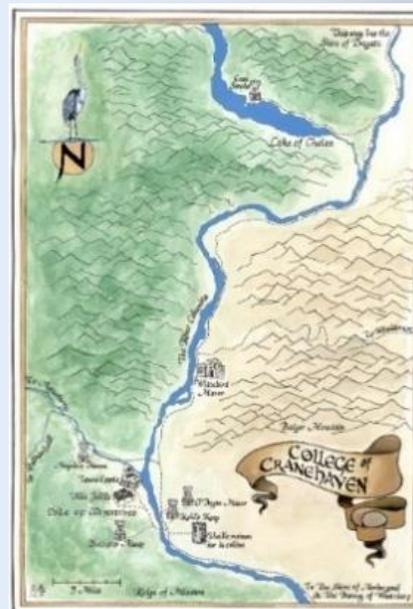
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