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A New Year for the Aurora Borealis

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I, the *Aurora Borealis* Editor and newest team member, would like to welcome you all to an exciting new year in the Crown Principality of Tir Mara. I know I'm starting out a bit late as the new Editor, but here we go.

We have a new Baron and Baroness being elevated in L'Ile du Dragon Dormant in March and They have issued a couple of interesting challenges to the attendees of Their big day. These challenges are included in this issue.

As the year goes on, we hope to have a new section added to the newsletter entitled "The People in Your Neighborhood". This series of articles will introduce the personas of some of the people in Tir Mara so that we can all better relate to one another when we meet at events.

So, onwards and upwards. I am always open to any suggestions you may have. Thank you for playing with us.

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Upcoming Events in Tir Mara

February 19

[Feste de l'Investiture XI / Feste des Glaces](#)

Barony of Havre des Glaces - Quebec, QC

March 5

[Barony of Ile du Dragon Dormant Investiture Anniversary](#)

Barony of L'Ile du Dragon Dormant - Ile Perrot, QC

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Event dates to make note of:

February 5
[King and Queen's Bardic Champions Competition](#)
Shire of Endewearde - Bangor, ME

February 12
[Kings and Queens Arts & Sciences Champions](#)
Barony of Dragonship Haven - Meriden, CT

February 14-21
[Estrella War XXVII](#)
Kingdom of Atenveldt - Florence, AZ

February 26
[Winter War 14](#)
Shire of Northern Outpost - Potsdam, NY

March 13-20
[Gulf Wars XX](#)
Kingdom of Gleann Abhann - Lumberton, MS

March 26
[Mudthaw](#)
Barony of Settmour Swamp - Livingston, NJ

Dress Garb - A Challenge

Unto the populace of L'Ile du Dragon Dormant, do Angus McHaley and Tadea Isabette di Bruno extend their heartfelt greetings.

With the holiday season now past we all look ahead to the Baronial Investiture Anniversary celebrations being held on March 5th. This shall be a time of change and a celebration of the reign of our beloved Pellandres and Valeria. We also know that visitors from near and far will grace us with their company to bear witness to join us in celebrations.

L'Ile du Dragon Dormant's greatest treasure are its people and they are bright jewels indeed. To that end we, Angus and Tadea, would issue a challenge to the people of L'Ile du Dragon Dormant. We would see everyone in their best garb so that all may see how plentiful and stunning our treasure truly is. Be it your own, borrowed, new or that masterpiece saved for special occasions, now is the time for us to put our best foot forward to and to shine.

We look forward to seeing everyone soon.

In Service,
Angus and Tadea

Le Défi des Plus Beaux Atours

À toute la population de L'Ile du Dragon Dormant, Angus McHaley et Tadea Isabette di Bruno vous saluent chaleureusement.

Les Fêtes de Noël sont maintenant terminées, mais non les festivités puisque nous aurons l'occasion de célébrer l'anniversaire de l'Investiture Baroniale le 5 mars prochain. Cette heure, propice au changement et vouée à la célébration du règne de nos bien-aimés Pellandres et Valeria, verra de nombreux visiteurs de contrées voisines ou lointaines qui nous feront la grâce de leur présence et se joindront à nous pour ces réjouissances.

Le trésor le plus précieux de L'Ile du Dragon Dormant est sans conteste ses gens qui sont autant d'éblouissants bijoux. C'est pourquoi, nous, Angus et Tadea, aimerions vous lancer un défi : que tous ceux qui seront présents lors des célébrations du 5 mars s'habillent de leurs plus beaux atours et dévoilent ainsi à quel point notre trésor est fabuleux et somptueux. Que ces atours soient faits de votre main, qu'ils soient empruntés, nouveaux ou bien le chef d'œuvre que vous conserviez jalousement pour les grandes occasions, le moment est maintenant venu de vous en parer et de briller.

Au plaisir de tous vous revoir très bientôt.

Au service du Royaume,
Angus and Tadea

A Challenge - Heraldic Display

Unto all who read these words do Angus McHaley and Tadea Isabette di Bruno extend their heartfelt greetings.

In the past few months we have heard from many people stating that they intend to visit the fair shores of L'Ile du Dragon Dormant this coming March to attend the Baronial Investiture Anniversary. These travellers will come from far and wide to bear witness and celebrate the past, present and future of a **treasured populace**.

While the people of IDD will recognize many of the faces they will see at the event, not all will understand the great distances traveled by those who grace us with their presence. Some in IDD may not truly understand how vast and treasured our friendship truly are. Our sincere wish is for the people of L'Ile du Dragon Dormant to see and understand where so many people have traveled from.

To that end, we Angus and Tadea, would issue a challenge to any attending the Dragon Dormant Investiture Anniversary from outside the boundaries of the Baronial Lands to display heraldry from that wondrous place you call home. We would see heraldry in the form of favors, banners, baldrics, tabbards, etc that identifies your Household, Shire, Canton, Barony, Crown Principality etc.

We do recognize that such a beautiful effort should not go unnoticed, so to the group with the best heraldic display will be awarded a banner, done in the Heraldry of their choice, made by us.

We look forward to seeing everyone this March 5th and anticipate seeing who will most rise to our challenge.

In Service,
Angus and Tadea

Le défi des - Heraldic Display

À tous ceux qui liront ces mots, Angus McHaley et Tadea Isabette di Bruno vous saluent chaleureusement.

Au cours des derniers mois, nous avons entendu plusieurs personnes dire qu'elles avaient l'intention de visiter les beaux rivages de L'Ile du Dragon Dormant en mars afin d'assister à l'anniversaire de l'Investiture Baroniale. Ces pèlerins qui viendront de terres lointaines, nous feront la grâce de leur présence et se joindront à nous pour célébrer le passé, le présent et l'avenir d'un peuple **treasured**.

Bien que les gens de l'Ile du Dragon Dormant reconnaissent plusieurs des visages qu'ils voient aux événements, il n'est pas toujours facile de concevoir les grandes distances parcourues par nos visiteurs qui nous honorent de leur présence. Il est difficile parfois de bien comprendre et de concevoir la vaste étendue et la préciosité réelles de nos amitiés. Notre vœu le plus sincère est que les gens de l'IDD voient et comprennent la provenance de nos visiteurs dont beaucoup parcourent de très nombreuses lieux.

Dans ce but, nous, Angus et Tadea, lancent un défi à tous ceux qui viennent de contrées lointaines et extérieures à l'IDD et qui assisteront à l'anniversaire de l'Investiture Baroniale. En effet, nous vous invitons à porter et à afficher fièrement vos blasons et couleurs représentant les endroits merveilleux d'où vous venez. Cette pavane héraldique peut prendre la forme de faveurs, bannières, baudriers, tabards, etc., qui identifie votre maisonnée, comté, canton, baronnie, principauté, etc.

Nous convenons qu'un tel travail héraldique aussi grandiose ne doit pas passer inaperçu. C'est pourquoi, le groupe ayant la meilleure présentation héraldique recevra une bannière, faite par nous, selon l'héraldique de son choix.

Nous sommes impatients de tous vous revoir, le 5 mars prochain, et avons hâte de voir qui se montrera à la hauteur de notre défi.

Au service du Royaume,
Angus et Tadea

NSR Regional Championships

The following events are in need of an autocrat/event bid:

Northern Shores Rapier Championships
(for Spring 2011)

Northern Shores Archery Championships
(for Summer 2011)

Northern Shores Rattan Championship
(for Fall 2011)

Northern Shores Arts & Sciences Championship
(for Fall 2011)

*If you are interested in running an event to house any of these championships, please contact the current champion to see if they are interested in helping with the endeavor.

If there are any groups considering a bid for a Kingdom level event, please advise the populace of the region, so that we, as the Crown Principality, can work together to avoid potential event conflicts. We have a yahoo mailing group called "northprinc" to help facilitate communications across our vast region.

Contribute to the CP Aurora Borealis:

The next edition of the Crown Principality of Tir Mara Newsletter, the *Aurora Borealis* is due to be available online by April 1, 2011.

All contributions for the next issue must be received no later than March 1, 2011. No submissions after that date will be accepted for the April issue.

Contributions should be sent to:

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Please note:

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Principality - What Does It Mean?

Mistress Gwenhwyfar Dinas Emrys

For the purpose of this document, a Principality refers to a full Principality and not a Crown Principality.

A Principality is an area within a Kingdom, ruled by a Prince and Princess. The difference between a region and a Principality is that a region does not have a ceremonial representative, a collection of laws and policies, or a heraldic identifier. A Principality also has the ability for its ceremonial representatives to bestow principality level awards.

A Principality has to have the following, in order to become a Principality:

- ❖ A body of laws and policies
- ❖ Heraldry passed by the Kingdom College of Heraldry
- ❖ 100 members within their borders
- ❖ All major officers positions filled (Seneschal, Exchequer, Knight Marshall, Minister of Arts and Sciences, Minister of the Lists, Chatelaine, Herald, Chronicler)
- ❖ A record of well attended events
- ❖ Sufficient members of the orders conferring Patens of Arms (Knights, Laurels and Pelicans)
- ❖ Sufficient caliber of fighters to provide appropriate competition in a Coronet Tournament.

What does this mean to YOU?

A Principality does not change the fact that we still belong to the East Kingdom. Several Principalities have stayed in their status for several years, never moving to full Kingdom status. (*The Principality of Cynagua and the Principality of the Mists, inception 1979, Tir Righ around 2003.*) The populace of the Principality would still have the same rights and privileges as any other person residing in the East Kingdom, and we still follow the same rules and regulations as the East. People of the Principality should not feel that we are betraying the East Kingdom, or that the East Kingdom is trying to get rid of us. Becoming a Principality adds status to the East Kingdom, that they are able to foster growth in the Kingdom, that they can AFFORD to have a Principality!

What does a Principality do for US?

A Principality can have many different roles.

- ❖ Bring unity to the groups within the Principality
- ❖ Foster relations between the groups and start working to share knowledge bases and skill levels.
- ❖ Encourage more pomp and splendor at eventsHave a rallying point under the Principality Heraldry, for wars, and competitions
- ❖ To create our own customs, unique to us as a people, different from the East Kingdom
- ❖ A chance for those groups who have never seen or hosted royalty, (or do so infrequently) to hold principality level events.
- ❖ In the event that East Kingdom Crown does not get to come to our area, the Prince and Princess can give out the awards for the King and Queen in absentia.

What does having a Prince and Princess mean to US?

A Prince and Princess support and promote the members of the Principality. They help to bring to the attention of the East Kingdom Royals those gentles worthy of recognition. They also help foster unity within the borders of the principality, serve as a focus point for our groups, and give a royal presence where we did not have one before. They have the ability to recognize gentles with awards, and can represent our groups on the Kingdom stage.

What's the bad stuff?

Not everything is rosy at the Principality level. If it was, everyone would be doing it! Here are some of the areas where we may feel a negative impact:

- ❖ We as a Principality would be required to hold two coronet tournaments per year. We would be adding these two events to a fairly busy calendar, and we would have to make sure we don't conflict with Kingdom level events.

- ❖ Those groups not supporting the Principality movement may feel bitter about the change in status from region to Principality, thus decide not to play.
- ❖ There may be a decrease in the amount of Royal visits to our area. (With having a Prince and Princess, there may be awards given out by the Tir Mara Royals that would have been given out by East Kingdom Crowns.)

So these are the facts with regards to a Principality. Remember, a Principality is what you make of it. Let's make something we can all be proud of!