



Aurora Borealis

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Editor's Notes – Looking Forward

Lady Camilla Brigida di Bruno

Winter has finally settled in to the northern shores of our Crown Principality. It was a touch and go thing there for a while with Autumn and Spring weather right up to the new year, but 12th Night brought with it the cold weather we are accustomed to for the season.

My trolling for a replacement in the fertile waters of our shores has netted me a delightful candidate in Her Excellency IDD, Tadea Isabetta di Bruno. Once the paperwork has cleared away and the dust settles, she will be taking over and I'm sure you all will welcome her with open arms and lots of great submissions...

Thank you all for your tolerance and thank you, Baroness Tadea for your willingness to step up.

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Upcoming Events in Tir Mara

February 4th

Feste des Glaces

Barony of Havre des Glaces - Quebec, QC

<http://www.eastkingdom.org/EventDetails.html?eid=2243>

March 3rd

Baronial Investiture Anniversary

Barony of L'île du Dragon Dormant - Île-Perrot, QC

<http://www.eastkingdom.org/EventDetails.html?eid=2241>

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Other Events to make note of:

January 27th - 28th
Market Day at Birka XXIII
Barony of Stonemarche - Manchester, NH
<http://www.eastkingdom.org/EventDetails.html?eid=2199>

February 4th
King's and Queen's Champions of Rapier Combat
Shire of Quintavia - Bolton, MA
<http://www.eastkingdom.org/EventDetails.html?eid=2222>

February 11th
K&Q Arts and Science / Noisemakers VII
Bailiwick of Iveyerust - Clifton Heights, PA
<http://www.eastkingdom.org/EventDetails.html?eid=2207>

February 25th
Winter War 15
Shire of Northern Outpost - Potsdam, NY
<http://www.eastkingdom.org/EventDetails.html?eid=2224>

March 11th - 18th
Gulf Wars
Kingdom of Gleann Abhann - Lumberton, MS
<http://www.eastkingdom.org/EventDetails.html?eid=2230>

Tuesday March 27th – Monday April 2nd
Estrella War
Kingdom of Atenveldt - Queen Creek, AZ
<http://www.eastkingdom.org/EventDetails.html?eid=2231>

Tir Mara Championships

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

Tir Mara Archery Championships
(for Summer 2012)

Tir Mara Rapier Championship
(for Spring 2012)

Tir Mara Rattan Championship
(for Fall 2012)

Tir Mara Arts & Sciences Championship
(for Fall 2012)

*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, 2012.

All contributions for the next issue must be received no later than March 15, 2012. No submissions after that date will be accepted for the April issue.

Contributions should be sent to:

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Please note:

Newsletter editors reserve the right to edit content as required for space and content. We will do our best to present your contributions in full, however, some edits may be required to accommodate for limited space.

An Extra Note from the Chronicler

Greetings unto all who read these words.

It is with great appreciation and pride that I pass on the following news.

This year all nominees and winners for the Master William Blackfox awards received certificates in recognition. At the Royal Court at 100 Minutes War, a certificate was presented to mark the nomination of myself for the "Best Layout and Design" for Aurora Borealis.

I, personally, cannot accept the accolades since I did not design the layout of Aurora Borealis, but rather kept a brilliant design already worked out and in use.

So I would like to note my appreciation for all of the work and dedication of the past and present staff members of Aurora Borealis for the wonderful jobs they all have done in presenting such an attractive and easily read news letter for our Crown Principality.

And my pride in having played a small part in perpetuating the existence of the news letter until a more suitable candidate came along to take the reins.

Thank you for your support and guidance H.E. Mistress Gwenhwyfar Dinas Emrys and H.E. Mistress Zaneta Gavlinne Angiolieri. Without you two, I wouldn't have lasted this long. Thank you both.

I plan on creating a binder of sorts with sleeves wherein to insert such awards and papers for safe keeping and to keep a history of the important milestones for the newsletter. It will get handed to H.E. Mistress Gwenhwyfar Dinas Emrys as the Crown Principality Seneschal for safe keeping and handing off to the person she deems appropriate.

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A Note from the Seneschal

Greetings all! With the change in so many curia's and new people running events (yay!) I thought it would be a good time to re-educate people on a couple of SCA financial policies that pertain to events.

How the NMS applies:

- (1) The NMS will apply to events which meet the requirements defined in Corpora section II.C., "...Society events for which a full announcement including date, time, and place has been published in advance in the appropriate corporate publication;" and for which a site fee to attend the event is charged.
- (2) The NMS will not be collected if there is no site fee to attend the event.
- (3) The NMS will not be collected for minors for whom there is a discounted **event fee**.
- (4) The NMS will not be collected for any adult for whom an entry fee is not collected, even if others are required to pay at the same event.
- (5) The NMS will not be collected for events that ask for a non-cash donation to gain entry to the site such as bringing canned goods or a toy. Please keep in mind that any event that asks for a donation, whether cash or non-cash cannot require anyone to donate. In other words, if someone wants to attend the event and does not donate any cash or non-cash items, you have to allow them entry.

A Note from the Seneschal- Cont'd

What This Means

Adults without membership will always be charged NMS, since we cannot discount an adult entry/site fee. The exceptions are limited complimentary entrance passes. These are given to Royalty, and some staff (at the discretion of autocrat. These should be agreed upon by the autocrat and the curia responsible for the event). If the entry/site fee is NOT required (i.e. donation) then there is no NMS charged. Remember, the EVENT/SITE fee is the regular rate of attendance for adults. Anything discounted for age groups below the age of 18 means they will not be charged NMS.

From the Local Exchequers Handbook

Chapter 9: Event Finances

C. Segregation of Budget by Activity

- The feast fees should cover the cost of the food, beverages, rental equipment, feast tokens, kitchen cleaning equipment and supplies, etc. used to provide the feast. If servers or kitchen help eat free, the paying attendees must cover their costs.
- Class fees should cover the expenses of any supplies or rental equipment incurred by the class apart from the general site costs, such as craft supplies, or honoraria for a guest speaker.
- The site fee should pay for the site tokens, camping fees, hall rental, hall cleaning equipment and supplies, general activity supplies, prizes, and anything else not covered by another fee.

What This Means

Site Tokens are a part of site fee. As are pamphlets for the event, decorations for the event, etc. This constitutes the offboard site fee. Class handouts are covered by class fees. These cannot be included in the cost of the event. Feast tokens are also not part of the site fee.

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