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Editor's Notes – (King's Mirror)

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I would like to take this opportunity to thank Lady Camilla for all of her hard work on this newsletter since taking on the editor's tasks. Sister dear please know that I have every intention on calling upon you with my questions. You did a great job with this newsletter and I hope to continue such a fine tradition!!

To that end I would like to like to introduce a new feature I have started for the Aurora Borealis based on the premise of the 13th century Norwegian text "Konungs skuggsjá" (or King's Mirror in English). The intention of this new feature is to promote knowledge sharing between groups and to introduce certain people you always see around but may not yet have met.

Should anyone have articles they wish to submit for the next newsletter I encourage you to contact me.

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PS: When you research more on the "Konungs skuggsjá" it may be worth noting that some believe it to be the first documented mention of the Northern Lights. ☺

Upcoming Events in Tir Mara

East Kingdom Crown Tourney

May 5th 2012

Barony of Ruantallan - Halifax, NS

<http://www.eastkingdom.org/EventDetails.html?eid=2270>

Middleground IV

May 19th 2012

Shire of Lyndhaven – Bedell, NB

<http://www.eastkingdom.org/EventDetails.html?eid=2286>

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Other Events to make note of:

Border Spat: for Love of Vengeance

May 12th 2012

Canton of Harrowgate Heath, Kingdom of Ealdormere - Cornwall, ON

<http://www.eastkingdom.org/EventDetails.html?eid=2270>

Pantheria XVII

May 25th – 28th 2012

Shire of Panther Vale - Thetford, VT

<http://www.eastkingdom.org/EventDetails.html?eid=2245>

Nothern Region War Camp

June 29th – July 1st 2012

Shire of Glenn Linn - Warrensburg, NY

<http://www.eastkingdom.org/EventDetails.html?eid=2249>

Great North Eastern War 26

July 13th – 15th 2012

Province of Malagentia - Houlton, MA

<http://www.eastkingdom.org/EventDetails.html?eid=2265>

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 July 15, 2012.

All contributions for the next issue must be received no later than June 20, 2012. No submissions after that date will be accepted for the July issue.

Contributions should be sent to:

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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.

Aurora Borealis - Konungs skuggsjá

Chapter One

Baroness Tadea Isabetta di Bruno

Chapter one of the Aurora Borealis – Konungs skuggsjá is designed to help you learn more about the landed Baron's and Baronesses of Ti Mara. Each of them has answered 5 simple questions with the purpose of showing how similar and how different each of us is. Listed in order of Investiture they are:

Barony of Ruantallan: Baron Donal O'Neill and Baroness Alessandra Francesca di Milano

Barony of Havre des Glaces: Baron Arthur de Beaumont and Baronne Shadiyah al-Zahra

Barony of L'Ile du Dragon Dormant: Baron Angus McHaley and Baroness Tadea Isabetta di Bruno

Chapter One:

How long have you been in the SCA?

Donal: Since the spring of 1999

Allessandra: January 1993

Arthur: I first started in the SCA in 1993, so it's now been almost 19 years.

Shadiyah: I went to my first event on November 96, or was it 95? I'm not sure. It's a long time ago!! I was hooked right there. It was a wonderful night!

Angus: Since 1999

Tadea: It was either 1996 or 1997. I can never remember. However I do remember meeting Alessandra at my very first event!!!

Who was the first Baron/Baroness you ever met?

Donal: Andrew and Lyanna of Ruantallan

Allessandra: Andrew and Lyanna of Ruantallan

Arthur: I can't say I remember for sure, but the first ones I remember meeting were Their Excellencies of Ruantallan. I'm bad with names, so I don't remember out of hand who it was at the time! Yes, that would be Andrew of York and Lyanna of Kernough. I visited Ruatallan for the first time at their summer war camp in June of 1999. :o)

Shadiyah: His Excellency Godfroy de Falaise

Angus: His Excellency Godfroy de Falaise

Tadea: Andrew and Lyanna of Ruantallan

What is your main goal as a landed Baron/Baroness?

Donal : To survive!

Allessandra: Unite this barony so that it can function as a member of Tir Mara

Arthur: That's a tough question, for there is so much I'd like to do! But I'd say that a very important goal for me is to give people the recognition they deserve, be that within my Barony or outside of it.

Chapter One – Cont'd

Shadiyah: Oh, there are a lot of things to say here!! Mainly, I want to make sure that dedicated people are recognized and encouraged! Also, I want to be available for our people, and give help when needed, as much as possible.

Angus: To introduce our people to the rest of the Kingdom and to form closer ties with groups close to Dragon Dormant

Tadea: My primary goal is to encourage others to reach their full potential so that all may see how wonderful and talented they are.

So far what is your favorite memory while being a landed Baron/Baroness?

Donal : Giving my first Iceburg to Nicolas of Lost Haven.

Alessandra: The look on people's faces when giving an award. There is nothing better than that.

Arthur: I would say that having the pleasure of representing our Barony in the Pennsic procession last year was really amazing.

Shadiyah: It's been only 1 1/2 year, and many moments where memorable. But I must say that having the privilege to actually give an Award of Arms in Their Majesties' Names at the last Feste des Glaces was really out of the ordinary

Angus: Walking off the field at Pennsic after having won the unbelted battle with two other members of our Barony.

Tadea: Hearing people say "oh yes!!" when I ask "Did you have fun today and will you come back and play with us again?"

If you could give one piece of advice, what would it be?

Donal: Run!!

Alessandra: Don't sweat the little things

Arthur: As a Baron? Take care of your people, and talk to them. We're not doing this for ourselves, but for them so that they can enjoy their SCA experience for many years. As a SCAdian? Be kind to each other, and show respect for other people's efforts and time. Diversity is a treasure to be shared.

Shadiyah: To Scadians in general?...talk, communicate, be kind to others, and have fun! The SCA is a fantastic community, where we have the chance to meet wonderful and interesting people.

Angus: Do it for fun

Tadea: Oddly enough it would be the piece of advice Pellandes gave Angus and I before we were invested. Role Play is great, but always ensure the other party is aware AND willing to participate.

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