



# Aurora Borealis

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## Words from Their Highnesses

Summer is drawing to a close, and with it the war camp season. We hope you enjoyed the camaraderie of your camps as much as we have, and have had the chance to reconnect with far-flung friends. We also hope you made new friends and learned at least one new thing, which is how our Society keeps its flame alight.

We had an excellent time at the Pennsic War, and we were pleased to see that some of you made the very long trip out there. Whether or not you attended, the outcome of the war will hopefully reverberate throughout the Known World -- that the old can be made new again, that longtime adversaries can find new inspiration side by side, and that our events above all should be fun.

While the season may be changing soon, our commitment to visit our populace is ongoing. Hopefully we will have met more of you at All Things Scribal. While we will be in a foreign kingdom during the East Kingdom University, we are pleased that one has been organized within the Principality and hope that it is widely attended. October also brings our Coronation in Concordia of the Snows and our Crown Tournament in Endewearde. While we hope that you will travel to see us at these events, we also plan to return to Tir Mara for Feste des Glaces and Rapier Champions.

Stay in touch with those new friends, and teach them something. We look forward to learning from you.

Yours in Service,  
Edward and Thyra  
Crown Prince and Princess of Tir Mara

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## Upcoming Events in Tir Mara

### **Feste des Glaces**

December 1<sup>st</sup> 2012  
Barony of Havres des Galces - Beauport QC  
<http://www.eastkingdom.org/EventDetails.html?eid=2351>

### **12th Night in the Court of Love**

January 12th 2013  
Barony of Ruantallan – Middle Sackville NS  
<http://www.eastkingdom.org/EventListing.html>

### **King's and Queen's Raper Championship**

February 9th 2013  
Barony of L'Ile du Dragon Dormant – Montreal QC  
<http://www.eastkingdom.org/EventDetails.html?eid=2369>

### **Middleground V**

May 18th 2013  
Shire of Lyndhaven – TBD, NB  
<http://www.eastkingdom.org/EventDetails.html?eid=2316>

## Other Events to make note of:

### **Market Day At Birka**

January 25<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> 2013  
Barony of Stonemarche – Manchester NH  
<http://www.eastkingdom.org/EventDetails.html?eid=2357>

### **Kings and Queens A&S Champions**

February 16th 2013  
Barony of Dragonship Haven – Meriden, CT  
<http://www.eastkingdom.org/EventDetails.html?eid=2376>

### **Winter War 16**

February 23<sup>rd</sup> 2013  
Shire of Northern Outpost – Potsdam NY  
<http://www.eastkingdom.org/EventDetails.html?eid=2389>

### **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 Jan 15, 2013.

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

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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.

## Words from the Tir Mara Seneschal

The Tir Mara Curia, Landed Barons/Baronesses and Peers of Tir Mara have been meeting with the Tir Mara Prince and Princess regarding the Crown Principality. Here's the status of where we are now.

1. We have a working document that will become our Laws for Tir Mara. They are in draft form and have been submitted to the East Kingdom Seneschal, Prince and Princess and King and Queen for review. Once they have reviewed and returned the document, we will be releasing them to the populace for your input. There will be a list of people who will accept feedback within a set period of time. Remember that as a Principality we are still subject to East Kingdom Law and SCA Corpora and cannot override anything in their Laws. Once the feedback has been received and we have completed another revision the document will be submitted for final approval. When it is approved by Kingdom, it comes back and gets voted on by the members of the SCA in Tir Mara.

2. Lady Mariotta drafted the financial policies. As with the Laws for Tir Mara, the Financial Policies are going through a review with the East Kingdom Exchequer, Prince and Princess and King and Queen. Once they have reviewed and returned the document, we will be releasing them to the populace for your input. The same process will be in place for the financial policies as those for the Laws of Tir Mara.

3. We are in the process of setting up an email account for receiving ideas for Armigerous (AOA) and non armigerous awards. We will need to submit badges/heraldry with names for approval with the college of heralds. We will be looking primarily for 4 awards, AOA level award for Fighting, A&S, Service and Children. Other non armigerous award suggestions can be submitted as well. Dates and deadlines will be given when we have the structure set up to accept submissions. Start brainstorming now, but please hold off sending in submissions until we have the structure in place to handle this.

4. We have started to collect regalia for the different championships and the Coronet. There will be a list of other required/desired regalia, with the designs for the heraldry and the style of regalia. For now, if you have any questions, please contact Mistress Gwenhwyfar Dinas Emrys, until a chamberlain is appointed.

I'd like to thank everyone who has worked on getting these documents ready for release, especially Lady Mariotta and Sir Gareth.

Mistress Gwenhwyfar Dinas Emrys  
Seneschal of Tir Mara

# Aurora Borealis - Konungs skuggsjá

## Chapter Three

*Baroness Tadea Isabetta di Bruno*

The Crown Principality of Tir Mara has undergone many changes in the past year and we have more changes to look forward to. The draft of our proposed Law & Policy is currently being reviewed and has been posted on the Tir Mara website for all to access. We, as a whole, need to make decisions regarding our future; as such

Chapter 3 of the King's Mirror is dedicated to education about the Crown Principality and changes. An educated decision on how best to proceed will be our greatest ally in the years to come. We are nurturing a dream. We grow stronger from feedback given by the populace and the choices we make as a whole. So it is vital that you read up, talk to others and provide feedback. This is the only way that informed decisions can be made.

We need to know both the positive and the negative. Often time's rumors and assumptions spread quicker than wildfire. Our greatest defense against such risks is to ask questions and to share proper answers. Open and honest dialogue will allow our populace to understand the choices we make.

We also need to hear from you if you do not support the progression of the Crown Principality. Your opinion is just as vital as those who support this progression. Silent dissention does not benefit anyone. Voice your opinion, concerns and reasons as to what you do/do not support. This is the only way we can address issues and grow as a whole.

So this King's Mirror I will keep short, but I will end it with a task for all who read it. Encourage your people to read the proposed Law & Policy. Ask questions, provide feedback. Talk to your friends, your local curia, the Tir Mara Curia and Their Highnesses. Our future depends on the voices being heard.

Proposed Law & Policy: [http://tirmara.eastkingdom.org/principality/law\\_policy.php](http://tirmara.eastkingdom.org/principality/law_policy.php)

Tir Mara Website: <http://tirmara.eastkingdom.org/>

## Tir Mara Championships

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

**Tir Mara Archery Championships**  
(for Spring 2013)

**Tir Mara Rapier Championship**  
(for Summer 2013)

**Tir Mara Rattan Championship**  
(for Fall 2013)

**Tir Mara Arts & Sciences Championship**  
(for Fall 2013)

\*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.**

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