



# Aurora Borealis

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## Words from Their Highnesses

Greetings unto the populace of the Tir Mara!

We would like to thank you all for the warm welcome we have received since our investiture as Prince and Princess of the East and Tir Mara. We are truly humbled by the outpouring of well-wishes and are excited for the opportunity to travel to Tir Mara so that we may meet and get to know so many of you.

It is our greatest hope that our reign be fun for all citizens of this great kingdom. We welcome all who would be inclined to offer ideas about things that will make the SCA more enjoyable for them.

Most importantly, we would like to thank those who have come forward to volunteer. Service is the lifeblood of the Crown Principality, Kingdom, and indeed, the Society. Whether you be warrior, seneschal, brewer, bard, tailor, baker, herbal soap maker, archer, fencer, scribe, dancer... we celebrate your talents and the spirit of generosity that causes you to share your gifts with the Society.

In Service to the East and Tir Mara,  
Brennan and Caoilfhionn

## Words from The Chronicler

Greetings unto the people of Tir Mara,

I am still looking for a volunteer to take over a Tir Mara Chronicler. I no longer have the free time to dedicate to creating the newsletter. Please note that this will be the last newsletter I am able to generate. Moving forward there will be no more issues until a new Tir Mara Chronicler is found. If you are interested in the position please feel free to contact the Tir Mara Seneschal or myself.

In Service,

Mistress Tadea Isabetta di Bruno  
Baroness of L'Ile du Dragon Dormant

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## Upcoming Events in Tir Mara

### Twelfth Night

January 11th

Barony of Ruantallan – Sackville NS

<http://ruantallan.eastkingdom.org/events/twelvenight2014.php>

### Finchcock's Court - An Elizabethan Dinner

February 8th

Canton of Distant Shore – Truro, NS

<http://www.eastkingdom.org/EventDetails.html?eid=2556>

### Courtyard Carousing at our Baronial Investiture Anniversary

March 1<sup>st</sup>

Barony of L'Île du Dragon Dormant – Montreal Qc

<http://www.eastkingdom.org/EventDetails.html?eid=2566>

### Feste de l'investiture XIV /Baronial Investiture Birthday XIV

March 22nd

Barony of Havres des Glaces – Quebec, Qc

<http://www.eastkingdom.org/EventDetails.html?eid=2487>

## Other Events to make note of:

### A Market Day at Birka

January 24-25

Barony of Stonemarche – Manchester NH

<http://www.eastkingdom.org/EventDetails.html?eid=2534>

### King's & Queen's A&S Champions

February 22nd

Barony of Concordia of the Snows – Albany NY

<http://www.eastkingdom.org/EventDetails.html?eid=2504>

### King's and Queen's Rapier Championship

March 29<sup>th</sup>

Barony Beyond the Mountain – Uncasville CT

<http://www.eastkingdom.org/EventDetails.html?eid=2552>

### 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 March 15, 2014.

All contributions for the next issue must be received no later than Feb 20, 2014. No submissions after that date will be accepted for the Q1 2014 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.

## Tir Mara Championships

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

**Tir Mara Archery Championships**  
(for Summer 2014)

**Tir Mara Rapier Championship**  
(for Spring 2014)

**Tir Mara Rattan Championship**  
(for Fall 2014)

**Tir Mara Arts & Sciences Championship**  
(for Fall 2014)

## Rotation for Tir Mara Championships

2014: Archery: Province of New Brunswick (or Central Group)  
Rapier: Province of Quebec (Western Group)  
Rattan/A&S: Barony Ruantallan (or Eastern Group)

2015: Archery: Barony Ruantallan (or Eastern Group)  
Rapier: Province of New Brunswick (or Central Group)  
Rattan/A&S: Province of Quebec (Western Group)

\*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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## Aurora Borealis - Konungs skuggsjá Chapter Five

*Lady Cellach Dhonn inghean Mhic an Mhadaigh*

### My year as a champion.

It all started in September 2012 when my Mistress Alisay de Falaise asked me to enter an item for the Tir Mara A&S Championship. I had taken a class at Pennsic that summer to learn about documentation. So that part didn't scare me. The question was; what can I create in four weeks with accompanying documentation. My choice was two different felt projects.

I entered and thought it would be a good learning experience, I was right. I was impressed by the quality of work displayed. I read the documentation. I was surprised and pleased to be the Prince's champion.

I was honored but nobody told me about the responsibilities of the champions. My belt brothers and sisters had some ideas but nothing definite.

Two weeks later, it was the Coronation of Edward II and Thyra. I went to the practice on Friday night so I was more confident for the real thing on Saturday. Prince Edward Grey of Lochleven was pleased that he had two champions that would process with him, Sir Angus McHaley Baron of l'île du Dragon Dormant and myself. I was happy that my Baron was standing with me. So we processed in with Prince Edward and stood by him in

court. After a while, I was more confident about my duties. I formed an attachment to Their Majesties, their simplicity, their charm and smile won me over. I guess this was true for a lot of people.

But then came crown tourney and I had to present myself to the new Prince. I met Prince Gregor Von Heisler in December in Havre des Glaces. He was different. He was older. My first impression was that he was severe and intimidating. I thought I had to be more serious. I read the Tir Mara rules and the section of the duties I had to accomplish. I knew then that I had to do more and not only process in and stand in court. I tried to be visible in court at important events, be a model artisan of Tir Mara. I tried to share and inspire passion about period arts, research and techniques. I tried to get people involved in projects. I tried to encourage artisans to follow their dreams, to practice their arts and learn new skills. In fulfilling my responsibilities, I was visiting new places, meeting new people, making friends. I had a great time and learned a lot about the SCA. It was then clear to me what I wanted to do and told my Pelican Master Godfroy of Falaise. I was finally more at ease with Their Highnesses and loved their sense of humor. I enjoyed their Coronation and was touched by the ceremony. Their qualities reflected in their reign, they are kind, honest and true.

It was time again for another crown tourney, I was pleased with the outcome. I had met Princess Avelina before so I thought it would be easier... I met Prince Kendric at GNEW 2013 and Princess Avelina was not there. So I introduced myself and did my duty. I love both of Their Majesties. Their simplicity and availability is noticeable.

The timing of different Coronation was such that I had the chance to serve three great men, Princes and Kings. They are all different but their love and devotion to the East Kingdom and the SCA are immense. Their services to the people and to the Kingdom, their respect of their duties, their honor in service are often unspoken but I found remarkable. I also saw their hard work and full schedule; they tried to visit most part of the Principality of Tir Mara and the regions of the East Kingdom. I wondered how they could accomplish all of it. So when I was doing my duties and was tired, I thought of them. I stood tall and smiled and tried to make their visit effortless because I felt that they put all out that energy for me. (I'm one of The People).

In fulfilling my duties, I participated to twenty-one events last year, I did the three coronation, Birka and GNEW. I visited all the region of Tir Mara. I accompanied Their Highnesses the best that I could. I processed and stood for them. I represented my Principality. I played the game with them. All good moments and memories.

I would like to thank Magestra Alisay de Falaise who asked me to enter a project, to Sir Angus McHaley Baron de l'Ile du Dragon Dormant who accompanied me on that journey, to Duke Edward Grey of Lochleven, Duke Gregor Von Heisler and King Kenric for their patience and for sharing their passion with me, to Magister Godfroy for keeping a close watch on me at all times, to my belt sisters and brothers for enduring me and to all the people that I met and share with me special moments. I had a lot of fun and enjoyed myself.

To this year champions, play the game, have fun, go to new places, meet new people and share your passion. I hope you have a great year.

Sincerely,

Lady Cellach Dhonn inghean Mhic an Mhadaigh

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