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Words from Their Highnesses

Unto the Populace of the Summits We, your Alpine Coronets, Prince Finn and Prince Eduardo, send our greetings,



It is with joyous hearts We write to you. First, We must acknowledge the success of 11th Night in the Shire of Southmarch. Thank you to the event steward, all the people from the shire, throughout the Principality and beyond who helped make our Investiture and Their Excellencies Viscount Ivan and Viscountess Mina's step down more than We could have imagined. It was a magical day for us. We hope, if you were able to attend, physically or virtually, you felt some of the same! We must also thank all the people behind the scenes supporting us. Our retinue has been the foundation we lean on as we readied ourselves for this new adventure. They give not only to us, but to the Principality as well. Thank you all.

As the times change and we move into the feasting and festival season We would like to hear from you about all the people in our Principality who are supporting the vision of the SCA. Do you know someone who makes beautiful art? Do you know an elegant fencer or fierce fighter? Do you know someone who gives service to others? Or is there someone whose efforts make your Shire, Barony, the Principality or the Kingdom better? If so recommend them for an award! You can

submit an award here <https://antir.org/members/> (you will have to have a log in ID to submit) or send us a message directly to summitscoronet@antir.org. Please note We finalize court business, and all the recognitions We will give during those courts, two weeks before each event so please make sure to get your recommendations in early. If you would like to know what events we are planning on attending you can check out our progress here: <https://summits.antir.sca.org/royalty/>.

We hope to see many of you at 12th Night as King Morgan and Queen Livia relinquish The Crowns of An Tir and all of us, as citizens of our great Kingdom, participate in the Coronation of our Undoubted King Ulfgar and Queen Juahara. Over the next month, besides 12th Night, We will also be attending Adiantum's Mid-Winter's Feast, we will be teaching at the Online DEIB Collegium, His Highness Finn will attend Ursulmas, both of us are looking forward to Briaroak Birl, and we of course, one of our favorite events, Alpine Festival of the Arts where we will revel in the arts, sciences and bardic pageantry of our populace. At this event we will also select the new Alpine Scholar and Alpine Bard.



As many of you know at every court We convene we will be reading a statement that is very close to our hearts. We reproduce that statement here:

As Prince and Prince of the Summits believe black lives matter, first nations' lives matter, trans lives matter, women's rights are human rights, no human is illegal, love is love, and kindness is everything.

Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging are the bedrock of our Principality. The actions we take as a community and the words we speak to ourselves and to others matter. They help to create a safe environment where everyone can be their full, true and authentic selves. When people feel respected and included they can be more creative, innovative, and successful!

We are all more resilient, passionate, and understanding when everyone is seen, heard, and valued.

We commit to you to make resources available, to listen to all, to work towards changes to support our populace and to use our privilege to create space for other voices. Bullying and harassment will not be tolerated.

We are sorry both classes, one on Cultural Appropriate vs. Appreciation and one on Bystander Training scheduled for 11th Night were not able to run. Both teachers have committed to running the classes again either in person or virtually during our reign. We would encourage all our populace to attend the DEIB Online Collegium <https://scadei.wordpress.com/class-schedule/> to broaden and support the perspectives We see so clearly in our principality. All classes will be recorded so if you are not able to attend in person you can review the classes at your leisure.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you all as your Princes. It is an honor and privilege we do not take lightly. We will aspire to live up to your expectations.

Prince Finn and Prince Eduardo

Announcements

March Coronet Requirements

Greetings unto the Populace of the Summits from your Alpine Highnesses Prince Finn and Prince Eduardo,

It is with great pleasure We announce the tournament style, conventions and other requirements to enter Our Coronet Lists and fight for the right to claim the Griffin Thrones. The Shire of Tymberhaven will be Our hosts March 22nd to March 24th, 2024. Details on the event can be found here: <https://antir.org/events/summits-spring-coronet-14/>

First, We would encourage all who wish to enter, both combatant and inspiration, to familiarize themselves with the Laws of The Summits. They can be found here: <https://summits.antir.sca.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/2023-Summits-Laws.pdf>. We welcome all levels of fighters in Our Coronet Lists, but as Our potential successors you should prepare for the possibility of reigning. If you have

never reigned before speak to those who have. If you need advice seek out a Peer in your area. Talk to your Peer, if you have one, or a mentor. Even if you believe you do not have a chance to make the finals you should start these conversations. Imagining the possibility is preparation for the tournament!

While reviewing the Laws of the Summits please pay specific attention to Article II.B - Coronet Lists. Specifically, section 2 “All combatants and inspirations must be:” sub-section c. “a resident of the Principality for at least one year and must plan to live within the Principality of the Summits for the duration of their reign.” It is Our intent that all the Laws of The Summits will be followed before, during and after Our Coronet Tournament. Although it is Our prerogative to “grant any exceptions” to the above requirements it is extremely unlikely We will do so.

Besides the above Laws of the Summits we will also require each couple who enters our lists to submit a letter of Intent to compete in the tournament to Us by Friday February 23rd, 2024, one month before the Coronet Tourney, to summitscoronet@antir.org. It must state you are both in compliance with the Laws of the Summits regarding entry into Our lists, that you understand the responsibilities of reigning, and detail any requirements you believe need to be waived.

We will also require each couple who enter the list to bring largesse to present during the procession. The type of largesse, the amount of, or who makes the largesse, is totally up to the entrants. Engage your community to help with this requirement.

It is also Our intent to display BOTH the combatant’s arms and their Inspirations arms on the shield board. We will have shield blanks available to paint inspiration’s arms at all events We attend. It will not be a requirement to display both sets of arms, but We encourage you to do so especially since We strongly believe you will need to be a visible and tightly integrated team if you are successful and you must also be so as you progress through the lists.

The fighting conventions of the lists are as follows:

Before the tournament there will be plenty of time for armor inspection, stretching and warming up fights. Remember the different physicality of individuals makes this an important part of any tourney. Taking this time helps with an inclusive list. Combatants will begin with the traditional Knight and

unbelted challenge round to be counted as their first fight. The Challenge round will include salutes to The Coronet, your Inspiration and your challenger. The initial rounds of the tournament will be fought using a Round Robin (Ursulmas-Style) format. Depending on the number of entrants, the combatants will be divided into two (or more) random fields. Each combatant will fight everyone on their field. The first fight of the round robin will include the above salutes announced by the heralds. For subsequent rounds We encourage each fighter to take a moment and acknowledge The Coronet, their inspiration and their challenger but these salutes will not be announced by the heralds. The top two from each round robin field, or the top four depending on the number in the lists and the number of fields, will progress to the Semi-finals. The Semi-finals will be fought best two out of three, double elimination, with the heralds announcing all the salutes. Pairings will be determined by the Minister of the lists in consultation with Their Highnesses. The Finals will be fought best two out of three or three out of five (combatant's choice in consultation with His Highness Finn). The traditional finals procession will occur and all rounds will include the customary salutes. AnTir weapons and shield conventions apply.

If possible, We would appreciate each couple bringing their pomp and circumstance to the processional. Banners and other heraldic displays are encouraged. Proud proclamations of your desire to become Our heirs are encouraged. Shout loud the support and honor that your Inspiration brings to you!

To review:

All Laws of the Summits shall be adhered to before, during and after the tournament

A letter of intent must be submitted before Friday February 23rd, 2023

Each couple must present largesse during the processional

Although not a requirement we strongly encourage both the combatant and inspirations heraldry will be displayed on the shield board

We appreciate your time and attention to this missive. We look forward to Our Coronet Tournament. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us or our retinue for clarification.

Words from the Seneschal's Desk

Greetings unto the principality.

I am excited to be taking over as the new Seneschal and look forward to developing stronger relationships with the officers and leaders of the community. I have been a part of the Summits for over a decade and have come to love this community deeply.

My personal philosophy, as an officer, is that my only purpose is to be a servant enacting the will of the people and the coronet. It is not my job to impose my personal will but rather to act as an impartial steward of these fair lands. I welcome each and every member of the populace to speak with me about your hopes, dreams, and concerns about the principality. I of course cannot guarantee that everything that happens will please every member of the populace, but I will guarantee that every action I take will be to further your interests and the health of all of us.

For those who wish to reach out to me, the Summits email (summitsseneschal@antir.org) and Facebook messenger (Feradach mac Tralin) are the best ways to get a quick response. Long live our Prince and Prince, long live our glorious people, and long live the greatest principality in the known world!

In Service to the People and the Coronet,

Feradach mac Tralin, OD

Seneschal, Principality of the Summits

Fundraiser

Summits Flags and Summits Pride Pins are available to support the Principality Regalia fund. There is a minimum \$5 each donation, but please be generous to your Principality. These will be available at all Summits events that Their Highnesses attend.



Spotlight: Iurii Victorev Belogorski by Visc. Antoine a la Langue d'Or



Whether it be seeking fortune upon the unforgiving mistress that is the High Seas or navigating the crystal clear yet vicious waters of the Rogue. There is no Captain of a ship quite like our Beloved Commodore Iurii Victorev Belogorski! Poet, bard, and scoundrel. His quick blade, patent lack of anything resembling caution or discretion, and charming flair for the dramatic arts lands this loveable rogue squarely in our good graces.

Iurii, who is known far and wide for his service, found the joy of service mostly by accident. “I Just kind of fell into it,” the puckish captain said. “I never thought about the Pelican path, I just do the things that need to be done. But when I started heralding I did it for me because I enjoy it. So I guess it's not just what needs to be done.”

Not only for his heralding and event work, but Commodore Belogorski is also known for his teaching.

“A few years ago I found joy and freedom in the structure that is Iambic Pentameter,” After he started writing poetry he felt a little artistically lost in the oppressive freedom of a total blank page. So he strayed into period poetic structures and within those confines his work blossomed. He soon took up sonnet writing as well and can often be found teaching classes on period sonnet construction. “What I took to be a difficult structure to work in has become a enjoyable puzzle to create in.”

Iurii came to his first event, a Samhain back in October of ASXIVII, with his wife, the now the inaugural coronet of Glyn Dwfn, Baroness Milisandia filia Willelmi Filii Roberti, and fell in



love with the society almost instantly, and jumped into the waters of our game with both feet.

Not one for sovereignty or lofty titles, Iurii always seeks to fill a more supporting role in the principality. “I am not ready for that kind of spotlight and long term responsibility, at least for now,” When asked about whether a run at a major principality office was in his immediate future he had this to say, “I love the Limelight, not the hot seat, and I’m just not the right person for that... at least for right now.”

No one knows what the future holds for the nautical knave, least of all Iurii himself, but he does see himself traveling further along the path towards the Order of Defense. More work expanding his art and skill as a poet. Build his reputation as a fighter, a performer and of course a lover... of poetry.

This superlatively creative and highly opportunistic “merchant” with a lucky streak of finding very fresh wrecks to salvage that he had in no way shape or form, that is provable, to do with sinking... #SarcasmFont

May, on the open sea steal your cargo, but here on land he will also most definitely steal your heart.



Royal Summons (Officer Terms)

Consider looking into these offices if you are interested in taking on the position at the end of their current term.

Seneschal—December 2025

Calendar—March 2024

Social Media—March 2024

Exchequer—December 2025

Chamberlain— December 2025

A&S—September 2024

Blue Grael Herald—June 2023

Marshal—March 2025

Archery—September 2024

Rapier—September 2025

Cut & Thrust—December 2023

Equestrian—VACANT

War Lord—VACANT

YAC—VACANT

Chatelaine—September 2024

Chronicler—March 2024

Webminister—September 2025

Gryphon Scribe—December 2025

Lists—June 2024

Family Activities Coordinator—VACANT

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