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Unto Elisabeth Laurel; Jeanne Marie Wreath; Margaret Pelican; King Sven and Queen Signy, Their Royal Majesties of An Tir; Master Ljotr, Seneschal of An Tir; My Fellow Principal Heralds; and the An Tir College of Heralds does Christopher Black Lion send warmest greetings!

I must apologize for the belated nature of this report. That most dreaded plague, the flu, has visited my house this past 8 days and I am only now able to rub two words together in a meaningful manner.

In general things heraldic are continuing very well. However, we are still having reporting problems in what is informally known as the Western Region and in the Principality of Tir Rígh. I am assured these problems will be resolved shortly. I have no desire to take Drastic Measures but will do so should the need arise.

My contingency deputy, Queue Forchée Herald, was appointed at Twelfth Night:

Gwenlian Catharne (MKA: Gwen Frost), [queue-forchee - antir.sca.org](http://queue-forchee-antir.sca.org)

A full roster of Kingdom Staff Heralds and Pursuivants can be found at http://www.antirheralds.org/college/black_lion_staff.html. A scanned copy of the signed Kingdom warrant roster is online at <http://antirheralds.org/college/rosters/roster-20060114.gif>. I intend on posting a draft version of each roster a few weeks before July Coronation and Twelfth Night so corrections can be submitted before a final copy is printed for Royal signature. Two Heralds are not listed on the current signed roster as they were appointed after it was published. One is

Queue Forchée and the other is Sable Mountain (Court herald). A full roster of Tir Rígh staff can be found at <http://tirrigh.org/heralds/>.

The replacement tabards project has been handed to Dame Ellen Fraser. I am awaiting a cost estimate from her to pass on to the kingdom Exchequer and Their Majesties.

This coming quarter I will not be able to attend Crown Council as I will be lecturing on Computer System Administration at Mankato State University in Minnesota. I will also be unable to attend Crown Tourney as I will be in Delft presenting a talk at the SANE conference. Queue Forchée will be acting in my stead at both events. Their Majesties have forgiven me for not being able to attend Crown. I will be attempting to make arrangements with Sable Sable and the Royal Scribe to get scrolls signed before May Crown so they may be presented.

Issues Facing the College

Reports. We are having too many problems with them.

The issue listed here last report, that of Vox Leonis, may have been resolved by retiring that title. Sable Mountain is now the name of the court herald. Each incoming Crown will be asked to select who They want for Their court herald and that person will be invested as Sable Mountain (with none of the baggage that came with Vox Leonis). Sable Mountain will be expected to make sure reports of awards given at court are submitted to Dexter Gauntlet, to make sure Royal Courts go well, and to submit a report to Black Lion quarterly. They will have no other duties or responsibilities.

The Principality of the Summits

Summits Principality Herald (Summits Principality)
Lord Tadhg O'Murchadha the Wanderer
[summits-herald - antir.sca.org](http://summits-herald-antir.sca.org)

Summits received reports from both baronies and many of the shires. I am still hopeful for a principality symposium there this year.

The Principality of Avacal

Sanguinaris Herald (Avacal Principality)
Viscount Steinn Vikingsson, KSCA
[sanguinaris - antir.sca.org](http://sanguinaris-antir.sca.org)

Reporting was much better in Avacal this quarter. Steinn Sanguinaris intends to step down mid-year. I trust that he will remain active with the college there.

The Principality of Tir Rígh

Silver Yale Herald (Tir Rígh Principality)
Lord Quentin Martel
[silver-yale - antir.sca.org](http://silver-yale-antir.sca.org)

Silver Yale has had a very difficult quarter recently. Things are looking up and I have great faith that good things will be coming forth from there again soon.

In Service to Kingdom and College,

Lord Christopher Thomas

Black Lion Principal Herald, An Tir

Argent, a flat cap purpure plumed and on a chief azure three commedia del'Arte masks argent.