



A SHORT Timeline

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The History of the West Kingdom

A Timeline

*This is a SHORT Version of the History of the West
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The West Kingdom History Website¹*

Note that not everything in the primary History documents is listed here, this is just a quick listing of the **most important** elements. More details can be found as noted in the subtitles above, in other places.

1965 – Prehistory – Siegfried and Fulk study combat techniques ... start training in Diane's backyard (among other locations).

May 1, 1966 – The First Event, the First Queen of the Day (Marynel of Darkhaven), the first Knighting (**Ardral Argo ver Kaeysc**, knighted as **David the Herald**).

June 25, 1966 – The Second Tournament – the name “The Society for Creative Anachronism” was created to secure a site. **Fulk de Wyvern** wins for **Mary of Tamar**, naming her Queen of Love and Beauty.

September 25, 1966 – The Third Tournament, and the first time the title King was used (**Henrik the Dane**, aka **Henrik of Havn**), and the first Award Scroll was presented.

January 6, 1967 – The First Twelfth Night Event, the first Artifact / award was created by **Siegfried von Hoflichkeit**, given to **Fulk de Wyvern**: The Muckin' Great Clubbe (not an award yet, but the “token” was created and it was presented ...).

March 25, 1967 – The First Coronation and Crown Tournament – Henrik of Havn and Wendryn Townsend were named King and Queen. This is the first time these titles were used in this way. The winner of the Tournament was **Richard the Short**, fighting for **Anne of San Anselmo**, who were – according to one source – named Crown Prince and Crown Princess. First Officers of the SCA were created.

April 30, 1967 – The First Coronation Tournament – Richard the Short and Anne of San Anselmo named King and Queen; **Fulk de Wyvern** won the tournament for **Mary of Tamar**, naming her Queen of May. First female fighter, issues occurred setting back female combatants a few years.

July 4, 1967 – Westercon XX Tournament

This tournament grabbed the interest of many in the Science Fiction community.

July 21, 1967 – The First Small War

October 14, 1967 – The First Renaissance Fair in Northern California, the SCA participated.

¹ <http://history.westkingdom.org>

January 6, 1968 – The Second Twelfth Night – Some of the items of importance:

- The Creation of the Title of Duke, the Order of the Rose, the Order of Chivalry (Knights and Masters at Arms), and the Order of the Laurel.
- The first “permanent” Crowns of the West (“The Ancient and Honorables”).

July, 1968 – Creation of the East Kingdom

July, 1968 – Creation of the Board of Directors, Incorporation of the SCA, Inc.

January 4, 1969 – The Third Twelfth Night – New Awards, and the Order of Precedence was created, as well as the tradition of Three Crown Tournaments a Year, and Three Coronation Events a year ...

- Grant of Arms
- Award of Arms
- Court (Crown) Baron

March 23, 1969 – Spring Crown Tournament – “Eric the Red” makes its debut, causing the tradition (*in the West*) of the term “The Eric” to represent the ropes around the tournament field.

May 17-18, 1969 – First Camping Event (Coronation Festival)

July 4-6, 1969 – First Crown Tournament of the Middle Kingdom

August 5, 1969 – First Official Proclamation of the Laws of the West Kingdom

November, 1969 – The Barony of Atenveldt is Established

December 31, 1969 – The First Tournament in the Barony of Three Mountains (the beginnings of An Tir!)

January 31, 1970 – First event in Madrone (also the beginnings of An Tir)

February 22, 1970 – Atenveldt becomes a Principality of the West Kingdom (First Coronet List)

June, 1970 – Formation of Southern Shores

Fall, 1970 – Formation of the Barony of the Isles (start of the Kingdom of Caid!)

September 23, 1970 – First event in the Barony of Angels (also Caid!)

January 8, 1971 – West Kingdom Twelfth Night (Creation of the College of Scribes ...)

January 16, 1971 – Atenveldt becomes a Kingdom in its own right

Atenveldt is no longer part of the West ...

1971 – Province of the Mists announces first officers

May 1, 1971 – Beltane Coronation

Creation of the Order of the Leaf of Merit – the first award to carry an Award of Arms if the recipient did not have one previously.

July 30-August 1, 1971 – Purgatorio Coronation

The creation of the Queen's Order of Grace, the Wreaths of Valor and Chivalry, and the title *Wardlord*.

May 6, 1972 – Beltane Coronation

The titles of *Count* and *Countess* are created and back-dated to all who had reigned as King and Queen, and the title of *Duchess* was backdated to all who had reigned as Queen twice or more.

October 22, 1972 – Creation of the Order of the Pelican by the Board of Directors**May 27, 1973 – Royal Tourney of Union, Principality of An Tir****August 25, 1973 – First Coronet Tournament, Principality of An Tir****March 23, 1974 – Quadri-Baronial Meeting, Principality of Caid****April 20-21, 1974 – Royal Tourney of Union, Principality of Caid****June 8-9, 1974 – First Coronet Tournament and Coronetting, Principality of Caid****August 3-4, 1974 – Creation of the West Kingdom Order of the Pelican**

See details in main document, or on History website ...

September 7-8, 1974– Whalemás Coronet Tournament – Principality of An Tir

The titles of *Viscount* and *Viscountess* used for former Princes and Princesses for the first time.

May 1-2, 1976 – Beltane Coronation

This was the decennial event – the ten year celebration of the SCA. It also saw the presentation of the first permanent Crowns of the King and Queen of the West since the Ancient and Honorables had been created. These crowns are revered by the West, and have been used ever since.

June 24-26, 1977 – Creation of the Shire of Eskalya

This is the beginning of the SCA in Alaska ...

July, 1977 – First “Lord Defender of the North” Tournament

The North was just getting started, this tournament eventually became the Coronet Tournament for Oertha when it became a Principality several years later.

September 24-25, 1977 – Autumn Crown Tournament

The **first female Knight** in the West was created, Lady **Mary of Uffington**.

April 22-23, 1978 – First Crown Tournament, Caid**May 12, 1979 – First Coronet Tournament, Principality of the Mists**

June 3, 1978 – First Coronation Festival, Caid

Caid is no longer part of the West ...

November 3-4, 1979 – First Coronet Tournament, Principality of Cynagua**October, 1980 – Shire of Outremer (Barony of Rowany) Founded in Australia (Lochac)****May 9, 1981 – First Female Sovereign in the SCA Crowned**

Maythen of Elfhaven won the Coronet of the Mists as the first female sovereign ...

September 5-6, 1981 – First Crown Tournament, Kingdom of An Tir**January 16, 1982 – Twelfth Night Coronation, Kingdom of An Tir**

An Tir is no longer part of the West ...

January 8, 1983 – Twelfth Night Coronation

Oertha and Lochac are named Crown Principalities of the West.

January 19-20, 1985 – First Coronet Tournament, Principality of Oertha

This was also the first Investiture, due to travel considerations. (Local groups spread out by 350+ miles in many cases)

March 23-24, 1985 – March Crown Tournament

For the first time in 14 years, James Greyhelm and Paul of Bellatrix meet in the final rounds!

April 25-May 4 – Twenty Year Celebration – Held in the Kingdom of Ansteorra**April 15-20, 1987 – Rowany Festival / First Coronet Tournament, Principality of Lochac****April 26-May 5, 1991 – Beltane Coronation / Twenty Five Year Celebration****March 29-31, 2002 – First Crown Tournament, Kingdom of Lochac****July 6-7, 2002 – Lochac Coronation**

Lochac is no longer part of the West ...

Up to Year 50 ... And Beyond

From the events listed above to now, well, not to say that all has been completely calm ... there have been a few incidents here and there, but nothing so earth-shattering or having a huge impact on either the Kingdom or the SCA-at-large that is big enough to note here.

The Principality of Avacal (*formerly of An Tir*) has become the 20th Kingdom of the SCA. And things grow and expand ... By the time this goes to Print, Avacal will have been a Kingdom for nearly a year. Welcome!

There is now a fourth peerage for those in the Fencing community.

There have been banishments, there have been odd issues. Groups within the SCA come and go ... mostly the West Kingdom has been pretty stable. We've had a couple people reign as King often enough (*Jade of Starfall with 17 reigns, and Uther Schieman der Hunt with 9 reigns*) that people discussed creating some sort of "Super-Duke" title for a while. Luckily saner heads have prevailed.

Many people in the SCA have met significant others (*I met my wife in the SCA for example*), some families are in their third and possibly fourth generations of SCAers. Many of us consider the SCA, or members of the SCA as family.

Overall the SCA (from the viewpoint of the West Kingdom) is stable and moving forward. It evolves, it grows, it changes with the needs of the people. But it remains a place where people with similar interests can come together, have fun, make things, have tournaments, and enjoy.

And so it goes ... here's hoping for another 50 years and more!