

**TIMELINE OF EVENTS
WESTERN HÂRN**

TR	KANDAY	THARDA	RETHEM
700		Construction of Firis Castle in Shiran Province is completed.	
701	The Barony of Zerien is created and Petryn Irien (34) is made a vassal of Earl Grolis Chahryn of Selvos (60).		As a result of the debacle of Ezar's War (682-697), King Chafin I (36) had been looking for scapegoats ever since to avert a civil war. Not satisfied with the assassination in 698 of the Grandmaster (Akarata) of the Agrikan fighting order of the Copper Hook, Ezar Zhirdoka, the King had turned his attention to the female clerical order of the Kukshin and its fighting order, the Crimson Dancer. Finding themselves in much official disfavour over the last few years, the Orders deem it wise to leave Rethem for Orbaal.
701			King Chafin I (37) builds Winen Keep on royal lands as a check to the growing power of clan Lynnaeus of Tormau. Sir Rihar Porteh is appointed Sheriff of Hohnam.
701			The Earl of Techen builds Omnis Keep.
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703			King Chafin I (39) is assassinated by unknown assailants while hunting east of Shostim. There is rumour that the King was killed on the orders of clan Lynnaeus in revenge for his building of Winen Keep on the south bank of the Denia River in 701.
703			Larril Araku (33), younger brother of the King, succeeds the throne as Chafin II. There is some speculation that he was responsible for the King's murder; those holding this opinion point to the disappearance and presumed death of Chafin I's mistress Penethe (25) and his two bastard children, Pilnia (4) and Kalab (2).
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706			Revi Lenesque (15) inherits the Earldom of Techen. He will be placed as a ward of the crown until he comes of age.
707	Queen Mirelael (37) dies from a fever. In 695, she captured Menekod and Selvos from Rethem and forced King Chafin I to accept the Treaty of Selvos (697). She is widely grieved by the Kandian populace.	The Thard River floods, destroying the northern part of the city of Shiran and causing extensive damage downriver as far as Golotha in Rethem; hundreds are killed.	Denyl Lynnaeus becomes Earl of Tormau. His official seat is Tormau Castle.

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707	Andasin IV (17), Mirelael's and Earl Ranald Milaka of Sarkum's eldest son, assumes the throne. Until the King produces a child, his younger brother Anaflas (12) is the heir apparent. The Earl's growing influence over his son causes some jealousy among other Kandian great clans, notably Earl Sinel Cassean of Heroth (35).		
707	Styfen Millard (39), the Laranian Bishop (Rekela) of Daena, is made Archbishop (Serekela) of Kanday. The Archdiocesan seat is in Shreve Abbey.		
708		The Agrikan fighting order of the Red Shadows of Herpa crosses the Gomisen River and seizes Themeson Keep from the Thardic Republic. War is only averted initially by the crisis in the Republic caused by the recovery from the Thard flood of 707. Later, internal political problems prevent any affirmative action from being taken, other than to make regular demands for Themeson's return.	The Agrikan fighting order of the Red Shadows of Herpa sends a force from its headquarters in Menekai Castle across the Gomisen River, to attack Themeson Keep. The keep and surrounding manors are seized. Although Themeson has technically become part of the kingdom of Rethem, King Chafin II (38) timorously claims that the attack was carried out by an independent religious order and has nothing to do with him. Armed conflict between the two nations is narrowly avoided.
708			Vavryse Lynnaeus (22), the Earl of Tormau's younger brother, marries Wyrede Araku (24), cousin of King Chafin II. The Earl of Tormau arranged this to strengthen his political position.
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711	Tamys Bakyth (47), until 15 years ago a knight in the service of Baron Petryn Irien of Zerien (44), is made Rekela of Perinore; the Diocesan seat is in Erone Abbey (also known as the Abbey of Saint Marabrine and Saint Oswyn). Since the Diocese of Perinore theoretically includes Rethem, the Rekela is responsible for missionaries to that		Earl Denyl Lynnaeus of Tormau builds Weseda Keep without bothering with the formality of seeking royal approval. Sir Petryn Horsik is appointed Constable.
711	Elayne Julor (62), wife to Andasin III, dies.		
711	Baron Rogryn Daltene, the last King of Edern, who had reluctantly sworn fealty to Andasin III in 689, dies without an heir in Gimon Keep.		
712	Merenal Tesade (55) is made Rekela of Aleathia; the Diocesan seat is in Welur Abbey.		

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712	Kuseme War: Earl Ernard Julor of Kuseme sends a band of knights to assert control over the villages of Tiw and Ponimeinar, which sit on the Kanday/Tharda border. Marshal Kronas Elernin of neighbouring Ramala province, senses an opportunity and moves to challenge the Earl. Ordered by the Senate to attack Kuseme, Kronas outmaneuvers and defeats the Earl; Eidru Keep falls and Earl Julor is forced to retreat to Kuseme which is then besieged. The onset of winter ends hostilities and Kronas' army prepares for a lengthy siege.	Kuseme War: Marshal Kronas Elernin learns of a Kandian military presence in two villages that partially lie within the borders of Ramala Province. Ordered by the Senate to take Kuseme, he invests the castle and leaves a small force to maintain the siege. After a few months of countermarching, the Ramala Legion and the Kandian army finally meet outside Eidru Keep. Through superior military skill, Kronas routs the Kandian force and takes the keep. He then besieges Kuseme Castle but is forced to stop as winter sets in.	
713	Spring: King Andasin IV (23) negotiates peace with the Thardic Senate; Kuseme and Eidru are ceded to the Thardic Republic. The Earl of Kuseme, Ernard Julor, is frustrated by the King's eagerness for peace: he believes that he could have withstood a lengthy siege in Kuseme, and that given proper support from the King he could have driven Kronas back across the Teb River. The Earl is reduced to a single holding, Ohetis Keep (held from the King) and the title of Baron. Although he remains a loyal vassal, there is no doubt that he harbours resentment towards his liege.	General Kronas Elernin is made Marshal and Magistrate of the new Eidel Province. Kronas is furious over the Senate's decision to make peace with Kanday: he believes that he could have conquered all of Kanday. Over the months, he executes, exiles or enslaves most of the Kandian nobility foolish enough to remain behind.	The Earl of Tormau siezes Ithius Keep, which belongs to Earl Herrin Barzak of Ithiko (53), a loyal supporter of King Chafin II (43). The Constable, Sir Prando Toprau is bribed into surrendering.
713	Sir Syman of Tolfane (32) is made Laranian Grandmaster (Chabla) of the Order of the Checkered Shield. The primary seat of the Order is Menekod Castle, held from the King.	Parga Ostaris (24) is made Marshal of Ramala Province.	
714			The Agrikan holders of Themeson Keep split from the Order of the Red Shadows of Herpa, to become the Order of the Cohorts of Gashang.
714			A female faction of the Agrikan clerical order of Herpa the Mace in Golotha breaks off to form the Order of the Eight Demons, establishing a base in Shiran. It sponsors the newly-formed Order of the Cohorts of Gashang.
715	The temple of Larani in Dyrisa is completed. Archbishop Styfen Millard (47) begins to spend much of his time there; it eventually becomes common to speak of the "Archdiocesan seat at Dyrisa", although this is technically incorrect.	The Thardic Republic renews its demand for the return of Themeson Keep. King Chafin III avoids the issue by claiming that the attack took place during the reign of his predecessor, and that he has no control over the matter.	King Chafin II (45) dies peacefully in his bed in Shostim Castle, leaving no heir and precipitating a bloody power struggle.

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715			Arech Araku (32), Chafin II's cousin, emerges victorious from the maelstrom of murder and intrigue following the King's death. He is believed to be responsible for the murders of his uncle Mykkel (67) and his female cousin Wyrede (31), both of whom had better claims to the throne. Only his second cousins, Saval (6) and Hesela (1), survived, having been taken to sanctuary with their uncle, Earl Denyl Lynnaeus of Tormau. Arech Araku takes the name Chafin III and assumes the throne.
715			King Chafin III manages to reaffirm the fealty (or at least the neutrality) of the Earls of Ithiko and Techen, as well as the Agrikan fighting orders of the Warriors of Mameka, Red Shadows of Herpa and the Companions of the Roving Doom. Only the Earl of Tormau, one of the most powerful men in Rethem, refuses to swear fealty, a situation which may lead to civil war.
715			King Chafin III embarks on an ambitious project to dramatically improve the defences of Shostim Castle. It may take a decade to complete.
716	Without an heir, the Barony of Gimon lapses. King Andasin IV (26) grants the title to Tobrin Jevasa (48) and makes the fief subject to Earl Ranald Milaka (54) of Sarkum.		The Constable of Omnis Keep dies under mysterious circumstances. Since the current Earl of Techen is a ward of the King, Chafin III takes the opportunity to create a powerful new Barony, awarding the lands to a loyal friend, Sir Jasyph Sayorsaxe (who is also the Chancellor of the Exchequer). At least officially, Sir Jasyph is a vassal of the Earl, but his loyalties are with King Chafin III.
716	Carlen Milaka, nephew of Earl Ranald Milaka of Sarkum (54), is made Rekela of Ternula. The Diocesan seat is in Korri Abbey.		
717	Eriel Milaka (25), sister to King Andasin IV (27), is married to Prince Jevass Toron (29), heir apparent to the throne of Melderyn.		Klyrdes Bisidril, Agrikan Primate (Apalankh) of Harn and Grandmaster (Senesharil) of the clerical order of Mamaka the Master of Steel, orchestrates a "temple war" in Golotha wherein the Order of the Pillar of Fire, along with most of its priests, are "mysteriously" burned. It is generally accepted that the Order of the Pillar of Fire was plotting to seize the primacy when it was razed.

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717	<p>Tamys Bakyth (53), Rekela of Perinore, is appointed as Sheriff of Norea, greatly increasing his secular power. His official seats are now Quivum Keep and Erone Abbey. This presents a problem to the Chabla of the Order of the Checkered Shield, Sir Syman Tolfane (36), since the regional headquarters of the Order for the northeastern frontier is in Dovan (near Heroth Castle), which falls within the jurisdiction of Noreashire and hence, the Bishop. (Lands held by the Order of the Checkered Shield are supposed to be held directly from the King, not the clerical order.) Sir Syman petitions the King for control of all northern chapter houses to be transferred to Menekod, but the Sheriff (supported by the Serekela at Dyrisa, Styfen Millard (49)) persuades the King otherwise, seeking to maintain Dovan and other such manors as church lands.</p>		
717	<p>Sir Nordis Lunteyn (29) is made Sheriff of Urien, holding Chison Keep for the King. Being a strong believer in the ideals (if not the realities) of knighthood, he begins to petition the King to establish a regular tournament of chivarly in Kanday.</p>		
717	<p>Lorine Shambrel is appointed Peonian Abbess (Pelnala) of the female order of the Balm of Joy, in Duseda Abbey. For doctrinal reasons, she has the guards - warriors of the Laranian Order of the Checkered Shield - recalled: Lorine is deeply troubled by the presence of armed men in the secluded community of peaceful women. Both her Archbishop - the Pelnala of Aleath - and the Laranian Reblena of Hekra try to remonstrate with Lorine, pointing out the vulnerable, isolated position of Duseda on the east bank of the Eryn River, but she remains adamant.</p>		
718	<p>Anafas Milaka (23), younger brother to King Andasin IV (28), is made Sheriff of Peris, holding Imiden Keep from the King.</p>		

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718	<p>The Rekela of Perinore and Sheriff of Norea, Tamys Bakyth (54), appoints the Knight-Commander (Reblena) of the Order of the Checkered Shield in Dovan, Sir Polaen Jevasa, who oversees the northeast chapter houses, as Bailiff of Narath Hundred. This doubly places the Reblena under his command, both as Bishop and Sheriff. Since Dovan is the regional headquarters of the Order of the Checkered Shield, this action deepens the enmity between the Sheriff and the Grandmaster (Chabla) of the Order, Sir Syman of Tolfane (37), who is located in nearby Menekod Castle. Sir Syman increases his efforts in petitioning the King to transfer Dovan to Menekod's direct control, but the Sheriff manages to resist, wishing to keep the lands within church control. This places Earl Sinel Cassean of Heroth (46) in a difficult position: he is a close friend of the Sheriff but also a lay member of the fighting order.</p>		
718	<p>The Rekela of Aleathia, Merenal Tesade (61) suffers a minor stroke which impairs his right arm and given that side of his face a distinctive cast. Some cruelly believe that the stroke has affected not only his speech but his mind as well.</p>		
718	<p>Construction begins of a town wall around Dyrisa. Pressure from local guilds and the desire to improve Dyrisa's defences are the primary incentives to complete its construction.</p>		
719		<p>Mardova Seris (43) enthusiastically "purchases" the position of Magistrate of Ramala Province. After one month in Moleryn, he loses interest and returns to Shiran, vowing never to set foot in Ramala again. The role of Magistrate is unofficially passed to Marshal Parga Ostaridis (30).</p>	
719		<p>Jithias Mariam (19) obtains the office of Marshal of Gerium Province through the influence of his uncle in the Senate (who is assassinated a few months later).</p>	

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719		<p>Ilvin: The position of Magistrate of Kom Province, previously vacant, is made available in the Senate. There are several contenders for this post, as Kom is noted for its large iron mines. The primary contender is Sadar Calasain, but his clan is an ancient enemy of the Pesed clan (to which the Marshal, Senator Xeldon Pesed, belongs); the Peseds successfully block Sadar's appointment into the Senate.</p>	
720			<p>Revi Lenesque (21) becomes Earl of Techen.</p>