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Arts and Sciences

Greetings to the Imperial Estates:

Based on the monthly reports, the activity in the Arts seems to be steady. The amount of projects submitted each month is not overwhelming in numbers but based on the scores, lots of time and effort is going into the projects.

I am happy to report that the number of sub-divisions in compliance with the monthly reporting requirements continues to grow. I would like to thank those sub-divisions who are keeping up with their reports and ask all Crowns to encourage their ministers to keep up with the reports.

Traffic on the Arts Minister's Yahoo Group and the Adria_Collegia Group has been light for the past few months. These are however, two of the best resources for our Arts Ministers and artisans. I would encourage any of the Arts & Sciences Ministers who are not signed up for these boards to do so.

Reviews of documentation sources are continuing and are posted on the Adria_Collegia Yahoo Group as well as the web site provided by Gideon ben Azarya. For those of the Imperial Estates who have not yet seen the site, Gideon has created a site to be a warehouse of links and books that can be used for research. A section of his site is set aside for the critical review of documentation sources. The rest of the site is a listing of documentation submitted by the artisans of Adria. The web address is as follows:

http://gid_vinter.tripod.com/artsknight/index.html

This is a great tool for our artisans.

In closing, I would like to say that while things are progressing positively in the Arts, as in anything, there is always room for improvement so please encourage those in your estates to contact this office with any comments, questions or suggestions. The arts should be an on-going work in progress. That is how we will learn and grow.

In Service, Dame Toireasa McBride, Imperial Minister of Arts & Sciences

Sovereign of Arms

My Lords and Ladies of the Imperial Estates, I recommend me to you. Herewith is my report to you on the activities of my Office.

As of this writing (January 28th) I have taken this office only a few days past. I am still working with my predecessor, Sir Alaric Thorne, as well as the Imperial Crown to get the Office up-to-date. It is my hope that by the time you read this, the Backlog will be cleared up and the Office moving forward.

Here are my goals and projects for the coming term, in addition to clearing up the Backlog:

1. A census of all heralds and interested persons in the Empire and their skill levels. This is a precursor towards:
2. The creation of a heraldic education program. I intend to utilize as many different sources as I can so that Adrians can get as rounded a heraldic education as possible. It is my opinion that even people who do not wish to become heralds should have access to the basics of heraldic design.
3. The digitization of all heraldic records. The lessons of the recent California wildfires have taught us that no one location should be the repository of our hardcopies. This digitization will also mean that transferring records between office-holders will be a much simpler matter than it has in the past.
4. The finalization of the Digital Heraldry Project, with its ultimate goal the on-line Ordinary. This will allow local heralds and even the general public to perform basic checks of the database. People will be able to see if there is anything close to what they want already registered.
5. A compilation of all past precedents and policies into one document. This will enable local heralds to see how various Rules of the College have been interpreted and implemented.

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My Lords and Ladies, I look forward to working with you in the coming Reign.

In service to the Empire, Sir Nigel Seymour, Fleur-de-Lis King of Arms

Hospitaler

Since taking this office a lot of work has been started. Various areas have been or are currently being discussed. Most notably of the current projects being worked on is the New Start up guide for New and Prospective Sub-divisions, a new Hospitalier's Handbook, and a revamping of the New Members Guide. The Startup manual has been completed and the second rough draft appears on the Hospitalier's Yahoo group. Some new forms were also added for use by the various Hospitalers of the Empire.

Several individuals have also contacted this office to starting new sub-divisions, most notably in Tennessee, Sacramento California, Minnesota, Arkansas, and Texas. Also some research was done to find out about Rathlin Isle and it looks as if the Missouri sub-division may be reforming. I have also been in contact with the Stewards office as to the possibility of tracking new members. Good communications is something this office feels very strongly about and has been trying to establish both within and without the Empire.

In Monthly reports I have been requesting information about any demo's the various sub-divisions have done, any forms they may be using that are specific to their sub-division, as well as how many new members have joined in the Month. I am also working to flesh out the description of the duties and definition of this office and new and additional language may if such pleases the Empire, the BOD and their Imperial Majesties be added to the by-laws concerning this office. Reporting has not been as good as was expected and is an area, which surely needs to improve. I would also like to stress the point that answering such reports and confirming the Imperial Ministers and their deputies received them is just as important. While this may be outside of my station I would think it would be a good idea for the Board to receive Crown reports from the Individual subdivisions as to their projects and a state of affairs at imperial Estates meetings as well, much like the Governors of the United States report to the President.

I have also been suggesting to each sub-division to put on a media demo to get the word out in their local areas and unexplored untapped areas of their territory to help with growth and Public relations.

The Hospitalier is the office of Ministry that I feel should be in charge of Public relations, recruitment as well as welcoming new members to the Empire. It is the opinion of this office that growth is a good thing. Furthermore I think it is in the best interest of the Empire to look more closely at advertisement and public promotion of our organization not just locally but also through a national campaign. Options include creating a Video Documentary that can be used by all sub-divisions for run on Public access and PBS stations about the Adrian Empire. Advertising possibilities include the History Channel, Smithsonian Magazine just to name two.

If there is anything else that the Body of the Empire needs in regards to this office I am at your disposal and will do my best to answer any and all questions.

YIS, Lord Auberon dela'Reve, Imperial Hospitalier, February 18th 2004