

The Adrian Herald

July 1998

Unto the Populace,
Greetings!

We hope that everyone is thoroughly enjoying the warmer weather that summer has brought. For some it means a break from the normal routine. (As the old joke goes, the three best reasons for being a teacher are June, July and August.) For others, at least there are the extended weekends for Memorial Day, Independence Day, and Labor Day, plus the opportunity for vacation. This year as you celebrate Independence Day, think about what it has cost to obtain and maintain the freedoms we enjoy. Get involved and be a part of maintaining those freedoms. And have a great time watching fireworks (but be "safe and sane" as the California slogan goes).

July includes the Imperial Senate meeting. The dates are July 18 and 19. The place is the John C. Fremont Branch, Los Angeles Public Library, 6121 Melrose Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90038. Telephone: (213) 962-3521. Senators have received the agenda. If you have not already spoken with your Senator (Royal Crown or Duke/Duchess Elector) about your concerns, please be certain to do so. Many of the Estates General of the subdivisions are meeting to debate and give direction to their Senators. Vivat! While voting is limited to Senators, anyone who wishes to observe the proceedings is welcome to attend. The meeting begins at 10:00 a.m. each day.

Kudos and many thanks go to Sir Dilvish for his masterful work on the Agenda. There is a lot there, and he has done a superb job of getting the Agenda ready for the Senate. Vivat Sir Dilvish!

We have good news on the 501(c)(3) front! All of the regions are in compliance with the needs for filing. Filing has been done, and we are now awaiting the government's reply to our application for a change in status. Sir Nikolai has labored long and hard in this area, giving of both himself and his resources. Vivat Sir Nikolai!

With the new status will come new responsibilities and accountability. As a social organization with a small budget, the U.S. government has had little interest in us. Now that donations to the Adrian Empire, Inc. will be tax deductible under the new status -- when it is approved -- the government will have a stronger interest in our affairs, particularly as the amount of money flowing through the organization should increase significantly. Our

accounting must be more thorough and follow standard practices. The Imperium is establishing new practices and preparing a manual to help Stewards in all of the regions understand their responsibilities under the 501(c)(3) status. A new Writ is being published elsewhere in this Herald to address one aspect of this. Our thanks to DeDe Chavez for her work and assistance.

Recently there have been some problems with timeliness in addressing such things as memberships, etc. At times the source lies within the region. At other times the problem has been at the Imperial level. For that We are truly sorry, but We believe the solution has been found. Sir Duriel van Hansard has labored greatly in the area of bringing the accounts and database up to date. All of the regions have received accounts of the Imperial records. If there is a discrepancy with local records, the Crowns or Stewards need to contact Sir Duriel as quickly as possible to reconcile the differences. Vivat Sir Duriel!

Following the Senate meeting, the end of summer will not be far behind, and that brings with it the Imperial War. Sir Eric the Awful is working on securing a site for the war, and others have offered some suggestions. Some have asked why we do not have the war at the same site as last year. The reason is that the site is in Esperance, both the Empress and Emperor reside in Esperance, and the By-Laws forbid the War from being held in the subdivision in which the Imperial Crown or Crowns reside. If you like the idea of a permanent site, let your Senators and Grand Assemblors know, but it will take a By-Laws amendment to change the current practice. This year We will be experimenting with a "Shadow War" on the East Coast. Because of By-Laws requirements the Shadow War will not count, but if all goes well the Imperial Estates will no doubt be presented with a plan to hold the Imperial War at multiple sites as Adrian grows.

Now is not too early for those who wish to vie for the Imperial Throne to begin making themselves known. Some may be planning to do so at the Senate meeting. The requirements include having a successful reign as King or Queen OR having ruled as Duc/Duchess and being a second-level Knight. We wish the best to those who will follow Us upon the Throne.

The full Imperial Estates General will meet the first weekend in November. Items for the Agenda need to be submitted by August 1. This overlaps with the time period given for Grand

Assemblors to vote on referenda from the Senate meeting, but the By-Laws dictate the meeting times, and the lead time is necessary to have the agenda done.

Mundania keeps rearing its ugly head. I was hampered in my ability to keep up with matters due to a variety of personal and family matters. Her Imperial Majesty Dame Katherine has done an excellent job of tending to the needs of the Empire. Vivat Dame Katherine! Aurore of Byzantium was forced to resign as Chronieler due to mundane issues. During the interim the Cominolos have done a masterful job of getting the Herald out to everyone who is on their list. Vivat! (Since Sir Duriel has updated the lists, those of you who have been looking for a Herald should start receiving it.) Mundane pressures are also forcing Sir Dilvish to step back from his duties and involvement. We will miss your active voice in Our affairs.

There are, however, those who are willing to step forward and shoulder the responsibilities that remain. Dame Francesca will be assuming the office of Chronieler beginning immediately. Submissions for the August Herald should be sent to Dame Francesca. You may submit via e-mail, U.S. mail, personal delivery and even telephone (if you don't mind her wording your *short* announcement for you). Requirement for written submission is that it be typed. Dame Francesca has a scanner and can deal with artwork. If you want it back, please provide the envelope and postage for return. Contact Dame Francesca

E-mail: cedrik@primenet.com Vivat
Dame Francesca!

Sir Frederick von Burg will be taking over the Chancellor's Office as of the Imperial Senate meeting. Please send any items for the Imperial Estates General meeting to him. As of this writing, Sir Frederick does not have e-mail.

Adria has a new Shire. Congratulations to Kyrie McKay and best wishes on expanding the Adrian Empire and the Dream to the Pacific Northwest. Although the Shire does not yet have a name, Kyrie is Viceroy for the area mundanely known as Oregon. Vivat!

Once again We hope that everyone is enjoying the summer and hope to see each of you at one event or another.

Yours in Service to the Good,
Sir Jehan Dame Katherine
Basileus Basileia
SDG

Lex Tertia Katherinae et Johannis

Given This Day the Solemnity of The Birth of John the Baptist, Anno Adriae XII, being the Twenty-fourth Day of June, Anno Domini One Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety-Eight.

Whereas the successful application for 501(c)(3) status as a tax-exempt educational organization requires greater financial accountability on the part of the Adrian Empire, Inc., and its subdivisions, We do hereby decree the following as part of the duties of the office of Steward. The Steward of a chartered subdivision shall report financial activity for the subdivision to the Imperial Steward on a semi-monthly basis, that being no later than the fifteenth (15th) and the last day of each month. (If sent via U.S. mail, the postmark shall determine date of submission.) This reporting shall include all necessary paperwork, monies and other necessary items for memberships and other financial activities of the subdivision. If no financial activity has occurred, the Steward shall so notify the Imperial Steward. Notification of no financial activity may be done by e-mail. The Imperial Steward shall collect and process these reports in a timely fashion, including forwarding addresses of new and renewing members to the Chronicler. The Imperial Steward shall notify the Imperial Crown and the Imperial Chancellor of any subdivisions failing in their duties under this Writ and any other Writs from the Imperial Senate or Estates.

So say we
Dame Katherine Marshal of London
Basileia

Sir Robert Lord Jehan Alexandre Chrysostom Antoine Michel de St. Albain-Annecy von Hapsburg
Basileus
SDG

It's A Holy War!!

Attention Populace:

I am proud to announce that The Holy War (just an excuse to have a war) will take place at the Crossroads Permanent Site in Corona. It is freeway close to both Terra Neuve and Esperance and most reasonably priced. HUM Johan I has agreed to the location and we will have a WAR!!!

From Terre Neuve: 15 North to 91 West. Exit Lincoln. Drive North until you reach River Rd. Turn Left (west) on River Rd. and follow it to just past Archibald. Follow Signs....

From Los Angeles and Orange County: Take 91 East, Exit Lincoln. Follow Directions listed above.

If further directions are needed please email me (SirReilly@aol.com).

simply for the fun of it!! For details on Combat Archery contact me, there have been some experimental additions to the Combat Archery Manual as approved by His Grace Lord Thomas Fitzshokes. Sir Thomas has added "golf tube" arrows to the list of approved arrows.

The site has flush toilets, but unfortunately no showers. We will have access to the entire site (several acres) which will provide excellent and diverse battle locations.

Site fees will be \$10 for adults, children under 14 are free. This is NOT a dry site, but Empire rules regarding alcohol still apply. War will be held Saturday 7/25-7/26 but we can start camping at noon Friday 7/24.

More info to follow!!

In service,
Sir Reilly MacBellsche
Minister of Joust and War to His Righteous and Most Holy Majesty Galadon, King of Esperance, True Paladin of Virtue!!

Terre Neuve

Greetings to one and all . I am Sir Johan Warhammer von Hohenstaufen I, First German King of Terre Neuve , etc.,etc.,etc.,etc.,. . . .

I give you my first address several months late since I was unaware as to where these messages needed to be sent. However, that mishap is behind us now so I will not dwell on it any more than is necessary. As a result of the tardiness of my first address, some of these acknowledgements will be rather old news. Pleases bear with me.

First and foremost I would thank all of those who showed up to the Crown war in March. Whether you

fought for my worthy opponent Dame Regine or for myself, you conducted yourselves well and, despite some rough patches, all went fairly smooth. I salute the warriors and artisans of both sides and I hope that we are all willing to look past yesterday and start to look at tomorrow.

Many people of the Empire may or may not have heard that I have posted (in the game) the wedding banns. Yes indeed, in the interest of keeping the peace I have arranged bride price for the daughter of the great general that fought against me in the Crown war. Fergus McCarrell is a valiant soldier and his young daughter shows the grace of her mother and the bravery of her father. Though she is only eleven she is a very, very poised young lady and I thank her parents for their indulgence.

More thanks is definitely due to all of those who arranged the great coronation feast. I would like to thank Lord Nigel for creating a fine ceremony that befitted my personality. In that department I would like to also thank Sir Mordred. Indeed we all knew that this would be entertaining but we underestimated your ability to act. Well done. A fond thanks I would like to give Dame Regine. It takes a lot of courage to show up to a coronation that



should be but is not yours. It takes even more courage and spunk to be the one that arranges it as you did. I am grateful to you. On another note I would like to deeply thank Dame Katayana for the difficult and painstaking task of giving this barbarian a Kingly presence. The costumes that this woman made for me took me from merely magnificent to absolutely stunning, and I am humble, too.

This last month or so I have tried to learn the ropes and only time and history will record the truth. I have taken oaths to the different portions of my populace and I take those oaths very seriously. A person who does not honor his or her oaths or takes them just to be dramatic is a deterrent to the game. We, the older members, have seen such an attitude in several that finally departed. I will not exemplify that behavior.

Until next month,

Ich Dien

His Royal Majesty The Venerable Sir Johan Warhammer von Hohenstaufen I, First German King of Terre Neuve, Draconic Principalities, Premier Knight of the Terre Neuvian Crown Guard, Paladin of St. Bella, A Celtic Hero in the Hill Battle of Prado, Scourge of the Magic Kingdom, Master of Neu Nuremburg in Acre, Master of Aberwyvern in Vinland, Master of Orcataine in Terre Neuve, Captain of the Corsair ship Vulture, Imperial Elder of the Adrain Goths, Shamman of the Adrian Goths, Bringer of Rain, Teutonic Stallion of Thuringia, Fourth and Fifth peril of the Fire swamps, Usurper of the Throne of Colbrin, Defiler of the Throne of Colbrin, Admirer of young girls and vampire slayer of Terre Neuve.

The Holy War: Esperance and Terre Neuve

From Your Imperial Arts and Science Minister,

The Imperial Arts & Science Minister has agreed to "head-up" the running of the Holy War Arts Tourneys. The Esperance Arts & Science Minister, Maedb & the Terre Neuve Arts & Science Minister, Sir Gralor, will be assisting in this endeavor.

BUT WE NEED YOUR HELP! If you are planning on going to the Holy War and can judge for even a short time, PLEASE let me know now, so we can set things up and make things go faster & smoother.

If you can judge we need to know:

1. How long can you judge (1 hour or more?)
2. What do you feel is your best area to judge and why?
3. What do you feel is your worst area to

judge and why?

4. Are you planning to be a part of the combat? If so WHEN will you set time aside to judge?
5. Are you planning on watching the combat or doing other Ministry work? If so WHEN will you set time aside to judge?
6. ARE YOU ENTERING AN ARTS ENTRY? More than one category? We can set you to judge a different one.
7. If we can set up the judging of the Food, Bardics & verbal doc. before combat starts, can you judge part of or all of them?
8. If you are or were an Arts and Science Minister, can you help? Help sign-ups, set-up, judging, take down.

Artisans::::

1. REMEMBER: after you sign-in, YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE for bringing your entry to the tables for before the list closes and picking up your entry and comment cards before CLOSING COURT.
2. KNOW what list your item is going on before you bring it to the table. Is it Fine, Crafted, Bardic or Food and Alchemy?
3. Have you documentation READY with your entry. If your documentation is oral, MAKE SURE someone has written that down and put it with your entry.
4. You can enter all four categories, BUT you can be only on one list Knights or Masters NOT BOTH. and you one get ONE War point.
5. IF your documentation is verbal YOU MUST BE AVAILABLE to the judges. They do not have time to hunt you down.

Those of you who have requested the New Artisans and Judges Manual and have not reviewed them, Please ask your Hospitaler. If you don't have a Hospitaler request one from the Imperial Hospitaler. I have not sent everyone who requested the new manual one because in a couple of weeks the Imperial Estates are meeting and this manual will be revised at that time.

ANY QUESTIONS contact Imperial Arts and Science Minister Comtessa Dame Willow at e-mail lordcromar@aol.com or her Deputy Rahja Ahmina at rahjaahmina@webtv.net

Chesapeake

Greetings from the Shire of Chesapeake,

A ray of sun at last has fallen. The winter is a fading memory. As for the spring - if not for our stout Viking Dragon ship - we would be washed out to sea. Rain has been a setback to our game as it is hard to battle with only the head above water.

Our crown events have been moved to 2nd Sunday of the month at Chesterwood Park, Dundalk, MD.

We have been invited to Hershey, Penn. the third weekend of July, in conjunction with the Scottish Festival.

Sven Iceman,
Viking Dragon Lord
Viceroy, Shire of the Chesapeake

Aragon

From Their Graces:

Holy Relics

While off journeying on their latest quest for the lands of Prestor John, it was the pleasure of Sir Winfred and Dame Anginette to commission various travellers to obtain Holy Relics to heighten the Glory of the Church of Adria.

It was the pleasure of their Graces to present to the Prelate of the Church, the First of these Relics. A sliver of the bench of the man who sells pieces of the one True cross, which the Prelate Graciously accepted and a sliver of the one true stage which the Prelate returned to Sir Winfred that he might, as a true son of the Church, guard it for the Church.

Sir Winfred and Dame Anginette have pledged more relics for the church as their agents return from their various routes from the Holy lands.

New Belts

Duchy of Aragon rejoice, we have three new belts. Being informed by the mistress of the lists that the requirement had been met it was the pleasure of Earl Sir Winfred to grant the accolade to Baron Theng of the Golden Horde and dub him Knight Minister of Aragon.

The new Knight was then greeted by his Brother Knights and received the traditional challenges ranging from reciting a Norse poem (in Norse) to autocrating the perfect event.

It was also the pleasure of Sir Winter to take Lady Angelic Alyson as squire and of Sir Ian to take Lady Morrion O'Shaughnessy as squire.

May they both do tl new Knights proud they guide them on the road to Knighthood.

Welcome

The Blue Rose



garden is now blooming in the desert. It is my pleasure to announce the new additions to the Domain. The Black Roses of Aragon that were at the war on memorial day were openly welcomed into the Domain by their Imperial Majesties and Earl Sir Winfred (The founder of the Blue Rose) and Comtessa Lady Dame Anginette (The Blue Rose).

Once again welcome.

Stockades

Do to his commending efforts to find instructions in the way of chivalry, the Duchy is preparing to build the Olof the Red memorial stockades as a learning aide to other young lords who choose this road of enlightenment. Lord Olof, good luck in Idaho. We hope to see you soon.

Their Graces

Arts and Sciences

We wish to thank all of the artisans who

participated in the tourney at the war. Everyone had such wonderful entries that the Judges found it a pleasure to judge. Unfortunately there can only be one winner and that was Lord Mattlock for his beautiful and teary proposal to his lady, which left not a dry eye in the court. Lord Mattlock received a perfect score of thirty points for a Master work. Congratulations to all.

Order of the Golden Spoon

Over War Weekend three Ladies of the Court were blessed by being given the Order of the Golden Spoon by His Imperial Majesty - Dame Anginette, Lady Alara, and Lady Joanne.

VIVAT

We would like to thank Their Imperial Majesties for gracing us with Their Divine presence at "Chocolate War". It was important to have them with us for such a fun and alas too short of a time. Long May They Reign.

VIVAT

Golden Horde

Many lands dread the coming of the Vikings but Aragon welcomes them with open arms, from their period encampment to their enthusiasm for playing the game "Right" (without even speaking of the fact that whatever a job had to be done "Hordlings" jumped to the task).

They truly shine as a Jewel in the Ducal Crown of Aragon. The Lord and Lady Protector are hereby pleased to announce, that from "Chocolate War" on they shall now be known as the Golden Horde of Aragon.

New Titles:

Baroness Serina de Torseillo has been granted the title of Lady of The Empire by TIM, Sir Jehan and Dame Katherine. Squire David has been granted the title of Lord of the Court by the retiring Duke of Aragon, Sir Winter.

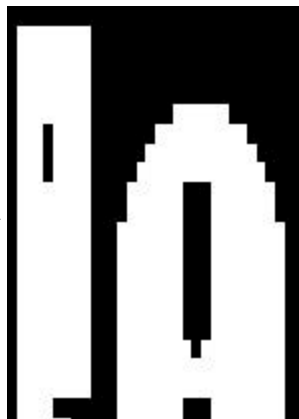
Baroness Serina's Birthday

Unto the Populace of Aragon,

Cherry Pudding

Submitted by Maedb Drakonja

This pudding refers to the Feast of Saint John the Baptist. Saint John is the patron saint of monks. His name is invoked against spasms, convulsions, epilepsy, drought, and hail. His feast day is December 27th, so these cherries would have been a winter variety and not quite as sweet as spring cherries. With that in mind, you may want to cut down the sugar somewhat.



I am offering this in three forms so you can see the transition from medieval to modern. The original is presented in all its glory, as it was found in a 14th century manuscript(1). Then its translation into modern English so you can make heads or tails out of it. Finally, I've provided the redaction, which is a recipe that has been rewritten with modern measurements, instructions, etc. Part of the fun of medieval cooking is that a number of redactions are possible from a single recipe. It all depends on how you translate terms like "plenty" and "porcioun." This redaction is from the Medieval Kitchen(2).

Chireseye (original)

For to make chireseye tak chiryes at the fest of Seynt Iohn the Baptist & do away the stonys. Grynd hem in a mortar & after frot hem wel in a seue so that the ius be wel comyn out; & do than in a pot & do therein feyre gres or boter & bred of wastel ymyid & of sugar a god perty & a porcioun of syn. & wan it is wel ysodyn & ydressedy in dyschis, stik therin clowis of gilofre & strew theron suger.

Chireseye (translation)

To make chireseye, take cherries at the Feast of Saint John the Baptist and remove the pits. Grind them in a mortar, and then press them hard through a sieve to extract all their juice; and put this in a pot and put in a good fat or butter and good white bread, plenty of sugar, and some wine. And when it is this and served up on plates, stud it with cloves and sprinkle with sugar.

Cherry Pudding (redaction)

1-1/2 pounds ripe cherries
2 slices dry white bread
1/2 cup sugar
1-1/2 tablespoons butter
5 ounces good red wine
whole cloves (for garnish)

Stem and pit the cherries, puree them in a blender or food processor, then strain in a fine sieve, pressing hard to extract as much juice as possible.

Remove the crusts from the bread, and cut the bread into small pieces. In a heavy saucepan, combine the bread, cherry juice, wine, sugar and butter. Bring to a boil. Lower heat and simmer until the mixture thickens and the bread falls apart and swells (10 - 15 minutes). Turn into a serving bowl and chill well. Stud the top with cloves. Refrigerate until served.

Sources

- (1) *Diversa Servicia*, in *Curye on Inglysch: English culinary manuscripts of the fourteenth century*, edited by Constance Hiett and Sharon Butler, London, Oxford University Press, 1985
- (2) *The Medieval Kitchen*, by Odile Redon, Françoise Sabban and Silvano Serventi (translated by Edward Schneider), University of Chicago Press, 1998

Recently there was a most joyous celebration to honor those members born in the month of June. It was held at the Black Rose Manor and a good time was had by all. The night opened up with the Lord and Lady Protectors holding Court at which a new deputy Herald filled in quite well (the regular herald was detained by the mundane world). After Court the revelry did commence and the feast to go with it was wonderful. There was BBQ ribs and roast sweet corn and potato salad as well as other delicious edibles. There was also a shinai tourney and a ren tourney held under the lights. The combat was very much enjoyed by all. While the Combat was taking place a sudden wave of mundanity swept over the crowd who all began doing the Time Warp dance.

After the tourney there was a brief Court held inside the manner at which Baroness Serina received a spanking for her birthday (which was delivered by her husband Eduardo). Oh, by the way Baron Sir Theng Sven made a most wondrous table for spankings.

Also at closing Court The Chancellor and the Baroness of the Black Rose presented the Lord and Lady Protectors with \$155.00 for the Duchy coffers.

Baroness Serina and Sire Squire Mattlocke

Annelynnerose

Greetings to the populace of The Empire. We are growing fast here in Annelynnerose: we will soon be putting in our request to be a Duchy. Our Viceroy and Minister of Rolls have put in their requests for Knighthood and hope to have that granted soon, Vivat to Andru and Shelaine Dane! We recently had a booth at the Kansas City Scottish Highland Games. It was very hot that day but it was a big success. The heads of the Highland Games were pleased with us and would like us to return next year and have guaranteed us a larger area so we can also have fighting demonstrations. We received a lot of possible new members who will hopefully be joining us soon. Vivat to all in Annelynnerose for having to deal with the crazy weather and for putting up with all the changes that are going on.

In Service to The Empire, The Dream and To



Annelynnerose
Shelaine Dane, Minister of Rolls,
Annelynnerose

Dragon's Mist

Greetings unto the populace of Adria from the Duchy of Dragon's Mist. Our May event was held at North Charleston's Cultural Arts Festival in fantastic and HOT Charleston, South Carolina. Temperatures exceeded the 102 degree mark with the heat index factored in. Gotta love that Southern weather!! We set up on the main lawn with tents and had a very large fighting area that was host to several lists. Arts and Crafts dominated the tented areas while demonstrations of fighting techniques and armor making were prevelant in the fighting areas. The lists began with a Renn competition with Dominick of Clan Tangreacht bas' taking the win with Sire Aeryn Drake of Clan Tangreacht bas' coming in a VERY CLOSE second! Sorry about the hand, my Sire! The afternoon opened with a Shinai competition with MUCH close fighting. The win went to Takada of Clan Tangreacht bas' with second going to Mackalin von Brock. VIVAT and HUZDAH to these and the other fine fighters for their Honor and Chivalry showed on the fighting field. Court opened with buying of women and trading of goats, or was it horses? I forget, however the court was presented with the introduction and resurrection of the Clan Tangreacht bas'. Sire Aeryn Drake presented two lost members, Dominick and Takada returning after long journeys in the East, as members of the Clan. Court ended with the sun going down and the spirits rising up with a Fantastic feast and reveling long into the night. Our next event will be on the 27th and 28th of June at Colleton County State Park. The Park is located on Hwy 15 just outside of the town of Canadys, halfway between St. George and Walterboro. Until next month from Dragon's Mist.....

I remain in Service,
Dominick
Chronicler of Dragon's Mist

Sangrael

Greetings from Accorag, June 1998

It's official! Congratulation to our new Duc and Duchess who took the reigns from Sir Caspain and Lady Isadeau on June 6th. While the old Duc and Duchess had a great time on the throne (made so because of the populate and friends who attended our events and the new members who have brought new energy and fire in to our area) they were excited about being able to channel their energies into new directions in the game!

The swearing in of our new Duc and Duchess was overseen by Sir Bear, Sir Talon (acting as Bishop for the region) and our Chancellor,

Jamie MacDonald. Both Duc and Duchess looked splendid in their finery. And it will be a delight to see a wee one crawling around the thrones as the year progresses. The former Duc and Duchess wish to thank everyone who made their year long reign a joy. thanks to all who came and supported our events, both from Sangrael and from the Kingdoms. I do not think anyone would find fault with our Duchy's hospitality. Our temperamental weather, perhaps, but not the spirit and warmth of the Sangrael populace.

But both retired crowns are delighted to become part of the populace again. Hence, you will notice a new heading in our minister's list. IF you read the ministers listings!

CONGRATULATIONS – The Adrian Empire now has two knew knights riding through the realm. Congratulations to Gwydion Dionne on attaining his 1st level knighthood in combat. I took some hearty begging, but Sir Logan finally released him from squireship. He was belted with a handmade chain mail belt Sir Gwydion crafted himself. The MANY colades he received afterwards were not without blood drawn! But he took and accepted each without flinching. May he find wisdom in his newly attained status. And (this is so weird to write this, as it pertains to me) congratulations to Isabeau Dionne for finally achieving her first level knighthood in the Arts. (Look, another judge for Imperial War!) She was the first knight of House MacDonald. The ceremony was done jointly by Contessa Dame Lady Willow de Rara and His Imperial Majesty, Sir Jehan. It was very special to have both of these fine representatives of the game take part in the knighting.

And, as I was asked if I would be taking a few months off from the game, I shall reply "No. There is a lot happening that I want to be involved in. Taking a few months off is not in the plans. (At least, not 'til the year 2000. Right, Jamie?:) And distinguished guests abound. Many from Terre Nueve and Esperance. I am shamed I did not acquire all the name of those who visited. Some I remember are Sir Mathghamhain and his Squire, Rose, Count Cromar, HRH Sir Warhammer, Mistress Marion (who helped judge arts) and Troy Jr. Amiena (I know that is probably spelled wrong – apologies)! Sir Talon and princess Gwendolynn. And there were others! Thanks to all who came and played in the cold wind (but, hey, no rain this time!)

Attention Populace!

Come visit our web sites at
adrianempire.nu and
www.schemel.com/adria/bbs.

We did have lists! The winner of the shiani list was Arabiana. Squire Griff Iron Fist took both Ren and Steel. Our new Knight Artisan Lady Dame Isabeau won the arts list with the tooling of her leather belt. She also provided a demonstration on how tooling leather was done. No easy task when your fingers are cold and your teeth chatter! And a VERY SPECIAL "THANK YOU" to Kathy Anoil for using her connections and gaining us the secret key to the park bathrooms! Thank You! The Arts Collegium that was to be held turned into an analysis of the Arts Manual itself. As this chronicler had to judge, she could not sit in on the conversation (and she would have had a thing or two to say, you can be sure. Ah, well . . . save that for the July meeting, I guess.)

Summer Lake Park is OUR SPOT! 15 Freeway to Lake Street. Follow Lake street ALL THE WAY TO CIVILIZATION. About 3 miles. Go straight through the stop light (when it is GREEN, of course), passed the Terra-cotta Middle School. At the end of the soccer field is Summer Lake Park. Turn right. We play at the far end, with the hill and the embankment. Contact Duchess Gwenllian for more information: A playground for hobbits is included! There is a \$1.00 site fee.

Play Safe and Mind Your Dragons
 Dame Lady Isabeau Dionne
 Chronicler of Sangrael

EVENTS

- July 4** Aquitaine in Riverside is holding a BBQ/event at the park off the 60 Freeway and Main St. Fireworks will be included if you stay late enough.
- July 5** 11:00 am tentative as this is a major holiday weekend.
- July 18-19** Imperial Estates Meeting. Look to your Herald for the site and directions. Only major estates vote in this one, but our Arts Manual is affected (and this chronicler sincerely hopes,) improved.
- Aug. 1** Event at 11:00 am Summer Lake Park. Estates meeting at 10:00 am.
- Sept. 5-7** Imperial War – Sounds like Terre Neuve is hosting this one!
- Sept. 12** Sangrael event at Summer Lake Park. 11:00 am
- Oct. 3** Sangrael event at Summer Lake Park. 11:00 am
- Nov. 1** Sangrael event at Summer Lake

Park. 11:00 am

Dec. 4 Sangrael event at Summer Lake Park. 11:00 am

Practice: Every Thursday night at 6:00 pm. Summer Lake Park. Barring rain.

York

Greetings to the Populace of Adria.

Due to intense heat in York, the war between Sir Olav and Sir Cullen has been postponed until September.

I must print a retraction from last month's entry: Sir Tristan's squires were not taken to the ground in the squire pile. They were able to fight off the other squires and remain standing.

Members of Dragon's Mist paid York a visit this past month. We, as always, are very happy to be graced with their presence. We also had members from the SCA visit the lands of York. We thank them for taking part in our event and hope to see more of them.

The winners of the combat lyst were as follows: The Knight's renn lyst was won by Captain Thorne. The lyst was a vigorous bridge battle, which added falling into the lake as a kill. The shinai lyst was won by Giangantus. Squire Gryphon again won the sergeant's renn. The steel lyst was not fought due to the high humidity and soaring temperatures.

The Arts Knight's lyst was won by His Royal Grace Il-Khan Temjur Jhitan with his White Rose liquor. HRG also received a Masterwork for the project. The master's lyst was taken by Demetri for his Humus Bread.

The Canton of Bannokburn is having its first event this month, on the last Saturday. A wish that all goes well.

Yours in Service,
 Josephine Durand Accolon.

Hot Weather



Approaches!

Just a few tips from the OI' survival instructor...

1. "The best canteen is your stomach." Drink, Drink, Drink! There is **NO** substitute for lots of water... The water does you no good sitting in that fancy bottle.

2. Old Eastern Indian Riddle: "What do you find in the noonday sun?" A: Mad dogs... And Englishmen. Seek shade... Wherever and whenever possible!

3. When on the battlefield, NEVER pass up a water-bearer. Not only do you need the water, but the hobbits are so darned cute carrying those big bottles, you can't help but laugh... And laughter is Still the best medicine!

4. Speaking of Hobbits...Watch them! They get hit harder and faster than big folk. When they start to get cranky and fetchie, that's a good sign that they need (Say it with me...) Water! MAKE them drink! A cold cup and a piece of fruit will go a long way to making a hot day in Potrero more fun for all...

5. Heat Stroke = Person DOWN! They will be hot to the touch, dry, and red! Get them cold NOW! Seek medical help NOW! This is a life threatening thing!

6. Heat Exhaustion = Relax... Person will be cool, and clammy and tired... Get in shade, drink lots and relax for a while...

7. On a hot day, a person in armor can EASILY drink a gallon of water and not leave the battlefield to "relieve themselves"...

8. Most headaches are water related. A cold, sweet, caffinated drink (Coke, Coffee, Tea, Jolt!) can help a lot! Ask any migraine sufferer! (**Note** from Squire Countess Catherine du Montgomery and Deputy Chronicler: Please remember to ask the headache sufferer before offering that coke if they have a caffeine trigger. Offering them a caffinated drink when they already have a headache can make the migraine insufferable. Kool-aid or Gatorade go over much better.)

9. Last, but not least... Relax and have FUN more!

Thy servant,
 August DiMilo Marzo, Corsair, Old Vet, Etc...

Book Reviews

"Ah, the Middle Ages! When men were men and women were chattel!" How many times have you heard such sentiments expressed? For some of you, far too often. Nonetheless, we have a picture of the medieval period as a time when women were little more than adjuncts to their male-dominated families. While it is true that women enjoyed fewer legal rights than men (at least in most places and at most times), it is not true that they lived drab, uninteresting, uninvolved lives. Two books of interest to medieval readers illustrate this in two very different ways. *Uppity Women of Medieval Times* by Vicki Leon (Conart Press, 1997) presents a collection of delightful anecdotes about women from many different cultures and times who made their mark upon their society. The lives are well chosen, and the writing is witty and insouciant without becoming overly flippant. Consider the following two anecdotes. "Aethelfled: Motherhood was okay, she thought; it was labor that was the pits. After the birth of her first daughter, therefore, Aethelfled politely told her hubby Ethelred "not tonight, not ever, honey" and swore herself to chastity. Unlike other royal couples we could mention, this royal twosome of ninth-century Anglo-Saxon England still worked together. Aethelfled for one couldn't get enough of the battlefield; swords in hand, the two often went into battle. There was no shortage of battles to attend, either. At that time, the island was a real rat's nest of small quarreling kingdoms. Aethelfled's father, known to history as Alfred the Great, had spent most of his life fighting the Danes, who at that time thought of England as "the Viking destination we'd most like to pillage and burn." After her dad and husband died, Aethelfled kept up the pugnacity. She managed to pull the quarreling Mercians of central England into some semblance of unity and was called "Lady of the Mercians" in gratitude. At forty, this workaholic Saxon spent the next eight years building fortresses,

leading troops into Wales, helping her brother Edward out militarily, and negotiating alliances between the equally prickly Brits, Picts, and Scots against the Danish Vikings. For a breather, she captured the strategic cities of Derby and Leicester. Eventually, Aethelfled came to be looked upon as the unofficial ruler of both Danes and Mercians. Given how well the feminine touch had worked thus far, everyone sort of expected Aethelfled's daughter to be the next ruler. Sure enough, when Aethelfled finally caught the wrong end of a mace in a battle at Stratfordshire in 918, daughter Aelfwyn inherited the crown. About ten minutes later, however, her uncle Edward conveniently "forgot" about the years of military help his sister had given him, pushed aside female heir Aelfwyn, and made himself king of England."

"Barbara Baesinger Fugger: Fugger was a name to be reckoned with, even back in circa 1450 Germany. The daughter of a stuffy Augsburg banking family, Barbara Baesinger married into the Fuggers, who were big-time merchants in textiles and spices. Eleven children later, bright Barbara had to pick up the pieces when her hubby died young. Good at juggling career and home life, she educated the kids, expanded the business, and made money, all while personally training the elder sons in management. From the first, she'd pegged her younger son, Jacob, for priesthood. After sending him to Rome to study, Barbara had him turn in his collar when it became evident that sons Ulrich and George needed help in running the family business. Every bit his mother's son, Jacob was terrific at making money. He jump-started international banking and finance, cornered the copper market, made high-interest loans and low-interest investments for popes and kings alike. Fifteenth-century popes did a land-office business in the sale of benefices (revenue that came with a church position) and indulgences,

a "pay-as-you-go" way for Catholics to erase sins, venial and mortal. Jacob's biggest coup? Buying the election of Holy Roman Emperor for Charles V -- for which Jacob raised 554,000 guilders. (Jacob averaged 54 percent return on his investments; who knows how much his "investment" in Charles paid off.) Barb's son was no known as Jacob the Rich Fugger, and no snickers either. Eventually the trade in indulgences got so disgraceful that activists like Martin Luther brought about the Protestant reformation. And the woman who put it all in motion -- the Fugger fortune and the business empire that still exists today -- was Barbara."

The second book, *Pope Joan* by Donna Woolfolk Cross (Crown, 1996) is completely different in nature, style and scope. An historical novel based on the "legend" of a female pope, the book presents the plight of Joan, an intelligent and talented woman in a small village with no hope of a better life. Then she has the good fortune to befriend a traveling cleric, who arranges for her to attend the cathedral school. A Viking raid provides the opportunity for Joan to die and "John" to be born. As John, she becomes first a monk, later a doctor, and finally the pope. Her secret is revealed when she gives birth, prematurely, during a papal procession and dies. The author presents much evidence of the historicity of "Pope Joan" and raises the question of how many other women have contributed to Western civilization by disguising themselves as men, citing other well-known examples throughout history.

Both books are highly readable and should give new perspectives on the role of women in the Middle Ages. I recommend them to Adrians seeking something a little bit different from the usual medieval stories and histories.

Sir Jehan
SDG

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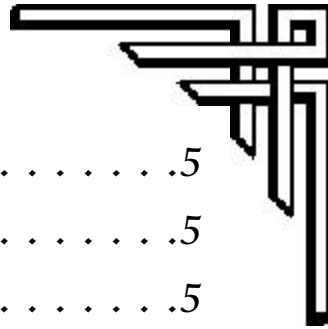
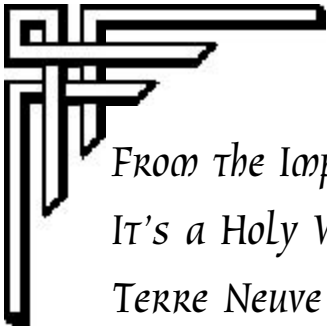
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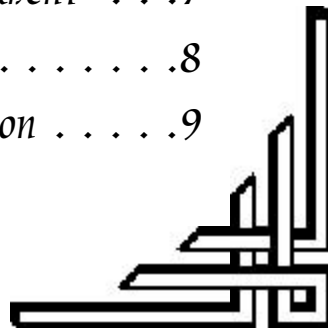
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