

The Adrian Herald

October 1998

Greetings!

We can say with confidence that the Imperial War—on both coasts—was a smashing success! There were over 250 people in attendance (about 175 on the West Coast, about 75 on the East Coast), and a most “convincing” victory was won by Our Heirs, Sir Stefan and Dame Katayana Belski. We say “convincing” because the War was quite close. In addition, no matter how the points on each coast were weighed, the East Coast played a significant role in the Heirs’ victory. Congratulations to Our Eastern Regions for making a difference and for proving that a bi-coastal war is possible! We don’t have a scorecard, but the East had two armies (the Red Team—Sir Stefan and Dame Katayana—and the Black Team) and the West had three armies (Sir Stefan and Dame Katayana, Belski By Committee, and the Ducks—ask Her Imperial Majesty Dame Katherine about the Ducks: the story is truly hysterical!). We wish to again state how thankful We are to people who made themselves available to make the War run smoothly, and for making Dame Katherine’s birthday a most memorable one.

Congratulations to each person who attained knighthood at the War, and to three Subdivisions that received promotions: The Duchy of Annelynnerose, and, subject to the holding of Crown Wars, the new Kingdoms of Umbria and York!

The period of time between the War and the Coronation in November is one of transition. While We still run the Empire, Their Imperial Highnesses are now members of the Imperial Family and should be accorded all due deference. We have met with Our Heirs, and Our ministers have begun the process of training Their Imperial Highnesses’ ministers. We expect Our ministers to cooperate fully with the incoming ministers and to make the transition between governments as smooth as possible.

Unto the Populace of the Adrian Empire

We send greetings and warm wishes on this day in September. As Sir Stefan and I prepare to ascend the throne, we are preparing our ministers for the large feat that lay ahead of them. In the next two months our ministers will be trying to learn their offices, please show them respect and understanding.

First I would like to thank everyone who helped Us at the Imperial War, West. First, Sir Erik the Awful, your work and

patience helped to make this war one that many of the populace will remember.

Thank you for the showers and the fire pits, and all of the hard work and sweat. Squire Rabbit and Sire Jestar, your work was really appreciated, and your accounting perfect. Sir Coda, Dame Willow, Rajha, Dame Brigid, Dame Feona, Dame Abigail, and everyone else who helped with the lists, tournaments, water bearing, being Physiker, and marshalling, your efforts helped to make this one of the best run wars. To Aragon, your feast, as always was wonderful, you do your Duchy and your Lord and Lady Protector Proud. Finally, Mommy and Daddy, thank you for your patience and wisdom. If I forgot you, I am sorry,

In fact, the transition has begun: Sir Cedrik has found it necessary to resign as Imperial Steward. Dame Kitara Kell, Their Imperial Highnesses’ choice for Imperial Steward, has graciously consented to begin her tenure early. Vivat, Dame Kitara!

We hope that many of you will be able to attend the Imperial Estates meeting and the Coronation of Their Imperial Highnesses. The events promise to be memorable. Anyone may attend the Estates meeting; however, you may not be permitted to speak on an issue unless you are entitled to a vote. Contact Sir Frederick von Burg for more information on the Estates meeting, and Dame Katayana or Squire Rose for more information on the Coronation.

Our reign is rapidly drawing to a close. This may be the last time We address you in this forum as your Crowns. We have nothing profound to say, and We will endeavor not to be maudlin. This past year has been a rough ride at times. We will not sugar coat things and say this past year has been easy. Dame Katherine has more grey hairs than she can count, and Sir Jehan’s beard is not lacking in the grey department, either. In Our dotage, however, We can honestly say that the past year has been most rewarding, and neither of Us regrets the decision to accept the offices of Empress and Emperor. Thank you for allowing us to lead you this year.

Yours in Service to the Good,
Dame Katherine Marshal of London
Basiliea

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

everyone who helped deserves a thank you.

On to the future, We would like to make a few announcements about our plans and the ministers who will be assisting us in the coming year. We are currently working with our new Imperial Steward and the Deputy Stewards, to organize the office. The Deputy Stewards will be accepting the Steward’s reports from the local subdivisions, their contact info is listed below:

Deputy Imperial Steward West:
Skye O’Malley

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Deputy Imperial Steward East:
Duchess Shelaine Dane

E-mail: shireofALR@aol.com

Imperial Steward:
Dame Kitara Kell
E-mail: kildarn@webmail.bellsouth.net

We would also like to announce our house Seneschals, Squire Rose and Sir Mordred. We can be reached through this office at thegoldrose@yahoo.com You can also attempt to e-mail us directly at sbelski@home.com, but we make no guarantees for an expedient answer.

We will be providing the local sovereigns with more information regarding our ministers in the coming month, please be patient.

In Service to the Empire,
Sir Stefan Belski, Crown Prince

Dame Katayana Belski, Crown Princess

Imperial Coronation

Unto the Populace of the Adrian Empire, You are cordially invited to the Imperial Coronation Ceremony and Feast Of Their Imperial Crown Prince and Princess Sir Stefan Belski and Dame Katayana Belski on November 7, 1998. The Ceremony and Feast will begin promptly at 6pm, at the San Marcos Community Center.

From the Northwest:

I-5 Freeway South towards San Diego
78 Freeway East towards Escondido
Exit Twin Oaks Valley Rd, Left
Right on San Marcos Blvd. Follow around bend to San Marcos Community Center Entrance, immediately following Light for Civic Center Dr.. Hall is in the main building, parking is in the parking structure.

From the Southeast:

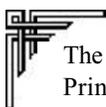
I-15 Freeway away from San Diego
towards Escondido. 78 Freeway West

towards Oceanside. Exit Twin Oaks Valley Rd, Right. Right on San Marcos Blvd. Follow around bend to San Marcos Community Center Entrance, immediately following Light for Civic Center Dr.. Hall is in the main building, parking is in the parking structure.

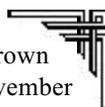
The feast is at the San Marcos Community Center, 3 Civic Center Dr., San Marcos CA.

The feast will be \$10.00 for adults and \$7.00 for children under 12. At this time we are currently trying to make arrangements to have alcohol served at the feast, only by our bartender for cost. (No other alcohol will be permitted on site.)

Please RSVP by October 15, 1998. Anyone interested in assisting in the preparation of the feast, please contact Dame Katayana Belski at katayana@home.com, or Squire Rose at thegoldrose@yahoo.com



The **Imperial Estates Meeting** will be at the Home of Their Imperial Crown Prince and Princess Sir Stefan Belski and Dame Katayana Belski on November 7-8, 1998.

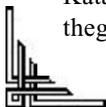


The closest Airport is San Diego International Airport.

Below is a list of Hotels in the area, mileage is from the site of the estates meeting:

- 1.0 miles
Starlodge, 1915 W Vista Way. Vista, CA. (760) 941-9699
- 1.3 miles
Motel 6, 3708 Plaza Dr. Oceanside, CA. (760) 941-1011
- 1.9 miles
Vista Inn, 745 W Vista Way. Vista, CA. (760) 631-0888
- 2.4 miles
Days Inn, 3170 Vista Way., Oceanside, CA. (760) 757-2200
- 3.5 miles
Best Western Inn, 3240 Mission Ave. Oceanside, CA., (760) 757-7700
- 4.0 miles
Motel 6, 1006 Carlsbad Village Dr., Carlsbad, CA., (760) 434-7135
- 4.1 miles
Carlsbad Lodge, 3570 Pio Pico Dr. Carlsbad, CA. (760) 729-2383
- 4.2 miles
Travel Inn Motel, 3666 Pio Pico Dr. Carlsbad, CA. (760) 729-4941

If you need more information, or have questions, please contact Dame Katayana Belski at katayana@home.com, or Squire Rose at thegoldrose@yahoo.com.



Aragon

Greetings Unto the Populace,
We would once again like to thank all of you who attended Imperial War this month. You all did a wonderful job in showing what Aragon is about. We had a great time and hope all of you did as well. To those of you who stayed behind to attend a Demo, We were very happy to hear what a terrific job you all did in representing Aragon. It really made us proud to be the Lord and Lady Protector and it warms our hearts to see all of the Duchy coming together as one unit and hopefully in the near future we will all grow to be closer friends. I must say that the Aragon sun is truly smiling on us all.

Bated Breadth

Friday morning a small caravan left Vegas on their way to Imperial War. A scout van went on ahead to reserve a camp space for the group. This caravan left at 7:00 a.m. and did not reach the site until 11:45 p.m. that evening. I must say the scout was becoming very concerned for the rest of the group. As it turns out we nearly lost some valuable members of Aragon. Do to weather conditions and car trouble this party might have come to a bitter end but we are thankful to all Gods, Goddesses and any other Deities that you may pray to that the lost group arrived safely. Blessed be all and may the Gods keep you all safe always.

Their Graces

Comtessa Lady Dame Anginette and Earl Sir Winfred
Lady and Lord Protector of Aragon

Aragon - Age Of Chivalry Faire

CCPR Age of Chivalry Renaissance Festival, Clan Gathering, Highland Games and Piping Festival! Friday, Saturday and Sunday, October 9 – 11. Sunset Park, 2601 E. Sunset Road. SET UP IS THURSDAY ONLY this year!! Set up has to be completed NO LATER THAN 8:00 a.m. Friday. If you are only attending Saturday and Sunday set-up is after hours and before open each day! Site opens at 11:00 a.m. on Friday. You are cordially invited to participate in this year's Age of Chivalry Renaissance Festival, Clan Gathering, Highland Games and Piping Festival. Friday is

Seniors and Schools Day. Saturday Evening will be the Celtic Rock Concert by "Brother" and "Brown Sisters and George Cavanaugh". The Renaissance Festival will be a Royal Tournament and Market Day set in the year 1512 but costumes from 1200 to 1600 are acceptable. The Clan Gathering, Highland Games and Piping Festival will be open to all people dressed in the national dress of the Scots, Welsh, English and Irish. It never fails that the weekend this event is planned is WINDY, so come prepared! All proceeds, after costs, from the "Royal Archery Tournament" will be donated to the Adrian Empire. Volunteers are needed to help man the Archery Booth during the Faire. For information on the Archery Tournament please contact Sir William Baine

Tear down on Monday! For more information on the Faire Sir Cirrus

Chesapeake

Greetings from thee Shire of Chesapeake,

We, at thee shire of Chesapeake, are progressing in a timely manner. Our numbers may be small, but our power is strong. Sven Iceman, Gerran III, Sire of House of Hofen, Megan Reese and Sarah Trouble attended the First East Coast Imperial War. We had a great time and learned a lot. The shire congratulates Sire Stefan and Dame Katayana Belski on the outcome of the Imperial War and we give our total support.

Our Crown Event was enjoyed by all. We had several visitors and two new members. Gerran III of Hofen received the Star of Adria for all the outstanding support and guidance he has given this past year. Chris MacDraco was crowned the Sire of House of Drac. Sarah Trouble was welcomed in the House of Hofen. September 19, we held a demo at the Strategic Castle in the village of Bel Air. With this, our hopes and dreams of the game grows and prospers for the Crown and the populace.

Sven Iceman
Viking Dragon Lord

Dragon's Mist

Unto the Populace of Adria,
Greetings from the Duchy of Dragon's Mist. The past month has been very eventful. A group from York graced us with their presence and attended the Fun War that was held here in August. At this war the new Duc and Duchess was crowned for Dragon's Mist with HRG IL Khan Tanjen and HRG Maria II being crowned by Sir Temjur acting on behalf of the Imperial Thrones. The Armies fought valiantly with Duc IL Khan Tanjen defeating the Army led by HRG Sir Temjur. The evening before was witness to the induction of 4 new Squires to the Empire. They were Duc IL Khan Tanjen, Takada Cortez Nyu, Devyn Morgan and Noyan. All were Squired to Sir Temjur in a fantastic ceremony that was attended by the majority of the Duchy. Afterwards we reveled into the night with food and drink.

The next event was Eastern Imperial War. There were 15 members of Dragon's Mist that took to the roads to make the trip to Georgia to attend the First Imperial War held in the East. The weather was a bit warm, however that did not diminish the spirits of the Adrians attending. The fighting was Grand as was the singing from some of our members for A&S. IL Khan Tanjen had the honor of being the first one to fight the bridge battle, however he died just as quickly. Got to watch the edge Your Royal Grace, that step is a DOOZIE! Their Graces were awarded the Order of the Crusader from Sir Nikolai for their quick and decisive handling of the real world situation that arose here. VIVAT to their Royal Graces on a job well done! Awards were given, gifts flowed, singing and dancing up a major evening. Sunday was a mad dash and mad home.

East War was a fantastic voyage not soon forgotten year!

Minister of Rolls - Esperance

Greetings to the Kingdom of Esperance and the Empire of Adria!

It is my pleasure to report the happenings and advancements in our Kingdom. The first weekend of the Month of September was the Imperial War. We had three increases in rank at that event. In Knighthood, Sir Patrick became Second Level Knight Minister. Within the Church of Adria, Sir Patrick earned the title of Venerable and HIM Sir Jehan has become Beatified. On a personal note, I would also like to congratulate HRM Sir Warhammer, King of Terre Neuve, for being recognized as Blessed. It was promptly debated on weather or not it should be Accursed. Please keep the Empire informed of the outcome

The following weekend was our Crown Tournament. Much fun was had, as usual.

We had Dame Pheonia as an ambassador from Terre Neuve. Combat was much fun, and Arts was won by Dame Maedb and her Sugared almonds.

The Estates Meeting was held at lunch, and much (drawn out) business was taken care of. Following the Estates Meeting was a speed-record-breaking Closing Court, which was promptly followed by the Ship to Ship Water War, declared by the Captain and Crew of the Siren who fought against the HMS Hedgehog. Not until both ships had sunk and all crewmembers properly drenched did the cause of the dilemma appear, floating on its own. It's not been determined weather or not the Siren's Treasure was in fact on the Hedgehog or not, but when you have this much fun, it doesn't really matter!

The weekend of the 19th found a number of Esperance citizens traveled to the uncharted Imperial lands called Santa Barbara for a demo at the Renaissance Faire! Saturday we joined the Queen in

her processional, and then had some great steal combat by Sir Troiano and Squire Dagr. (Our thanks for the German Encampment for the use of their fine arena.) Sunday we had some Renn fighting in the encampment, and even some great knife fighting. I am pleased to say that the demo was such a success that we have personally been invited to two other Faires in California, and have a number of new Adrians to show for it. The autocrats thank everyone who made it such a success, and my personal thanks to those people BEHIND the scenes who fed us and cleaned up after us. Everyone at this demo should be extremely proud of our showing.

That is all I have to report. I am looking forward to seeing some of these new members at our events, and am looking forward to more demos that draw such positive light unto Adria.

Lord Captain Squire Rabbit
Minister of Rolls of Esperance

Midnight Sun

Greetings From Midnight Sun!

Anyone with friends or relatives in the Juneau area interested in Adria please have them contact us Via snail-mail @ 11275 Goat hill Road Juneau Alaska 99801 or e-mail @ Rainbodrgn@hotmail.com or they can call Jenny @ 907-789-5268. We will be holding fighter practices through the winter for those interested.

We would also challenge the shires in

Oregon to an early
western shire war
if they are up to
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of us here in the
a Congratulations
Kat and Sir
, we support you
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Sincerely,
shire of the
Midnight Sun

Sangrael

Congratulations to their Imperial Highnesses, Sir Stefan and Dame Katayana from the Duchy of Sangreal!

War News! Congratulations to our Arts winners from the war! We had three winners out of 8! And because Sir Caspain won the knights Bardic list, he was double knighted Sunday. He now has his knighthood in Arts and in Ministry!

And two of our newest members also won! Anna Soto and Michael Jordan both won on masters lists. Michael's was in crafted. I do not know which list Anna won, but Sangreal has much to be proud of.

Special thanks to all the hobbits that came and played with me at the war! There are a lot of talented artisans in our realm. Each and every one of you made the war a real hoot for me! Thank you, Thank you! And also, thanks to the populace who donated felt masks, beads, and time to helping me out! At one point, 18 children participated in just one craft. It was...really awesome! If I didn't say so before, I do so now. Thanks for your generosity—especially from the group from Las Vegas! You saved the right bag! :)

Sept Event: Winner of the Arts list and Renn was Squire Griff. Our Shinai winner was Jared Moore—another new member. We have added six new members in the last three months.

Play safe and mind your Dragons!

Lady Dame Isabeau Dionne

Event Schedule:

Oct 3: Estates meeting 10:00 Event at 11:00am.

Nov 1: Event. 11:00am. On a Sunday due to Big Meeting on 7-8th.

Dec 4: Yule Feast site TBA. Fee: \$5.00 adults; \$2.50 per child under 13.

Contact Dawnlyn or Isabeau. Cut off date is Nov. 30th for feast.

Dec 5: Estates meeting 10:00am. Event at 11:00am.

In October fighter practices will shift to every two weeks: The first and third Thursday of the months. Sites TBA. Contact Arch Duchess Dame Gwennlian

Attention Populace!

Come visit our web site at
adrianempire.nu

Umbria

Greetings Unto the Empire!

Their Royal Graces, Lord Sir Angus and Lady Dame Diana, do send good tidings and best wishes unto the Populace at large.

September has been a momentous month for Umbria. We have been raised to the level of Kingdom! HUZAZH! Their Imperial Majesties made this announcement at the Imperial War (West). Long live the Kingdom of Umbria.

On the 3rd of October an Estates Meeting will be held. Contact the chancellor for more information. Attend or send your Proxy!

There will be a Demo held at the Special Olympics event on the 17th of October. We invite all available to attend and make the day of these wonderful individuals. As the Event is being held on the normal Kingdom Tourney day, the Kingdom Tourney will be held on the 18th, Sunday, instead. His Excellency Sire Sir Waldham von Torsvon, Viceroy of the Canton of Thunar (and BABY KNIGHT!), is the point of contact for this Demo. He may be reached via the Duchess Lady Dame Diana's contact information.

There will be a Kingdom Crown War held on Saturday, October 31st. We invite one and all to join us as we support the Pretenders to the Throne of Umbria. Currently, the contenders are Dame Roawyn O'Riley (BABY KNIGHT!) with Sir Duriel Caliban van Hansard, and Sir Frederick with Dame Delia von Burg. As the populace decides whom to support, we would like to invite anyone willing to visit and help run our Crown War. We desperately need Judges and Ministers, so that more Umbrians can actually concentrate on Combat and Arts. The event begins at 8:00 a.m. at Cactus Park (39th Avenue and Cactus) next to Moon Valley High School. If you need directions, please contact any Minister/Crown of Umbria (see the contact section!).

Bidding all a good morrow,
Respectfully,

Lord Sire Squire James the Red
Chronicler of the Kingdom of Umbria

York

Greetings onto the Populace of Adria, York has been incredibly busy in the past month. As most know, York hosted the East-Coast Imperial War, which was a memorable experience for those who attended. For many it was their first Imperial War. Many friends were made and good times shared by all. At the feast on Saturday night, the subdivisions gathered to share in knightings, coronations, and bardics. As for York's part, Count Sir Killian Oaksblood and Baroness Dame Jericho Gutte d'Or received their second level knighthoods in Ministries at the feast. Bronwyn entertained with a beautiful bardic. Sir Raffe received a masterwork at the war for one of his magnificent chairs. York looks forward to taking part in future East Coast Imperial Wars. A thanks to all the helped make the war a success.

Back home in York, another war was pending. The Scots vs. Sir Olav war finally took place. The Mongols decided to add a little flavor to the war and formed a third army. The three armies battled back and forth. A golf game was played between Sir Cullen and Sir Olav as part of the war. In the end Sir Olav and his army won the war. Thus leaving the feast to be prepared by the losing army, the Scots. Whether this is a favorable result remains to be seen (the possibility of Haggis is looming).

Before the war, in opening court a new house was formed with Squire Gryphon becoming the Sire. Dmitri also became the new Sire of House Anferwol, part of the Barony of Southshore. York also gained its newest knight. Sir John, known to everyone as Squire Iain, was knighted by Sir Trakx. He is now known as Sir John because traditionally the Scots took on their Christian name at the time of knighting. The ceremony took place after a nightlong vigil. All of the knights in York came and met with Sir John to share their thoughts on knighthood. Sir John had all the knights, who came to the vigil, drink from his tankard as a symbol of their acceptance of him as a new knight. The tankard was then presented to Sir John in court after his knighting, by Sir Killian who represented the chivalry in their acceptance. During the ceremony Sir John stated the he would not hang a

sword from his belt. He did not wish to be seen as better than any other man. He also has chosen not to wear his heraldry. Sir John wishes to be known for his actions and not his symbol.

York is on the brink of another war. York is destined to become a kingdom. The Estates meeting is scheduled for October with York's first kingdom war to be held in November. Huzaaah!!

In Service to the Dream,
Josephine Durand Accolon



More from York

Greetings Unto the Empire:

So much has taken place over the last month, a whirlwind of excitement. War is in the air, and war is good!

Had the opportunity to visit Dragon's Mist at the end of August, and attended the Ducal War...this was also the Coronation of the new Duke and Duchess, Tanjen Gan Vachir, and Maria Elenie Mytelene II. Tanjen has assumed the title of Il-Khan, as well, to reflect the Mongolian personae he is playing... the war the next day was fierce. Somehow, it turned out that I got to General an Army (since this was a fun War!) against none other than Il-Khan Tanjen and Duchess Maria. Both sides fought fiercely, and it was Their Graces of Dragon's Mist who proved victorious. The evening before was spent at the Estates of Baroness Synnovea and Lord Laslo of Midgard. It proved to be the perfect setting for taking four new Squires: Sire Noyan Yasugi, Takeda Nu, Devyn Morgan, and Tanjen Gan Vachir. It was a new tradition that I will set for this level of Retainers (Squires) to have them walk through a fire. Then I was surprised to find that Serrelle Llewellyn asked to become my Lady in Waiting, and to be squired very soon. I again thank Baroness Synnovea and Lord Laslo for the use of their

Estate, it will be remembered for a long time. Many thanks to the new retainers for the gift that will now be used for taking future vassals, the Beast Katana! Thank you!

The next to come was the East Coast Imperial War. It was truly a great time and many thanks to Sir Nikolai and Sir Caliban for making an even longer journey. To have been able to fight for both sides was truly a pleasure! The feast on Saturday night was filled with much activity. The activities included several Knightings: Sir Caliban did receive a Second Level Triple Knighting; Sir Killian and Dame Jericho of York received Second Level Ministry; Shelaine and Andru Dane of Annelynnrose were Knighted in Ministry, with Andru also taking a Combat Knighting as well. The was a New Shire granted in Georgia; Annelynnrose was granted Duchy status and Sir Andru and Dame Shelaine were Coronated as Duke and Duchess; A Coronation Ceremony was also held for Il-Khan Tanjen Gan Vachir and Duchess Maria Elenia II. And York was granted Kingdom Status! It was great to meet with the People from Annelynnrose, Dragon's Mist, Chesapeake, as well as the representatives of Umbria and Terre Nueve...a precedent setting event!

Then, there was a Fun War to be held in York, it has been a long time brewing one at that! But first, the night before was the setting of the Vigil of Squire Iain Mcleiod...though I showed up real late; it was good to share an hour and a half with the good Squire discussing knighthood and issues. The next morning saw Squire Iain to be dubbed now as Sir John,

Knight Combatant of the Empire. Then, we went to war. As it turned out, this war was the play test of a large crossbow. We were able to utilize the playtest rules for combat archery—modified— and somehow, I was to field a third army of mercenaries against the allied forces of Sir Olav, and the allied forces of Sir Cullen. We all had a great time and I saw to it that the mercenaries were paid for their support. This month was also to be a Canton Event, but as it turns out, a large storm has put the brakes on it for the Event...

The situation at hand is that we will have an Estates Meeting October 17th to discuss the Kingdom issues that need to be resolved. Then, November 14th and 15th will be the dates set for the First Kingdom War for York! The Coronation will be set in December, approximately the 12th. I had mentioned that I would be stepping out as Duke in November, however, I have changed my mind and have elected to stay on until the Coronation takes place. It makes sense, since it would have been only a short time for a Lord/Lady Protector to have the reigns....

Well, that is all for now...see you again soon!

In Service to the Imperial Thrones, the People of Adrian Empire, and continuing in this Dream:

HRG Il-Khan Temjur Jhitan
Arch Duke of York
Knight Bachelor, Minister, Robe
Lord Baronet of Adrian Empire



From Lady Allora McDonnon

Dear Shamus McFadden-McDonnon;
And the Populous of the Empire;

Two years ago I took an oath: to teach and to love, to give good council to and to protect. These things I have done. These things I have loved. In these years I have learned how to be that that I oathed to be. I tough and was tough. I protected and was protected. I was a guide to my guide. I could not be more proud of my vassal. I could not love him more. I could not have asked for more. I could not be happier at seeing him out grow me, although it saddens me.

At the Imperial war I realized that I no longer had anything to teach him and that to keep him to his oath is to deny him the opportunity to learn and grow.

The time has come for me to release Page Shamus McFadden-McDonnon from his oath.

Page Shamus;
At the Kingdom event Saturday September 19th, 1998 I will release you from your oath, so that you may become more than the sum of your parts. You have been all that I could ever have hoped. You have gone above and beyond all I could have ever hoped. I love you and will always be there for you. But you must move on to grow and learn. I thank you for teaching me how to be your Lady. I thank you for your friendship.

I write this letter to tell every one of you that Shamus is one of the most wonderful people I have ever known. Please understand that we do this not because of any misdeed, or lack of love. But that it is time to move on.

Blessed Be.

In Service of the Dream.
Lady Allora McDonnon

A BRIEF HISTORY of The Rulers of York

By Bronwyn Ariana Lefant de Rhat

The first one was the Unicorn
He veils himself in green and black
As skillful in wit as with his horn
He carried York upon his back

On double thrones of green and gold
The Oak stood firm in word and sword
In a land clashing of new with old
Their iron strength could not be ignored

The Dragon flies the eastern skies
Watching over all the land
Sable scales and crimson eyes
He now holds the duchy in his hand

Who is next to rule the way?
What colors will the future bring?
York is growing more each day
The next in line will be a king!

Just a bit of background to help those not familiar with York The Unicorn: Sir Trax Greenwood, 1st Duc of York The Oak: Sir Killian and Dame Jericho Jutte de Or, 2nd Duc and Duchess of York The Dragon: Sir Temuir Jhitan, Current and 3rd Duc of York Who's next? It could be anybody's guess. I guess we will all have to wait and find out after the crown war in November, and then I'll have to add another verse to this poem.

The Story of my Teacher, Mother Gerd

(This is an expanded and hopefully improved version of a bardic I did at the July event)

By Sir Kirigi Durshavin Belsky

The story begins with the Witch of Endor. When King Saul demanded she raise the spirit of his ancestor, Samuel, she did so. She did not foresee what would happen as a result of her spells. When she did, she was sickened, and left for Constantinople.

She founded the Witches of Thessaly, an order of magic-workers in Greece,

founded on the principle of thorough teaching. As she put it, a little knowledge is a dangerous thing, and it is only through a complete understanding of something can one hope to grow. (It has been re-used many times, and others have also been given credit for it.)

The Witches of Thessaly did not flourish, but did thrive in and around Constantinople. They resisted the encroachments of Charlemagne and Christian missionaries, and all in all, persevered for close to 2000 years.

Then, in the early 1400s, there was born to the Witches a girl, called Gerd. Gerd had a gift of prophecy, and was sought after by many rulers as a source of information. She probably would have been a jewel in any court in Europe, but it all ended for her when she prophesied about the fall of Constantinople to invaders. She was urged to silence herself, but would not. As she continued to make her claims, anger and resentment began to boil up. Thwarted enemies of the witches and the ever present Christian antagonism began to call for the exile of the witches, if not their extermination. To pacify things, the Order sent Gerd herself into exile in Southern Germany.

The Witches and the rulers of Constantinople thought nothing else of her. This was unfortunate, as within two years of her exile, the Turks invaded and Constantinople fell. The remaining Witches of Thessaly were slaughtered. It was an ironic thing, as the order's purpose was not served, as they did not try to fully understand what Gerd had been prophesying about.

Gerd did hear of the slaughter, and wept for her sisters, but did not want to try and re-form the order. At times, she wished she had never been born with her gifts. She resolved to never again use her magic.

That all changed one day when she heard a child crying in the woods. As she investigated, she found an orphaned child, one with an aura, who needed to be taught. She then realized she had been chosen to undertake the arduous task of training this child in the ways of magic and the worship of the Goddess.

That child was I.



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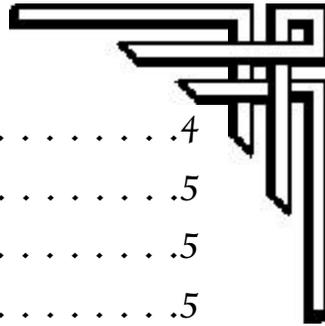
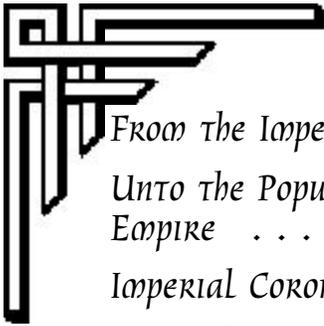
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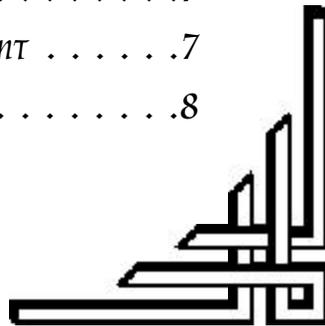
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