

The Adrian Herald

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Unto the Populace

From the Tsar and Tsarovna of all the Adrias:

It is with much joy that We write this article, My Son Is Asleep. Jacob Steven, born January 20, 1999 at 6:42 p.m., once weighed 8lbs 7oz. Now, I am happy to announce the "Imperial Horse" weighs close to 13lbs and keeps Us very busy. We have much business, so please bear with us.

This last months has been a busy one for the Imperial government. We would like to thank our chancellor Sir William Baine and our wonderful hosts in Aragon for a very successful Imperial Estates Meeting. Everyone in the Chancellor office should be very proud of the work they accomplished. We cleaned up 3 years of old business in two days.

By the time this is delivered, We will have issued as Imperial Writ the new Archery manual, and with it created a new order of knighthood, the knight archer. We know that this has been something that many members have been requesting for a very long time. Much thanks goes to Sir Alynn McDonnon for compiling this manual so quickly.

We are in preparations for the Annual Banner Wars. Here are the ground rules. Every member attending must fight for the Chartered subdivision that they come from, ie; Terre Nuevians for Terre Nueve, Yorkist for York, etc. During the war, different armies shall be encouraged to form alliances. The alliances shall split that war point. For instance, if the generals of Aragon and Esperance agree that their Bardic artisans shall fight together, the for that arts battle they will be treated as one army, and if they win, they shall split the war point, each getting _ a war point. At the end of the weekend the army with the most war-pinots shall have the honor of taking home the banner, one for the East coast and one for the west. We, Your Tsar and Tsarina shall be providing the banners. Also, we plan on using the rules for Combat Archery as they are laid out in the Archery manual.

It is with a heavy heart, that I must report, Dame Willow De Riara, has resigned her position as the Imperial Minister of Arts and Science. We would like to thank her for her time and devotion to the Empire and the Arts and Sciences. During her tenure with the previous Imperial Crowns and with Ourselves, she has had a very positive and wide reaching impact.

We have chosen to promote her deputy, Al Sayyid Rahja Ahmina bint Husam of Basir, Rahja for short, to the position of Imperial Minister of Arts and Science. Dame Rahja's qualifications are numerous, and her experience as Dame Willow's deputy made her our logical choice. We have made a commitment to the Empire and the promotion of the Arts, which Rahja has actively been involved in making a reality. We would also like to announce the addition of Dame Maedb Drakonja to the Imperial Arts Ministry. She will be serving as the Imperial Deputy on the West Coast. We look forward to her contributions, her experience and skill are already well known.

We have chosen to elevate Dame Rahja to Knight Artisan, using Our Prerogative Knighting at the Terre Neuve Crown War. It is Our belief that we should have done this many months ago. Her knowledge and skills made her the perfect choice for this honor. We apologize to Dame Rahja and the Populace of the Empire for not doing so earlier. . We caused much turmoil throughout the Empire needlessly and We must answer for this.

We would like to extend to every member the chance to participate within our government. We have had a few inquires, which we have responded to. We have installed a system of deputies and apprentices, which has proved to be quite successful. We believe an important qualification, for any Imperial Ministry position, is experience in the office. We have twice now, promoted from within the ranks of Our deputies, and will continue this trend as long as it is feasible. We believe that this system will provide to the Empire a great resource for the future, and will limit "Minister Stealing" from local area's. Though some may not agree with this policy, it is Our policy, and we ask that it be respected as such.

We also must answer for an other oversight, in which we failed to have our newly created ministries approved by the Estates in February. This was simply a case of "sleep deprivation", We forgot to have the business placed on the agenda. Be assured, We have already instructed the Chancellor to remind us for the July Meeting.

In this issue of the Herald, We announce amendments to the Bylaws passed by Your Imperial Estates, which change, among other things, the requirements to hold the position of Imperial Sovereign of Arms and Chronicler.

Under the old rules, the Imperial Sovereign of Arms had to be a Knight Minister, but need not know anything about the office. Under the new rules, knighthood is no longer required, but the Minister must be familiar with the heraldic practices of the Adrian Empire. There have been similar changes made for the requirements of the Chroniclers.

These new requirements passed the Imperial Senate in July of last year, and should have gone immediately to the Grand Assembly for proper ratification thereafter. Unfortunately, they did not, and the matter was not on the agenda of the Imperial Estates General in November of 1998. Thus, it was not until the special meeting of February 27-28, 1999, that the Bylaws were formally amended, although the will of the Imperial Estates was known for some time.

When We agreed to run for the Imperial Throne, We indicated that We would not do so unless We had a full slate of Ministers in advance. We selected Our Ministers before the Imperial War, based on the new requirements which had passed the Senate, as we expected those new requirements to be the law, and We wished the most qualified members available.

With regard to appointing an Imperial Sovereign of Arms who was "familiar with heraldic practices of the Adrian Empire," We went a step further. We appointed someone who was not only familiar with heraldic practices of the Adrian Empire, but historical heraldic practices as well. We appointed Lord Nigel the Byzantine.

With regard to appointing the Chroniclers, We asked Lord and Lady DeComo to continue in the office that they had preformed so beautifully. We did little more than give them the title of Imperial Chroniclers, which they richly deserved.

We did this in accord with the will of the Imperial Estates.

We did this in violation of the law.

According to the Bylaws, Article VI.C., and changes to the law are not enforceable until they have been published, and publication is to happen within 30 days. In this case, through administrative errors preceding Our ascending the Throne, the changes were not only not published, but not officially passed by the Estates until very recently.

Although the will of the Imperial Estates was clear, the law had not yet been formally changed, and We were sworn to uphold the law. As Lord Nigel and the DeComo's are not a knights, they did not meet the requirements of Article VII.F.4. as it used to read. We should not have appointed them without obtaining a waiver pursuant to Article VII.E. (waiver granted where no one else who meets the minimum Requirements, desires the position). As We thought We were doing the will of Our populace, We should have trusted Our populace, and gone through the waiver process, which would have included advertising the positions.

We feared losing Lord Nigel and the DeComo's, and their good work, if We could not be firm in Our commitment to them in appointing them to the position. We should have trusted them more too.

The result was that We had placed Lord Nigel in an impossible position, where his authority as Imperial Minister of Sovereign of Arms was too-easily challenged due to the fact that he was not a knight, and no waiver had been properly obtained. Furthermore we have now left open the door for others to challenge Lord and Lady DeComo.

The now-formal change in the law does not relieve us of Our error.

We acknowledge that error. We apologize to those who months ago challenged Us on that error, and the defensiveness with which we met them. Our acknowledgement of error is too late in coming, and the delay is not worthy of Our Imperial Station.

Furthermore We apologize to Lord Nigel. He is guilty only of doing what We asked. He should not have had to suffer the weight of Our error. Now that Lord Nigel's qualifications are unquestioned, We renew Our support of his efforts.

We hope that Our error in judgement does not detract from the wonderful job that both Lord Nigel and Lord and Lady DeComo have done. It is Our hope that We as an Empire can move forward, past this error in judgement.

We resolve for the balance of Our reign to observe, defend, and obey the law, and to trust Our populace; to administer justice as true Crowns, and to admit error as true knights.

By Our Hand,
Stefanus Imperator
Katayana Imperatrix

Attention Populace!

Come visit our web site at
adrianempire.org

Chancellor's Report

Unto Their Imperial Majesties, the Royalty, Nobles, and Populace of the Empire,

Your Chancellor reports the following results of the Joint Meeting of the Senate and Grand Assembly of November 7 – 8, 1998.

Under Item I. HIM announced another estates meeting to finish the business of this session, to be held in Las Vegas (since called for February 27 – 28), 1999. Details TBA.

Quorum was met with 38 of 49 seated estates, present in person or by proxy.

The order of the day was suspended.

Under Item II. The Minutes were approved with corrections.

The Chancellery announced that Bylaws Section IV.A.3 shall be considered dead law.

Estates General ratification of Senate actions was tabled.

Under Item III: Minister's Reports, the Imperial Steward reported the register of the Imperial Accounts. The Steward's Office was directed to provide: expenditures for Chocolate War; check copies of all missing checks; research "unknown" and "split" expenses; and, Western Imperial War costs.

The following expenditures were approved: 501c(3) expenses \$4,846.10; Attorney fees \$400.00; that 30% of the 501c(3) costs be billed to the chartered subdivisions divided per capita; \$500.00 additional filing fees for 501c(3) to be paid by the chartered subdivisions, billed per capita; additional expenses from Senate Minutes pages 4-6 including \$621.41 -- John Holdman, Estates Agenda, \$210.00 – Sir Nikolai, E. Imp. War, \$29.00 – Skye O'Malley, P.O. Box, \$17.35 – C. Burgess, copies, \$66.27 to Sir Duriel approved separately; and \$2,253.00 Liability Insurance.

The Corporate officers list for banking shall be Sir Nikolai, Dame Kitara, and Skye O'Malley.

Dame Isabeau presented accounting and documentation. The Steward's Office shall assist with a revision. Four items presented were approved previously. All items were approved EXCEPT checks #538, Sir Mathgathain directed to reimburse \$23.34; and, #544, War expenses, tabled.

The Steward's Manual will be updated.

The following Imperial Budget was approved (26 yes, 9 no, 5 abstain): E. Imp. War (Memorial Day), \$1000; W. Imp. War (Memorial Day), \$1500; E. Imp. War (Labor Day), \$1000; W. Imp. War (Labor Day), \$1000; Imp. Coronation, \$1000; Liab. Ins., \$2400; Officer and Director Liab. Ins., \$1600; Newsletter, \$3000; Admin. Costs, \$1500; Acc'ting and Taxes, \$2500; Web Sites, \$1000; P.O. Box, \$58; and, Capital Reserve, \$1800;

TOTAL \$19,358.

A Bylaws Convention was called to consider dues changes: 100% remission to the Imperium, 2/3 was required, approved (29 yes, 9 no, 3 abstain); amended dues amounts - semi-annual participating \$18, annual participating \$30, life 10 times annual amount, semi-annual group \$6 per additional member, annual group \$10 per additional member, 2/3 was required, approved (25 yes, 4 no, 5 abstain); group membership cap: \$70 annually, 2/3 was required, approved (24 yes, 9 no, 6 abstain). THIS CAP DOES NOT APPLY TO ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIPS.

Reports of remaining Ministries were accepted. The Patriarch of the Church of Adria presented four items for the next meeting. As did the Judicial Reform Committee.

Under Item IV., charters were accepted for: Aloria - - Siloam, Oklahoma area; Gridia - - Swainsboro, Georgia area; Galanche Dragun - - part of Illinois; Ekaterinegorod - - Pueblo and Boulder Colorado; and, Midnight Sun - - Southeastern Alaska.

IV. M. The motion to amend the Imperial Manual of Arts and Sciences to delete Tournament Wins and Participation Points from the War Artisan Awards failed on a roll call vote (yes 23, No 26).

Old Business and New Business, 1 – 31 were tabled.

Item 32, the reign of Dame Katherine and Sir Jehan was approved as successful and the titles of Prince and Princess were awarded (17 yes, 9 no, 15 abstain).

Consideration of Manuals and business of the Council were tabled.

Under Announcements, Rasmus Lagersuuffer – "Requests that the Empire move to reduce costs as quickly as possible. Specific areas of focus: e-mail delivery of documents from the Imperium; accounting costs, which Rasmus feels are high compared to rates he feels can be gotten from other sources."

The text of the Minutes shall be posted and attached to the Agenda of the February 27 – 28 Meeting. It is the Law of Adria that the above actions become effective 30 days from publication.

The Populace is entitled to know that a number of mundane interruptions delayed publication of these Minutes. While our Law was not violated, I still regret that my illness in November, my wife's surgery in late November, our recoveries, and the Holidays interfered with my duties, which I take very seriously. Thank you for your patience.

Respectfully In Service,
Sir William Baine
Chancellor

Good Populace

From Sir Nikolai, GREETINGS:

Recently, King Duriel I of Umbria requested of the Imperial Crown an interpretation of law. The question presented had to do with the procedure for appointing ministers to the Imperial Government, and the minimum requirements for those Imperial ministers.

The question arose when Dame Willow de Rara resigned as Imperial Minister of Arts and Sciences. Their Imperial Majesties had at least two deputies serving under Dame Willow, Rahja for the West, and Sir Temjur for the East. When Dame Willow resigned, Rahja was promoted to Imperial Minister of Arts and Sciences. The King of Umbria made an objection to this as Rahja was not a knight robe as required by Article VII.F.7. In response to the objection, Her Imperial Majesty appointed herself as Minister of Arts and Sciences, with Rahja as the Administrative Deputy (the person who did the actual work).

King Duriel I then requested a Civil Court to determine whether it was appropriate for Her Imperial Majesty to appoint herself to the position of Imperial Minister of Arts and Sciences when there might be others who desired the position. The request was sent to the Imperial Chancellor, Sir William Baine, who brought it to the attention of Their Imperial Majesties, but took no formal action.

For those who don't know, it is probably appropriate to explain what a Civil Court is. Any member who desires that a law be clarified may make that WRITTEN request to:

The Crown [in this case, the Imperial Crown]

A Landed Royal Peer [King/Queen, (Arch)Duc/Duchess]

The Imperial Chancellor

The Regional Chancellor

In this case, the people whose interest King Duriel represented could have presented the question to King Duriel himself, or his Chancellor; however, King Duriel wisely opted to request that the matter be decided by a disinterested party. Unfortunately, the Imperial Chancellor felt himself too close to the issue to accept the task of addressing King Duriel's question of law. Similarly, Their Imperial Majesties saw a conflict of interest. Thus, at the Imperial Estates Meeting on February 28, 1999, by agreement of all parties concerned, the matter was presented to Sir Winfred, a Landed Royal Peer of Aragon, who, in accord with the Codex Adjudicata, became the Presiding Justice. Aragon was the chartered subdivision where the Imperial Estates Meeting was being held, and thus was

where all parties were physically located at the time.

According to the Codex Adjudicata, "The Presiding Justice must determine that the petition represents a legitimate point of ambiguity, and is not an attempt to interfere with the Royal right to create Crown Writ. The Presiding justice may consider, among other things, whether or not the dispute involves a clear or ambiguous by-law provision, his own knowledge of Case Law and custom, as well as his own common sense. If the Presiding Justice rules the petition invalid, the complaining party may appeal to a single higher authority. Only one such appeal may be made."

In this case, Sir Winfred determined not to convene a court as he felt that the law was unambiguous, that the Imperial Crown clearly had the right to appoint itself as Imperial Minister of Arts and Sciences. That being the case, King Duriel was entitled to one appeal--to Their Imperial Majesties themselves. (Other Landed Royal Peers were present, including the Duchess of Sangreal and the Duchess of Aragon; however, neither of these would be a "higher authority." For the reasons previously stated, Their Imperial Majesties did not desire to directly deal with the Petition, but by agreement of all parties, I, Sir Nikolai (a Royal Peer in that I am a Prince, but not a LANDED Royal Peer) was appointed to act in the stead of Their Imperial Majesties.

On hearing the Petition, I determined that a legitimate dispute of law was presented, and I decided that a court should be convened. The Codex tells us the following:

"4. The presiding justice must determine if he will hold an emergency court or a full court. An emergency court may be convened on the spot, but its ruling affects only the event in which the court occurs. A full court may create law, as in a Writ, until the next meeting of the Estates.

a. A full court is held not less than 30 days from the date of the petition. As indicated the ruling of the Court becomes Law until accepted or rejected by the Estates. The rulings of an Emergency Court are effective only during the event in which they are held."

Because of the nature of the question presented, it seemed pointless to hold an emergency court, as such a ruling would only be good for the day (and the day was almost over). A more lasting solution was required. I thus determined that the court would be a full court, and that said court would convene on a date not less than 30 days from February 28, 1999. I invited the Duchesses of Sangreal and Aragon to sit with me on the court, as prescribed by the Codex.

King Duriel protested, pointing out that he

had filed his Petition with the Imperial Chancellor over 30 days prior to February 28. That might have been true, but the 30 days is measured from the decision to convene the court, NOT from the date the Petition is filed. This is to give all interested parties an opportunity to prepare their arguments, once they know for sure that there will be a court.

Nevertheless, I did point out that there was a way King Duriel could have his decision that day, and for it to be final and binding. According to Article VI.F.5.a.ii. the Imperial Crown has the right to render an opinion regarding a disputed interpretation of Imperial law or Writ WITHIN 30 days of a written request. This interpretation is made WITHOUT CONVENING ANY COURT, but rather in consultation with the Crown and Chancellor of the region from which the Petition comes, as well as the Imperial Chancellor. The resulting opinion is final, and not subject to the review of the Estates (except that the Estates can always amend the law itself).

On hearing this, King Duriel again presented his Petition to Their Imperial Majesties, and requested an interpretation of law pursuant to Article VI.F.5.a.ii. Again, Their Imperial Majesties indicated that they did not desire to decide this issue themselves due to Their perception of a conflict of interest. Again, by agreement of all parties, I, Sir Nikolai was appointed to act in the stead of Their Imperial Majesties.

King Duriel's Chancellor, Sir Waldham, was not present, but King Duriel indicated that he had previously discussed the matter with Sir Waldham; that he and Sir Waldham were of one mind on the issue. It was agreed that Sir Waldham's presence could be excused, and the matter could proceed. The Imperial Chancellor was present.

Initially, the parties agreed that the Imperial Crown might appoint any minister it chose, so long as that minister met the requirements set forth in the Bylaws. Furthermore, the parties agreed that where the Imperial Crown had no one in mind who met the requirements, the Imperial Crown could seek a waiver under Article VII.E., but only after announcing that the position was open in a formal and public manner, and finding no qualified applicants who met the requirements. As ministers serve at the pleasure of the

Imperial Crown, it was agreed by all parties that it is implied in the Bylaws that a minimum qualification of a minister applicant is that the minister be able to work with the Imperial Crown and vice versa. It was agreed that as the position of Imperial Minister of Arts and Sciences had never been announced as vacant, there could be no waiver for Rahja holding the position as she was not a knight. All that being agreed, the question was simply whether the Czarovna Katayana II

could appoint herself to the position of Imperial Minister of Arts and Sciences, with Rahja serving as her Administrative Deputy (to do all the work).

The question all turned on Article VII.D., which states that "The holder of a ministry shall hold no other ministry appointment, unless there is no member of suitable qualifications then interested in holding the vacant ministry." King Duriel argued that Czarovna Katayana II was Empress, a position in which she was "holding office" within the meaning of Article IX.C.3 [ministry roll of knighthood]. He argued that Article VII.D. was designed to prevent members from holding multiple positions, thereby preventing others from serving the Empire in a given capacity. He was concerned that violation of Article VII.D. impugned the rights of knights to serve, that it removed opportunities for garnering ministry participation points, and that it placed too much work in the hands of too few--potentially leading to burnout. King Duriel also argued that the Czarovna was not just a minister, but a "super-minister" in that she was responsible for all the Ministries. She, more than anyone, should not be holding an additional Ministry position. If nothing else, this could give rise to a conflict of interest. King Duriel pointed out the specific prohibition in the Steward's Manual against a Crown or Chancellor being a signatory on the bank account (and thus, it is implied that a Crown or Chancellor may not also be Steward).

The Imperial Crown, and the Imperial Chancellor conceded that Article VII.D. was designed to prevent the Imperial Crown from appointing members to multiple ministry positions. It was also conceded that Czarovna Katayana was "holding office," and thereby entitled to ministry participation points; however, it was argued that this did not mean that Her Imperial Majesty was a minister. It was argued that the "Ministries" of the Adrian Empire are exclusively defined in Article VII.F., and "Empress" is not one of those listed. (The only exception to this exclusive list, it was argued, would be those ministries created pursuant to Article VII.A.) It was argued that "All ministers served at the pleasure of the Crown," [Article VII.B.], and thus, any challenge to Czarovna Katayana's self-appointment would be an impermissible interference with the rights of the Imperial Crown. King Duriel's argument regarding the loss of opportunities was rejected as anyone could serve as a Deputy (or bear water at an event, for that matter), and thus earn ministry points.

After hearing argument, I ruled as follows:

1. It was agreed that Article VII.D. was designed as a restriction on the powers of the Imperial Crown; that its purpose

was to maximize participation of the populace in the ministries. The purpose of Article VII.D was to spread the wealth (ministry points), spread the burden (work), open the Administration up to a plurality of ideas, and uphold the rights of knights to serve at the Imperial Level. None of this was in dispute. Thus, in interpreting the law, I was duty-bound to interpret the law in the manner which best furthered its goal.

2. It was agreed that Czarovna Katayana was "holding office" as Empress for the purpose of advancing in rank pursuant to Article IX.C.3. (ministry roll). All parties agreed that the meaning of "holding office" could be broadly construed to mean anything which helped the Adrian Empire, including bearing water at an event, but the award of ministry points for service not specifically delineated in the Bylaws would be up to the Crown's discretion.
3. In light of Finding #2, I could find no reason to narrowly construe the definition of "ministry" as referenced in Article VII.D. I rejected the argument that Article VII.F. (Definitions of Ministries) was an exclusive list for two reasons.

A. In Article VII.F., the initial "M" in the word "Ministry" is capitalized, whereas that is not the case elsewhere in Article VII. I took that to mean that "Ministries" (with a capital "M") were something special. Ministries (capital "M") are those Ministries which are recognized by the Bylaws, and thus not subject to Crown discretion when awarding ministry points. As these Ministries are exclusive, no one should hold such a Ministry if that member already holds another office whereby that member might garner ministry points.

B. Article VII.C. speaks of "requirements to hold ministerial office" as opposed to "Ministry." To me, that is a clear reference to Article IX.C.3. ("holding office" for the purposes of advancing in rank in the ministry roll). As I indicated, I could see no reason to broadly construe "holding office" in Article IX.C.3. (as was agreed I should), and narrowly construe Article VII.C. or D.

4. I rejected the argument that interpreting the law such that Czarovna Katayana could not appoint herself as Imperial Minister of Arts and Sciences was an impermissible interference with Imperial Crown rights pursuant to Article VII.B. Clearly, all had agreed that Article VII.D. was DESIGNED as a restriction on Imperial Crown rights.

5. I rejected the idea that Czarovna was the Imperial Minister of Arts and Sciences at all. I found that she had appointed herself in name only to get around the Bylaw requirements for that position. The fact was that Rahja was doing the job, although she did not meet the requirements of Article VII.F.7. "If it feels like cheating, it probably is."

6. In making the above findings, I rejected King Duriel's the Steward's Office is a special case arising from mundane law and practices. I did not reject King Duriel's argument regarding "super-ministers", but neither did I rely on it.

All that being said, the final answer was "No," Czarovna Katayana could not appoint herself as Imperial Minister of Arts and Sciences, at least not until She had gotten a waiver by advertising the position as vacant, and finding no one qualified who met the requirements as set forth in Article VII.F.7. Similarly, Rahja could not hold the position either until a waiver was properly obtained.

A final note: Their Imperial Majesties have the absolute right to interpret law. They did not have to appoint me to do it for them. They could have simply taken King Duriel's Petition and ruled against him. It is to Their Imperial Majesties credit that They handled the matter as They did.

In service,
Nikolai II

To All East Coast Subdivisions

I need volunteers for the following positions for the East Coast Imperial War 10 minimum to help with the feast...planning, cooking, serving and clean up 5 or more marshals please....that way they can take breaks and still fight help with the arts tournament...set up....judging...and scribing 3-4 retainers for whatever Imperial representatives we will have and to just help out in general 2-3 people to help run the combat lists and keep track of the battles 2-3 people to help with signing in and collecting money I would also like to maybe see us do some classes....in arts, combat, heraldry and protocol. 3-4 people to help with the Hobbits (kids) teenagers or young adults....I will set up an area for them and we can think of activities for them to do so they have fun.

If anyone has any ideas please contact me at Dame_shel@hotmail.com

HRG Dame Shelaine

Eastern Banner War

Hear yea, Hear yea, Hear yea

On Memorial Day Weekend May 29,30 and 31, 1999 The Shire of Chesapeake shall be hosting the East Coast Banner War. This event shall be called the Halibut War since we shall be fighting for the halibut. The event will be held at Fairy Stone State Park in Stuart, Virginia.

We have currently reserved seven group camping sites (primitive) which will accommodate 42 people. Showers and bathrooms are available. Cabins and improved sites are available by contacting Virginia parks reservations at 1-800-933-7275. Cabin costs are around 70.00 per night and will accommodate 4 people. Improved camping sites with water and electricity cost 18.00 per night and will accommodate 6 people. This is a busy weekend and reservations must be made in advance.

The anticipated cost for the weekend is 25.00 per person staying in the group camping area. This includes camping, head tax and a feast on Saturday Evening.

The agenda for the event will include combat, arts and science, a feast and much merriment. Court will be convened promptly at 10:00 AM on Saturday. Coronations, Knightings and Awards shall be presented at this time. As with all state parks in the region, this is a "dry park".

In order to plan the feast we need to know how many people will be attending. Since space is limited please contact Aerindane McLorie for group site reservations.

Suggestions for the feast are welcome and if special foods are required please let me know. Anyone interested in helping with the activities will be greatly appreciated.

For further information and reservations for the group site please contact me directly.

Aerindane McLorie

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In Service to the Dream,
Aerindane McLorie
Chancellor, Shire of Chesapeake

To All East Coast Subdivisions

The House of Drac has been busy preparing for the upcoming East Coast Banner War in May, which we at Chesapeake are proud to be Hosting. I need to know the number of Fighters who will be attending the Banner War and the Level of skill. Also we need volunteers for Marshals. If any of your members plan to be Knighted, please let us know. Kyra would like the Subdivision

Minister of Arts & Science contact her. Kelda is planning the Feast and if you would like to assist, please contact her through Aerindane or Sven Iceman.

Hobbits are welcome to attend, we are planning activities to entertain and keep them busy. Please let Kyra, our Hobbit Mistress know, if your Hobbit is attending. Let's earn our War Points and show the West Coast as newbies that our Heart is as large as the Game. "ONTO THE BATTLE FIELD WITH CHIVALRY AND HONOR."

Chris MacDraco, Sire House of Drac
Minister of Joust and War Recipient of the Star of Adria and Spreader of the Dreamer.

Fool's War

Get Thee Ready for The Sixth Annual Acts of Foolishness (Mock Crown War and Spring Picnic) "The most fun you can have with your clothes on." – Sir Karl A Mock Crown War to Crown this year's King or Queen of Fool's. Prizes!

Friday, Saturday, Sunday, April 9 - 11
Silver Bowl Park
Boulder Highway and Sunset Road.

From California: I-15 to Tropicana Ave. Tropicana Ave. East (a right off the Freeway). Take Tropicana Ave. all the way to Silver Bowl Park. Turn Right at either end of the Stadium. Follow the "road" past the Stadium to Baseball diamonds East of the Stadium. We'll be in the green belt around the Baseball Diamonds and at the Archery Park east of the Diamonds.

Friday: Site opens at 8:00 a.m.
Set up all day. Tavern opens in the Evening.
Fool's Court. Revel. Camping.

Saturday: Tavern open. Games, Tournaments, Melees, Arts, Revel and camping.

Sunday: Tavern open. Games, Tournaments, Melees, Closing Court, Awards. Election of the King of Fools Clean-up. Site closes at 6:00 p.m.

Site fee \$5 for adults. Children 5 -12, \$3.

Tavern: Food, drink, reveling, Fool's Court. Games: Archery (poker tournament), Suicide Chess, War ball, Captive Carry, Piggy Back Jousting, Armored Race.

Combat: Bob tournaments, Team melees, Grand melees in all three forms.

Arts.

Participation Points: As Tourney including list wins in Arts, Combat and Archery. Overnight event policy, see Writ. No alcohol within 100 feet of the ball fields (CC Ord.). No glass containers (CC Ord.).

Visit our Vegan Friend's Crown War at Sunset Park!

Annelynnerose

Unto the populace of Adria, Greetings from the Duchy of Annelynnerose. March was an exciting month for us, Sir Alric Kirintor and his wife Morrighan the Baron and Baroness Consort of Avatara gave birth to Madison Alexandria, Vivant and Huzzah to Madison and her parents. During March members of Annelynnerose, Isenwold and Clan MacAlpine went to Muskogee Oklahoma to work on our site at the Castle for the Ren Faire that we will be participants of in May. We would like to welcome anyone that might be in the area during May to please contact us if you are interested in joining us. We are hoping the weather improves soon so that we might go back to having crown events at the park. We await spring anxiously and with open arms in the hope that it will bring growth to all of Adria. Sir Dream Raven will be squiring to Sir Shadowhawk of Isenwold soon, congratulations to both.

HRG's Sir Andru and Dame Shelaine Dane

Chesapeake

We have been very active this past month at the Shire of Chesapeake. As mentioned last month, our first Baroness is Kyra Evaine and Aerindane McLorie is our new Baron. Kyra and Aerindane have been very busy with organizing and ministering duties for the Shire. Kyra holds the positions of Minister of Arts and the Hobbits Mistress. Aerindane is our Chancellor, Sovereign of Arms and Herald. We welcome them as our Baron and Baroness, for they will carry their new duties to the fullest. Our March Crown Event was held at the Manor of Matt Sealgaer and Kelda in the town of Port Deposit. Instead of March winds we had the flurry of snow. The tournament of Shinai and Ren were postponed since the field was covered in fallen snow and driving snow made for unsafe combat.

The Night of March 27th will be the ceremony of the 'Arrow of Light' which will bring Pack 777 Webelo ("Weeb-Low") Cub Scout to their status of Boy Scout. The ceremony will proceed with our Hobbits carrying flags to the Thrones and guarding the Crowns will be Cub and Mallard. Each House Sire will present himself and give tribute to the Cub Scout as he becomes a man entering into the Boy Scout. The Scout will receive an Arrow of Light Badge and a Sword from Viceroy Sven Iceman. After the presentation Archer Aerindane McLorie will call the Names of the Scouts to be honored and fire a flaming arrow for each into the Bon Fire. When the ceremony is complete, the Combatants will demonstrate the art of the Sword and introduce our Hobbits as future combatants and show the training they receive.

We are busy making preparations for our Ducal War in April and setting up Spring Demos to let the communities know who and what we, Shire of Chesapeake are about.

As publicly announced the Shire of Chesapeake will be hosting the East Coast Banner War, known as the Halibut War.

The Event will be held at Fairy Stone State Park, Stuart, Virginia, May 29, 30 & 31. Court will begin at 10am on Saturday. Coronations and Knightings shall take place at this time. A Feast shall be held Saturday evening. Please let Aerindane McLorie know of your attendance, Email gummer@erols.com or Sven Iceman at Email sven.iceman@cwix.com.

With this, our hopes and dreams of the game grows and prospers for the Crown and the Populace.

Sven Iceman, Viking Dragon Lord
Viceroy, Shire of Chesapeake

Sangreal

Greetings from Sangreal! The past two months have been busy in the Duchy. Mostly gearing up for the Senate meeting—and what a meeting it was! Arch Dukes and Arch Duchesses now have retirement titles! We will retire as Viscounts and Viscountesses! A very special thanks to HIH Founding Viscountess Lady Dame Isabeau for allowing us humble Arch Dukes and Arch Duchesses to share the title. She retains, and rightfully so, the Founding title, but showed incredible class in offering the Viscount as an option to Pettiduc/hess.

And then, there is Archery. It was voted back as a knighthood unanimously! A huge victory and was greeted with much enthusiasm. Our Imperial Minister of War and Joust has the daunting task of taking the three manuals submitted and combining them into guidelines and rules that will be fair to everyone!

A host of other things happened that should be detailed in the next herald. Sangreal was well represented by our entire estates holders and Sir Karl, who proved to be wise as well as watchful! We had a great time—and found the BEST restaurant in the empire for Blue Berry Pancakes. Those folks out in Aragon have been hiding that little secret!

March Event

Sangreal returned to the cold biting weather we came to know and love from last year. We had the joy of celebrating Princess Gwendolyn's birthday and boy, did the kids have a hoot! Lady Dame Heather shined while she corralled eight little terrors all having a great time. We in the Duchy were honored that Gwendolyn came out and shared her special day with us!

We had a Ren list. Congratulations to Squire Griff Iron Fist for yet ANOTHER win.

We also had archery. Lady Dame Gwenllian snuck in with a 25lb bow and thin stick

arrows and stole the competition! Congratulations! She was surprised—we all were! But it was a tickle because she has been working hard to improve her skill and it showed!

And yes, we had an arts competition. Dawnlyn MacDonald stunned everyone with her presentation of a hand sculpted fashion Doll dressed in French Renaissance clothes. The details were incredible and her documentation top notch. She took the win and added another Masterwork to her credit. We closed the day with a knighting ceremony. Sir Logan Du Draconis was knighted to his second level in combat. Sir Talon graciously oversaw the ceremony. It ended with the gift of Sir Logan's arms done on a banner by Squire Dawnlyn MacDonald.

Upcoming Events:

APRIL 3: Sangreal Event. Due to the beginnings of Ren Faire, this event will be held in the back yard of the Arch Duchess in Corona. It will also be in part, a celebration of Rosie MacDonald 6th birthday so come prepared to eat cake! We should have a Ren list as well.

May 1: Sangreal Event: Site is TBA. Either Corona or Summerlake Park.

June 5: Sangreal Event: Summerlake Park. Expect REN, ARCHERY and ARTS.

July: TBA.

Attention: All members of Sangreal: Our presence as been requested at several upcoming Aquitaine events! Especially our dancers! There are a host of demos coming up—including Crossroads Renaissance Faire! These are great opportunities to have great fun while playing our game! Here's a list:

March 22 North High School – Set up 8:30am. Demo starts at 10:00am and runs till 12pm.

March 30th Norco Intermediate School. – Setup 7:30am until 8:30am. Includes lunch for us

April 11: Riverside Main Branch Library Demo. This is a big one and very important! 12noon to 4pm. For all of the above Demo's please contact Lord Sir Cromar or Dame Willow at : lordcromar@aol.com

Two weekends at Crossroads Ren Faire! Come ready to have fun, show crafts and fight with long pointy sticks! Aquitaine's weekends are May 15 & 16 and May 22 & 23. They want lots of crafting, leather work, chain mail, costumes and the like. Let's join forces with our Aquitaine neighbors and have a royal good time! The numbers to contact are those above! It also means free entry to the faire but you must let them know you want to participate and get your name on the gate list! I will admit to going last year—and having one of the best faire experiences ever! It might not be as big nor as commercial as the Devore Faire, but the possibilities for the

future are endless!

Sangreal Demo: We will also be doing a demo at Corona Senior High. May 28th. Set up will begin at 7:30am. Must be ready to go by 8:30am. Last year was very successful. We would like to repeat that success again this year!

Lady Dame Isabeau Dionne—Arch Duchess of Sangreal, Chronicler

Umbria

Greetings from the Empire, err, I mean, Kingdom of Umbria!

Their Royal Majesties, King Duriel and Queen Roawyn, send their regards.

We have seen tremendous growth here in Umbria as of late, with members pouring in from Avalon and other organizations. We have even begun to plan joint events with the HMR. We stand at 160 members, and are looking at many more arriving soon.

With all of the numbers pouring in, there has been some estate changes in our ranks. We have seen 5 new Houses, 4 new Baronies, and 1 new County! We even have 2 new Cantons, with another 1 or 2 planned! Huzzah! To modify a phrase, "may we grow for ever and ever and ever!"

We are proud to be hosting Banner War '99, and will be looking forward to seeing all of our enemies - I mean, FRIENDS, at the War in Flagstaff, Arizona on Memorial Day Weekend. Soon (give me a week or so) there will be a Website to access maps, directions, and area information about the War Site. This will be accessible via the Kingdom's Royal Website. My thanks to Royal Minister of War and Joust Sire Keara Craig for gathering this information for the Populace.

For further information on the month's activities here in Umbria, please check out the Royal Website - accessible either through the Empire's Website, or by using the following address:http://members.tripod.com/Kingdom_of_Umbria

The Royal Website also has a link to the Umbrian Mug, our local newsletter. This too, is accessible via the Empire's Website, or by using this address:

http://members.tripod.com/James_the_Red/umbmug.html

Please remember that the Royal Website is under development, and I am open to any and all suggestions for improvement! In the near future we will be showing pictures of Umbria in action, an Estates section (complete with homepages for all of the Estates), and Membership/Rolls database available electronically!

In Humble Service to the Dream,
Lord Sir James the Red
Royal Chronicler of the Kingdom of Umbria
Editor of the Umbrian Mug

A Knights Code

Reprinted from the *Adrian Herald*, April 1995 issue

I came across a paper recently Written by Sir Phillip le Coirmoir titled "Chivalry and The Knight". It is a paper that I have read often over the past few years. It tells how the early warrior class became known as the Knights of medieval Europe. That they were a "wild" group of men. And how the church in its search for power, harnessed this unruly lot with a simple code of honor. That simple code as it applies to us in the Adrian Empire is as follows (in short):

Might for Right – the belief that the duty of every knight is to put his sword in the service of just causes, never to oppress the poor and to win justice for the meek In the Empire, we accept the duty to fight cleanly and with honor. We fight to honor our lady and ourselves but never to hurt our foe. We do not fight in anger or to humiliate a less skillful fighter. We do not act or fight in a fashion that will bring harm or dishonor to ourselves, our foe, or the Empire." This is what we strive to do. To the sorrow of many a knight this ideal can be very difficult to uphold to its fullest, when after giving fealty without truly considering the consequences, then being forced to fight for a cause that is not truly your own. So think well on who you pledge your sword to.

Honor – the belief in safeguarding our own good name and the name of our Empire. We Endeavor to be worthy of respect by never allowing our good name to be associated with taint or works of bad intent." Not only must you guard your own name, the name of the Empire, you must also guard the name or names of those around you so not to be associated with the taint or works of bad intent. So be watchful and safeguard yourself well, for there are those who would place taint upon you in their quest for power or their defense of that

same power.

Courtesy – we display our honor by our courtly manner. It is the mark of a cultivated and civilized person to act with the highest standards of grace. Never to use harsh or insulting tones or words and always be tactful, respectful and dignified in our speech and manner." It is my belief that this is the mark of a great knight. Many of us (myself included) must strive to better ourselves in this area. We tend to step on more toes with our lack of 'proper' manners than by anything else.

Faith In Our Word – a knight always keeps his/her word and does not make a promise that he/she cannot or will not keep. Like honor this doctrine protects the good name of the individual as well as the Empire at large." As I said earlier, think well on who you well swear your sword to. For you are bound to your word until released from it. And that is not always an easy thing to do.

As Sir Phillip says in closing his letter, These are not the only rules and social strata to the code of chivalry, but the are the basic ones. And "Adrian who lives by them will bring honor upon himself and his house."

If you're new to this glorious game of ours, I ask you to stick around, talk to as many of our members as you can before choosing side in any conflict, war or political ties. And most of all, have fun!!! That is the main reason I play this game and would not still be here if I didn't have fun at the same time.

Long Live the Empire!
Sir Lord Phelan Kell De 'Coucy
Sire of House Kell
Premier member of the Order of Gaston
Premier Chronicler of Tierra Del Fuego.

Aquitaine

Greetings from that little corner of the world known as Aquitaine. We had our normal canton event on Saturday, March 6 and had a OK turnout. The day was cold and cloudy, and I'm really glad I had my cloak with me. We had three combat tournaments, and the really interesting things happened in the steel list.

Steel was not going to happen, as we had at first only two contenders. But with the arrival of Sir Coda, we were able to finish the list. However, we had three sets of armor, and two of the combatants would not fit into two of the three sets of armor (Sir Coda and Squire Sigardson are too slim to fit into Squire Terrin's and Morgan's armors). It was decided to do a round robin, so hopefully Sir Coda and Squire Sigardson would not be on the field at the same time. However, when Squire Sigardson beat Morgan in his match, it had to go on. Squire Vino and I ended up making lots of new holes in the straps for Squire Terrin's armor so Sir Coda could put it on. It proved too big anyway, but Sir Coda went out there and fought, and won against the Squire. The greatest number of wins was by Morgan, who won the Steel point for the day. Sir Coda has vowed to bring his armor the next time he comes to our event.

Shinai saw a break from the usual pattern of

winning, as Xavier won the tourney for his first time. (I think a round robin makes it more fair, and gives other people a chance to win). Renaissance went to Sir Coda.

At closing court, lots of demos were announced and I announced my upcoming sabbatical (I will be studying with the Lords of the Tiger for the next two months) which will start at the end of the month. Sir Coda announced the reformation of the March of Agrivaine. A tidy little event took place.

Yours in the service of the Dream,
Sir Kirigi Durshavin Belsky
Last of the Witches of Thessaly
Master of the Lists
de facto Minister of Joust

Good News and Bad News

A dark cloud has descended upon the decks of the Hedgehog. Fully half their crew has uprooted themselves and left the lands of Esperance. But our loss is Terre Neuve's gain, for in their ports, our crew has settled.

While we will miss them, we certainly wish them well in their new lives. Did I mention that there were enough of them to form a new Hedgehog household in their new lands? Welcome the newest ship-household, the

Greynoge, and her captains Liam and Aria MacTearlbach. Until their apprentices are full-crew status, they have taken an advisory captain from the Hedgehog (Sir Robert de la Fonteyne) to fill out their captain's council. On the one hand, the Hedgehog has shrunk. On the other hand, the hedgehogs have grown! Vivat!

There's more news from the decks, for those of you who haven't yet heard. The captain's council for the Hedgehog has been put into place for this year. The ranking protocol captain (and sire) is myself, Dame Maedb Drakonja. Our ranking battle captain is Sir Coda. Our second battle captain is Sir Jamie the Red. The captain's council will stand until our crew elections next December. So if you want to talk battles and wars, see Coda or Jamie. If you want to talk "contracts", see me.

Until next,
Dame Maedb

From The Imperial Chronicler's Pen

This is a **REMINDER** that next month is the Arts & Sciences Quarterly!! All entries must be in by April 20th. Send in your bardics, recipes, documentation of an arts entry (with judges comments, if possible). See yourself published!

The BRISTOL Registry of the Adrian Empire

A Brief History of Bristol, England

Bristol began as a Saxon settlement around 1000 AD and, by the time of the Norman Conquest in 1066, it had reached a considerable size and importance. Bristol was incorporated as a town in 1155, and the harbor was created in 1247. From the time of King Edward III, who ruled from 1327 to 1377, the city has been active in trade. Wool from Ireland and wine from Spain and Portugal were imported in return for the export of woolen cloth. Bristol was also known as one of the premier ship building places in all of Europe (a reputation that coined the phrase "Shipshape and in Bristol fashion"). Bristol was also the starting port of John Cabot sailing the Matthew in an attempt to find a Northwest Passage to the East Indies and Orient, but instead discovered Newfoundland. Cabot was an Italian explorer who was financed by

Ship Name	H.M.S. Hedgehog
Ship Affiliation	Free Merchant (privateer)
Ship Admiralty	Rear Admiral Prickles (Hedgehog Fleet)
Ship Home Port & Kingdom	Newport, Kingdom of Esperance
Ship Captains	
Protocol	Lady Dame Maedb Drakonja Hawkins
Battle	Lord Baronet Sir Coda
Battle	Lord Sir Jamie the Red
Ship Crew	19 including Captains
Number of Masts	3 plus bow sprit
Sail Area	2360 square feet
Length (including castles)	73 feet
Hull Length	63 feet 11 inches
Hull Length (at waterline)	61 feet 6 inches
Beam (hull)	19 feet 8 inches
Beam (overall)	20 feet 6 inches
Draft	7 feet
Air Draft (without top mast)	61 feet
Air Draft (with top mast)	71 feet
Displacement (unladed)	77.5 tons
Displacement	85 tons

Bristol Merchants.

What is a Registry

A Registry is nothing more than a listing of known ships. It lists the size and type of each ship, the owner and Captain(s), and some contact information.

What is The Bristol Registry of the Adrian Empire

It began with an idea of collecting the names of the various ships throughout the Adrian Empire and where they sailed from, just to see how many nautically minded people were in the Empire. As the idea fermented, the Registry was born. The Registry is will be kept in paper format and online at: <http://www.webworldinc.com/mystic/registry.html>

While not every ship is going to be quite as detailed as the example below, it is requested that as much information as possible be given to make the Registry as authentic as possible.

Below is an example of what a ship will look like in the Registry:

Ship Name	H.M.S. Graynoge
Ship Affiliation	Free Merchant (privateer)
Ship Admiralty	Rear Admiral Prickles (Hedgehog Fleet)
Ship Home Port & Kingdom	???, Kingdom of Terra Neuve
Ship Captains	
Protocol	Aria
Battle	Sire Squire Ulliam
Protocol	Lord Sir Robert "Jestar" de la Fonteyne (acting)
Ship Crew	19 including Captains
Number of Masts	3 plus bow sprit
Sail Area	2360 square feet
Length (including castles)	73 feet
Hull Length	63 feet 11 inches
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Caliban's Quandry

I trained for a while with Dame Celeste, finding her skills most impressive. Then, my wanderlust drew me to a distant shire, which, as fate would have it, is on the far side of the Forest of Forgetfulness. Fortunately, when I entered the Forest, I did not forget everything; only certain things. I found that I often forgot my own name and, more frequently, the day of the week!

Now, a Lion and a Unicorn were frequent visitors to the forest. These two were strange creatures, indeed, for the Lion lies on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays and tells the truth on the other days of the week. The Unicorn, on the other hand, lies on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays but

tells the truth on the other days of the week.

I found the two of them resting under a tree, chatting about this thing or the other.

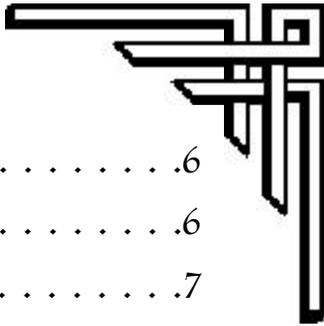
The Lion said to me, "Yesterday was one of my lying days."

The Unicorn added, "Yesterday was one of my lying days, too!"

What day of the week is it?

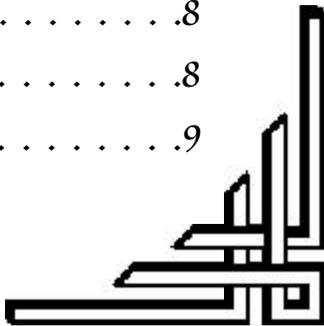
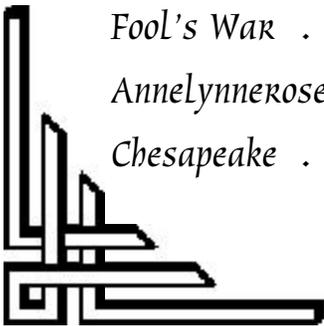
Solution to 3/99 Quandary

Baldwin is squired to Dame Sabrina.



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