

The Adria Herald

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Unto the populace of Adria We send Greetings

It is with much pleasure that we look forward to the following months, and the naming of Our Heir at the Imperial War. My Husband and Myself find there is a certain amount of pleasure in naming Our Heir, We wish all of the contenders the best of luck. The Imperial Wars will be held in Chattanooga, Tennessee and at Featherly Park in the Kingdom of Esperance. My Husband and Myself will be attending the War in the East, we look forward to meeting many and renewing old friendships. At the West Coast Imperial War His Highness Sir Jehan and Her Highness Dame Katherine have graciously agreed to Autocrat. It is Our hope that both wars will be enjoyed by all who attend, and that we will be able to run smoothly.

This is how the war will be scored, both war sites will be run the same way. On Saturday there will be 4 combat scenarios (2 shinai, 1 ren and 1 steel) and 4 arts points (2 master and 2 knights) decided. The two armies with the most points will continue on Sunday. The Arts entries of the dissolved army will be redistributed to one of the two remaining armies, based on the individuals wishes. We will only announce which army is being dissolved, to try and keep the war as fair as possible. We hope to have a smoothly run war, this will depend greatly on you the populace. Please be patient and understanding, We will be doing the best we can.

On to other business, as announced at the Imperial Estates meeting, We have found that we have made a mistake in the scoring of the West Coast Banner War. Umbria has in fact Won

the Banner War. The scoring from the Arts was totaled incorrectly, and we have since gone back and reviewed Our numbers. It is Our fault that this was not found before the announcements were made in court, and We take full responsibility for this error. We wish to congratulate Umbria and apologize to you for Our error. We would like to thank Aragon for their understanding and good grace, in not having Us hunted down and killed. We again apologize for this error.

We must also inform the populace of a change in procedure regarding the handling of our insurance. From this day forward, we ask that all questions regarding the Corporations Insurance be handled through the Imperial Steward, Dame Kitara. Dame Kitara can forward Insurance Certificates, and is the only one who can process Insurance Binders. Insurance Binders are where the area or agent must be listed as a co-insured. These binders cost \$25, and must be requested by an area's Crown, and they will be held responsible for the cost. Please contact your Crown if you need insurance information for a demo or event, and remember Dame Kitara needs 2 weeks to process any requests.

We look forward to working with Our heirs and will be very proud to announce our new children soon. We only hope there will be no jealousy in Our home, I fear Jacob will always be first in my heart. It is Our only hope that Our health holds out. We promise to leave peacefully in November, skipping all the way.

In Humble Service,

Katayana Imperatrix
Tsarina of all the Adrias

Eastern Imperial War

I will give out all the information I have at this time about East Coast Imperial War. The site this year will be at Booker T. Washington State Park in Chattanooga TN. We will be in the group camp area that has bunkhouses that sleep 6-8 people. There is also a dining hall and full kitchen and a centrally located bathroom and shower area. I am looking into exactly how big our area is including the fighting field so that those that want to use tents and set up pavilions may, we just may be slightly limited on space. We are looking at a site fee of hopefully no more than \$10.00 per person depending on how many people attend. We are in the process of planning the feast and all input

is greatly appreciated. Any ideas anyone has is greatly appreciated just contact me. As more information becomes available I will get it out as soon as possible. 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 or anyone would be great. I will set up an area for them and we can think of activities for the hobbits to do so they have fun also. I would like for this to be great for all of us but I do need input as to things people would like to see done or have happen.

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

Dame Shelaine

Update from The Imperial Arts & Sciences Minister

Dearest Populace:

This column does bring a bit of good news and a bit of bad. I will start with the bad news.

Rumor has it that the Banner War West was won by Umbria. I am here to officially state the truth to that rumor. As a minister

under the gun at the Banner War, I misdirected my calculations allowing the Banner War to fall in the favor of the Kingdom of Aragon. Sitting down to recalculate those records so that I may send them in the directions needed I found my error.

Immediately contacting the Imperial Throne all that needed to be notified were and written apologies have been sent to the both the Kingdom of Aragon and the Kingdom of Umbria. The corrected points are as follows:

List Umbria Aragon Terre Nueve

Esperance	Ekateringorod				(allied with Aragon)
Masters Crafted	28.33		29		
Masters Bardic	29.61	30			
Masters Food		30			
Knights Crafted	55.16		29		
Knights Bardic	89.5				
Knight Food	30	28.67			
Knight Fine	81.00	(48.33)			48.33
Total Wins	4	2	1	0	0

Again, overall the competition was stiff and I have never seen as many Master Works' awarded in one event since my existence within the Empire. I am proud to see that the quality of work provided to judge was exceptional.

My apologies again to the Imperial Crowns, the Crowns of Umbria and the Crowns of Aragon. My error was made unintentionally and I can tell you that I am one to learn from my mistakes. I am truly sorry for this terrible mistake.

The good news is that I am able to announce the newly appointed East Coast Imperial Deputy of Arts and Sciences. Kyra Evaine, come one down, cause now you are in the spot light! I believe that Kyra will do us all proud for she has kept in line a steadily fast growing area of Chesapeake for quite sometime now. Working from scratch she has provided faithfully her monthly reports as well as a heck of a lot of documentation for the library. One piece that one gentleman

gave willingly is on chain mail. A over 100 page piece of documentation.....WOW! Please welcome Kyra to this position and show her the same respect you all have shown me.

I would also like to send Kudos to those who have won tournaments in the subdivisions that recently sent me their reports. I have quite a few to list and the documentation that is being sent to me is gorgeous stuff. I just wish I had the time to make all of this stuff myself.

Continue with the good work and if you have any questions or need any assistance, please feel free to contact me or my deputies.

In Service to the Dream;

Al-Farisa Rahja Ahmina bint Husam of Basir
Imperial Minister of Arts & Sciences

Kosovo Relief Update:

I know that all that have contributed to this worthy cause are waiting for that cancelled check or otherwise some kind of update as to what has become of my endeavor that you unselfishly assisted with.

Guess What! Your donations have been made with a letter included with them all that directs all receipts

be sent to the addresses or names attached to the payments. You should be seeing something soon. Otherwise, you can use your cancelled checks as proof of your donation for tax purposes.

Again, I want to thank all who have donated to this cause by either a monetary donation through me or directly to the

charity of your choice. Your efforts do not go unnoticed.

Also, a letter has been sent directly to the Press Rooms of The Press Enterprise, The Daily Bulletin, The LA Times, The Californian, and The Desert Sun. If you would like to include this article with one of your local newspapers, you must contact me as soon as possible with the name and address of that paper so that I can direct the article to the appropriate editors. I cannot guarantee that we will receive column space by all, but we are bound to have a few that find our efforts worth publishing!

Thank you again,
Rahja

Thee Olde Soap Box

GREETINGS UNTO THE POPULOUS OF ADRIA!

I wanted to take a moment and introduce myself to the populous as a candidate for the Imperial Throne so that you, the populous, have an idea of who I am and what I want to accomplish as Empress of the Adrian Empire. In the game, I am the sister to the current king of Esperance, Reilly Rex. I am married in the game and in real life to Earl Galadon Pendragon di Glendoren, Knight Champion of Adria and Premier knight of Esperance. On a more personal note, I'm taking courses towards my bachelor's degree in Arts with a high concentration of study in Fashion Design and Costuming. When I finish with my schooling, I hope to become a museum curator and restore clothing. I especially have a great love for the Tudor era but I also greatly appreciate all of the eras that are represented in the periods of our game.

I feel that I am an ideal candidate for this position and know that my experience in the game will be of great benefit to the Empire and myself. I have been an active member in the game for 5 years. During this time I have been Deputy minister of Arts for the Kingdom of Esperance under Dame Willow and worked very diligently on teaching the populace of Esperance what it takes to get a Masterwork and how to enter arts entries. I've held several Collegiums on various subjects and assisted Dame Willow in updating the Arts Manual for the Kingdom of Esperance, which has had some bearing on the Imperial Arts Manual. I hold Knights belts in Ministry and Arts and am now currently working on gaining my combat knighthood. I held the position of Queen of Esperance from December of 1997 until December of 1998 and rightfully earned the retirement title of Comtessa. I have good judgement when it comes to making decisions and

weigh all the facts evenly before coming to a decision. I feel that I would be a good Empress for the empire due to my ability to talk to the public as well as the populous and represent Adria with dignity, respect and enthusiasm. I have learned a great deal under the tutelage of Prince Sir Jehan etc., etc. and Princess Dame Katherine Marshall of London and know that the position that I am running for is not one of small undertaking. Being that as it may, I feel that I am qualified for the position and will do a very fine job representing the members of Adria.

Should Sir Galadon and I win, I plan on balancing the communication within the game between the Western and Eastern Regions. I plan on making sure that the Corporation is in good financial standing both when I take it, and when I leave it. I plan on spreading out the ministry positions throughout the Empire so that the Eastern Regions, who have a great wealth of talent and ability that has yet to be tapped, have the opportunity to hold imperial ministry positions and hopefully bring together the Eastern and Western provinces. I would also create a position in the East that would be the "Imperial Presence" that would allow all members in our Eastern regions better access to the Imperium.

The job that Sir Galadon and I are undertaking is one of great responsibility. I am ready for it.

For those in our Eastern Region: If you are interested in a ministry position, please contact me at DmeRoselyn@aol.com so that we can discuss positions available should Sir Galadon and I win. I am looking forward to getting to know all of you on a much better basis.

In Service to the Dream,

Comtessa Lady Dame Roselyn Igraine Pendragon de Glendorrin
Contender to the Imperial Throne

Dear Friends,

Adria has experienced its share of triumphs, trials and tribulations. We must face forward to the future. That does not mean forget the past, disallow it, nor disinherit our beginnings. The challenge is to learn & move forward, distilling the best to take with us while setting aside some of the burdens we carry from it. This takes courage and focus. It means asking questions. Other organizations have taken varied paths, from the extreme of being ignorant of the very topics they purport to study while they play, to the extreme of being so academically closed that they benefit only themselves. It is very easy to stray down one of those paths. There is no one great moment when the path is turned. It is subtler than that. Each time the esoteric sneers at the newcomer, the athlete jeers at the academic, and the competitive snipe at each other we move one step in the wrong direction. Each time we help the less knowledgeable, respect each others achievements, share our learning, and gather to celebrate our interests & friendships we become stronger and the path is easier to find. We educate ourselves, we educate others. We form

friendships & an extended family that transcends boundaries, both geographic and economic. That is because we form a bond based on common interest, and dare we say, passion. Passion to learn, share, strive and compete; and passion to play. It is perhaps the most democratic form of relationships one can create. An organization dedicated to sharing knowledge that extends the hand of the experienced to help the inexperienced; provides an opportunity to compete and earn self esteem; and all the while is dedicated to good sportsmanship, courtesy, and the reward of mirth that should follow can never be a bad thing. Let us work hard to nurture this. As we move forward & grow let us not fall in the trap of presuming one purpose at the expense of the other. Let us assure that in the future we can look back with the certain knowledge that we have not sacrificed learning for fun, fun for learning, nor the game for politics.

In general it is our mind that "not broke, dont fix" is a valid concept. We will review priorities and choose battles accordingly, work to clarify where confusion is evident & to know our populaces mind and inspire their efforts. We will further procedural updates already begun, and strive to identify

and implement new tools for the organization, advance the status quo of knowledge, and define our path ahead. We are of the mind not to replace ministers for the sake of replacing them. We intend to fill positions based on an examination of the current state of the positions as they have been filled, evaluate the merits and intent of both existing and potential candidates, and fill the positions accordingly.

Many of our manuals have undergone repeated revisions to incorporate changes made in response to various votes of the Estates. Some areas are fragmented and difficult to interpret, requiring convening civil courts to settle the conflicts. A review of these manuals for vague & conflicting language is in order. It is probable that the many matters of current litigation will be soon closed. This is good, as too much litigation is close to real French history! We do perceive (at least) two things that might help to improve matters. We strongly encourage the practice of aggrieved parties attempting to work out their own arbitration when matters do not characterize a threat to the imperium. Additionally, an attempt to clarify for members the differences between "real" law and "imperial" law might assist everybody.

Some new ideas: A Book of Ceremonies to record our traditions of courtly customs, ceremonies, & procedures would greatly aid those producing our ceremonial events. An Event Site Planning Guide/Checklist to help autocrats could be a great asset. An online index of arts submissions would assist people in finding those with shared interests, and help members to locate and access the submissions. Sub-divisions could post arts submissions online with links to the index. A Childrens hour at events to explore period games & activities, and a story hour

would allow them to explore new skills. A simple notebook of appropriate games and activities would be an excellent tool for this activity.

Another new idea & an old question: What is Chivalry? No simple answer, except that it was (and is) an attempt to shape, mold, and define philosophy, attitudes & actions within a segment of society. Motives, interpretations and actions varied & will continue to do so. The importance of posing the question "what is Chivalry" outweighs the answer, now and then. Moderated "round table" discussions, potentially featuring invited guest speakers, might provide an excellent forum for exploring this complex topic. Focusing on aspects of chivalry & courtoisie, it could include reading group discussions. This could be done online & at events, allowing members to share concepts and explore the question which, in itself, is actually a main function of chivalry. This has been "play-tested" in Tierra del Fuego with success.

In closing we would like to say that both of us are here primarily for the fun & camaraderie we share with our friends, Adrians and mundane alike, learning about the varied aspects of heritage, history & society that binds us to our present. We will attempt to make fun and knowledge our legacy, and the growth of the Empire our duty. We hope you will join us in this endeavor and make Adria the society we know it can be, and that we can all be proud to belong to.

In Service,

Lord Sir Erik the Aweful, Earl of Terre Neuve
Dame Elizabeth Grey, Arch Duchess of Tierra del Fuego

GREETINGS TO all of Adria,

If we are successful in becoming the next Imperial Crowns we have prepared the following to answer many of the questions that have been asked of us. These are things we would like to accomplish during our reign should we succeed.

Manuals:

We feel manuals are an excellent source of information and guidance, especially for new areas. Our intent is to ensure that the manuals currently in use reflect the intent of the Estates. We want our Imperial

Ministers to make it a priority to update the manuals so they correctly reflect any changes made by the Estates at the November Estates Meeting. In addition to the manuals currently in existence, We wish to sponsor the creation of the following manuals to further provide the membership with resources and Information

Scenario Manual:

A collection of scenarios for Wars and Tournaments, this manual would help to share the great ideas and time honored favorites of the various regions of our great Empire. Comprised of submissions from the general membership as well as the various ministers, it would be an excellent resource for new regions hosting their first war, or for established Kingdoms wanting to try something new at a fun war or tournament. In the manual will be separate

categories for each general combat format, for each category in the arts, and for various archery target and war formats.

As the scenario manual is used, we hope to include feedback information. This manual would be the responsibility of the Minister of War, with monthly updates being sent to each Local Minister of War and the Imperial Minister of Joust, Arts & Sciences and Archery.

War Manual:

A War Manual is to be developed for both combat and the arts, We would like to see the Ministers of War, Joust, Arts and Archery work together to create a reference guide for How to run a war, how to determine war points, and war general requirements.

Courtly Protocol Manual:

A general guideline of protocol, customs and traditions for different kinds of courts and formal occasions (including feasts and coronations) is to be developed by the office of the Imperial Heart Pursuivant (Herald). This manual will include information for new members on how to approach the thrones, conduct business in court, grovel effectively, and how to depart.

Ministry Positions:

We feel that it is imperative that all members of the Adrian Empire have the opportunity to serve in various ministry positions. Ministers shall not be hindered from receiving

ministry positions due to regional location. We shall rely heavily on the Imperial Estates to notify us of any member in their region who is qualified for a position. We strongly feel that it is our responsibility as leaders to maximize the resources of the Empire, throughout the Empire, so that no one region is overburdened with Imperial responsibilities.

Events:

We wish to foster and encourage more joint events between neighboring regions and sister organizations. We will encourage and/or sponsor events that will bring regions together.

Annelynnrose

Annelynnrose is barely surviving between the heat, the downpours and the humidity. We had a great time at Slater Fair and those of us that went are glad we did, we hope we can do it again next year. We are working hard at recruiting this summer and getting ready for Imperial War. Cannot wait to see everyone there and share good times, good fights and many happy memories.

Chronicler Dame Shelaine Dane

Chesapeake

Unto the Imperials and Populace of Adria,

July was a very enriching month for the Duchy. The first weekend we were busy with the 4th of July Parade. The Duchy was well received by the community even though it was a very hot day. Our picture was taken and put in the community paper, the Duke and Duchess looked proud. Everyone thought we looked great walking down the street. They remembered the article in the paper last year and the previous week and cheered us on. We can't wait to do this again next year, hopefully with a larger turnout.

Our July Crown Event was very successful with the Combatant, Archer, and Arts List. We met at Putty Hill Park in the village of Parkville. We had a few visitors that participated and a few would stop and watch. Two female visitors participated in the Archery Tournament and one got a bull's-eye. Archery is going over very well and our next Crown Event we will need to set up 3 targets. Our own Minister of Archery, Otto Von Gerns, won his first Archery Tournament. One of our visitors, Dame Katheryne won the Arts Tournament for her Black

Persona Development:

We wish to encourage programs and classes promoting development of individual and regional personas. We will work with the Chivalry to define the role of the knight and conduct becoming a knight in Adria.

Lord Sir Rashalak Lombard & Lady Dame Alexandria Marie von Hobar Lombard

Work Sampler. Sir Robert, our other visitor, won the Ren Tournament.

The reins of the Chronicler were handed over to Linette Von Gerns. She has done a wonderful job on the newsletter and with this she has put together a brochure as a handout to visitors and possible new members. As part of our publicity program, we are including articles in our local newspapers. We are trying to focus on telling others about the Dream

Baroness Kyra Dvaine is putting together a Collegium on Court Protocol. With this our Court will be portrayed in a proper manner. Congratulations to our Baroness Kyra Dvaine as the new East Coast Minister of Arts & Science. This is the great honor. HUZAZH!!!

In Service to the Dream,

HRG Lord Sir Sven Iceman, Viking Dragon Lord

And

HRG Lady Dame Megan Rhys

Esperance

Greetings Unto Our Populace,

This month has brought a first for Esperance and for Adria.

We had a wonderful weekend event involving two very distinct types of period tournament. On Saturday, June 26 the Barony Glendorren held a William Marshall type Ransom tourney. This involved the distribution of coins based on rank and station to all participants who then took the field. If you incapacitated an opponent you would capture them and take them off of the field so that they may pay an appropriate "ransom" to be released. This follows with early period style tournament where Knights of great skill and little means

became knights of great means. Sir Rashalak of Umbria was found to have been the winner by virtue of the most coins in possession. This is a rather interesting trick as he spent most of the tourney at the local Emergency Room having his elbow looked at (and yes it is broken). We hope he will be good and healed by Imperial War.

On Sunday the March MacCabra hosted the first ever Passage of Arms (or Pas d'Armes) where combatants fighting for the Honor of the King or Queen took the field. Combat happened both over a tilt (or barrier) for both counted blows or to the first clean blow. There was also melee combat and a rather unusual battle where Sir Frederick, Knight Champion of Umbria, did partake in honorable combat against the entire field from Esperance and did rather well (not too well though :-). No victor was determined as all combatants were considered winners by virtue of demonstrating their honor and combat prowess on the field for the entertainment of the Gallery.

The evening of the 26th The H.M.S. Hedgehog held a rather unusual tournament that involved very little combat. It was held in a tavern involving barwenches, barkeepers, constables and of course the church selling, or giving for a donation, absolution and resurrections. The main crux of the Tavern was gambling!!! Gambling on dice, duels and rumor has it there was even a gambling on a William Tell competition. An award was presented to Dieter of the Lagersuifer contingent for remaining in persona the entire time (a very scary persona, ask Coda :-). The winner for having the most coins at the end of the Tavern was the Bar Wench (who's name escapes me at this time). While the turnout we had was little in numbers it was grand in spirit!! A great time was

had by all and this is definitely going down in history as the event that everybody will be sorry they missed.

Thanks to all who came and made the event a success, We hope to have another soon!

In Servitude to Our Wonderful Populace

Reilly Rex & Elspeth Regina
King and Queen of Esperance

From the Imperial Chronicler

To Terre Nueve - I apologize for misplacing last months article. Here it is.

Terre Nueve - July

Greetings to the populace,

The first thing that I would like to do is apologize to all of the populace. There has been a lack of flowing information about our glorious Kingdom. There has been a change over in Kingdom Chroniclers, and there will not be a submission missed from this point on.

Congratulations are due!!!! We have another Knight is up and coming! Sir Phelan Kell De'Coucy is being knighted for his fourth time next month. It will be held at the Kingdom event in Poway. He extends his greetings and wishes for all to come and join in with the festivities.

PIRATES!!!!!!! Help!!!!!! Pirates are threatening the lands of Tu' Atha Soma!!! There is a fun war on!!!! On July 10th in La Mesa there will be a fun war for the lands of Tu' Atha Soma. I can let you know that this will be much fun!! There are due in 6 generals battling over this ocean-side property. Everyone will be there. The Faeries, the Pirates, House Lia Flair, House Tu' Atha Kaole, along with many other people are due in for a good fight. Come one! Come all! Join us in a war that will never be forgotten!

Now, I would like to give due credit to all of Terre Nuevian's incredible fighters. Our New Kingdom Crown Marshall on his new ideas that are being brought into the fighting erik. To the tournament champions, I do give congratulations! Our, oh so missed Tayloe as McDonnon gloriously won the Shanai tournament after a long stay away from our homeland. Sir Thomas won the ren tournament with a clean and fast match. This tournament went a little differently

by making the fighters' team up in pairs. And Sir Mordrid won the steel tournament after a jousting- and then a tournament style fight. All of these battles were glorious and enjoyed. Including the deaths, our combatants helped make this event a fun one. Congratulations to ALL fighters!

On a serious note; HRM Sir Tremain and HRM Lady Dame Josaphine just passed a writ at this month's Kingdom event. All fighters that wish to fight at any Terre Nueve events are now required to bring one gallon of water per fighter in order to fight. If there are any problems or concerns with this writ, please contact the Crown Marshall or His Royal Majesty.

UPDATE: Next month's Kingdom event will not be on the 17th. Due to the Imperial Estates meeting the event has been moved to the next weekend; the 24th. This month's event will be at the Poway site. For directions or other information you can feel free to contact me.

This month has been a full month, but I hope that next month will be even more fun than this one has been. Until next time....

In Service to the Dream,

Abriana Di' Abruzzi
Kingdom Chronicler

Terre Nueve

Greetings to the Populace,

Victories and Battles! Was all that could be remembered of the Fourth of July for some mundanes . The City of Coronado held a parade on the fifth of July and we were invited! Although the hike was long and adventurous, it was a great success. This was the first time in a while that I saw a crowd just begging for more! The honor, the chivalry, the pageantry, they were all there by force! After the parade there was demonstration held in a park near by. All of the parade watchers were there to welcome us. There was a huge crowd that just couldn't get enough of us. Sir Alynn McDonnon, Sir Navar, and Sire Bjeorn were some of the many combatants that wowed them with their fighting skills. Hopefully next year we can make it bigger and better than this year. A job well done to all of those

whom participated!

As we all know, the Imperial Estates meeting was this last month. And due to the closeness of the meeting that Terre Nueve is; our Kingdom event was moved to the fourth weekend of the month. Although the move was somewhat confusing for some, the event should go well. There will be updates as to tourney wins, arts wins, and more in next month's issue.

In Service to The Dream,

Mistress Abriana Di' Abruzzi
Kingdom Chronicler for Terre Nueve

Terre Nueve is trying to hold an emergency estates meeting at the event. It is VERY IMPORTANT. We respectfully request all estate holders to be present. The Chancellor is requiring all proxies to be specifically written for the 24th of July, 99 due to the fact this is an emergency meeting. (Note from the Imperial Chronicler to Terre Nueve: This will be printed and distributed on July 31, 1999; please contact Sir Thomas for the correct date for your proxies should questions arise.)

For more info contact Sir Thomas (shokes@home.com), or myself (sir_tremain@yahoo.com).

Lord Sir Tremain O'Doherty
King of Terre Nueve

Umbria

A Letter from Her Royal Majesty of Umbria:

Dearest Adrians:

The Queen of Umbria sends you greetings. We and Our Kingdom do thank you for being so gracious in the return of the banner from Banner War to us. Errors are made by everyone as we are only human. Before anyone goes putting too much anger at Raja's door, they should remember that it was Raja who reopened the arts list to everyone. This allowed us to win regardless of the error she may have made in the accounting of points. We thank everyone who made the war fun and hope that a good time was had by all. My loyal subjects, this brings me to some bad news: WE HAVE TO HOST BANNER

WAR 2000!

The Kingdom of Aragon was a gracious winner and equally gracious in the return of the banner to Our GREAT Kingdom. May all people in this empire act with such chivalry.

In Love with the Dream,
Ban Ri Roawyn O'Riley

News from the Kingdom of Umbria

Congratulations to the newest member of the Chivalry, Sir Michael Sinestro, Knight Bachelor. He was knighted at the July Crown Tournament. His liegeland, Sir Iain Macintosh, delivered the oath and the coulee'. He was dubbed under the Trinity by the Bishop of Rome, Sir Fredrick. He joins Sir Lucian Van Giesen and Sir Waylon as the newest members of the Chivalry.

Oaths of Fealty have been taken in Umbria. At the June event, RoseMarie became a Squire to Dame Delia. In July, Junebug became a Squire to Her Royal Majesty, Dame Roawyn and Marquessa Sebile became a Squire to Sir Iain. Sir Lucian became a Vassal Knight unto Sir Fredrick until he gains second level.

Awards have been granted. Congratulations to all who receive the Royal BEE award; to Sire Serene who received the title of Lady; and to the newest members of the Queen's Guard: Celeste, Iella, and Lancelot.

The following ministry positions have recently been filled: Minister of Rolls, Sir James the Red; Royal Chronicler, Dame Delia von Burg; Royal Hobbit Mistress, Dame Alexandria. Anyone interested in becoming deputies, please see them.

We thank Squire RoseMarie von Hapsburg for providing the site for the Crown Event which included an air conditioned hall to Judge the arts and have closing court. Vivant!

The winners of the Crown Tournament held at Viceroy Sir Iain's Canton Event were: Kn. Steel, Sir James the Red of Umbria; Kn. Heavy Renn, Sir Lucian van Giesen; Kn. Lt. Renn, Cardano of the Shetlands; Sgt. Renn, Sq. Sebastian McGovern; Shinai, Willum Camaron. On the Kn' Arts list, the winner was Sir Lucian Van Giesen for his spiced apple cider.

The Teletubbies won the Teletubbie War

which followed the event. Speak to the generals of the armies for more information.

The winners for the Canton Tournament of Thunar were: Kn. Renn, Sir Fredrick von Burg; the other lists are to be determined. The winner of the Kn. Arts list was Dame Delia von Burg.

Congratulations to the following Umbrians who were awarded Master Works at Banner War: Sir Michael Sinestro, bardic; Dame Delia von Burg, bardic; Dame Alexandria Lombard von Hobard, fine; Lady Kate MacPherson, food. Congratulations to Sir Rashalak for his win in the Imperial Tournament in Steel. Huzzah!

The following new guilds have been established in Umbria. The Red Lantern Guild: Guildmistresses Squire Sebile and Mistress Keara Craig. The Artisans Guild: Guildmaster Sir Michael. The Actors Guild: Guildmistresses Squire RoseMarie and Celeste.

A new Canton has been established for the purpose of WAR! The Canton of Pembroke will be in the East Valley. War practice will be every Saturday morning at 8 am except the third Saturday of the month (Crown Event). Practices will include melee and bridge combat as well as arts preparation. The new Viceroy is Sir Fredrick, Knight Champion.

Reminder for all Estate holders, following the event on August 21 there will be a Meeting of the Estates. Viceroy Roland of the Icelands has information regarding the site.

From the Royal Quill,
Dame Delia von Burg
Chronicler of Umbria

York

Greetings to the Populace,

A very warm greeting to all of Adria, for it is nothing but hot here in York. Several important events took place in opening Court. Sir Raffie and Sir Trakx formed a new Vassalage, in order to better train their Squires. It will be a trade of arts training for that of combat. Captain Thorne announced he had acquired the points necessary for 2nd level Knighthood in Combat. There were two new ministers sworn in this month. The new Hospitoler is Squire Sionna Wyld. While the Steward, gained a new

apprentice Androu.

In the combat lyst, the combatants again faced extremely hot conditions. The Shennai lyst yielded Charles Dougherty as the winner. In the Sergeants Renn lyst, Amador de la Jolla fought his way to the victory. While in Knights Renn, Capt. Sir Tristan Thorne earned yet another win. Even in the sometimes-unbearable heat, the steel combatants put forth another incredible performance. Sir Trakx captured the that lyst.

In the arts, there were two Masterworks. On the Masters Lyst, a tournament win and Masterwork went to Baron Squire Elric Meladius for his handmade cigars. I am sure he enjoyed them a great deal after the tournament. On the Knights Lyst, a tournament win and Masterwork also went to HRM Dame Jericho Gutte d'Or, for her beaded coronation overdress.

There will be an Estates Meeting on August 14th at the Palm Spring Library from 12:00 - 3:00.

There are two collegiums being held in August. An Arts Judging Collegium is being held by Dame Brejenne. For more information contact Dame Brejenne. Squire Rowan McCann, Minister of Joust and War is holding an Archery collegium at the August event.

In Service to the Dream,
Josephine Durand

Ode to a PORT MISTRESS

By your friend, Sir Kirigi

She's never been one to shirk,
And always, she speaks her mind.
I envy Jamie's marriage to her
For surely, her love is a find.

I've known her for some months
And continually she surprises me
Her enthusiasm and her commitment
She's someone I'll be glad to see.

We're not what I would deem cozy,
But I admire her, and all she stands for.
She helps out where she is able
It's something I am grateful for.

The Empire was here before her,
But she brightened it in her own way.
We've all been blessed by her coming,
She makes the game more fun to play.

She's part of the group called the Hedgehogs
Who sail over wind and the wave
She's someone I am impressed by,
She's my dear friend, Dame Maedb.

Candied Orange Peel

Submitted by Dame Gwenllian Derwen
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Ingredients:

Oranges – Oranges and lemons were imported from Portugal and the Levant. Doctors thought that raw fruit was hard to digest, so the fruit was often cooked in sugary syrups or honey and spices or was fermented. (7) This also kept the fruit from rotting. Oranges are mentioned in "Dietary of Health" by Andrew Boorde. (1592)

Honey – Honey has been known to be used as a sweetener since the time of the Egyptians and Greeks. Most larger households and monasteries kept their own beehives for both honey and wax for candles. Although sugar had been discovered by the Crusaders (1096-1291) in Tripoli and was being imported, it was expensive and honey was still widely used. (5)

Ginger – Ginger, along with other spices, had been known since early in the Crusades. They were brought from the East by caravans to Alexandria and then shipped through Venice to most of Europe. It was sold in various forms, from the natural dried root to powdered and mixed with other spices. Ginger root was ground to a powder using a mortar and pestle. "Increased interaction between Europe and Asia increased the demand for spices, silks, and sugar . . . and became necessities of nobles and their ladies and of wealthy middle-class persons in England, France, and Germany." (8) Ginger is mentioned in the household books and expenses of both Richard de Swinfield (1289-1290) and the Earl of Northumberland (1512).

To Make Candied Orange Peel

"Divide the skin of an orange into five pieces and with a knife scrape out the pithy that is inside. Soak the pieces for nine days in good, sweet water, changing the water every day. Then boil them quickly, letting the water bubble up just once, spread them out on a cloth, and leave them to become thoroughly dry. Put them in a pot, cover them completely with honey, boil them over a low fire and skim. When you think the honey is cooked, test it by dropping a little bit into a dish of water. If it spreads, it is not cooked,; but if it hold together it is cooked. Then take out the orange peels one after the other, make a layer, and sprinkle powdered ginger on them. Then make another layer and do the same until they are all used up. Leave for a month or more before eating." (1)

There are other recipes for candied orange peel that use sugar syrup instead of honey (2,5) or include other ingredients, such as liqueurs. (6) This specific recipe comes from a translation of "The Mesnager of Paris," written in the 1390's by a merchant for his new, young wife.

Candied orange peel would have been made by either the merchant's wife or her cook and kept in the pantry to be served at special occasions or for important guests. Oranges and ginger were expensive and used sparingly in a middle-class household. Their use showed guests that he was well off, but the use of honey showed he was not extravagant. This candy would be served after the heavier meat dishes were finished, or perhaps passed with the spiced wine that often followed dinner.

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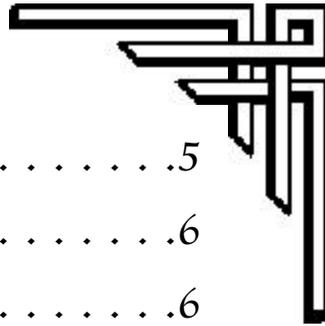
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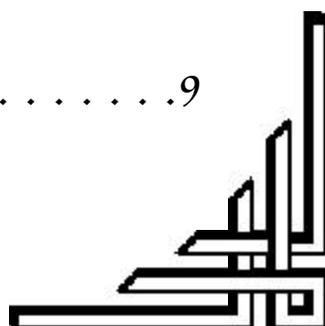
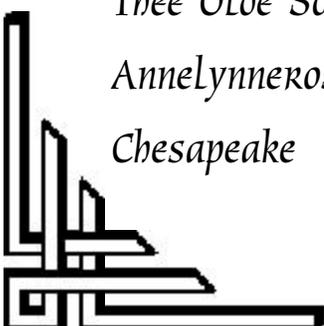
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