

The Adrian Herald

December 1999

Unto the Populace of the Adrian Empire

We would like to be heard, for one last time. As my good husband and I look back upon the last many months, we are full of emotion. First I would like to thank everyone, one last time. Everyone, who served this Empire with us and assisted us, we will never forget your friendship and support. Second, I would like to wish all the subdivisions of the Empire and their populace good health and growth. Third, we hope that the populace of this Empire give Their Imperial Majesties all the respect and assistance that they will need in the coming months. Please communicate with them; give them your praise as well as your problems, for this will sustain them. Understand above all, that They are volunteers to this organization, with mundane jobs and families. Give them your patience and don't be surprised if you have to ask them or remind them of something multiple times, they are human and will forget sometimes.

Finally, I would like to apologize to all those who were hurt this year, because of the lack of communication. The Imperium was not as proactive as many wished, this led to a breakdown in communication. When a breakdown in communication occurs, unless it is addressed immediately, feelings of mistrust and betrayal can develop. We apologize for our part and hope that in the future communication will be an open two way street between the sovereign Crowns and the Imperial Crowns. We would also like to apologize to anyone who felt they were injured by myself or my husband in the last couple weeks of our reign. We unfairly lashed out in anger, and no matter what our justifications at the time, this was not a chivalrous response.

My good husband and I have left the game. I send this missive, to fulfill a promise made. We will not be active in the Adrian Empire Inc., in any capacity as members for the time being. We have made commitments to friends to visit special events and we look forward to seeing our friends in the future.

Dame Katayana Belski
Princess of Adria

From the Imperial Crown A Coronation Address

The Imperial Coronation marks year's end, and a new year's beginning. Weary hands pass the crown to hopeful ones, all done with a ritual that marks passage and promise both. Solemn moments and slight ones, feast and frolic. All bear witness to another year's reign. Is it a grandiose moment of real import? Perhaps not. Is it a time to acknowledge and celebrate the shared interests and goals that bring us together? Absolutely. Unrepentantly grateful we are to all those who worked so hard producing the event. And we do thank everyone who came from near and far to help make this a special event. Thus we mark it as a great event, as it marks another year of Adria's existence. That we were the benefactors of your support, we are grateful.

As we take on the mantle of office (some might say "yoke"), there are some weighty thoughts we would like to share. Why the "heavy" words, you might ask? Because the business of running the Empire is twofold. There is the business of administrating the organization; budgets, taxes, government paperwork and such. Straightforward bureaucracy, with requirements and deadlines generally defined by others than us. Then there is the leadership of the Empire; setting goals, enabling progress, spurring accomplishments, and creating an environment that allows (if not inspires) us all to do the same. This is perhaps the most challenging and difficult to define part of the job. It sometimes means posing important, and possibly unpopular, questions. Throughout the year, we will be called upon repeatedly to ponder such questions and make judgements based on their answers. Unfortunately many of these questions will be brought to us by our Chancellor. They

will be unpleasant and predictably disillusioning. So be it. What we will expect is for Adrians everywhere to consider some of these questions as well. And while we are defining ourselves by what we think we should be, we must ask ourselves what we should not be as well. In the end, the discussion may be more important than the answers.

A beginning then. If Adria's purpose is to facilitate an effort to learn and teach both, by effort and example, about a time in history that shaped our now and future cultures then we do well to pursue this task. If we strive instead to advance only ourselves as individuals, in position and title, then we do not. And if, in the offing, we feel compelled to do all at another's expense then we fail miserably. It is unfortunately common to attempt to justify one's own validity based on another's inequities. If they are wrong, are we not right? Thus "we" means tearing down "they", a failure of logic that should otherwise be obvious. Lasting triumphs are not made of other people's failures, they are made of their own successful strategy and strength. They last because they stand on their own merit. As we proceed into another year of "being Adrians", let us build our Empire based on merit, achievement, shared triumphs and strength. Let us not divide our Empire with bitter squabbling and speculative gossip that keeps us from our true purpose and consumes the day in fruitless endeavor. There is not time to do both. We must choose.

So, having done our part (for the moment) to poise us at the beginning of a new year with portentous discussions of our direct future we ask you to do your part. Go out and have fun.

In service,
Elisabeth, Empress of Adria
Erik, Emperor of Adria

Imperial Coronation

Held in a historic stone building known as "the Camel Barns" in Benicia, California the Imperial Coronation presented a slice of Adrian culture from the part of the Empire known as *Tierra del Fuego*. TdF's members are generally comprised of 13th c. Military religious orders (Templars & Knights of St. John), 15th c. English & Burgundians, and the 16th c. Companies of English Foote, German Landsknechts, English Borderhorse and their "families". The Outgoing Imperial Crowns, HH Sir Stefan Belski and HH Dame Katayana Belski, held court and granted awards and recognition for those who distinguished themselves during their reign*. A fine feast followed while musicians played and Dame Julianna Sattler sang for entertainment. *Tierra del Fuego's* ladies served forth a menu of Gourd Soup, Roast Suckling Pig, Honeyed Vegetables, Rice in Broth, Sallet, Chicken Limonia, Frumenty of Barley, Roast Onion Salad, Saracen's Stew, Pears Poached in Wine. Then came time to pass on the burdens and trappings of the Imperial Crowns. A Renaissance military drum resounded through the hall, signaling the entrance of the Imperial Prince Erik and Princess Elisabeth's procession. A fourteen man flag escort presented by St. Michael's preceded them, carrying the cross of St. George and Dame Fortuna, patron saint of all soldiers. The placing of rings, chains, and crowns by the Imperial Herald, Lord Nigel the Byzantine, and the Church of Adria, Dmitri Vlad Vladimirov, was heralded by Dame Julianna's singing of alleluias and a gloria. During the court that followed boons were solicited, as per tradition and gifts given. Sir Stefan Belski and Dame Katayana Belski were conferred the title of Prince and Princess, awarded by the Imperial Estates in recognition of a successful reign. Sir Nikolai Belski of *Tierra Nueva* was made a Knight Civil, Knight Bachelor, and Knight Robe. Dame Julianna Sattler of *Tierra del Fuego* was made Knight Civil, and Dame Maud de Clayton of *Tierra del Fuego* was made a Knight Robe.

The March of St. Michael's, the Renaissance Military Society, and *Tierra del Fuego* members sponsored the hired musicians, the catered pig, thee cider, and the wheels of cheeses as a gift to the Empire on our Coronation. We do thank them here. We especially wish to express our gratitude to those who worked so hard that we might "play". To Dame Julianna Sattler, Dame Maud de Clayton and Teena Gaulke the cooks we are most indebted. To the servers we give thanks as well. Great honors belong to Stephen Jacobson and Sir Wilhelm, both who exhibited great endeavor and initiative in

helping to "pull things off". We do thank his Lordship Nigel the Byzantine for his efforts before, during, and after the event; and his patience with our local traditions. And, we do thank the Estates holders who so graciously did help with set up and tear down of the tables.

For their part, the people of TdF hope that all who came were hosted and feted well. Our customs are different, as each Kingdom, Duchy, and Shire's is. And yet not so different, we think. Good food, good friends, and goodly pastimes are most certainly a common theme that unites us all. We hope all who traveled hence fared well in parting, and that their hearts were lighter for the experience.

Award Recommendations Results

Ha! Fooled ya!

You thought I was gonna post the names here of who got nominated for what award!

Well, I ain't tellin' Herald's Honour!

I will give you some statistics, however, so you can get an idea of the demographics:

I received 17 emails and 2 phone calls, which included multiple nominations by multiple people:

Nominator Demographics:

Annelynrose: 1
Aragon: 12
Chesapeake: 3
Esperance: 2
TerreNeuve: 4
Umbria: 3

58 people were nominated for awards.

Nominee Demographics:

Aragon: 13
Chesapeake: 9
Esperance: 9
TerreNeuve: 12
Tierra del Fuego: 2
Umbria: 11
York: 2

Hmmmmmm... looks like Annelynrose, Tdf, and York (as well as the Shires) are a bit under-represented. Can someone go shake their trees for me and see if any nominations fall out? I'm sure there's a few more worthies out in those regions.

Many people were nominated for more than one award. Many people were nominated more than once for the same award. These are the numbers of nominations for each award I received, for a total of 150.

Order of the Nebula: 14
Order of the Comet: 14

Order of the Lion: 14
Order of the Harp: 5
Order of the Quill: 29
Order of the Talbot: 8
Order of the Queen's Guard: 16
Order of the Crown Companion: 10
Order of the Royal Star: 22
Lord/Lady Baronet: 16
Lord/Lady: 2

17 People were nominated for awards by people who did not live in the same area. VIVANT!

13 People received multiple nominations for the SAME award. (That is not to say that all 13 people were nominated for the same award, but that, of the award(s) for which they were nominated, each person received multiple nominations.)

25 People received nominations for more than one award.

All in all, I'm pretty impressed. People said REALLY NICE things about other people. Some people nominated people they really didn't think they liked, but had done something Real Good anyway and deserved to be nominated. I was REALLY impressed with that. Kinda restores my faith in the Game, reading all the lovely things people said. There are some truly GOOD people here, who make this game worth while.

NOMINATIONS ARE NOW CLOSED.

Any further nominations will be given to the Crown in preparation for Banner War. So shake those trees, pound on those doors. Make sure that the people who are doing Real Good in your area (or in other areas) get the recognition they deserve.

You can also nominate people to your local Crown for the Star and for Lord/Lady Baronet and Lord/Lady, as well as any local awards your region may possess.

SO GET CRACKING!

In service,
Nigel, Fleur-de-Lis

From the Imperial Steward's office.

I just wanted to give everyone a quick status.

The 1998 taxes were filed shortly before the absolute final deadline. The end result is that we were below the income level required to provide detailed information (\$25,000), but we now have a rough record of about where we are at which will be needed if we cross that threshold in 1999.

The bank account is being moved per the estates' request (from several meetings back). It is being moved to Bank of America which (now?) has branches from coast to coast.

We have obtained a second P. O. Box. While the one in Arizona will continue to work, I prefer you to use this one:

Adrian Empire, Inc.
P. O. Box 46
Atwood, CA 92811-0046

I did not get a chance to process all of the information sent or given to me, but I did take steps to make some address corrections for those that had not been receiving their Adrian Herald. Thanks to Sir Duriel who tracked down some of these corrections. I'll try to do even better next month but if you are still having a problem, feel free to contact me and your local steward. E-mail is my preferred method of contact.

A quick reminder to local stewards, any subdivision with their own bank account must maintain an imperial steward signature on their bank card. If you already have Sir Nikolai's, everything is fine; he remains a Deputy Imperial Steward for that purpose. If you had Dame Kitara's (or neither), then you need to update your bank card with either my signature or Sir Nikolai's. Also, feel free to e-mail me and I'll provide you with my direct contact information (especially if you have something really large to mail).

The Adrian Steward's and Minister of Rolls' Database continues to gain features (and fix a few problems here and there). One of our goals this year is to get both the local stewards and the local minister of rolls using it to improve information flow and management. If you don't yet have it, contact me and I'll provide download instructions and assistance as needed.

Thank you all for your assistance and patience while I come up to speed in this office,

Lord Terrin Greyphis
Imperial Steward
Terrin@home.com

At The Butts

Good Populace of Adria,

Good day and well met. Archery in Adria is a relatively new ministry and as such I would like the populace of Adria to let me know what it is that interests them. We have had a Postal Archery Match with many participants in various regions. Is this something that the populace would like to see continued? Are there any suggestions for tournament archery or combat archery? What would you like to see at the Banner War and at the Imperial War? Are there any suggestions for improvement in the Archery Manual? This is your game and your suggestions and input are valued.

I am currently seeking a West Coast Deputy Minister and an East Coast Deputy Minister

for Archery. If you are interested, please send a detailed "resume" as to your qualifications to me. I hope to appoint these Deputy Ministers no later than January 1st.

As a request to the crowns of the subdivisions, could you please forward contact information for your local Ministers of Archery. Their input is desired in shaping our program.

If I can be of any assistance feel free to contact me. I can be reached by e-mail at gummer@erols.com or by phone at 410-882-8004 between 6-10pm EST.

I look forward to serving Their Imperial Majesties and the Good Populace of Adria in the coming year.

In Service to the Dream,

Baron Aerindane McLorie
Imperial Minister of Archery

Imperial Sentencing from Banner War 1999

In Regards to actions which took place at the 1999 West Coast Banner War regarding charges against members of Disharmony to the Game and Conduct Unbecoming a Knight, the Sentencing of the above was held on Saturday, August 14, 1999 by a Royal Court.

His Imperial Majesty, Sir Stefan Imperator came to Aragon to judge the cases and allegations against the individuals concerned, specifically: His Royal Majesty, Sir Winfred on charges of actions unbecoming a knight; Her Royal Majesty, Dame Anginette on charges of actions unbecoming a knight; Sir Wynter on treason, disharmony to the game, and conduct unbecoming a knight; Sir Sven Erik on conduct unbecoming a knight; and Yarl Erik on charges of conduct unbecoming a knight. All accused plead guilty. Sir Wynter offered for mediation, which then occurred.

His Royal Majesty, Sir Winfred stated that he had been asked to speak for all save Sir Wynter. He stated that they all plead guilty due to the fact that they allowed themselves to be provoked by another knight, and that all apologized. He stated that their one fault was that they should not have allowed themselves to be provoked. He stated they surrendered themselves to His Imperial Majesty for judgement.

His Imperial Majesty stated that this is probably THE most difficult part of being the Imperial Crown - the time when he must sit in judgement of allegations, more so when judgement must be about those who are close to the Imperial Crown. He stated that it is his

duty to sentence for crime as well as actions, and that a sentence must not be just punitive, but must also educate and perform as a learning experience for those involved. He stated that he and Her Imperial Majesty Dame Kathryn sought counsel from a great many peers, discussed and developed a framework that they feel is fair and just.

His Imperial Majesty announced the following sentences:

Sir Sven, Yarl Erik, and Her Royal Majesty, Dame Anginette were understandably provoked, and while it could not be forgiven or sanctioned as the evidence showed they allowed themselves to be provoked and become provocational themselves. He stated that it is the duty of knights not to lower themselves in the heat of emotion, but to act as cooler heads in such circumstances.

Therefore, the sentence for each of the above is as thus:

- 1) Each must make a public apology to the members of Aragon;
- 2) Each must pen an essay not less than 500 words to be published in the Imperial Herald on the nature of a knight's duty to promote peace and harmony. Furthermore, each must offer in his or her essay a separate solution on how he or she could have handled him or herself better. The first essay shall be in the September edition, the second in the October edition, and the third to be in the November edition. They may also work together to develop each essay.

His Royal Majesty, Sir Winfred, requested that the first essay deadline be moved back to October due to Imperial War. His Imperial Majesty stated that would be reasonable and adjusted the deadlines.

His Imperial Majesty, Sir Stefan, then stated that he was troubled by the fact that His Royal Majesty, Sir Winfred, escalated the incident to the realm of physical contact. He went on to explain that there is precedence for such an incident by the then Duke of York who grabbed, shook, and threatened a member and who was found guilty and banned for one year and one day. He further stated that he didn't condone, but understood, the actions as His Royal Majesty was strictly controlled by his emotional state, but as a knight he should be above it.

Therefore, the sentence for His Royal Majesty, Sir Winfred, is as follows:

- 1) public apology to the populace of Aragon
- 2) an act of humility, and while not being removed as the Crown of Aragon, he is remanded to a monastery for the period of three months. As such, he is required to attend events in the robes of a monk, is not allowed to sit at the High Table, but stand behind the Queen and serve her. He

is also to be referred to as "Brother Winfred" at an Imperial level, but may be referred to as His Royal Majesty in his sovereign land.

His Imperial Majesty, Sir Stefan, invited Sir Wynter to speak. Sir Wynter declined, stating he had no comment.

His Imperial Majesty congratulated Sir Wynter for stepping forward to offer the olive branch so that mediation was able to take place. He stated he was prepared for a trial, which often solves less and causes more disharmony than mediation, which tends to promote growth.

There was much discussion. Sir Wynter pled guilty of the charge of conduct unbecoming a knight and pled certain culpability to disharmony to the game. His Imperial Majesty stated that those two charges would be combined for the purpose of sentencing.

Therefore, the sentence of Sir Wynter is thus:

- 1) Sir Wynter is banned from the consumption of alcoholic beverages at all Adrian Events for the period of one year, including all set-up and overnight events. If in violation of this sentence at any time, the Imperial Crowns reserve the right to impose higher sentencing, up to ban for a period of three years. However, any allegations of alcohol ban violations must be PROVED to the Imperial Crowns.
- 2) Sir Wynter voluntarily surrender his gold spurs for one year and forego the right to speak and sit on any estate or pursue any crown. He still has the duties and responsibility of knighthood, nor has he lost rank; he merely surrendered the benefits and sumptuaries of rank. Sir Wynter will forego the right to display banner or arms and will wear the color of penance, which is black. He will also not be allowed to wear the gold chain of state.
- 3) Sir Wynter will voluntarily enter into personal fealty to Dame Anginette and Sir Winfred as the Crowns of Aragon, and, if for any reason they feel he is behaving with conduct unbecoming a knight, he will personally submit to their judgement without trial. In addition, Their Royal Majesties will offer counsel and succor to prevent persecution of Sir Wynter by the populace.

His Imperial Majesty, Sir Stefan Emperor, stated that this is his word and it is law. He further stated that many people came seeking more serious penalties and that there was talk of banishment and exile. He explained that in the history of Adria, only four people have been banished and only for the reasons that they stole from the organization and attempted to destroy the corporation. He concluded that in no way, shape, or form did he feel any accused here had sunk to that level, and that to prevent someone from

playing the game is the harshest sentence available and tends to cure the symptoms rather than the illness. He stated that Aragon has suffered problems and dissention, but if banishment has been the sentence, the problem would simply return and cause more problems. The sentences given, however, give opportunities to grow and resolve issues. He explained that we, as a group, purport to support a conduct and morality where we treat everyone with respect and dignity and that a person's renown is known by how well one treats one's enemies. He concluded by stating it was his dearest hope that all seize this moment and grown and learn from it. There was much discussion.

"To be, or not to be,

That is the question?" I use this quote to make a point. As you read this essay on how I could have better handled myself, regarding my conduct at banner war, please bear this opening quote in mind and see if it doesn't make sense?

My name is Jarl Sir Erik the Ravenhearted, (Jarl is a title pronounced: Yarl) founder of the Golden Horde of Aragon, Sire; House Longtail, High Jarl over all the Vikings of Aragon, ect., ect. (Oh yes, and among my longwinded and pompous titles "O'Plenty" is: Personal bodyguard to her Majesty, the Queen of Aragon)

Many of you in Adria know me, some obviously do not. But I think most who know me will agree that I am: Upbeat, humorous, fun-loving, pleasant, long winded, arrogant, cocky, sober, intelligent and make way too many jokes about sodomizing bovine animals not to have some French in my blood somewhere. (HA, HA, HA,...okay now on to business). I was asked to write a 500 word essay on how I could have better handled the situation at the war. I have thought long and hard about this and have come up with a solution. I could have better handled the situation if I had had different parents in life.

My Father (biological) was a naturalized Norwegian who fought and died for the U.S. in Vietnam. (No, I'm not trying to elicit a tear for his patriotism, I'm just long winded, but there will be a point to all this!) My Mother, a naturalized Dane (From Denmark) re-married. My step-father is an American. I was born in Manchester, New Hampshire, but after two months they moved back to Europe where I spent the first half of my life. (There is a point coming, please bear with me.)

I was raised with honor and respect and logic was drilled into me. Like many of you, I have a deep love of history. Historically any man, (irregardless of his station) who verbally, physically, or openly politically assaulted a Queen (or King) would have been put to death (sometimes in excruciating ways). No one loyal to the Monarchy would have

tolerated such behavior, least of all Her knights, or Her bodyguard.

(Now I'm not advocating the actual execution of a man for his inexcusably vile and unfathomably reprehensible and completely unchivalrous, drunken behavior to my Queen, because this is, as many enjoy pointing out, just a game!)

My King and Queen bid me to comply with a decision, (which in my opinion<-important words, stabs a poisonous dagger into the very heart of chivalry, honor and historical knighthood) and I have told them that I would do as they asked and not make waves throughout the Empire by advocating historical precedence and seeking the the total death of Winter's Persona and the permanent Banishment from the club of this person. So I will not harp on the fact that the very act of this apology for defense of my Queen is an abomination to the codes of knighthood and a cut at the very hearts of all of the knights in all kingdoms and truly all of the populace of the Adrian Empire. Since such is my conviction, it is difficult for me to comply. But for love and loyalty to my King and Queen allow me to mask the truth with the truth. And in compliance with their Imperial Majesty's whom I also am sworn as a knight to uphold and support I have found the solution.

My solution is, that if I had different parents, who had not taught me to embrace honor, justice and good moral ethics, then I could have bit my tongue and ignored the inexcusable injustice done to my Queen. If my parents had been different, perhaps I would have acted differently and not exemplified the chivalry by defending my Queen. If I were not the the High Jarl of the Horde and a man of honor who supports and champions his Queen, then perhaps I could have sat idle by, while my sovereign stood near me in tears desiring to quit the club because of the vile deeds of an outlander who was once a knight. Indeed, with different parents, perhaps amish parents, I might have even said a prayer for Winter and wished him well. In fact, I can think of many "better" or more peaceful solutions that would have been possible, if I were not raised to stand by my convictions. The fact that I see only right and nothing wrong with defending my Queen and that (in my opinion) it is a shameful, unchivalrous and inexcusably cowardice act to punish anyone (especially her sworn, loyal knights and bodyguards) for such acts or deeds of heart, is probably the fault of my parents and proper upbringing.

So if I were not who I am, the incident would (maybe?) have been resolved differently. "To be or not to be?" that is the Question.

Jarl Sir Erik The Ravenhearted

Unto the Populace of Adria,

Just a short note to acknowledge the generosity of Viscount Sir Chrysgon de Winter. I wish to thank him for the donation of the prize sword he won at the Invitational Steel Tournament held in Aragon at the CCPR Age of Chivalry Renaissance Faire. Sir Chrysgon has donated the sword to be auctioned and the proceeds to be donated to the Empire. Thank you Sir Chrysgon.

In Service,

Sir William Baine and Dame Rose of Aberlone

Annelynnerose

Greetings Adria, as the weather grows bitter cold this weekend and I sit at home nursing a bad cold...my darling Sir Andru and my dear Squire Lady Lillianna are enjoying the wonderful weather and fun in York this weekend. They went down for the crown war and to see the friends we made at Imperial War....They were very excited and from the messages I received last night I know they had a good time. Congratulations to the new King and Queen of York may your reign be smooth and happy and if you need anything please let me know. As winter approaches some of our Duchy is looking forward to fighting when snow hits.....we hope that anyone who passes close by will contact us and come for a visit..fighting in the snow can be quite an experience.....

In Service to Adria
Dame Shelaine Dane
Duchess of Annelynnerose

Aragon

Greetings Unto the Populace of Adria:

First I would like to welcome back our King for he has been greatly missed. Long Live the King! We bid a fond adue to brother Winfred who has gone back to the monastery in pursuit of knowledge in book and bottle. I do believe he was an inspiration to us all (in a way).

As you know we traveled by dragon this month to celebrate the coronation of their Imperial Majesties and to meet with the peers of the realm. It was a grand occasion, Terra del Fuego did a wonderful job. The hall was warm with friendship, the clothing and ceremony was spectacular, and his Imperial Majesty was as handsome as her Imperial Majesty was beautiful. They have shown us new heights that as Aragon we can rise to meet. Thank you Terra Del Fuego.

We were proud to see six of our members honored with awards at the final court of their majesties HH Dame Katiana. Congratulations to Mongo for receiving the Imperial Pawn award, to Lord Hrothgar for the Imperial order of the Talbot, to master John Roper and the Rope Guild for the Imperial seal of Excellence, and to Lord David Von Albrect for the Royal Order of the Queens Guard and to their Majesties Anginette and Winfred for the honor of receiving the Imperial order of the Comet. Vivat!

Chesapeake

Unto the Populace of Adria,

We have been busy this month in the Duchy of Chesapeake.

We finished the month of September with the Estate Meeting at Tigers Den Tavern on Friday evening, Sept 24th. We discussed ways to improve our fighting skills and ideas to acquire new members. It was also announced that our web site is up and running by our own Baroness Kyra Evaine. Be sure to check it out, at <http://knightsofchesa.tripod.com>

The Town Market was the next day, Sat. Sept. 25th, at Tigers Den Tavern, (i.e. Matt Sealgaers Manor). We sold household items, books, clothing, drinks and muffins. We made a good profit for the Duchy. We are planning to do this again next year.

The September Postal Archery match was held in the afternoon. HE Aerindane McLorie, Baron of Narnia, was victorious with 58 points. Huzzah!

HE Kyra Evaine, Baroness of Narnia, hosted a Collegium, Sun. Oct. 3rd, on: "What the Judges are Looking for When Submitting Anything in the Arts". This event went very well and it answered a lot of questions we had on our projects.

The Duke and Duchess, accompanied by six members of the Duchy, went to Lancaster, PA on Sat. Oct. 9th, for the PA Ren Fair. It was nice, but they had too many mundane foods & items for sale.

We couldn't hold our October Crown Event due to rainy weather. The Duke decided to hold court at the Pumpkin War at the end of October.

The Duchy held a Candle Lighting Investiture/Rededication Ceremony for the Girl Scouts. Our own Chronicler's daughter, Sarah Trouble, is also in the Girl Scouts and was rededicated. Linette Von Gerns has written the whole ceremony with a Shinai Demo and an arts display in the pavilion. After the ceremony we held the Archer Postal Match for October.

The Pumpkin War was a big success. It was held on Halloween Weekend, Oct 30th - 31st. Visitors came from near and far. At Court, Duke Sven of Chesapeake and Duke Doughal of Snowden signed a treaty for the War. Sir Chris MacDraco Took on Goodman Otto Von Gerns as his Squire. The Medieval games began with a caber toss, then a stone throw. The two Dukes chose teams for tug-of-war. Lord Sven's team was victorious. Huzzah!

The Caravan-Protect the Noble was held through the woods. Each team took turns being the caravan and the attackers. Baron Aerindane even used his bow and (golf-tube) arrows. The Arts Tournament was held in the big pavilion, Snowden took this win. The Feast was fabulous. The white linen covered table was set with Ham, Turkey, Chicken, and Beef. An array of Breads, vegetables and pumpkin pie, of course. The bond fire and candles on the table lit the whole scene, which looked so magical. Sunday's events started with a pumpkin carving contest, which our own Goodwife Kelda Ruddcatha won with her cat carving. The Archery Tournament included 22 archers at the 50-yard mark, 6 archers went to the 60-yard mark, then 2 archers shot at 70-yards, with Jim the Merchant as the victor. Squire Otto Von Gerns, Minister of Archery, presented Jim with a silver arrowhead as an award. The Combat Tourney was next with Sir Robert as the Winner for the Duchy of Snowden. Everyone had a great time and Mother Nature was shining down upon us. We are planning to do this next year. Hope to see you there. The campsite worked out great, that we are planning to have a Summer Solstice War next year. Look for details in the coming months.

We held our November Crown Event last Sunday, Nov. 14th, at Sire Memnoch's Manor. The Combat and Archery Tournaments were won by Sire Chris MacDraco. Huzzah! Baron Aerindane did a Bardic pertaining to the Pumpkin War.

The Winter Solstice Feast and games will be held Sat. Dec 11th at the Tigers Den Tavern in Port Deposit. Please e-mail Sven for details at sven.iceman@mindspring.com.

We are going to be busy in the months to come. Dragons' Mist Ball, Collegiums in Jan and Feb, Cavalier Ball with HMR, Kingdom of York's Ren Fair and our Crown Events.

In Service to the Dream,

HRG Lord Sven Iceman, Viking Dragon Lord
And
HRG Lady Megan Rhys

Attention Populace!

Come visit our web site at
adrianempire.org

Greetings from the Canton of Aquitaine

October and November events for the Canton of Aquitaine were nearly back-to-back. We had the October event the weekend before Halloween, and the November event on our usual day. (this made us have the second event two weeks after the first).

The October event, which was the Halloween event, was quite unusual. First of all, the no-garb policy was observed by most of the populace of the canton. We had visitors who did come in garb, though. An interesting thing occurred, though. People who came in garb won the lists.

We had Renaissance combat, with one extra twist-theme music. During the battles, music was played. Mostly humorous tunes like "Homecoming Queen's Got a Gun" for Dame Isabeau and "Masochism Tango" for me. The winner of the Renaissance list was Dame Isabeau, the Duchess of Sangreal.

The steel list was won by Squire Jamie MacDonald, Dame Isabeau's significant other. The contenders for the Duchy of Sangreal's throne announced themselves, and I'm sure by now the war has been fought and won.

Last but not least, Sir Caspian Dunbar announced that Adria had official PIRATES, which were led by him. To become one, you must meet with Sir Caspian first. (Oh Corsairs, are you listening?)

After two weeks with a lot going on, the November event was very small. Only a handful of people attended. We had Renaissance combat at the event, and it was won by the newly-returned Sir Cullen Kell.

Yours in service to the Empire
Sir Kirigi Durshavin Belsky

P.S. Is there rebellion brewing in Aquitaine? Stay tuned for developments.

Terre Nueve

Greetings From the Exceptionally Beautiful Lands of Terre Nueve!

November's Crown Tournament in Terre Nueve was held on the second weekend of the month on November 13th. The day began with a chill, but the sun broke through the gray mist just in time for a lively and brief Opening Court presided over by the gracious and lovely Queen Josephine, as our Goode King Tremain was away on concerns of a nautical nature.

We were graced with the presence of His Most Imperial Majesty, Sir Erik the Aweful. A hush descended upon the crowd as he alit from his carriage. Our Native Son, along with the Brilliant and Beautiful Dame Elisabeth, had recently ascended the greatest throne in all of Adria. He served us well as a King and we, as a people, are immensely proud that He

will be part of a team which shall bring the Empire to a new level of accomplishment.

In Terre Nueve:

Sir James of March le Coir Noir has accepted the position of Imperial Minister of War and Joust and has stepped down as Crown Minister of W and J. His replacement was announced, the New Minister of War and Joust in Terre Nueve is Sir William de Gardiner.

Tournament Combat Winners:

Shinai List: Sire Thomas Ap Rhys

Renn List: Albrecht

Steel List: Sir Alynn McDonnon

Arts and Sciences:

Two wonderful and interesting Collegiums were held. The first one was a part of the changes occurring in Arts and Sciences in Terre Nueve, that being the uniform qualifying of Arts and Sciences List Judges. This lengthy and informative collegium was attended by many who were informed of the criteria necessary to judge the arts. Those who successfully complete the process are now certified to serve as Arts and Sciences judges.

The second Collegium titled "Flavors: Now and Then" was a scintillating adventure in taste testing. A variety of foods were tasted by the participants who then guessed which flavors were contemporary and which were period. People walked away with a greater understanding of period foods and a full tummy!

The Basket Auction continued into its third month as a smashingly successful fundraiser. A lovely period feast is presented in a basket as the lively bidders vie amidst much ribbing and laughter. The recipient enjoys the scrumptious culinary offering and the Kingdom coffers grow fatter as well.

Announcements:

His Grace Sir Warhammer reminded us again of the 1st Night celebration to be held in San Diego,

12th Night Is Happening! Come join us for an Adrian Tradition to be held on Saturday, January 15th in conjunction with the Kingdom event and a Demo starting at 8 a.m. The time of the Feast time as well as location were not nailed down in time for this printing. Prepayment is an option and more info will be available soon!

Hoping this finds all well and in good spirits, and Hoping to see many at the 12th Night Feast and Celebration!

Marcella nic Caern
Countess Caer Eidyn

Umbria

Unto the populace of Umbria:

We send greetings and hope that your holiday season is joyful! With the cooler weather finally blowing into the lands of Umbria, We

are beginning to get into the holiday spirit and are thankful for all of the many blessings showered upon Us. We are most appreciative of all of the friends We have within these glorious lands. Thank you for making Our lives richer for being a part of it.

We would like to once again thank all of you who helped make Our coronation a special event. His Holiness, Jehan, with his words of ceremony, blessing, guidance and inspiration in various languages! Dame Alexandria with her fabulous feast. Count Morgan with his guidance of the feast staff. The servers who made certain We all had more than we could eat! Sir Fredrick with his organizational prowess. Dame Circe for once again collecting all of the taxes. All of the ministers, bishops and representatives who represented their station with honor. Thank you one and all.

With joy and expectation, We look forward to the coming year. Thank you for making this holiday season even more special for Us.

King Rashalak
Queen Delia

Unto the Company De Mortis, Umbria

From the Warlord de Mortis,

On behalf of the Captain-General Sir William Baine and Myself, I would first like to welcome the newest Company de Mortis. Formed on October 22 in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and ninety-nine in the Kingdom of Umbria. The Captaincy fell to Viscount Sir Phillipe DeBois Gilbert, who in turn appointed the worthy Sir Sebastian Dy Encourt as the Company sergeant. The Company colors will be borne by the Company Ensign, Sir Michael Sinestro.

The Umbrian Chapter's first action was at the Umbrian Crown War. Sir Phillipe negotiated a contract for Mortis to fight for Sir Angus, and I myself led our combined Companies on the field. This is the first time in the six-year history of Mortis that two Companies from different regions fought together as a Grand Company. I was very proud of the Company de Mortis on the field that day. All fought with honor and courage that surpassed any other who trod upon that sun bathed field. Mortis soldiers were the driving forces behind Sir Angus' Army. It was they who held the shield wall, executed flanking maneuvers, and provided the skill at arms I needed on the line. Well done.

Sir William and I will be down sometime in November to help with the organization and consolidation of De Mortis Umbria. We are currently consolidating our resources here in the Aragon Chapter to provide the nucleus for a De Mortis encampment and armory.

Until Then,
Sir Chryssagon

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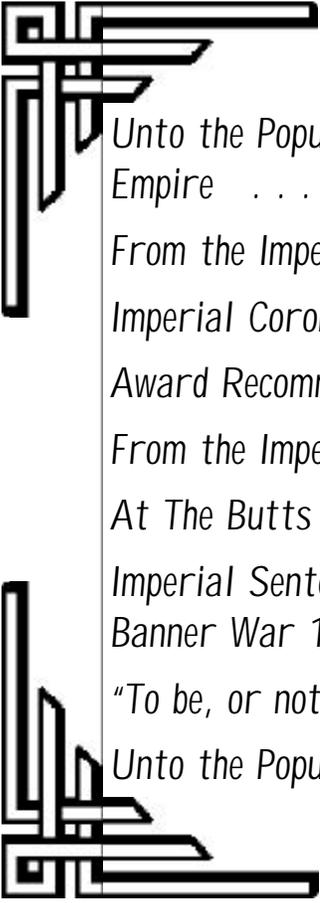
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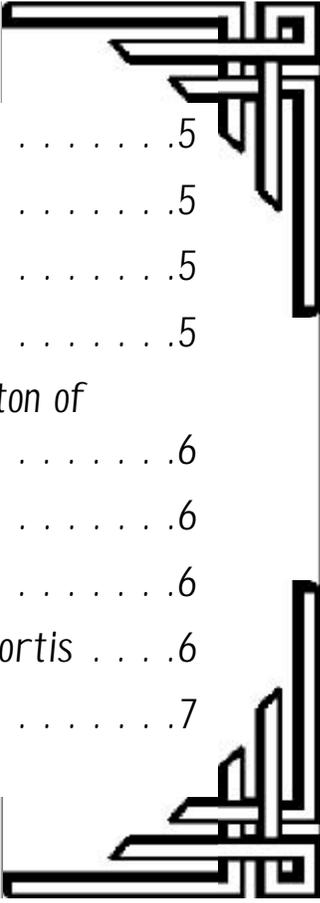
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