

# The Adrian Herald

January 1999

## From the Imperial Throne

Unto the Populace of Adria

We hope this Holiday Season has found you well. By the time you read this, my wife and I should be proud parents, so you can see we have been busy. We have issued the following Writ, Core Values of the Adrian Empire Inc. It is very common for a corporation to publish Core Values, a statement of who they are, what they do, and how they do it. In that spirit We do hereby issue the following Writ, SIW-3:

### Core Values of the Adrian Empire Inc.

Shared commitment to a common purpose, values, and operating principles strengthens the Organization and the relations we share within and through it and makes even our loftiest goals achievable. Therefore, we enthusiastically adopt, and will live by, the following:

### Statement of Purpose

We endeavor to enlighten our communities by providing a mechanism to explore the lifestyles and societies of the period of history commonly referred to as The Age of Chivalry.

### Core Values

- Integrity
- Fairness
- Loyalty
- Respect

### Operating Principles

- Always serve the best interests of our communities.
- Measure actions by what is in the best interests of the Organization.

- Communicate openly, honestly and directly.
- Be visionary: Encourage innovation and learn from our mistakes.
- Be positive: Seek solutions, and be open to the views of others.
- Support each other in balancing work, family and community.
- Support and reward excellence, teamwork, productivity, and growth.
- Be accountable and honor commitments.

The Crowns and Ministers of your regions should have received the new Manual for the College of Arms (Heraldry) and the new Physikers manual. Her Imperial Majesty is hereby issue these 2 manuals as Imperial Writs, KIW-1 and KIW-2, respectively.

We did also issue the following Writ, which just reiterates what the By-Laws already say, SIW-2:

Written By Our hand on November 23, 1998.

In any situation where the Adrian By-laws are in direct conflict or violation of Mundane Law, the Adrian By-Laws will be subserviant to existing mundane Law. Mundane Law shall always trump Adrian By-Laws.

Finally, We have issued the following opinion concerning Duchies and the Pax Regium, We apologize to the Chronicler for it's length, but as this is an official opinion, it must be published.

This is Our Official Policy on the Question of do Duchies enjoy a Pax Regium.

First, here is the section of the By-Laws that describes what a Duchy is. You will notice there is no longer a section that pertains to Palantine Duchys.

## ARTICLE VIII: SUBDIVISION OF THE EMPIRE

### D. CHARTERED SUBDIVISIONS.

#### 2. Duchies

##### a. Definition

- i. A chartered subdivision must be in continuous existence for at least 6 months in order to become a Duchy.
- ii. A Duchy must have at least 20 members.
- iii. A Duchy must have well developed ministries capable of handling all aspects of its activities.
- iv. A Duchy must have a well-defined territory of geographic jurisdiction.

##### b. Rights and Responsibilities

- i. A Duchy has the right to choose a Ducal Crown or Crowns.
- ii. A Duchy shall be entitled to seats on the Imperial Grand Assembly as provided in these By-Laws, Article VI.A.
- iii. A Ducal Crown shall have rights on the Imperial Senate as provided below.
  - a) The Ducal crown from a Duchy consisting of between 20 and 49 members shall have the right to attend and advise the Imperial Senate but shall carry no vote on that body. The Ducal Crown shall further have the right to speak and vote on any committees to which the Ducal Crown may be appointed by the Imperial Senate.
  - b) The Ducal Crown from a Duchy consisting of 50 or more members shall have all rights of the Royal Estates to sit on the Imperial Senate.

- iv. The Ducal Crown shall be styled as follows:
  - a) The Ducal Crown from a Duchy consisting of 20-49 member shall be styled Duc or Duchess.
  - b) The Ducal Crown from a Duchy consisting of 50 or more members shall be styled Duc or Duchess Elector. A Duc or Duchess Elector must have achieved the rank of Knight (Bachelor, Robe or Minister) unless no qualified person who wishes to hold the position can be found within the Duchy.
- v. The Ducal Crown shall be responsible for the administration of the Duchy.
- vi. The Ducal Crown shall report routinely to the Imperial Crown on the Duchy's activities.
- vii. The Duchy's ministers shall report routinely to their corresponding Imperial counterparts on the Duchy's activities in their respective areas of ministry.
- viii. Ducal Codicils and Writs must be approved by the Imperial Crown.
- ix. The Ducal Crown may not create Knights by prerogative.
- x. A Duchy must continue to meet all the requirements of this Article and of its charter or may have its charter revoked by the Imperial Crown upon notification to the Imperial Senate.
- xi. A Duchy that has existed for at least one (1) year and demonstrated an ability to govern its affairs well may be granted increased sovereignty in local matters.

Second, What are the rights of the Duc/Duchess, and what are they? Article Six describes Imperial Crowns, Royal Crowns and Ruling Nobles of the Great and Minor Estates. Using these definitions, We would describe a Duc/Duchess as a Royal Crown.

## ARTICLE VI: MEETINGS OF THE GOVERNING BODY

### F. RIGHTS OF THE ESTATES;

- 5. The Crown has the right to:
  - b. Royal Crowns.
    - i. to render an opinion concerning any disputed interpretation of local codicil or writ. Within thirty (30) days of a written request for interpretation the Crown shall consult with the Chancellor and review the disputed local codicil or writ and the arguments. The decision of the Imperial Crown is final and binding.
    - ii. to resolve submitted disputes between subdivisions in the event that the subdivisions are unable to resolve the dispute. The Ruling Noble of either subdivision may ask the Crown to arbitrate. Within thirty (30) days of the written request for arbitration the Crown shall convene a Crown Court and review the dispute and evidence. The decision of an Imperial Crown Court is final and binding.
    - iii. to make new law that does not alter the Imperial bylaws or local codicils until the next meeting of the Estates General.
    - iv. to hold crown and ceremonial courts.
    - v. to give orders, awards and to authorize elevation in rank of any member as advised by their ministers.
    - vi. to advance a member to knighthood where that member has made an extraordinary contribution to the Adrian Empire meriting special attention and reward. Only one (1) individual of the non-chivalry per reign may be elevated to knighthood without meeting the requirements for knighthood. This advancement is in title only and does not give the member the requirements associated with the title. Only a Knight can make a Knight.
    - vii. The Crown shall hold a minimum of one (1) court a month.

- viii. to make war on other sovereign chartered subdivisions.

- ix. to Charter Guilds (not subject to approval of the Estates)

Following is the section of the By-Laws describing Pax Regium. It is clear that the Pax Regium is extended to any Royal Crown.

## ARTICLE XV: PAX REGIUM AND INTERIM CIVILWAR

### A. PAX REGIUM.

For a period of six (6) months from the date of coronation, the Royal Crown shall enjoy a Pax Regium. During this period of time no one may challenge the right of the Royal Crown to their throne. At the end of that time an Interim Civil War may be called. Challenge for the Imperial Throne may only be issued and done at the Imperial War scheduled for Memorial Day Weekend on no less than thirty (30) days advance notice as indicated in subsection B(1) below. If no notice is given the Imperial Crown by thirty days before Memorial Day Weekend, that weekend shall be used for a war fought for the amusement of the populace (e.g. a Banner War).

Therefore it is Our opinion that Ducs and Duchesses do enjoy a six month Pax Regium from Civil War. This Pax Regium does NOT extend to being removed by the Estates of the region.

We would remind everyone that We will be hosting an Imperial Feast on the third weekend in February, in Terre Nueve. It shall be the feast of St. Bella, and will be the Official Presentation of the Heir to the Belski Fortune. The Feast shall follow the Annual Terre Nueve Hearts and Honor Tournament.

The Estates meeting in January has been postpone to the last weekend in February to allow enough time for Agendas to be passed out and thoroughly reviewed by the Estates. The location remains in the Duchy of Aragon.

We hope the next month finds all of you well. Long Live the Dream!

Stefanus Imperator  
Tsar of all the Adrias

# Minutes of the Joint Meeting of Senate and Grand Assembly, November 7 - 8, 1998

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; Accounting 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.

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, Rasmø Lagersuifer – "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 Rasmø 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

## Unto the Populace of the Adrian Empire

Since I have taken over we are having the Herald sent back to us due to address changes. If you have moved or are going to move you need the let either your local Steward or the Imperial Stewards know so that we can ensure that there are no interruptions in your Herald delivery

Thank You

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## ATTENTION EAST COAST REGIONS

Greetings regional leaders of the East:

As it is known or not as of yet, I have been elected the East Coast Deputy Minister of Arts and Sciences by Their Imperial Majesties. It is the intention of the Imperial Minister of Arts & Sciences, Dame Willow, and myself, to try to implement resolution to issues in the East regions in the Arts department, should they have come up. It is my hope, first off, to know who the Arts & Sciences Ministers, and their respective deputies are, in your regions. I also wish to know how to reach them- email, phone, snail mail.

Next, we would like to inform you that it is Her hopes to start a library of documentation, as per Her Imperial Majesty, Dame Katayana. We would hope to require that every local Art's minister collect a copy of the monthly winners documentation, to be used in this library. It is hoped that a few of these will be published in a quarterly newsletter, and to have these accessible on the internet. We would like a description, as much documentation as possible, and necessary references for the arts projects. This information will then be submitted to Dame Rose of Aberlone, the Librarian, for formatting and submission to the webmaster, and also to the Imperial Chronicler, so this may be published in the Adrian Herald.

I thank you for your time and consideration in this effort. For those Ministers of Arts & Sciences of the East, please contact me at [tien\\_lungmerc@rocketmail.com](mailto:tien_lungmerc@rocketmail.com).

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

HRG Il-Khan Temjur Jhitan  
Arch Duke of York  
Deputy Imperial Minister of Arts & Sciences- East  
Knight Bachelor, Minister, Robe  
Lord Baronet of Adrian Empire

### ATTENTION POPULACE!

Come visit our web site at  
[adrianempire.org](http://adrianempire.org)

## Imperial Estates Meeting

Hear Now Our Voice for it is Imperial,

We do Comand all who read this to see that it is announced at your next Crown event.

Be it known throughout The Adrias that the Imperial Estates Meeting Scheduled for January 16th has been POSTPONED. This is due to the fact that We did not get the Agendas finished in time to mail them out in a timely manner. Our Chancellor and Sir Nickoli, charged with completeing this task, have been befallen by mundane emergencies that prevented them from accomplishing this task in the time allotted. We do apologize to Our Estates for this first failure of Our government, the responsibility lie with Us and not them. They have both assured Us that the Agenda shall be finished by the End of December. We will then Mail it out to the Estate holders. We will reschedule the meeting for either the last weekend in Feburary of the First weekend in March. The location shall remain the Duchy of Aragon.

So Say We

Stefanus Imperator  
Tsar of all the Adrias

## UNTO ALL EAST COAST SUBDIVISION STEWARDS

Urgent that we speak please call me (816) 240-2320 or email me at [ShireofALR@aol.com](mailto:ShireofALR@aol.com), I really want to get the East Coast books in order and get all member information updated.

HRG Dame Shelaine Dane, East Coast Imperial Deputy Steward

## ATTENTION: ARTS & SCIENCES NOTICE:

Per Our Imperial Majesties... ALL areas that hold Arts and Science Tourneys, Collegiums, etc. ARE TO CONTACT your Imperial Arts and Science Minister Lady Dame Willow by the 5th OF EVERY MONTH. You are to send who entered what, who won, any Masterworks Awarded, AND Copies of all documentation you can. This documentation may be used in the new BIG quarterly information Adrian Herald that we are working towards. ALSO I have a new e-mail address just for the Arts and Sciences:  
[WillowArts@hotmail.com](mailto:WillowArts@hotmail.com)

Your Arts and Science Minister,  
Lady Dame Willow de' Rara  
ETC. Etc etc.

## From The Imperial Chronicler's Pen

Please note the following IMPORTANT change in the Imperial Ministers List:

**Imperial Deputy of War and Joust West:**  
Sir Allyn McDonnon;  
E-mail: [ecboyd@home.com](mailto:ecboyd@home.com)

**DO NOT USE** [ecboyd@delkin.com](mailto:ecboyd@delkin.com). This is a business e-mail address **ONLY** and **NOT** for personal use. I am truly sorry if this has caused any problems to Sir Allyn McDonnon.

## Annelynnrose

We are doing well although we are very cold. Weather here is just now starting to get bad, all public park bathrooms have been shut down so we have had to move our events to the private house of the Duc and Duchess, call (816) 240-2320 or email [ShireofALR@aol.com](mailto:ShireofALR@aol.com) for directions and times. Good thing they have a large yard and a battlefield already set up. We participated in the Border War last month and had a great time. The war was unfinished with a steel battle still to be fought and when HRG Sir Andru or Baron Sire Squire Alric win it the score will be tied. HRG Dame Shelaine Dane won the arts tourney with a wonderful spiced wine. The feast was great. Vivant to all who participated we all had a great time. Please send firewood for it is getting bitterly cold.

HRG Dame Shelaine Dane

# **Aragon**

Greetings Unto the Populace,

We, your new Duc and Duchess, would like to thank each and everyone of you for making coronation such a grand Event. We would also like to thank all of our guests that came from out of state, Their Highnesses Jehan and Katherine and the HedgeHogs. The pomp and circumstance were wonderful, the food was marvelous and the service was excellent. We would like to thank the Crowns form Vega (Our neighbors) and the Isle of Standoffish for the gracious loan of the thrones. We thank the bards for the songs and Sayyid Rahja Amina binc Husam of Basir for the beautiful dance. We thank you all for the gifts to Us and We would like to thank the saintly Bovenus for granting us the privilege of an appearance. To all and everyone We Thank You.

In Service the Dream,

Arch Duc Earl Sir Winfred and Arch Duchess Comtessa Lady Dame Anginette

# **Esperance**

Dear Populace,

We would like extend a heartfelt thank you for the wonderful Yule feast that We were presented. It is safe to say that it was the finest We have ever attended. The food was excellent and the atmosphere divine!! Thank you especially to Sq. Lenora, Dame Roselyn, Lady Eslin and all who volunteered their time to make everybody's time even more enjoyable VIVAT!!

We would also like to extend Our thanks to Prince Jehan who officiated over Our Coronation and performed an "On the spot" translation of the Prayer of St. Michael the Archangel from English to Latin during Sir Galadons Knighting Ceremony.

Thank you's also to Sir Bear and Lord Nigel who did present us with good wishes and gifts from Their Imperial Majesties. To Lady Allora who did present us with good wishes and spirits from Our Cousin to the south the Venerable King Johan of Terre Nueve. Also to Her Grace the Queen Mother of Esperance who presented Ourselves, Sir Galadon and Dame Roselyn with her every tasty Mousse.

Saturday saw a new addition to the Chivalry of Esperance, Sir Robet Pryderi (rabbit), Congratulations!!!

Saturday also saw the formation of a new March and County, The March MacCabra (Marquis Erasmus Lagersuufer) the County de Monet (Count Terrin Greyphis). This came about after the merging of two baronies, Lagersuufer and Glendorren. We can only hope this helps to bolster Our realms presence in the Empire and on the field of battle!! We have a feeling that if the dreaded "Umbroids" manage to drag themselves across their barren wastelands in an attempt to press their false claims to the coastal kingdoms, they will be merely brushed aside without breaking a sweat!!

Thank You all again!! and now on to the new year!!

Reilly  
Esperance Rex

# **GREETINGS Esperance!**

I have missed the last Herald, and find the holidays are keeping me so busy I am not sure that I shall make THIS Herald. But here is my report for the happenings of our people.

## **October:**

Jamie the Red was knighted as Knight Bachelor on the field of combat. Sire Jestar was knighted as Knight Minister. Argyle became Squire to Sir James of Bloodstone

## **November:**

Dame Katherine Marshal was awarded the retirement title of Princess for her service as Empress. Sir Robert Lord Jehan Alexandre Chrysostom Antoine Michel de St. Albain Annecy von Hapsburg was awarded the retirement title of Prince for his service as Emperor. Dame Maedb Hawkins Drakonja was given the title of Lady.

Rahja Ahmina bint Husam of Basir was given the title of Lady. Sir Jamie the Red was given the title of Lord. Sir Robert de la Fonteyne (Jestar) was given the title of Lord. Lord Rabbit was awarded the Imperial Order of the Foo.

Katherine mac Domnaill became Lady in

Waiting to Sire Elspeth O'Neil. Sir Reilly Robert McBellsche became Crown Prince of Esperance. Ayla and Salam McCready became Squires to Sir James of Bloodstone.

## **December:**

Sir Galadon Pendragon was awarded the retirement title of Earl. Dame Roselyn Pendragon was awarded the retirement title of Comtessa. Sir Reilly ascended the throne and became King Reilly (Long may he reign!). Sire Elspeth O'Neil became Queen Consort to HRM Sir Reilly. HRM Sir Reilly gave Dame Roselyn Pendragon the Royal title of Dauphine. Sir Galadon Pendragon was knighted as KNIGHT CHAMPION in the Adrian Empire. Lord Rabbit was knighted as Knight Minister and changed his Game Name to Robet Pryderi. Erasmus Lagersuufer became Marquis. Lord Terrin Greyphis became Count. Eslin MacCoda de Glendorren was given the title of Lady. Lenora Dominica Scott Greyphis was given the title of Lady

Sir Royal McBreheny was given the title of Lord. Terrin Greyphis was given the title of Lord.

Sir Robet Pryderi became vassal to Sir Roy William MacCoda von Seiken.

Thus ends my report. A Joyous Yule to all!

Sir Robet Pryderi  
Minister of Rolls

# **Sangreal**

Holiday Greetings to one and all in the Duchy of Sangrael.

All hail our new Arch Duchess, Lady Dame Isabeau Dionne. Her coronation will be at Chateau Parsley in Corona, California. There will be light feasting, sword play, revelry and the like. This will be the last event for our current reigning Arch Duchess, Lady Dame Gwennlian Durwin and Arch Duc, Sir Logan du Draconis, so bring art entries and swords and let's have a good time! Chateau Parsley is located at:

885 Via Bernardo  
Corona, Calif.  
(909) 737-4071.  
Call for directions.

Our feast was small, but incredibly lively! The food was hearty and well

consumed-the deserts were to die for. Pastor Sharon of the Bethany Lutheran Church gave us carte-blanch with the kitchen. There was dancing, initiated by one of our younger hobbits and most everyone in the room was dancing by the end of the eve. We should be so lucky to have our hobbits eager and willing to participate in the Game! Guests included Sir Talon, Dame Heather and Princess Gwendolyn-who proved to love the dancing as much as Rosie! Sir Karl provided 'spirits' for consumption at a later time (and with all the holiday shopping that be are now doing, those spirits are greatly appreciated!)

## WAR

Yes, it was a war. Sir Caspain kept his hat in the ring, but most of the battles and arts went to Dame Isabeau. Kudos and congratulations to Sir Galadon for winning the steel champion's battle and to Squire Jamie Mac Donald who won the Ren Champion's battle. There was no Archery (alas...L) There were also no full lists in the Arts.

## Upcoming Events:

With the chaos of the holidays, fighter practices for Dec. were canceled. We hope to get back on track with the new Year.

Fighter practices are the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the months.

Jan 7th: Casa de Parsley-885 via Bernardo (home of the chicken nugget snack).

January 21st: Wendy's house in Temecula. Dress warm!

## Events:

Jan 2nd -Coronation at the Parsley house (see above). Estates Meeting at 10:00am-Party at 11:00pm.

Feb 6th -Event: Summerlake Park. Begins at 11:00pm. Arts and Ren; Possibly Archery and Steel.

Mar 6th -Event: Summerlake Park. Estates Meeting at 10:00am. Event at 11:00am.

I will have much more to report after January, as the results of the Senate Meeting will finally be known. So, until then...

Play safe and mind your Dragons!

Lady Dame Isabeau Dionne-Duchess of Sangreal; ret., (909) 737-4071

# Terre Neuve

GUTEN TAG UND GUTEN ABEN

Populace of the Empire,

Hear my runes. I am His Royal Majesty the Bloody and Blessed Sir Johan Warhammer von Hohenstaufen I, First German King of Terre Neuve, Defender of the Faith, Conqueror of the Inquisition, Paladin of St. Bella, Premier Knight of the Terre Neuvian Crown Guard, Knight Bachelor, Member of the Order of the Stir, Celtic hero of the Hill Battle of Yorba Linda, Captain of the Corsair Ship Vulture, Master of Orcataine in Terre Neuve, Master of Neu Nuremburg in Acre, Master of Aberwyvern in Vinland, Scourge of the Magic Kingdom, Teutonic Stallion of Thuringia, Imperial Elder of the Adrian Goths, Shamman of the Adrian Goths, Usurper of the Throne of Colbrin, Defiler of the Throne of Colbrin, Fourth of Fifth peril of the fire swamps of putrescence, Admirer of young girls, and vampire slayer of Terre Neuve. There are a number of announcements that I wish to make. First, I wish to announce that a great evil has befallen a member of the Church. It seems that Sir Gralor, Bishop of Leipzig was assassinated in one of the local tourneys. A letter was pinned to his back stating that he was killed by an alternate Church. Not sparing any time I did hunt the killer down. A few days after I began to investigate the murder the killer challenged me to fight in a local cemetery. I met the villain hobbled him and took him back to the Royal Palace of Terre Neuve for questioning. After a great deal of fun for me and torture for him this villain signed a confession and then died from a severe lack of will to live. I hold his confession and it can be inspected by members of the Church as soon as the Patriarch of the Church delivers a signed request naming the individuals who he wishes to have inspect the document. The same is true of the body of the killer. Once this document is submitted I will decide if his reasons are valid.

In happier news, I wish to congratulate His Royal Majesty Sir Rielly, King of Esperance, on his glorious ascension to the Throne of Esperance. May your reign be, great, glorious, fun and bloody. I have no doubt that you will handle your

new office with fairness and responsibility. In other news, it is with sad heart that I bid fair well to the Lady Dame Morena. I took her on as my bride of convenience at the Imperial War but alas her longing for her native Irish people saddened her so that I would be doing the Lady an injustice in keeping her with me. I do annul the marriage and send her back to the people that she missed so, her parents. My sadness is dulled slightly, however, since she has achieved the rank of Ministry Knight. This is an amazing accomplishment for a Lady of only 11 years of age. Wherever, this Lady goes in the Empire she should always be held in high regard. She has shown more grace and chivalry than many adults in the Empire. We of Terre Neuve shall miss you. On another topic it seems that the King of Umbria Sir Duriel has made boasts that he wishes to attack and destroy the Thrones of Esperance and Terre Neuve. I do vow at this time for all to read. I will use every power at my disposal to keep this from occurring. I vow that the Thrones of Terre Neuve as well as Esperance ARE NOT FOR THE TAKING. So determined am I of this that I make a pledge here in an official capacity. I pledge that, should Umbria take the Throne of Terre Neuve I will submit myself to Sir Duriel or his general to be either executed or banished. I leave the choice up to him. If the invasion comes and I am no longer a King I do also pledge that this offer extends through out Sir Duriel's present reign. I do wish to inform all the members of the Empire that a great feast in honor of the great procreator St. Bella will be held on the 3rd weekend of February. More info will be released as it becomes available. Well that covers it I believe. I thank you for your attention and I hope you all have or have had very happy holidays.

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His Royal Majesty The Bloody and Blessed Sir Johan Warhammer von Hohenstaufen I, First German King of Terre Neuve, ( See above )





## Populace of Terre Neuve

Hear me for my words are Sovereign. For too long the sovereigns of the Empire have tolerated discourteous behavior on the part of the Church in Adria. In my own court I was told that my words meant nothing since I was not high enough in the status of the Church of Adria to interfere and that I should stay quiet. On two or three occasions I was told that I had to bribe Bishops in order to get their votes for Sainthood. The Patriarch of Adria has required me to grovel to my own citizens who are Bishops in order to get word to him. This is no longer tolerable. I hereby require tribute to be paid to the Crown by members of the Church of Adria in order to conduct Church Business in my court. Clergy that wish to conduct blessings within my borders will also, be required to pay tribute. In recent days Holy Investigations have been requested by members of the Church of Adria. I do hereby declare that all investigations conducted by the Church of Adria will be considered legal only if the Patriarch of the Church of Adria writes a request that that asks the Throne for permission to do so. In this request he must name the names of the Bishops that he wishes to conduct the investigation. The request will be considered and then I will dictate unto the Patriarch as to who in that list will be permitted to investigate. Holy Orders that operate within my borders are hereby required to pay homage to the Throne. I do attest that the Order of St. Bella has already paid homage to the Throne by means of Herr General Sir Stephan Belski's great and glorious leadership in the Holy War this year.

All this do I declare, The Throne of Terre Neuve.

Sovereigns of the Empire, stand to be free of disrespectful conduct. Remind the Church that they may own the Churches and Abbeys of the your realm, but, the earth that the Church's stand on is yours, the stone that built its walls are from your quarries, the beams that make and support their roof are from your forests. I invite any Sovereign to do as I have. There is no greater time than when a Sovereign gets off his knees, throws off the yoke of tolerance, and says you shall not disdain me, you shall not spit on me and you shall not rule over me!

His Royal Majesty The Bloody and Blessed Sir Johan Warhammer von Hohenstaufen Draconis Principalites I, First German King of Terre Neuve, etc, etc,etc,etc,etc,etc,.....

## Umbria

Greetings from the Kingdom of Umbria!

Their Royal Majesties, King Duriel and Queen Roawyn, send their regards, and wish all a happy Yule.

Our Kingdom Tourney was quite a spectacle, with an assassination, and a Terre Neuvian King-for-a-Day! His Majesty King Duriel was assassinated, and it looks suspiciously like the work of a Terre Neuvian agent! If that wasn't enough excitement, the winner of the Steel Tourney was to be honored as Temporary King, to fill the void left by the Dead Sir Duriel. As Luck would have it, or was it Coincidence (?!), Lord Sir Tremain, the TERRE NEUVIAN, won the Steel Tourney (narrowly, I might add!) and was given the honored seat. Imagine that, a Terre Neuvian on the Throne of Umbria. This was definitely a twist of the dagger that was buried in Sir Duriel's back

Later that night we had our Yule Feast, which was very nice. We had a wonderful meal, even with it being a Potluck! A good time was had by all who attended. Our King and Queen had

a great time, and they gave prezzies to many. Yes, I did say King, and I do mean King Duriel - seems that Her Majesty Queen Roawyn found a magic Scepter, which did resurrect the Dead King! She gave the King this Scepter, in hopes that he would not die again, leaving her alone on the Thrones of Umbria.

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/](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](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 Humble Service to the Dream,  
Lord Sir James the Red, Baby Knight  
Chronicler of the Kingdom of Umbria  
Editor of the Umbrian Mug

## York

Greeting unto the Populace of Adria,

York's first Kingdom war has been fought. Although it turned out to be a friendly war. Sir Magnus in opening court seceded his candidacy for the throne. His Excellency Count Lord Sir Killian Oakesblood and Her Excellency Baroness Lady Dame Jericho Gutte d'Or will be York's first King and Queen, HUZAZH! With the winners having been decided in opening court, the armies were divided and a two day fun war ensued.

Count Sir Killian Oakesblood was one of the generals, while Captain Sir Tristan Thorne was the general of the other army. Shinai and Renn were fought on Saturday. The Master's list in arts was also held. A revel took place on Saturday night at the park, where many were singing and dancing. Steel was fought Sunday. The Knight's list in the arts was also judged Sunday. After two days of continuous battles in Shinai, Renn and Steel, Captain Thorne's army swept the combat. Sir Killian's army swept the arts. The arts produced three masterworks. Dame Brejene received a masterwork on her manuscript, on the Knight's list. On the Master's list, Squire Mareta was awarded a masterwork for her embroidery, as was Rebecca for her embroidery.

The Coronation will be held in December the date and time are still to be announced. But do expect to see a most majestic ceremony. Congratulations and good luck to Sir Killian and Dame Jericho in their upcoming rein. A great thank you to our still reigning Arc Duc Il-Khan Temjur Jhitan for his past two years of leadership.

In Service to the Dream  
Josephine Durand Accolon

## York Coronation

York has crowned its first King and Queen, Sir Killian Oakesblood and Dame Jericho Gutte d' Or. In a beautiful sunset coronation ceremony, the populace of York gathered to share in this proud event. With banners flying and torches burning, King Sir Killian and Queen

## That's Not Period.

A monthly feature of *The Adrian Herald*. To submit comments or articles please write to Rose of Aberlone at dreye@lvdi.net or to Michele Haldeman at 5563 Topaz Road, Las Vegas, Nevada 89120.

I love books and I love food. Out of those two loves has evolved a love of Cookbooks and the history of food. Not just food mind you, but a love of the history of foods, food preparation; and, the art of cooking and presenting food. I have to admit there are some edible food stuffs I don't care to eat, in particular, organ meats and sea food (allergy)! Everything else I will at least try.

In my reading about the history of food I've found some interesting notes about some of the things we see at Feasts. Things that sometimes elicit hushed comments about, "is that period?" No one wants to insult or aggravate our host or the chef. No one says these things loud enough for anyone farther than arms length to hear. I've also never heard anyone come up with reasonable references to either validate or invalidate the comment. So, I started collecting cookbooks, Medieval Cookbooks.

Is it period to eat turkey or to eat with a fork? I had to know!

I purchased **Fabulous Feasts: Medieval Cookery and Ceremony** (Cosman, 1976). It is a wonderfully illustrated cookbook that includes historical sketches about the feasting, food preparation, spices and food service. A cookbook that has elicited some negative press. Is it an accurate source? I'm not sure. I'm still investigating and I'd love to hear your comments!

Then quite by accident I found **Seven Centuries of English Cooking** (de la Falaise, 1973). I read about soups, sauces, meat and poultry dishes, and the history of cooking in England. But, my questions remained when did the fork and the turkey come into popular use in England?

Cosman (16) states "Forks, though known in European kitchens and used on Byzantine tables as early as the twelfth century, nevertheless were not fashionable in England until the late Renaissance." \_ Our time period covers 1150 to 1550. When during the late Renaissance? What year?

And, what about turkeys? All manner of fowl were consumed: bittern, bustard, crane, curlew, dove, eagle, egret, gull, heron, lark, mallard, partridge, peacock, pheasant, pigeon, plover, quail, sparrow, shoveler, snipe, sorcell, stork, swan, teal, whimbrel and woodcocks (Cosman, 40 – 41). The lists of edible fowl are almost endless. Does this mean that turkey isn't period? Does this mean to strive to make our feasts accurate we have to give up one of the staples?

I had to know. I had to dig deeper. I started looking for books on the history of food. I discovered **Food in History** (Tannahill, 1973) and **History of Food** (Toussaint-Samat, 1994). I have to admit I bought **Food in History** because it is written by the author of **Sex in History**, but I'll get to that some other time. Again, references to the use of the fork in the Byzantine Empire, with additional references to its use in Greece and later Italy. The fork never really caught on in northern Europe or England (Tannahill, 188).\_ Great, now what do I do!

Wait, I have it. . .my household Lord and his Wife are from Italy. My husband is a Mercenary! We learned about the fork

from our finicky Italian friends! I'm saved! But, why was the fork so popular in Italy and not in the rest of Northwestern Europe? Why Italy? Pasta! Pasta was the key, but I had to find that information in yet another source, **The Medieval Kitchen: Recipes from France and Italy** (Redon et al., 1998: 18). My thanks to HH Dame Katherine for introducing me to this book!

I was ecstatic. If I could prove the period use of forks then nothing was impossible. Turkeys turned out to be easier. Columbus discovered the New World in 1492. Turkeys, from Mexico, were introduced in Europe "in about 1523 – 4" (Tannahill, 210) and reached England, from Italy, shortly after! Turkeys were introduced to France at about the same time as maize, ca. 1520 (Toussaint-Samat, 173, 343). Yes, the grand old bird is vindicated!

Now I can feel comfortable sitting a the next feast eating my turkey with my fork!

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English visitors to Italy reported the peculiar, finicky table habits of the fork-wielding Italian nobility and avoided such superfluous encumbrance" (Cosman, 16).

"Kitchen forks had been familiar for hundreds of years, even if most of them were only marginally smaller than a farmer's pitchfork. By the tenth century, however, small gilt ones were being used at select Byzantine tables, mainly for sweetmeats, they were known in Greece 300 to 400 years later. From Greece they traveled to Italy, a country whose refined manners had again become the envy of Europe, but in Italy, for a while they stuck. . . Although Catherine de Medici appears to have taken not only her cooks but also her entire kitchen with her when she went to France to marry the dauphin, the fork did not catch on. Nor did it in England seventy years later [too late for us], when the traveler Tom Coryat flattered himself that he had introduced a new fashion" (Tannahill, 188).

Turkeys have gone through centuries of genetic manipulation through animal husbandry. In the 1930s turkeys were bred to produce the animal we buy today. An animal with increased flight muscles on the chest.