

The Adrian Herald

Quarterly Edition

May 1999

Unto the populace of Adria We send Greetings

Another month, another change in ministers. Sir William Coda of Esperance has decided that after nearly 2 years he needs a break from the Roles office. We understand how he must feel. But fear not, for the system of government that is in place is handling this without a hitch. Dame Serina of Aragon, who had been the Deputy Minister of Rolls West, has stepped right into the position of Minister of Rolls and the office continues to function. We are thankful to have had such a diligent deputy in place, ready to take on the reigns of leadership. Of course, this change has pushed back the publication of the Doomsday Book, We feel secure that this project will be completed to everyone's satisfaction.

On to another ministry position. For too long this government has been functioning without a true Hospitlar. Sir William Baine has functioned more as a consultant for fund raising, and Sq. Devyn Morgan has had to run things on her own as the deputy minister East. With the aid of The King of Umbria we have finally found someone willing and able to take this office and organize it. Countess Sebile Branpfylde-Moore of the kingdom of Umbria is our new Imperial Hospitlar. And as a bonus, the good King of Umbria, Sir Duriel Caliban van Hansard will act as her mentor for the first 60 days. I am sure everyone remembers just how great a Hospitlar Sir Duriel was. It is our hope that with his guidance Countess Sebile will be just as effective.

Unto Sir Karl Von Katzberg, Magistrate of the Adrian Empire We do send Greetings

Your Grace, it is with a heavy heart that We do send these charges, against Vixen and Makalin Duchess and Duc of Dragon's Mist, unto you as they are the most serious in Our Empire.

We Allege the Following:

On Feb. 23rd 1998 We did issue a ruling concerning a court held in the Duchy of Dragon's Mist where one Stephani Morisis (now known as Stephani the repentant) was found guilty of several charges and sentenced to 10 years banishment. We exercised Our right under article XI.B.6. Punishment.

"The right to decide a member's punishment who is found guilty by a Court of Justice is solely the Crowns. All such writs of punishments must be reviewed by the Imperial Crown."

We found the Punishment handed down to Stephani the Repentant to be excessive and issued the following ruling.

From: "Oberfell, Steven"

To: "Dame Maria Elenie De Mytilene (E-mail)"

,"Aeryn Drake (E-mail)"

,"Dame Maria Elenie De Mytilene (E-mail 2)"

,"Vixen McClune - Van Broch (E-mail)"

,"Star Little Bear (E-mail)"

,"Rose of Aberlone (E-mail)"

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Subject: Disposition of the sentences in the Dragon's Mists Trial's Date:

Just as the sun rises so does the Empire grow. This month (May) will see two regions take the next step in their development. Chesapeake will be chartered as Our newest Duchy in the East, while Aragon make that all important step to becoming a sovereign Kingdom in the West. I know all the Empire shares in Our pride at the accomplishments of these regions. Vivat.

On a darker note, we are having problems with the Duchy of Dragon's Mist, and in particular the Duc and Duchess. Charges against them are listed in this Herald for the benefit of the populace. We promised you that this government would keep no secrets. While We feel this whole situation to be rather unpleasant, We are sworn to uphold the By-Laws. By the time you read this it is Our hope that the Estates of Dragon's Mist will have selected a Lord/Lady Protector to rule the region until the trial is concluded. While this may seem like dire times, especially in Dragon's Mist, as long as We all never lose sight of the Dream, keep faith and promote good fellowship amongst all our members, we all will come through this stronger and wiser for the journey.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the Western Banner War in Umbria. And send Our most heartfelt regards to those who will attend the banner War East in the New Duchy of Chesapeake.

By Our Hand

Stefanus Imperator

Katayana Imperatrix

Tsar and Tsarina of all the Adrias

Tue, 23 Feb 1999 13:47:28 -0800

Unto the Populace of Adria, the Crowns of Dragon's Mist and the Estates thereof

Having reviewed the documentation provided by the court, and discussing the matter with Our Magistrate Sir Karl, We are prepared to render judgment as concerning the sentences handed down in this case. We remind Our populace that this is NOT a result of an appeal, as we, nor has Our magistrate received a request for Appeal. However, since Dragon's Mist is but a Duchy under Our direct rule, We are exercising Our right to review these sentences.

Be it known throughout Our lands that we have found the sentences imposed by these courts excessive and do thereby commute them all and impose the following sentence for all crimes in these matters. This sentence is inclusive and NOT cumulative.

Stephani is to do the following:

1) Be placed under Judicial Ban for a period of One year and a day;

For this period she is to stylized as Stephani the Repentant, and wear the robes of a repentant monk.

2) She will, in court pledge an Oath to the following: That for a period of three years she swears to support and promote the Harmony of the Duchy of Dragon's Mist, and the Crown thereof, to do everything in her power to ensure the success of this region, it's Crown's, and the populace.

If in this three year period evidence is provided to the Imperial Crown that she has violated this Oath, then the following sentence shall be immediately enforced: banishment for three years.

3) She is also to make public apologizes to the populace of Dragon's Mist, The Crown's thereof, and the populace of the tavern. She is also to print a retraction on all electronic message services she has air this dirty laundry on. This to include but not be limited to all the SCA newsgroups she has posted to.

This does in no way change the verdict of this court, and unless appealed the record shall continue to show that Stephani the Repentant was found Guilty of all charges against her.

This is Our final Judgement in this case.

By Our hand,

On the Twenty Third day of February, One Thousand Nine-Hundred and ninety-nine.

Stefanus Imperator
Tsar of all the Adrias

Please take note that this was emailed to The Duchess, her chancellor and several members of her Estates, as well as the cool list. It is Our position that this showed a good faith effort on the Crown's Part to notify the populace of Our decision, although no such requirement exists in the By-Laws.

On April 17th the Duchess of Dragon's issued the following Statement:

"Unto Stephanie from the Duchess of Dragon's Mist,

To all interested parties, listen up and break out your by-laws.

Stephanie,

As the Duchess of Dragon's Mist, I wish to clarify some points in reference to your Royal Court of Feb 6.

First off, the proper appeals process has not been completed. Until such time as this process is completed properly and in accordance with the by-laws, the punishment set forth by the judges of your court, ratified by the Crowns of Dragon's Mist, stands.

You are a banished member of the Empire for ten years, judicial ban to follow for twenty. You are also to put forth the apologies required in your sentencing. As Duchess, I personally feel you can skip the one that involves me seeing your face.

For the reference of the Empire, all para legals, and Stephanie...

No where in the by-laws is it stated to be legal for the sentencing of a Royal Court to be circumvented. The only time sentencing of a court can be changed is in the case of a completed appeals process. Your appeal has not been completed, therefore, the judgement of Dragon's Mist stands. This judgement will continue to stand until such time as your appeal has been completed.

Food for thought...can a Supreme Court Justice override the ruling of a lower court without first hearing that case on appeal?

It is not logical, nor legal. Read your by-laws, that would be the packet of paper distributed to the Empire for apparent use as kindling or toilet tissue.

Stephanie, YOU ARE BANISHED.

You are an unwelcome member at any and all Dragon's Mist events for the NEXT TEN YEARS.

No ministry positions are available for YOUR vie.

Wear all the monk's robes of repentance you wish, but not on MY time.

If anyone in the Empire has questions, contact someone else.

Stephanie,

I, Vixen, wash my hands and my life of you.

DO NOT contact me.

You do not exist.

I do.

In Service to the Dream, the one Imperial once stood for. "

Squire Vixen McClune-Van Broch
Duchess of Dragon's Mist
Lady Baronette of Dragon's Mist
Founding member of Dragon's Mist

We find this statement to be direct violation of Our most legal Ruling. We therefore issued this Statement in order to provide Their Graces an opportunity to amend their ways:

The following is the text of a letter sent this day to the Duc and Duchess of Dragon's Mist. It is published here for informational purposes to the populace.

Unto Their Graces Vixen and Makalin, Duc and Duchess of Dragon's Mist
Do We make this edict on April 19th, 1999 at 11:15 Am PDT.

Here now Our Voice for it is Imperial

Your Grace's recent decision to ignore Our legal right to amend a sentence giving by a lower court is in violation of the By-laws. This is a right given to Us in Article XI Section B. subsection 6:

"6. Punishment.

The right to decide a member's punishment who is found guilty by a Court of Justice is solely the Crowns. All such writs of punishments must be reviewed by the Imperial Crown."

You have 24-hours to publish a complete retraction of this Decision along with an apology to Ourselves. Failure to do so will result in Us placing you on Judicial Ban and filing charges of Treason and Sedition. This point is Non-negotiable.

We also warn you that Dragon's Mist has failed to submit the required Rolls and Steward's information to the Imperium for many months. This is a direct violation of Your charter. Dragon's Mist has 10 days to submit all Rolls and Steward's information to the appropriate Imperial Ministers. This includes all funds collected for membership dues. Failure to do so will result in the revocation of the Charter for the Duchy of Dragon's Mist, and her reduction to a Shire. This point is also Non-negotiable.

We also continue to await the full Transcripts and evidence from the trial of Stephani the Repentant in order to conduct her Appeal.

In regards to Repentant Stephani's membership Status. Upon review of the membership form, it appears that the date had been changed from July 1998 to January 1998. The handwriting seems to be different from that of the rest of the form, and it was never initialized by the member. As any changes to a membership form MUST be initialized by the member, we find that we must in order to protect the Corporation from a possibility of legal action, honor the membership until July of 1999. We understand that this is was caused by an oversight or simple Human error, but We have an obligation to protect the Corporation.

So Say We,

Stefanus Imperator
Tsar of all the Adrias

This statement was published on the tavern, through the cool list as well as emailed directly to their Graces.

On Thursday April 19, 1999 at 6:17 PM PDT Their Graces issued the following Statement:

I stand by my statement. Should you contact me with the changes to Stephanie the Repentants sentencing, they will be conveyed to my populace and upheld. This I have said continuously. I have quoted the bylaws as they are written. I have never questioned your authority to change the sentencing, only pointed out a HUGE GRAY AREA in the bylaws. I stand by my decision on the matter above. I will not Waiver. Unlike others in "POWER" I stand by my word and the bylaws until the end!

Tally Tally Thrust thrust Parry,
duck duck goose!
Lay on!

HRG Vixen
founding member of Dragons Mist
NOW give me the medal Duriel...

We find this continued and deliberate act of defiance to be an act of High Treason against the Imperial Crown. Therefore We order the appropriate Charges be drafted against Their Graces. Furthermore, due to the nature of these offenses, we do Order that effective 11:15 am PDT on April 20, 1999 Their Graces be placed Under Judicial Ban pending the outcome of their Trial and that a Lord/lady protector be placed on the Throne of Dragon's Mist.

Our Prayer is that when found Guilty of these charges That Vixen and Makelin be placed under Judicial Ban for a period of not less then 3 years.

By Our Hand,

Stefanus Imperator
Tsar of all the Adrias

April 19, 1999

Greetings From the Imperial Arts & Sciences Minister

Now that the Arts & Sciences are back on track, I would like to again request that I receive the following information from the Subdivisions A & S Ministers or the Ruling Sovereigns:

- Names of Artisans entered in Monthly Tourneys...
- Item entered....
- Master Work and/or Tourney Win....

Not to mention the Imperial Library would love copies of written documentation. If you have some, and would like to ship it to me I will be happy to forward that information on! My snail mail address is as follows:

Rahja Ahmina

Now on to the good stuff!!! I would like to send kudos to those members of the populace who entered and won the following: Master Works and/or Tourney Wins:

- Esperance Sir Galadon Pendragon – Masters List – German Soldier Garb - Master Work
- York January's Tourney – Sire Zabrina – Masters List – Sweet Meats - Master Work
March's Tourney – Squire Marena – Masters List – Bread and Butter - Master Work
April's Tourney - Squire Moreta - Masters List - Surcoat; Ana Llywelyn – Masters List - Dress; Adrea McCarron - Masters List – Gingerbread
- Terre Nueve January - Lady Katherine McGuire - Knights List - Italian Feast bread.
February - Aragon Populace Member (You know who you are!) - gauntlets
March - Dame Katherine McGuire- Knights List - Simple Monks Lunch.

Annelynrose Squire Aremis - leather armour

Thank you Ministers for getting your reports to me. It is so nice to see all of the "Masters" winning and working hard for their projects.

If you have any questions or would just like to chat, I am reachable most evenings from 5:30 pm – 10:00 pm PST during the week. Please feel free to call me at (909) 360-5517 and I will help you with your needs. Also, if you would like to contact one of my deputies please do so. They are: Dame Maedb Drakonja, West Coast or Sir Temjur Jhitan, East Coast.

In the service to the Empire,
Rahja Ahmina bint Husam of Basir

From the Imperial Arts & Sciences Minister - Crisis in Kosovo

It seems that as we all sit comfortably behind our computer screens, in a heated/air-conditioned home we sometimes forget about our fellow man. When I joined Adria, I found myself caring more and representing more of what I would like to see all mankind doing for each other. That is why I am coming to you, the populace of Adria.

This crisis is racially motivated, something I detest more than anything in life. I am sure that most of us agree that life is a valuable commodity that cannot be played with. Last night I finally brought myself to sit and watch the news regarding the crisis and found myself

weeping for those that have nothing, no home, some don't even have their families anymore. The final straw was watching two elderly people huddled together under a tree while the rain proceeded to drench them. All they had left was each other and the clothes on their backs. I understand, by the report, that they had been there for several days, not eating, not drinking, and not letting go of each other afraid that they would lose the only thing they had left, each other. This hit me especially close as I was raised by my Grandparents and have a very soft spot in my heart for the elderly.

I find myself very fond of the people and the culture there because of my studies and research on the people and their cultural history.

Currently there are people dying from dehydration, starvation, simple colds, and an outbreak of measles that doctors fear will become fatal if untreated for the children of Kosovo.

I for one am fed up with the insensitive concepts of those Serbs.....what right do they have to take lives, what right do they have to decide what race is better than theirs? They don't!

My intention for this missive is this: I am currently setting up a fund for donations from the populace of Adria in which I will donate half of the proceeds to the two most active groups who are assisting the refugees of Kosovo. These proceeds will be donated in the name of the "Populace of the Adrian Empire."

Why am I doing this? Knights of the Middle Ages were known for their vows to defend the weak, to uphold the right and good. Isn't this one of those times that we should defend the weak? Isn't this the time that we can make a small difference (hopefully a bigger one) to those who have nothing? I may not live in the Middle Ages, but you bet your breeches that I WILL do what I can as a Knight of the Adrian Empire to assist those who are vulnerable and in need.

I am begging the populace of Adria to donate to this cause by sending me your contributions to me via snail mail so that I may make the donation from the Empire to those who battle the elements and the horror of war.

The two relief efforts that these donations will go to are:

The International Medical Corps – To release thousands of dollars in medicine for shipment to the refugees to treat those who are desperately in need of medical treatment. – <http://www.imc-la.org>

And The Red Cross Relief - For efforts that have been developed to assist in reuniting families with each other - <http://www.redcross.org>

Please send your contributions to:

You may designate the relief effort of your choice (if you are writing a draft/check) or you may write it to me personally as I am working on opening a relief account at the California Credit Union so that the funds can be divided and disbursed evenly.

You have my word as a Knight of the Realm that 100% of these funds will go to the aid the refugees of this Kosovo Disaster.

In the Service to the Dream and Mankind;
Rahja Ahmina bint Husam of Basir

Attention Populace!
Come visit our web site at
adrianempire.org

Aragon

From Their Royal Graces:

We hope everyone had a good time at Crown War. Thank you to all of you who came out to support us and we are sorry that those of you who could not make it missed a good time. It was really nice to see old friends and new having fun together. Thanks to all of the autocrats and their crews for making it all happen. VIVAT!

We would also like to thank His Excellency, Sir David von Albrecht, Baron, for his warm hospitality and the Barony of Zaragosa for the great food and entertainment at the feast.

In Service the Dream,
Archduc Earl Sir Winfred and Archduchess
Comtesse Dame Anginette

Utah Midsummer Renaissance Faire

The 17th Annual Utah Midsummer Renaissance Faire has booth space available for crafts, games, food, etc. This would be an excellent chance for Aragon, "The Rising Star of Adria," to showcase the talents of its members and raise money for our kingdom.

Vendor booths can consist of crafts, clothing, accessories, armor, equipment, herbals and cosmetics, foods, games, etc. They must be in operation from 10 am to 8 pm for the four full days of the faire. A full list of wares to be sold, with photographs, must be sent in with the application.

Booths must be provided by the vendor and both the booth spaces and participant costumes must have either photographs or written descriptions included in the application to be considered for the faire. As Aragon's members have wonderful encampments and tents, as well as a wide variety of persona and periods, this should not be a problem.

Anyone interested in working a booth and/or contributing period merchandise for sale, with portions of the proceeds going to Aragon, or helping out at this event needs to contact Sire Bekke ASAP.

1st Annual National Invitation Steel Tourney

His Imperial Majesty Stefanus Imperator has graciously sanctioned an Imperial Event to be held Columbus Day Weekend at the Clark County Parks and Recreation "Age of Chivalry Faire" autocrated by Sir William Baine and Dame Rose of Aberlone, October 7-11, 1999

Three forms of Entertainment:

1)Age of Chivalry Faire; 2)Celtic-Highland War; and 3)National Invitation Steel Tourney. If you are interested in helping out, participating, or just want more information, please contact Sir William Baine.

Chesapeake

We held our Ducal War this past Sunday, April 18. It was a great success. Except for the chill in the air and high winds. We now have our Barony, 'NARNIA' with our entrusted Baron Aerindane McLorie and Baroness Kyra Evaine. They both received the 'Star of Adria' for all the hard work and devotion to the dream. The battle consisted of Shinai and Ren. Archery was scheduled but could not be held due to the high winds. We held a great feast. The red and black army battled with great honor and success. The army for the Duke and Duchess was victorious. Now they await their coronation, which will be held at Fairy Stone Park during the East Coast Banner War.

The 'Arrow of Light' Ceremony held for the Cub Scouts as their cross over to Boy Scouts was very successful. Viceroy Sven Iceman presented the open address to the scouts and their parents.

Was then followed by the dubbing of the scouts as pages of the realm. They were presented with a small sword. A flaming arrow was shot in their name and honor. A short Demo of shinai was performed by our young members and elders. Many questions were asked and answered about the Knights Code, the use of weapons and what we at the Shire stood for and our goals in the dream of Adria.

As mentioned last month, the Shire of Chesapeake will be hosting the East Coast Banner War, known as the Halibut War.

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

Were thee Knights with desires to take challenge for BATTLE. Knights of the East, speak out and be counted. This is your War too and the time is upon us to take action and let your Shires, Duchies, and Kingdoms know, the time is soon upon us to Rally to the Banner and the Call to Arms. Non-Knighted Combatants. Make up the fine fighting force of the armies that we need to make this war a great success.

We need the Artisans Master and Knights List. Bring your entries to be judged. If you would like to hold a collegium, please contact our Baroness Kyra Evaine, our Minister of Arts.

We visited Fairy Stone State Park last week and found it to be very pleasant and welcoming. They have cabins and campsites.

You need to make reservations as soon as possible. We hope to see you there.

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

Sven Iceman, Viking Dragon Lord
Lord Protector, Shire of Chesapeake

Megan Rhys,
Lady Protector, Shire of Chesapeake

Esperance

We would like to thank the populace of Esperance for the patience you have shown Us during the relocation(s) of the monthly Kingdom events. We realize that this is a burden, and we appreciate your support during this transitional period. If all goes well, our latest site may well be the one we get to keep!

We would also like to take a moment to address an issue that has both vexed and saddened Us of late. The issue of 'playing well with others'. It is often difficult at times to keep a sober head and soft tongue when emotions run hot. Especially when we are discussing this beloved hobby of ours. It is important, now more so than ever, to remember why we all joined Adria, and what keeps us coming back every month. As passionate as we are about the things we care for, so too should we be about the people we care for.

Many of us came to this Game with friendships already established. Others came together in the Game, and those friendships have grown. Sadly, still others have lost some very old and dear friendships over the most petty of arguments, or slight misunderstandings. It is a sad fact of life that whenever passionate people get together to talk about and play in an organization such as this, those passionate emotions get the better of them.

We would like each and every member of this Kingdom, as well as the Empire as a whole, to take a moment and really consider why it was that you joined Adria, and why you continue to come back . . . even if you are unhappy. And if you are unhappy, why? Can you do something yourself to correct whatever it is that makes you unhappy? Ask yourself . . . "could it possibly be something that I misunderstood? Am I the one who is wrong?" The only way that we will heal the wounds of late is if all of us do our parts to try to keep the peace. If all of us take just one moment longer to think before we speak, or to consider all of the facts (and not just the emotions!), we may then begin to see an end to the seemingly endless bickering. If every one of us takes just a moment to consider someone else's feelings, and what the consequences of our words and deeds may be, We are sure that we would all be much happier.

It is Our hope that these opinions will be considered by Our Kingdom, and that we may all find it in our hearts to try to be better people.

These past few months have seen much excitement and change, the most obvious being the location of Our Court and Tourney. We are pleased to announce that at the new site at Eisenhower Park we have been given blessing and more importantly permission to use this site. Again thanks to Our Warden, Sq. Michel du Gard who searched hi and low and did all the leg work associated with securing the site!!

In the past few months We have also been very lax in establishing a "starting" time for Our events. To this We say "No More!!" and are enacting the following writ:

Our events will start at 10AM, sign ins begin 30 minutes before and will stop during court. At the end of Court sign-ins will start again and will run for 45 minutes. After that 45 minute period is over, lists will be closed and those not in line will not be recorded as having participated and will not be allowed to participate in the combat or arts lists.

We are aware that on rare occasions mundania strikes and emergencies can prevent one from being at an event on time. For these special emergency cases, it will be necessary for you to approach the Steward and the keeper of the arts or combat lists for special permission to sign in and enter the lists. This permission is to be granted at the sole discretion of the Steward and the list keeper. This applies to all including the Sovereigns.

[The main purpose of this writ is to minimize the disruption to the list keeper and steward and allow them to participate in the fun portion of Our events without distraction. They work very hard so we can all have fun, they should get some enjoyment too.]

In servitude to Our subjects,
Reilly Elspeth
Esperance Rex Royal Consort

Fire and Ice

We would like to extend our thanks for the wonderful time we had at the Duchy of Aragon's Fool's War on April 9th - 11th. As always it is so good to see old friends and to make new ones. Viceroy Dae Nadel enjoyed the Lion Hunt and we are all looking forward to attending the Faire in October. We will be hosting our first big event here in September and will provide more information in the coming months for any who wish to attend.

In Service
Kyrie Mckay
Wife of Viceroy Dae Nadel
Shire of Fire and Ice

Isenwold

Greetings unto the Populace of Adria!

The Duchy of Isenwold has been busy these past few weeks! April 9, 10 & 11 saw our humble group travel to Norman, Oklahoma for the Annual Norman Medieval Faire. We were accompanied by Cpt. Thomas Downey of the Clan McCalpin and his crew the gypsy sisters Delilah and Diego, and we had the company of Sir Lucien, Lady Denise and Methos to round out our encampment. We all worked feverishly to complete a suit of plate mail to enhance our fighting contingent for the weekend and were successful! We progressed to the field and put on a spectacular demonstration of live steel fighting! Throughout the weekend the populace witnessed Duc Sir Thorfinn, myself (Baron Kazimirovich), Cpt. Thomas and Cpt. Cyrus clashing steel and shield in the midday sun! Additionally, we were privileged to be interviewed by two local news teams, and posed for thousands of photos. Duc Sir Thorfinn received his second Knighthood in the Combatant Arts, dubbed by Sir Lucien de Bretagne. Huzzah! The populace enjoyed greatly the chance to try on armor and pick up our equipment and see how "they really lived" in the medieval ages. All in all, a great first faire for the mid-realm region!

The very next weekend, April 17 we were privileged to be invited to show at the 2nd Annual Celtic Festival in Isenwold's home town, Springfield, Missouri. It was fine Highlander weather that day (read: cold, wet and miserable) and we all faired very well! Duc Sir Thorfinn and Baron Kazimirovich were dressed in their armor for the parade and we were acknowledged for their efforts in bringing our people to the Festival even though the weather was not perfect. We then proceeded to give the populace a demonstration of the various medieval weapons of the times to include, sword and shield, axes, flails and polearms. The resounding thud of the weapons could be heard throughout the park! We were asked to attend next year's events which we graciously accepted!

Attention!! The Mid-Realm region is now gearing up for the "Castle at Muskogee" Annual Medieval Faire in Muskogee, Oklahoma! The faire will be held the first two weekends in May, starting with a Masked Ball on April 30th. This will be the second year the Mid-Realm will be attending and we now have LAND! Better than that we have a TAVERN! Thats right! Do the diligence of Dame Shelaine of Annelynrose, the Mid-Realm region was able to acquire a previously unused portion of the faire site, complete with a tavern, a stage, and small shed-like building, all very period looking structures! The past few months saw a contingent of individuals travel very long distances many

weekends to make this site blossom into a beautiful encampment! We are all very excited! It is our hope, that even though there may be problems within the Empire, that we will have our brothers and sisters-in-arms travel to our humble part of the world, and join us in our revelries! Please contact Dame Shelaine of Annelynrose for further information.

June 19 and 20 the MidRealm will be attending the First Annual Slater, Missouri Medieval Faire. this is a small faire and it will have a Robin Hood theme. The Adrian Empire is the main attraction! We will be demonstrating all facets of Combat as well as the Arts and Sciences. Saturday night there will be a feast for re-enactors and mundanes alike. Additionally there will be an open Archery competition as well. Duc Sir Thorfinn will be hosting a collegium on Heraldry since he is the new East Coast Imperial Sovereign of Arms. Huzzah! Further information may be obtained through Baron Kazimirovich of Isenwold. God Bless the Empire, and God Bless the Mid Realm, may we forever be vigilante to the Dream!

Humbly,

Baron Kazimirovich Vojdka al Feyd
Baron of Caer Dirwith
Chacellor to Duc Sir Thorfinn "The Just"
Duchy of Isenwold
Recieipient of the Golden Spoon

Umbria

Greetings to the Populace of the Empire:

Their Royal Majesties, Queen Roawyn and King Duriel, greet you one and all, and pass along these tidbits...

WESTERN BANNER WAR!

Come one, come all, to the Western Banner War of 1999! Being hosted by the Kingdom of Umbria in the cool pines of Flagstaff, Arizona, this event is guaranteed to be a crowd-pleaser! There will be Combat, fun, games, and even entertainment! The Artisans will show their skills and talents, and the Ministers will run around like chickens with their heads cut-off! Seriously, Umbria is working feverishly to make this Banner War a memorable one for all. Come and see for yourself!

The site fee information is listed elsewhere in this Herald, but allow me to explain further details concerning this War site. There will be a Website available via a link on the Kingdom of Umbria's website. (http://members.tripod.com/Kingdom_of_Umbria) This Website will have such information as maps and driving directions from the larger regions, information about "off site" activities and lodging, and other tidbits of info. As questions pour in (hint

hint, contact either of the Crowns of Umbria) I will add to the site any requested information.

To further assist Umbria in the planning of this Great War, it is HIGHLY SUGGESTED that all who are planning to attend PREPAY! This will help for the Feast (wouldn't it be nice to have enough food?!) and will also help us plan the number of tables and chairs required to seat everyone!

I would like to ask that any autocrats from large Imperial-type events please contact myself (email: JamestheRed@yahoo.com) so that I can make sure no stone is left unturned in the idea department! Additionally, we are open to any and all suggestions, and offers of assistance will be greatly appreciated.

Recent Umbrian Events/News

Umbria continues to grow, topping at 167 as of mid April, and word has it more are coming! We have several new Estates (Houses and Baronies), 2 new Squires (Squire Duggal Mackintosh, squired to Sir Rashalak von Lombard AND Squire Lady Julie Anne McBride, squired to Lady Dame Delia von Burg), a Page/Man-at-Arms combination (Page Rei Maguire, Page to the Queen herself, and Man-at-Arms to Baron Morgan Maguire and Baroness Justina of Dragon's Spirit), a Lady-in-Waiting (Countess Sebile, Lady-in-Waiting to Sire Keara Craig), and finally, a Lady-in-Waiting/Page combination (Malvina Chavi, Page to Countess Sebile, and Lady-in-Waiting to Sire Keara Craig). We also recently welcomed back Captain Macbeth, the Umbrian Icon of the Corsairs.

If I missed anyone, it was not intentional – much has occurred since last month! Note from the Chronicler: YOU try to remember all of that, much less say it all! J All of this is reported on in the Umbrian Mug, which is available online via the Kingdom Website. Yes, it's a bit out of date (as of this writing), but will be brought back up to snuff shortly!

Let me stress once again my desire to see EVERYONE possible at the Western Banner War – Umbria wishes one and all to come and enjoy our hospitality! Use the prepay option, and come out for a grand time!

Until the next Herald is published, Respectfully,
Lord Sir James the Red, Royal Chronicler of Umbria

York

Greeting unto the populace of Adria,

The five weekend long Florida Renaissance Festival ended in a success. York did not take a break though. Two weeks later, York held a weekend long event, beginning on Friday night.

Saturday morning began with Squire Elric's

preparation of the upcoming lunch. Opening court saw the formation of two new houses, House Netherwood with Garwin as the new Sire and the House of Locs. Saturday's event was host to two month's worth of tournament lysts, January and February. The steel tournaments were held first. After numerous brutal battles, the victor for January was Sir Tristan. The winner for the February tournament was Squire Gavin. This victory gave him the win he needed for Knighthood. After steel, sergeants renn combatants took the field. Squire Griffin was victorious in the January lyst. February battle was won by Giacomo. Before the next lyst the populace took a lunch break and enjoyed the scrumptious meal, our cook, Squire Elric prepared. The knight's renn lyst for both January and February was captured by Sir Tristan. The shinai battle was a vigorous one. Garwin Netherwood stood first in the January lyst. Squire Elric was the victor of the February lyst.

In the arts lyst Sire Zabrina received a masterwork and a win for her mouth watering candied walnuts.

On Sunday, the March events were held for the pleasure of the Crowns and populace. Court was another busy place. House Du Loc was formed and Tatan is the new Sire. House Netherwood, House of Locs, and House Lisrock joined together to form a new Barony. Squire Elric became the newest Baron in York. Soon after court the lysts began.

The sergeants renn was taken by Morgan. The knight's renn once again yielded Sir Tristan the victor. Shinai was taken by the new sire of the House of Locs, Bob. In the steel lyst, Squire Gavin took another victory, further cementing his Knighthood.

In the Arts, Squire Mareta earned a masterwork for her Irish Soda.

At last York had a few weeks to rest.

Those weeks went by quickly. April's event was soon upon us. April was a very warm month. A definite waring the York's hot and humid summer's were on their way. Court was filled with new Knights, new houses, new Squires and new appointments. Squire Gavin was elevated to Knighthood. The evening prior, Sir Gavin sat a vigil before his Knighting. He was Knighted by King Killian. Sir Gavin was presented with his Sir Coat and Spurs before the populace. King Killian took two new squires. As did Sir John, who took his first squire. Sir John also became the new Sire of Luid Heag Taigh. Morgan De Cameron was sworn in as the new Deputy Sov. of Arms.

The tournaments were a bit more difficult this month due to the heat. The steel lyst was won by Sir Tristan, after a long hard battle. Sir Tristan also won the knight's renn lyst,

which was an interesting one. The combatant who delivered the crowns a message in the shortest amount of time, after running the gauntlet won. Waiting throughout the gauntlet were the other knight combatants, who were not going to make passing easy. Shinai was again won by January's victor, Squire Garwin, now one of the King's squires. The sergeants renn winner was Alrick.

In the arts, there was a three way tie for the win; Squire Mareta's entry of Sir Gavin's Sir Coat, Anallewelyn's dress, and Baroness Rose's ginger bread. The arts become more competitive each month. In closing court, Sir Nickodemus became the second Bishop of York. Sir Cullen became the Sire of the newly formed House Ulster.

In Service to the Dream,
Josephine Durand



Caliban's Quandaries

Journeying past the Forest of Forgetfulness, I came upon a fine Kingdom in the midst of their monthly Tourney!

Admiring the stout combat, I met Lady Sylvia Dragomani, who also had a passion for the Arts. We strolled over to the Arts area, where Lady Sylvia explained a rather odd tradition between three of the Kingdom's artisans.

"When Lady Aldgytha of Ashwood, Lord Eoghan O'Gabhann and Sir Marco Valerio DiBartolomeo enter the arts, each enters either a Bardic or Fine", Lady Sylvia explained. "If Lady Aldgytha enters a Bardic, Lord Eoghan enters a Fine. Either Lady Aldgytha or Sir Marco enters a Bardic, but not both. Lord Eoghan and Sir Marco do not both enter a Fine."

Who could have entered a Bardic at last month's Tourney and a Fine today?

Solution to 4/99 Quandary: The only days the Lion can say "I lied yesterday" are Mondays and Thursdays. The only days the Unicorn can say "I lied yesterday" are Thursdays and Sundays. Therefore, the only day they can both say that is on Thursday.

Goode Bardics

THE PRINCE

One of the best persons, back then, was the Prince
They haven't given up their throne since
How Noble looking on his throne
Not a boy but a man
Doing every piece of good he can
How wisely he leads his Kingdom
All evil men he will overcome
How better the way he treats his Knights
His whole castle full of wonderful sights
There's no better person since the Prince.

Sarah Trouble
Age 11
Shire of Chesapeake

Pearls? or Viagra?

What follows is a spiel overheard while at a faire in the town. A local apothecary is speaking with an older gentleman, who is laughing at his words.

"What we have here, my friend, is an ancient and venerable cure for many afflictions of the body. Both Galen and Dioscorides saw the importance of impotence, and provided cures for it. And everyone knows that their views have stood the test of time, for is it not true that their words were written just after our Christ was born, and yet no one else has come forth to dispute them? Their words are the very words used to teach our doctors.

I know how expensive it is, but I ask you, is not the future of your great estate worth the expense? Impotence is easily cured and well worth the paltry price I ask of you. And I offer it to you at barely above my cost. These pearls came to me at enormous expense, travelling with the soldiers as they came back from the Crusades. No, no, I know what you are thinking. They were not a part of the trading caravan that passed through here a month ago. These are true Crusader pearls.

Now as to its use. I have already ground the pearls and placed them in this packet. All you must do is use only 1/2 grain. Dissolve this in wine, as Cleopatra did. Or you may take it also in milk. And note, when you mix it with milk, it will also cure stomach ulcers. And that, good gentle, is not something that I am charging you for. It is free advice from this apothecary.

Good Sir! I object! That powder is very definitely ground pearls. See the luster? See the shine? Only a pearl can give that kind of gleam. Nay, not sugar. I do not use sugar in my potions and mixtures. I grant you sugar is a good treatment for various ails, but not for this. I will not tolerate this assault on my honor! Good day to you."

A poem of caliber written to the Rom memory which is how a great deal of Rom history has passed down the centuries. Since Rom (Gypsy) were not literate people, they relied on their memory and the Bori (Grandmothers of stature in the tribe) to pass it through the ranks of the family and tribe. This one particular poem was documented by Charles G. Leland in 1924. It is said that the Netley Abbey was well fitted for the dream-artist. The priory was called Newstead or De Novo Loco in Norman times, when it was founded Ruald de Calva, in the day of Richard Coeur de Lion. This tale was originally told by the Romanys of 'Appy Ampton who eventually put down their roots in Spain and England once the law against the nomadic lifestyle of the Gypsy was passed.

This is true and important relation of the wonderful tunnell of Newark's Abbey and the untimely ends of several of ye ghostly breth're. There is a moral to this story and hopes all who read take heed to it's sobering undertones:

The Monks of Wey

The monks of the Wey seldom sung any psalms,
And little they thought of religion or qualms;
Such rollicking, frolicking, ranting, and gay,
And jolly old boys were the monks of the Wey.

To the sweet nuns of Ockham devoting their cares,
They had little time for their beads and their prayers;
For the love of these maidens they sighed night and day,
And neglected devotion, they monks of the Wey.

And happy i'faith might these brothers have been
If the river had never been rolling between
The abbey so grand and the convent so gray,
That stood on the opposite side of the Wey.

For daily they sighed, and then nightly they pined
But little to anchorite precepts inclined,
So smitten with beauty's enchantments were they,
These rollicking, frolicking monks of the Wey.

But scandal was rife in the country near,
They dared not row over the river for fear;
And no more could they swim it, so fat were they,
Theses oily and amorous monks of the Wey.

Loudly they groaned for their fate so hard,
From the love of these beautiful maidens debarred,
Till a brother just hit on a plan which would stay
The woe of these heart-broken monks of the Wey.

"Nothing," quoth he, "should true love sunder;
Since we cannot go over, then let us go under!
Boats and bridges shall yield to clay
We'll dig a long tunnel clean under the Wey."

So to it they went with right good will,
With spade and shovel and pike and bill;
And from evening's close till the dawn of day
They worked like miner all under the Wey.

And at vesper hour, as their work begun,
Each sung of the charms of his favorite nun;
"How surprised they will be and how happy!" said they,
"When we pop in upon them from under the Wey!"

And for months they kept grubbing and making no sound
Like other black moles, darkly under the ground;
And no one suspected such going astray,
So sly were these mischievous monks of the Wey.

At last their fine work was brought near to a close
And early one morn from their pallets they rose,
And met in their tunnel with lights to survey
If they'd scooped a free passage right under the Wey.

But alas for their fate! As they smirked and they smiled,
To think how completely the world was beguiled,
The river broke in, and it grieves me to say
It drowned all the frolicsome monks of the Wey.

O churchmen beware of the lures of the flesh,
The net of the devil has many a mesh!
And remember whenever you're tempted to stray,
The fate that befell the poor monks of the Wey.

Fyne Foods

Pickled Eggs

By Dame Katherine McGuire (Patricia Fee)

I found this recipe in a group of German/Polish recipes that were graciously given to me by a friend's mother. Mama Katya we call her. They have been in her family for about 500 years, She translated some of them for me. I thought that this one would be different and fun to do. Mama Katya said that according to her grandmother these were brought from the old country, Poland , by an indentured servant in the time of the American revolutionary war, there were many from a hundred to two hundred years before that. They were written in a book that had illumination on the pages and some were written on the backs of notices posted for the peasants to read, in the villages, before the advent of newspapers became available at a price that the common man could afford..

Recipe

3or4 medium to large fresh beets, tops cut off (you can save them and serve them for greens)

3 quarts water.

1 dozen medium eggs, hard boiled. and shelled.

2 or more cups of a good vinegar.

Garlic cloves as many as you like.

2 Tbp. Dill seeds or 4 or more sprigs of fresh dill.

Place water in large pot. I used a cast iron pot to approximate a period pot.

Bring water to a boil, add beets and cook until tender when pierced with a fork. Remove beets, drain, saving the liquid and cool. Peel and cut in slices or cubes. Take a crock that will hold at least three quarts and place a layer of dill seeds on the bottom. Place the garlic on top of the dill, add a layer of beets. Place a layer of shelled eggs next then repeat the layers of beets and eggs until all are used (You can make a smaller amount, just use a smaller crock or a jar. Pour the beet cooking liquid through a double piece of good clean cloth(cheese cloth works well, or muslin, Mama says it calls for twice washed linen.) Measure 1 quart of liquid add this to the vinegar to make 1 and a half quarts or 6 cups and mix well. Pour this over the eggs and beets until all are covered.

Place a plate in the crock and weight it so that he eggs stay under the liquid.

Refrigerate(Mama Katya says that in the old country the crock was suspended in a bucket down a well, until the water came half way up the sides of the bucket to keep the eggs and beets cool if the weather was warm) for a month if you can keep yourself from tasting that long, or until the eggs are a even dull red/purple color. Eat the eggs right out of the crock, as they get better the longer they are in the liquid. Or serve with dark bread and mustard. You can eat the beets too if you want, but they are somewhat bitter and they tend to be somewhat rubbery. Mama says that the "beets are only eaten be peasants who must eat all that go into to making of their food as they have so little to eat They are not for the table of people that can afford better."

This dish would have been made and served in all households. Peasant through Royalty. In the peasant home the eggs would be gathered, and saved for this dish. It would be a fall dish preserving the eggs and vegetables for the coming winter. The beets and herbs would have been taken from the ground after they had grown to a good size, cleaned, cooked and prepared for the crock. The woman of the house was usually responsible for the chickens, vegetable garden and the cooking as well. This house hold would eat the beets and the garlic and more than likely drink or use the liquid for cooking when the eggs and vegetables were gone.

The other classes would prepare the dish according to their station in society.

The merchants and craftspeople would possibly purchase the vegetables, eggs and herbs at a local market day, or barter for them from a farmer or peasant The vinegar was made from "turned" wine and could be had at the local tavern or from the Monks at a near by Monastery. The dish would have been made in the fall when the beets, dill and garlic were well grown. Again the woman of the house or in the case of the more affluent merchants the cook would have prepared this dish for eating later in the winter.

In the Manor houses the beets and herbs would have been raised on the land or by tenant peasants or serfs. The eggs had from chicken kept by the servant who took care of the small farm animals. The Manor house cook would have used vinegar from wine that has turned or gone bad in the Manor's shortage barrels. Larger amounts of this dish would have been made and it would have been served at feasts as a savory, as well as a common food for the winter table.

Ingredients:

Eggs: I used "free range" medium eggs as I thought that they would be nearer to what was the size and quality of the eggs in period.

Beets: I used organic beets purchased at Henerys Market

Vinegar: I used a wine vinegar available at the Whole Foods store it has no preservatives .

The garlic and dill I grew on my patio, using a wooden box of dirt with leaf mold mixed in.

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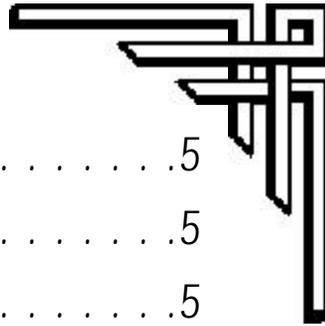
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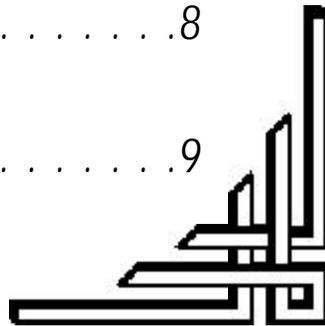
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