

The Adrian Herald

November 1999

From The Imperials

Well, it is that time of year in the Empire - Out with the old and in with the new. Kat and I wish Their Imperial Highnesses Sir Eric and Dame Elizabeth all the best of luck in the coming year, they are going to need it

At the writing of this document, there is just 3 weeks left in my reign as Tzar of this Empire, and now I have some time to look back at our accomplishments. Of course, there is the question of our retirement titles to consider. By the time you read this, the Estates will have already answered that question, but I feel compelled to write a few words concerning this vote now, as this is the last time I may enjoy access to this 'Bully Pulpit'.

As my wife and I have always asserted, we never took on this job in order to receive titles, in the many years of service to this empire, we have both acquired plenty. They are in themselves rather meaningless to us. This is fortunate because at this time, we both highly doubt we shall receive those titles. Is this because we think we did not perform adequately enough this year to earn them? Is this because we think that our government in some way failed? Absolutely not. As I look back on the year, I, my wife, and all the tireless volunteers who devoted their time, and money to this game did an exceptional job. I will take some time to review the many victories of this government later. If we do not receive our titles, as we think we will not, it is because of the petty, selfish vindictiveness of many of the people involved in the process of running this organization. I am quite aware of the people who are, right now, expending great energies to lobby folks to vote against our titles. Their reasons are based in half truths, and personal grievances with us. The vote on our titles has devolved from an assessment of the job performed to an act of demagoguery. What is so unfortunate about this is that it will come as a slap in the face to all the volunteers whose work really did make this year an unprecedented success in the history of this organization. It will be our plea to the Estates that any vote to deny our retirement titles be accompanied by a resolution by the estates to congratulate and thank the many people who worked so hard in the different ministries of this organization who indeed were very successful. Just because these spiteful people have a personal problem with my wife and I, does not mean that these good peoples' hard work should go unrecognized. It is a weakness of the system that the ultimate assessment of an governments success is tied directly to the vote on the sovereigns retirement title. If that vote was conducted solely based on the merit of what was accomplished during the year, that would be OK. But as this years vote shall no doubt reinforce what past years votes established, it has more to do with whether someone was popular or not, and little to do with the job they performed.

And perform was what this administration did this year. More so then any other. Let's review what was the condition of the empire a year ago.

A year ago the Empire was more the \$8,000.00 in debt. This administration did what no other has ever done. We took a hard look at our income base, our debts, and our regular bills and did an income analysis. What this report showed was that, based on our policies of a year ago, not only was the empire in debt, but that the amount of our debt would increase by nearly \$6,000.00. This administration's response was quick, we put together a multi point plan that included restructuring the dues and implementing a budget. These actions brought back financial sanity to this organization. The result is that the organization we hand over not only is debt free, but there will be almost \$2000 in the bank after the coronation. This despite the fact that over \$2400 was stolen from the group at the Western Imperial War.

A year ago, this organization was without insurance. Last years administration had allowed our insurance to lapse. This administration quickly responded, prior to even being crowned, to re-establish our insurance, and when our insurer re instated our insurance at an astronomically high amount, this administration was able to negotiate a better deal.

A year ago, the College of Arms was a shambles. The armorial was no where near complete, nor was a manual that had been promised 2 years earlier. The rule of registration was in no way based on any historical fact. This administration stepped in, cleaned up the mess, and began a revolutionary project, to model our rules of registration after historical examples, thus reinforcing our stated mission of being an educational organization. This project has continued to meet with great opposition. Opposition that is based more on personal jealousies then any real concern of what is best for this organization.

A year ago there was no archery practiced in Adria. Through the efforts of many, this administration was able to put together an archery manual, create an Archery Knighthood, and develop rules to include melee archery in our wars.

A year ago we were locked out of our domain name on the web. A year ago we could not use our own domain name on the internet, www.adrianempire.org, even though we had paid to reserve it. This had been the case for over a year. This administration corrected that issue.

A year ago, you didn't have agendas, manuals etc. easily downloaded from the Adrian webpage. This administration has leveraged our internet visibility to be able use our WebPages to distribute these materials in a very low cost method.

A year ago, it had been 2 years since the Estates received a complete financial report. As of the estates meeting last November 1998, it had been almost 2 years since the Estates had

seen a complete and accurate financial report. This year, at all 4 Estates meetings, the estates receive complete reports as to the organizations bank accounts, check registers and budget status.

Here are some other items of note, we had a return of the Banner War, on both coasts, after a 3 year absence. I am hopeful that we will see this tradition continue well into the future. We received much needed updates to the Physikers manual. We experienced 22% growth in memberships. The legal system of this organization was pushed to the limits, and we discovered some fundamental flaws inherent in that system. I corrected one via writ, and in the months to come a committee has been formed to review and apply an entire overhaul of that system. We implemented a different organization to the government, appointing at least 2 deputies, sometimes more, to each of the major ministries. This proved quite successful, as attrition took its toll and ministers stepped down during the course of the year, trained replacements, that where already familiar with the policies, procedures and ongoing projects of the office were ready to step in.

The last 2 administrations did not accomplish even a small portion of this, and yet they were confirmed as successful reigns by the Estates, while others lobby against our own. This is evidence to me that this decision has devolved from what it should be, an evaluation of the performance of the administration, to a popularity contest. It is understandable that my wife and I have made a few political enemies this year. We promised last year that we would do what needed to be done to right this organization, and we have done that. Some of our methods have been controversial, but that has more to do with the fact that we were actually performing a function, rather than just sitting back and doing as little as possible. It is a shame, that these individuals would use their influence to attack my wife and I politically for their own ends, and in the same stroke, turn their back on all their fellow Adrians who have worked long and hard to accomplish a long list of successes.

Of course, the year was not without it's valleys either. The most recent was the theft of the monies at the Western

Imperial War. To summarize the report that will be given to the Estates, it is our opinion that the most important thing that happened at the war that lead to the theft was that there was a lack of leadership at the war. A short list of people, who where supposed to be in the decision making process there, took an all too hands off approach in regards to the handling of the monies at that sight. The sight host, the sight autocrats, the Imperial Steward all failed in some measure to perform their duties at the sight. The result was that the monies were given to someone we, the Imp. Crowns, did not intend to take ownership of the monies. The cash should have been given to the Sight Host and used to pay off the park. This was not done. The autocrats and host did not keep an eye on the money being collected, and they should have. The Imperial Steward should have done a much better job at instructing her deputy in her duties when she decided not to attend. In the end, the responsibility for this loss lies with us, the Imp. Crowns. We appointed all these people. We trusted that they would all have the initiative to take charge when they needed to. We were incorrect in that trust. We felt that there were enough leaders on sight that we could travel to the Eastern war and meet with our fellow Adrians back east. We were wrong. The lesson to be learned here is that all the people involved in such a large undertaking as the Imperial Wars need to be much more pro-active, especially with regards to the handling of money. The sight host needs to make sure when and how they are to receive the money to pay the park, and not make the park chase us down. The person collecting the fees needs to make sure the money is not released to someone who does not have the necessary tools to ensure it's safety, this includes a locked box.. If a major minister is not going to be there, they need to be sure that their deputy is well informed of what will be needed. And the sight autocrats need to ensure that everyone is communicating and that everyone is meeting their responsibilities. If more people had stepped forward to take active responsibility in the event, these and other problems likely would not have occurred. As a result the organization had over \$2400 in cash stolen, and it is likely the perpetrator was a member. At this time we have turned

over all the evidence to the police, and they are investigating the matter. Anyone approached by an investigating office is expected to co-operate fully.

For his part, Sir Phelan Kell, who was responsible for the funds at the time they were stolen, has offer to reimburse the corporation. He is willing to make monthly payments over the next few years until this debt has been paid.

One of the results of this theft is that the Empire will not be able to pay back funds to 3 chartered sub-divisions that are owed to them. These monies where discovered by this administration when we began to piece together the shambles that was the Imperial Stewards office last year. In February and July we told the Estates that it was our want to pay these funds back by the Imperial War, depending on the financial condition of the organization. Contrary to rumors being bandied about, we never promised to pay any earlier, but said we would if we could. With the theft of the funds from the Imperial War, there is no way for the Imperium to pay these monies back without putting a severe strain on its coffers. So we went to the 3 chartered sub-divisions and made a deal. We proposed that these Kingdoms, keep half of the dues money they collect in the next year until they have recovered the funds that are owed to them. I am happy to say that 2 of these Kingdoms, York and Umbria, have agreed to these terms. The people of these Kingdoms should be commended for putting the stability of Adria ahead of their own self interests. Unfortunately, the third Kingdom, Esperance, has chosen to act in a much more selfish and self-centered manner. It would appear that the Estates of Esperance care very little about what goes on outside their borders, and how it may impact the rest of the people playing this game. Not only did the King of Esperance spit in the face of our offer, but he has, at the instruction of his estates, been withholding all dues money collected for several months. We have been more then patient with Esperance, but our duties to this corporation, which are enforce by the Laws of the United States of America, dictate that we must soon take action. We have made another offer to Esperance, one that is different from the one made to the other 2 Kingdoms, as Esperance seems to feel they need special treatment. We have given Esperance until Oct. 27th to accept our terms. It is my hope that we

will have this whole matter resolved before Oct. 27th.

There were other mistakes that were made along the way, and all those were acknowledged and fixed. Most of them had to do with protocols. In all, I would challenge anyone to say that the decisions we made this year were not made with the best interests of this game at heart.

If it seems that I have grown a bit cynical, it is because I have. This past year I have been afforded the opportunity to see the best and worst that our members have to offer. I am afraid that the bad is quickly overtaking the good. More and more people have succumbed to their baser emotions. Pettiness, selfishness and jealousy run rampant through the halls of leadership. This, coupled with the ever increasing demands placed by these individuals on the volunteers who make this organization run, could spell dark times for this organization. People are quick to jump forward and place blame where they can, and make unreasonable demands on people, knowing full well that these folks are acting as volunteers, and that this activity is in addition to their mundane lives. Early in the year I published the Core Values of the Adrian Empire, which were adopted by the Estates, unanimously. It was my hope that the adoption of these Core Values would lead to a time of good fellowship among Adrians. This has not been the case. I am reprinting these Core Values here, in a hope that some of them will sink in.

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

Unto the Populace,

I will make this short, as my good husband covered much of what needed to be said. However there are a few things he forgot.

First of all, I would like to remind everyone, that our volunteers are VOLUNTEERS. Though often we make mistakes, I can not find a single instance that I can blame on willful negligence. This is very important to remember, especially in regards to the stolen funds.

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.

If we can all adopt these values in our dealings with each other, then I am sure that this organization will continue to grow. If on the other hand, we continue down the path we have, well, for me the Dream will have died.

To our ministers, we can never put into words the appreciation we feel for the job you have done. You all sacrificed many hours of your time, as well as a lot of

Our volunteers could have done somethings differently, but hindsight is always 20/20. We must move forward and learn from our mistakes and strive to ensure that something like this never happens again. Those who would abuse anyone, who volunteers their time, should be mindful that our entire organization depends on our volunteers and without them, there would be no game.

Second, we must remember to thank our volunteers. All of our accomplishments

your own money, in order to make this group function. And you have done it with little thanks from the populace you serve, instead receiving mostly scorn. If this organization does not start doing a better job of acknowledging the work you do, and put aside the petty personal differences that arise, then we will in the not too distant future be unable to have enough qualified persons in these positions to run the government.

For ourselves, it is no secret that this year has worn heavily on my wife and I. For us, the Dream is all but dead. Regardless of the findings of the Imperial Estates, our future participation in this organization remains in question. For certain, we will never again accept a position of any form in any government. And at this time, I can think of only one event, the impending knighting of Lord Nigel, that I have any desire to attend.

After ten years of service, my time has come to an end. I leave behind an organization in much better shape than when I found it. I only fear that the selfishness of others may bring about the ruin of so many peoples good work. In this I hope I am mistaken.

Sincerely,
Stefanus Imperator

Tsar of all the Adrias
Knight Bannerette of Adria
Knight Civil of Adria
Twice Crowned King of Terre Nueve
Premier Companion of the Imperial Nebula

Companion of the Order of the Grail
Member of the Order of the Crown
Companion

Lord Baronette of Terre Nueve
Lord of Adria

from the last reign are to be credited to those individuals who chose to give of their time and money, to make our game better. We would be in a world of trouble, if it were not for the accomplishments of our ministers. We hope that the support we tried to give was enough, and We apologize for the harassment you had to endure to do your jobs. Here is a short list of their accomplishments:

Imperial Arts Minister Dame Rahja and her Deputies Dame Maebe and Baroness

Kyra: The Wars were well run and your time and diligence in running your office as efficient as you did should be commended. This position is not easy, everyone is quick to judge and blame and you all did well.

Imperial Chancellors Sir William and Sir Karl, with the assistance of your Magistrates including Sir William: Single handedly you were able to organize our estates, clean our agenda and handle all the trials that were initiated in the past year. I cannot remember a Chancellors office that was more efficient and more available to the populace as a whole.

Imperial Chroniclers David & Jean Cominolo: Your work is evident to every member of Adria. Every edition that you published was well done, and on time. Your efforts to keep costs down, while publishing a large quarterly arts issue must be commended. This office can take all the glory for all of their work, for it is the one office, my husband and I had nothing to do with, except for paying the bills. I thank you for your devotion and time.

Imperial Minister of War and Joust Sir Allyn McDonnon and deputies: Your work at the wars was exceptional. This single office had to put up with my husband more than any other office, and yet you survived. Some might call this a miracle. We thank you for your service, it was invaluable to the Empire.

Imperial Hospitaler Countess Sebile Branpfylde-Moore: Though you have been with us a short time, your work is exceptional. Your efforts should be commended.

Imperial Steward Dame Kitara Kell, and deputies Dame Shelaine Dane and Skye O'Malley: Your service to the Empire has been exceptional. There were mistakes, which in no way should outshine your performance. We have a current and accurate membership database, we have current financials for the corporation, and we stuck to our budget. Your work in large share, is our crowning accomplishment of this reign. This job is a huge undertaking and responsibility. None of you ever complained, you just did the best you could, and you have my eternal thanks.

Imperial Deputy Steward (liaison's office) Sir Nickolai Belsky: Brother, I am glad you cannot say no to me, for you

have been my savior more than once. Thank you.

Imperial Minister of Rolls Dame Serina and Sir Coda, with Deputy Dame Brigid: Your work to fill out the archive and computerize the rolls is invaluable. In the near future we hope to have an accurate Doomsday Book for our group. The frustration and time will soon pay off. Thank You.

Imperial Physiker Squire Gryphon: Thank you for your manual. We were unable to work out all the kinks, or accomplish everything we had wanted to. Thank you for your service.

Master of the Ether- Webmaster Captain Cornelious Storm: Thank you for all of your work on keeping our site updated and current. Your service was a valuable tool, and the site is beautiful. Thank you.

Imperial Sovereign of Arms Lord Nigel the Byzantine and his deputy Sq. Gregor mac Domnaill : Your service to the empire has been invaluable. We have made more progress in this one office, that in almost any other. We thank you for your service, your strength and your reminders to stay on course. We hope that in the future your road will be smoother.

Imperial Seneschal Dame Rose: You are one of my best friends, and one of the most loyal individuals I have ever known. Your assistance through this entire reign has been a godsend. I am truly proud of you, and the knight you have become. Thank you for everything, especially arguing with my husband with me.

To all of the crowns and everyone else, who has volunteered their time and efforts on behalf of the corporation, you have our thanks and admiration.

Now for a little bit of last minute business:

It has come to our attention that a few issues with the Stewards office must be dealt with.

First, Every subdivision must turn in a year end summary report by February 15. This report is to have a general ledger report, a report on petty cash, copies of all bank statements for the previous year, and any other information specifically request by the Imperial Steward. Copies of this report must be turned into the Imperial Crown, Imperial Steward and

the Imperial Accountant. If this information is not turned in on time, the offending subdivision will be put on immediate probation, and their charter will be subject to review.

Second, At this time, all cash donations over \$100 must be cashed by the Imperial Stewards office and will be returned within 30 days. The IRS now requires us to maintain a donor's list, which must be current and can be requested by them at any time. Furthermore, right now we are only registered in Arizona and Nevada to accept cash donations. Until this situation is figured out, we must deposit all donations, in the Imperial Checking account.

We hope that we have served you well, We did Our best.

Katayana Imperitrix
Tsarina of all the Adrias

From the ARTS & Sciences MINISTER

Greetings populace. It is that time again when we, the ministers of Adria, start to breath that sigh of relief and let go of our duties to those who are next in line. After two years of dealing very heavily in the Arts and Sciences I will be retiring to a more demanding field. With that said, it was requested by me to recommend a successor and after long days of deliberating I have come up with several ideas.

My first recommendation would be that of Sir Caliban of Umbria as his extensive background in ministry and the arts, along with his knighthood in Arts & Sciences makes him a qualified candidate and I would like to make a recommendation of him as my successor.

My second recommendation would be that of Dame Alexandria. She is also a qualified candidate as she also holds a second level in Arts.

My third recommendation would also be that of her good friend Dame Delia. I believe she also holds a second level belt in Arts and has assisted in writing the manual that has been approved by the Estates. Providing neither of the two above successfully win the crown of Umbria I believe that would also be good candidates.

My fourth and final recommendation would be that of Dame Katherine Marshall. Also being a knight Artisan and having known she ran without a glliche the Esperance Arts for the last year I believe her to be a qualified candidate as well.

Mind you, I am only making recommendations to the their Imperial Highnesses as they prepare to ascend the Throne of Adria. These recommendations come from personal knowledge and in the the best interest of Adria. I, however, do recommend that my East Coast Deputy keep her position. She has learned a great deal in the few short months I have had her on board but feel that she is a perfect liason to the East and West coasts on the efforts she puts forth to improving the arts.

With that said, I also have several thank you's to offer to the several people. Dame Maedb, despite your medical condition and the long days at the judging table you pulled through for the empire. This, I am proud to say, is probably the most honorable and courageous thing I have seen a person do. Your assistance to the Arts and knowledge of the political correctness that people seek in this day should be applauded. I hate to say it, but most Ministers from know will see you in a whole different light. Let's just hope they don't see it as the ministry position as what hospitalized you!!!

I want to thank my local Arts & Sciences Ministers for their contribution to a smooth running year. The documentation for the library is growing. It has become such a large package of such that I feel that it would be a great loss to us if lost in the "mail" system, so I will make efforts to hand deliver it to the appropriate people. Your reports have also given us the ability to give kudos to those who deserve it by giving them a little lime light in the newsletter. For exception of the last few months when I have been without access to a computer.

I hope and wish you all a smooth transition to the new thrones and cabinet as do I hope that you have a smooth year.

In the Service to the Dream;
Al-Farisa Rahja Ahmina bint Husam of Basir
Imperial Minister of Arts and Sciences

Imperial Newsletter Expenses

The Imperial Newsletter, The Adrian Herald, was once considered a one-person job. It has since then become a two person job; one person to nudge the various subdivisions for articles and submissions for the regular herald and the quarterly Arts & Sciences edition, compile/format into a newsletter and the other person to maintain the mailing list with monthly updates from the Imperial Steward and local stewards. From about the 20th of the month, we start gathering/begging for submissions. After that, it takes approximately 60 man-hours of formatting, printing the master, copying (24 hour turn around at Staples), folding stapling, labeling, stamping, and mailing. We submit for your review the monthly costs for the reign of Tsar Stefanus and Tzarina Katayana to date. These costs come directly from our pockets and are reimbursed by the Imperium. Monthly costs may vary due to leftover stamps from the previous months, the need for mailing labels, increases in copy count (adding and subtracting members), and increase in copy cost (Staples just doubled their prices).

Circulation: approximately 435 issues monthly

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December 1998	58.46	96.00
January 1998	77.40	96.00
February 1999	109.39	100.00
March 1999	64.63	132.00
April 1999	115.37	132.00
May 1999	91.87	132.00
May 1999 (Special Issue)	*	165.00
June 1999	77.94	132.00
July 1999	74.48	165.00
August 1999	115.37	132.00
September 1999	155.39	132.00
October 1999	217.24	132.00

*Data lost, however the Imperial Steward should have a copy if there is any question.

Shameless plug time - Do you have something to contribute? Contact the Imperial Chroniclers!!!

Chesapeake

UNTO THE POPULACE OF ADRIA,
We have been busy this month in the Duchy of Chesapeake.

Baroness Kyra Evaine held a Collegium on "Courtly Manners and Protocol" on August 1st. It went really well. Everyone presented themselves great at the August Crown Event. She is also holding a Collegium in October on "What the Judges are looking for when submitting anything in the Arts Tournament".

Our August Crown Event was a success. The House of Hofen hosted this crown event, with the Sire having a German background, a lot of the foods had a German flare. The Combat Tourney was won by Sir Chris MacDraco, both in Ren and Shinai. The Arts Tourney was won by Baroness Kyra Evaine for her Renaissance Dress. The Archery Tourney was won by Linette von Gerns in an Elimination Round, beating the Duke at 35 yards. We had some visitors come to inquire about the Duchy.

We are having a Pumpkin War in October on Halloween weekend. A meeting was held to discuss the agenda. We are camping out over two nights, discussed different Combat scenarios, a Masquerade ball with dancing, a feast, and a pumpkin carving contest with swords or knives. We will be having a wonderful time. We are going to get a tour of the site this weekend.

On August 29, we are planning to attend the Maryland Renaissance Fair. We are looking forward to seeing HRG Koning Duriel van Hansard, who said was coming east, to accompany us to the faire.

In Service to the Dream,

HRG Sir Sven Icemen, Viking Dragon Lord and
HRG Dame Megan Rhys

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Sangreal

November event will be Sunday, Nov 7 at Summerlake Park in Lake Elsinore. December Yule Feast is Dec 3 at the Bethany Lutheran Church in Norco. Fee \$5.00 for adults; \$2.50 for children under 13. Dinner will be served at 7:00pm. Contact Duchess Isabeau Dionne at Sangraell1@aol.com for more information.

Congratulations to Sir Griff Ironfist who (finally) took his first level knighthood in Combat and Ministry. He should attain second level knighthood in combat before the turn of the century! Also congratulations to Squire Jamie Mac Donald and Sir Gwydion Dionne for placing 3rd and 4th in the steel tourney in Las Vegas. You do the duchy proud both with your fighting skill and your chivalry on the field!

The October event was special in more ways than one. Special thanks to our guests Dame Fiona and Sir Nickolai Belsky, who won our Ren tourney and there by will finally (after ten years) attain his knighthood in combat! He brought with him many suits of steel and so we had a full list. Congratulations to Sir Logan for taking steel and Squire John for taking shinia.

Archery was won by Sir Gwydion in a double shootout with the Duchess for Octobers list. Sept's list was won by Squire Jamie, who has now moved back 10 yards.

The duchy war will be Dec 4th at Summerlake park. Starts promptly at 11:00am. Contenders are Sir Karl Brauer and Sir Caspain Dunbar.

Chain Mail Guild

Be it known that I, Sir Leoneric Dunn McDuncan, Do here by announce the Guild of the Chain Mail Workers (To be run by my self till a qualified Guild Master can take the Guild over per the rules put into this document, and/or a Grand Master decides otherwise).

To be qualifying for this Guild, you need to be interested in making Chain Mail Armor. Be it Coif's, Shirt's, or anything that needs Chain Mail attached to the armor of the fighter, or on any garb that is worn by anyone that requests that an Item be made for part of their garb.

Rules regarding this Guild and attending rank in said Guild, are as follows:

I To become a Apprentice

you need to only apply to any member of the Guild

willing to be taught the making of Chain Mail

willing to study the making of Chain mail for Combatants

And to make 1 item suitable at a Knight's Combatant Caliber & Quality.

II Journeyman

to Participation in 3 Masters' Tourneys at Crown events

to offer to any Knight Combatant, or to repair, any Chain Mail that said knight combatant may wear and that is seen in need of repair

to offer said repair at any time that said chain mail is seen in need of repair, before a major repair is in need on the chain mail for the Knight Combatant

And to make Minimum of 1 article & 2 repairs (3 total) any articles for knight Combatants to wear on the field of Combat.

III Master

participation in 5 additional Masters' Tourneys at Crown events.

1 win in a masters' Tourney at a Crown event.

participation in 2 demonstrations.

to make 5 more (2 articles and 3 repair) articles for Combatants to wear on the Battlefield. And to have either a Knight Master Judge the repair or 3 Master's judge the repair.

willing to take an Apprentice, to teach the making of Chain Mail for the Apprentice, and to help any Apprentice to establish him/her self into the Guild of Chain Mail.

to hold 1 colligum for the making of Chain Mail.

IV Guild Master.

participation in 10 Knights' Tourneys at Crown events.

1 win in the Knights' Tourneys at a Crown event.

1 Master work

participation in 3 additional Demonstrations.

to make 5 more articles for

Combatants to wear on the battlefield and to repair 5 articles for the Combatants for combat.

to hold 3 Colligum for the making of Chain Mail.

to sponsor at least 3 new Apprentices into the Guild.

V Grand Master

to Judge All Guild Master's articles for the Guild

to Participate as a Judge in at least 5 Crown events Per Year.

to judge very harshly the items to be judge by any within the Guild.

to hold 2 Colligum for the making of Chain Mail Per Year.

to hold 2 Demonstrations for the making of Chain Mail Per Year.

Rules Regarding The Chain Mail Guild

As an Apprentice, it is your job to learn the making of Chain mail items for the use of Combatants in armor, or items for the use in Garb and Accessories.

As a Journeyman, You need to find your own location, and your own stamp on a washer as a stamp of who made what item, and these marks will be put into the guild records to indicate who the maker of a certain item will be, also each mark should be sent to the Guild Master as the area's Guild Hall, and to have accomplished all of the Requirements for the rank of Journeyman to go to the level of Master.

As a Master, You need only to accomplish the list of Items set down for the Master's list to be advanced to the next level. Also you need to make sure that all of the Apprentice's in your area, are properly trained in the art of Chain Mail working, and that when they are ready to become a Journeyman, to send them on their way, and to turn in a marked washer to indicate what their mark will be. If said mark is already someone else's, Then the washer will be sent back to be redone by the Journeyman so that each and everyone of everyone that is in the Chain Mail guild will have their own marker for the armor that they make.

As a Guild Master, You need to do what is on the list of the Guild Master before you can go to the final rank of Grand Master. Also as a Guild Master you will

need to keep in mind that you will be a Judge in Art's tourney's, at events where Chain Mail armor is being repaired, or being built on sight. Also you will be in charge of all of the Markers that all Guild Members will send in for their marker, to be sure that the marker is not a duplicate of someone else's marker. And then you need to percent to the Grand Master, the Markers for attainment for their Mark's Identify with all other Guilds so that there are no copies of someone else's Marker.

As a Grand Master, you also need to keep a record of all mark's in your area, be that for Journeyman, Master, or Guild Master, and you need to be sure that all of the marks that you receive are not a copy of someone else's marker, you need also to keep track of any items made by any Apprentice, Journeyman, or Master, so that they can advance in their order as well. Also as a Guild Master you need to call any other Guild Master in case you have any items that need to be judged in a arts tourney for your points as well.

If for any reason that you can not met the requirements for the rank that you have receive as a Guild master, or Grand Master, you will loss that rank and go to the rank below till you can prove that you can keep either rank's minimum requirement's to the standards for the Guild.

The only way that a Grand Master can be recalled is by having all Guild Master's vote that Grand Master out of office, and he/she becomes a Guild Master, then a new Guild Master will be voted into that office so that there will be at all times a Grand Master.

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Thunk!

Welcome to, hopefully, a new series of articles: "Thunk!" - archery, "Thwack!" - Shanni; "Tink!" - Schlager/Ren Weapons, "Clank!" - heavy steel, "Fyne Foods" - cooking, and "Knitting with Steel" - chain mail. With your help and input, each one of these subjects will cover how to find, select, care for and use the various toys/tools/things we play with. I personally hope that everyone will try to contribute and that we can expand this series.

The first in the series, "Thunk!" will be on the types and selection of a bow.

There are two types of bows that **are not** approved by the Adrian Empire - compound and cross. The compound bow has wheels on the ends of its limbs and you can't hide the wheels, I've tried. It also is designed to drop the draw weight as it's pulled because of the wheels (pulleys) and the multiple strings. The crossbow is still in the experimental stage for use in the empire.

The bows that **are** approved are the recurve bow and the long or flat bow. The recurve bow is a popular modern bow, easy to find in various sizes from kid to adult; from 9 lb. pull to 60 lb. pull and above and can start at \$100 and climb from there. It comes as a solid/laminated wood or a break-down version where the limbs are removable. The long or flat bow is harder to find commercially; it's more a custom bow and very expensive, starting about \$300 and up. (OK, Martin Archery has something call a "Stick" or "Twig" that's cheap, \$100, but may be discontinued; and for the do-it-yourselfers, Traditional Archery.com has a 60 lb. draw you can finish yourself for about \$100.) The traditional flat variant of the long bow draw weight generally starts at 60 lb. and climbs upwards. The long bows found on the Mary Rose have been recreated and have a draw weight from 100 lb to 150 lb. The largest single difference between these two bows is that the recurve has the arrow rest essentially in the belly of the bow, so the arrow has a straight line of sight from the bow string to the target whereas the long bow, the arrow must go around the bow.

Probably the best way to choose a bow is to find an archery range and take a class or two. Find out in a class if you really want to buy that \$300 Martin Hunter recurve or would you really rather scrounge thru the local thrift store for a bow. Even contacting someone in the empire to find an inexpensive bow that can be dropped and mistreated, might be better especially if you're only going to use it one in a while. Try going to an Adrian archery event and ask to try out a few bows; you never know what you'll find.

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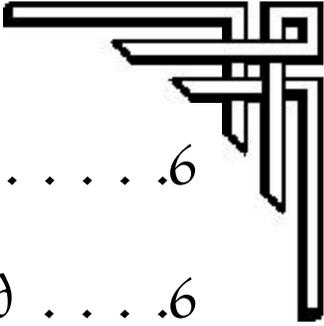
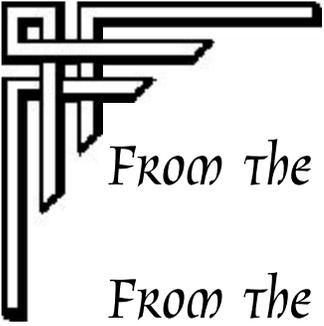
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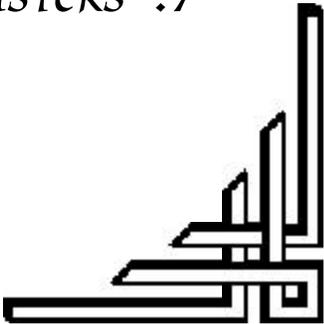
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