

The Adrian Herald

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Greetings to the New Year

We would like to welcome the new rulers to their thrones, as the lines of succession have been very busy as of late. We do congratulate Vilhelm von Seiken Uladrachen, now King of Esperance, and Maedb Hawkins Drakonja, now Queen of Esperance. On our eastern shores in York we do extend tidings and hopes for a good year ahead to King Raffe and Queen Brejenne. And in the mountainous deserts of Umbria we do send felicitations to King Rashalak and Queen Delia, and wish them well.

As we venture into the New Year which is come upon us, there are many tasks being undertaken that while eliciting little fanfare or giving much show still take much time. Work is ongoing on integrating the past two years of revisions of our bylaws into the main body of the document. We hope to publish them soon. In addition there are issues of policy that We will be contacting both Crowns and Ministers to work with us on. Of primary importance to us at this time are (not necessarily in this order) the publication of the fully revised bylaws, reviewing the revised bylaws for inconsistencies, the updating and refinement of the website and Adrian documents therein, working with several newly forming areas, refining the budget, reviewing the subdivisions' reporting, and getting around to visit the rest of the Empire as much as possible after the first of the year.

On Shires & Such

While we consider growth to be good and greatly affirm our desire to see the Empire flourish, it would be unwise for us to go unknowingly into the future without fully examining our resources and understanding how we grow. We wish to share the information and recent discussion with our populace at large, that we might all have a better understanding of the process. And then we wish to make preliminary announcements regarding the formation of new subdivisions currently in the offing.

It recently came into focus for the Estates when reviewing the Empire's budget, both past and proposed, that we have costs

which are directly influenced by the number of subdivisions we have regardless of their size or level of activity. The major impact is the cost of insurance. The insurers must assume that each subdivision is holding as many events as the bylaws indicate they should have, which would be one per month. One can draw several conclusions from this information. The reality is that the larger subdivisions subsidize the smaller ones based on the inability to generate revenues proportional to their costs. This is known and accepted as an appropriate form of nurturing support. The time expended by Imperial Ministries to help smaller newer subdivisions to grow and learn is also an expected and beneficial activity. The importance of this recognition goes in both directions. There is great burden in a small group to diligently hold events and establish and maintain timely reporting procedures. Fewer members, fewer volunteers to draw on. Additionally the time needed to administrate a Shire can conflict with the time needed to recruit new members and develop momentum as well. Those who wish to form Shires in general will do well to illustrate activity by operating as Cantons prior to forming for a time. In this fashion they may confidently enter into the Estates with reputation established.

We are then happy to announce the impending formation of two new Shires, one within our continent and the other far from our shores. A group to be styled as Avernus is currently forming as a Canton, led by Greyldon Winter, with the expectation of becoming a Shire. We have tasked a member whose been called far away to Sicily, Ivan the Forsaken, with undertaking laying the ground work for formation of the Shire of St. George there. Activities will necessarily be limited to the military base there, as it is legally American soil. To expand beyond its confines would involve international legal issues that the Empire is not organizationally prepared to address at this time. And, heard on the wind we do have another request from elsewhere in this continent that has been previously "undiscovered" lands for us. Hopefully there will be more news from them soon.

In Service,

Elisabeth, Empress of Adria

Erik, Emperor of Adria

Unto the Populace of Adria,

Greetings, We expect this missive to be short as We have had little to comment on that would require this forum.

We would like to thank The Empire at large for its support and hospitality. Everywhere that We have gone the populace and nobles have been gracious and attentive.

On the subject of our updating the Combat Manual, The Imperial Minister of Joust And War and our self have been working on simplifying and streamlining the manual, so that

there will be less confusion and hopefully more fun for the combatants as well as the spectators. We will be soliciting ideas from past ministers as well as reviewing the current and past manuals.

As We said in the beginning of this missive it would be short. Our next month's address will surely be much longer, as the New Year tends to fire all of our imaginations and gives us a chance to review ideas as well as problem and their solutions.

Again Thank You All!

Sir Erik, Emperor

Aragon

To the Populace:

First off the points are completed. We thank you for your patience, and thanks to Countess Serina for all the hard work and time she has put in to get them done. If you would like your total points, please see the Minister of Roll. If you would like to have a full print out of your points (for .25 per page) see the Rolls Minister.

Next- I have heard many grumblings about how not all the paper work is the same for all houses. Well let me clarify- Yes it is. To have it different would cause more work and problems. We do ask that any and all changes to a house, barony, or march be put on paper and given to the chancellor before that next estates meeting. This will help keep alot of confusion down. To all of the Artisans congratulations, it was great to see so many entries last month, you are doing great, keep it up.

His majesty and I are looking forward to next year as We are sure good things will happen. Merry Christmas and to all a good Knight.

H.R.M. Anginette I

Chesapeake

Unto the Populace of Adria

We hope everyone from the Empire of Adria had a wonderful holiday and wish you and your family a joyful Happy New Year in 2000 from the Duchy of Chesapeake.

This month was a lot calmer than it has been. We needed this break.

The December Crown Event and Winter Solstice Feast was a great success, even though a few in numbers. The day began with court at 1pm. Our Archers, both men and women, took to the field for elimination rounds of shooting arrows at a 6-inch garland on the target. First round was 6 arrows, second round 3 arrows, and the third round 1 arrow. Sir Chris MacDraco was victorious at Archery. Huzzah! The Combat Tournament was won with Goodman Matt Sealgaer in Light Ren. The Arts Tournament was won by Baroness Kyra Evaine with her Beaded Purse. The Solstice Feast was most festive. There was beef, turkey, and fish to tempt our taste buds. Vegetables, breads, soup, and fruit was most appetizing. We just wish others could have joined in the festivities and merrymaking with us. Maybe you will join us next year.

Lord Sven Iceman joined in the Fighting Practice at Port Deposit again. He is receiving great advice on fighting with Shinai and the Ren to teach us in combat at the next crown event.

Baroness Kyra Evaine is having a Judging Collegium on January 9th, at 12 pm at the Barony of Namia. We are to be certified as judges, and get some new pointers at judging the Art Tourneys. This will be held just before the January Crown Event the same day.

Chronicler, Linette Von Gerns will have a Collegium on Sunday, February 6th on Calligraphy. All is welcome. This will be held at the Von Gerns cottage at 1 pm, please call for directions at 410-282-8370.

We are looking forward to going to the Kingdom of York's Ren Fair in February. Please hold a tent site for us.

In Service to the Dream,

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

What is Adria?

A time line or a place. We say that our time line is 1150 to 1603 and that we are recreating History, but when and who. We are asked to do what is right for the time line and persona that we have chosen and yet abide by the By-Laws of Adria which is set up for Knighthood some where in France.

I thought that we were able to choose not only the time, but who we would have been and from where. The rules are very vague as to what is or not to be accepted. Can we act out the persona we have chosen or must we be limited to what others think we should be doing, because they can not see how it will fit with their persona.

It has been asked: What is Knighthood and Chivalry? What must be answered first is - at what time and place. Over the time line 1150 to 1603 it changed as much as it did from place to place - France, Spain, England, etc. Then we must ask is how do we fit in other groups that we have in the game that would not have been Knighted.

We were asked to change from a social club to an educational club so that we would benefit from the 501-3 status, but what has changed. We still do not have communication as we should receive, written or computer. We at the Chapter level, at least in the East Coast, receive little or no information from the main seat on the West Coast. We are asked to run our groups as best as we can and then are told that we are doing things wrong. We are asked to educate, but do not receive education from the main group. How can we be teachers if no one will teach us. If I read a book and it states something different from four other books, which is right or wrong. What then do we teach if all four are different.

This is just some of the questions that are asked of us at our Events by members and

people that are interested in what we are doing. One day, if I live that long, I will be able to answer them.

On March 12, 2000, I will hold a Collegium on Knighthood as I see it - Right or Wrong, at Castle Dragonell, Duchy of Chesapeake... Any and all will be welcome to attend.

HRG Lord Sven Iceman
Viking Dragon Lord
Duke of Chesapeake
Adrian Empire

Esperance

As many of you are aware, Esperance had a crown war near the end of November. We crowned a new King and Queen early this December, immediately after the death of the previous king. King Reilly did die most dramatically, whilst refusing to step down. His queen, overcome with sorrow after finding that her late spouse's crown did not fit her, did willingly depart the throne. The empty throne was then occupied by His Majesty, King Vilhelm von Sieken Uladrachen and his Queen, Her Majesty Queen Maedb Hawkins Drakonja. The king is dead. Long live the king!

Both the crown war and the coronation were wonderful events and, according to reports, fun was had by all. The ghost of the late king and his grieving queen did much of the work for the coronation feast and their efforts are deeply appreciated, as are the efforts of all of those who cooked, served, and cleaned up after the event.

His new majesty deemed it proper to step down from the position of Marquis de Aggravain and the position was given to Sir Jamie the Red and Al Farissa Rahja Ahmina bint Hussam of Basir as Marquis and Marquessa respectively. A general shuffling of households and other estates followed and a new county has been named, the County of Aguilar with the Count Patrick [I'll send you his last name tomorrow!] at its head. The barony of Bloodstone has a new baroness, Baroness Angelique Sophie. The houses within the barony of Bloodstone are the House Bloodstone, the House Veekbok, and the House Nunya.

Future events include a 12th Night Celebration within the Canton of Aquitaine on January 8th. Unfortunately, it will probably be over before most of you have a chance to read this copy of the Herald. It promises to be another delightful event. It will follow the normal kingdom event which will be held in the city of Orange at Eisenhower Park. 12th Night will be held within Aquitaine so some driving from one to the other will be required. The two events on the eighth comprise the normal kingdom event and the Canton of Aquitaine event. The normal event by the

Canton of Tara is expected to be held the following Saturday.

February events include the normal Canton of Aquitaine event on the first Saturday of the month (the 5th), the kingdom event on the second Saturday (the 12th), and the normal Canton of Tara event on the third Saturday of the month (the 19th).



Arts Judging in Esperance

I (the Queen) have had the pleasure of serving the Empire first as Esperance's Deputy Minister, then as Royal Minister, and finally as Imperial Deputy Minister of Arts and Sciences. In those capacities, I was obliged to enforce the rules. Although I could certainly suggest changes, there were many other priorities for those in charge, and not much happened. I have experienced, firsthand, the trials and tribulations of the system. I am committed to making some of those changes happen. The Imperial Minister of Arts and Sciences, Sir Duriel van Hansard, has also promised many changes to improve the way the Arts are run. We (the Crown) are looking forward to working with him on this monumental task, but are unwilling to move at the same speed as Imperial changes usually move.

We are making our first change in the hopes that participation will increase, and the artisans' scores will be more accurately reflect the projects presented. In the past, it has been the custom and tradition to start the scoring at the maximum 10 in each of the 3 categories (craftsmanship, functionality and authenticity/documentation). From there, the judges marked down, providing an explanation with every mark-down.

Beginning at the January Crown event, the judges will begin their scoring at the median number of 5. From there, they will score both up and down (with explanations). This will allow the judges to continue recognizing deficits or errors. An entry that shows minimal effort, but meets all the minimum requirements, will receive a minimal score (presumably 15). This will be enough to allow them to receive a participation point, but not enough to win the tourney (hopefully). Judges have been clamoring for a way to recognize effort and excellence above and beyond the minimum requirements. By giving them the ability to judge upward, We hope this will allow them to do that. The better a project is, in any facet of the judging, the better the score will be.

Our Royal Minister of Arts and Sciences is also very experienced, and will be more than

happy to work with anyone who wishes help. Sir Ce'Wulf is a gem, and We are lucky to have him in the position.

So say We,

Maedb Hawkins Drakonja, Queen of Esperance
Vilhelm von Seiken Uladrachen, King of Esperance

U into my dear wife, Katya Filosofovitch I send this message in hopes that it finds you in good health upon the mountaintops of Ekaterinegorod.

Dear Katya,

All is well aboard the Hedgehog. Rahja Ahmina is currently polishing some more of her coins and attaching them to her clothes. I swear I hope she never falls overboard or all those metal coins will make her sink!

I don't know if you have heard, but Dame Maedb and Sir Coda ran for the throne of Esperance. It was a very fun war at a nice park with great weather. We all had fun and at the end our friend Sir Morgan, who was the other contender for the throne, conceded and Dame Maedb and Sir Coda became the next two people to be King and Queen for Esperance. Well, it's a few weeks later and we just had their coronation. It was a beautiful place and was a very fun evening. Our King Reilly would not get off the throne. He said that he would be on the throne 'till he died. Then he stood up and fell over and died. (not really, but it was funny!!) Then our Queen took his crown and sat in his chair. It was very funny. I'm sure there will be pictures of it posted in the shadows sometime. I will let your father, Sir Aleksii, know if/when they get posted.

I received your letter regarding your arts entry of scrambled eggs and apples. Yes, food of our period did taste different than we're used to today, but hey.. They would have probably thought pizza tastes horrible! J But since I like apples and I like eggs, I would have probably liked your arts entry, too.

Well, I need to get going. The winds are picking up and we need to tighten the sails. Please give my regards to your mother and father for me.

Your husband,
Robet ap Pryderi



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Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

His Lordship

Sir Robet ap Pryderi of Esperance

is hereby announcing his desire to commission a fyne seamstress or tailor of the Empire to create a most wondrous outfit for a distant relative. Please contact him aboard the HMS Hedgehog, off the coast of the most illustrious Kingdom of Esperance.

This is to say that my brother, in Lake County, California is looking for someone to make Garb. He knows of no one, and I would like to see it done well, and by a friend in Adria. If there are any that can help, please contact me. -

Sir Robet of Esperance

Terre Nueve

Greetings from the Beautiful Kingdom of Terre Nueve,

Decembers Crown Tournament began bright and early on a most beautiful day. There was no Arts Tournament but there was an exceptional collegium on Cartridge Pleating given by Mistress Julianna Hirsh. She brought supplies so everyone participating had the opportunity to try their hand at the technique. We look forward to many more learning opportunities from the fine hand of this talented artisan.

Combat List wins:

Shinai- Raven
Renn- Sir Thomas Fitzshokes
Steel- Arion Hirsh

In Court; Sir Kieran O'Muircheirtaigh took Kirbicus as his Squire HIM Erik the Aweful took Sire Thomas Ap Rhys as his Squire Sir James of March le Coirnoir took Baroness Marcella nicCaern as his Squire

New Estates in Terre Nueve:

The House of The Golden Chalice
The Barony of Palentine

12th Night will be held at The Moose Lodge in El Cajon and will be preceded by January's Crown Tournament/demo to be held at Harry Griffith Park in La Mesa On Lake View and Jan Drive. Opening Court at 9am.

Hope this finds all well and in good spirits,
Squire Marcella nicCaern de Coirnoir
Baroness of Palentine
Royal Chronicler
Royal Deputy Chancellor

Umbria

Greetings from Umbria!

We hope that all of you had a wonderful holiday season! Our keep was under siege by Flu these last few weeks keeping Us from celebrating more fully with each of you. We have finally overcome this fearsome beast and hope that you and yours are kept safe from this menace in the coming months.

We invite everyone to attend the First War of the Millennium to be held this January at Estrella Mountain Park (West of Phoenix). It has been determined by His Royal Majesty to be a War for the enjoyment of the populace. Armies shall be determined by lot. Site fees are charged by the Park. Camp sites are available. Contact HRM Sir Rashalak for more information at 480-726-3990.

We were pleased to welcome guests from the fine Kingdom of Aragon. Sir Chrysagon and Sir William fought valiantly in the Tower of Doom. Thank you for your brave assistance! Congratulations again to Lord Keegan, the

only combatant to vanquish the dragon and save the damsel. Huzzah!

We proudly announce that all of the entries at Our Crown Arts tournament received a Master Work. Congratulations to Her Excellency, Lady Draconia, for her faux fur and pearl lady's hand warmer. Stunning work! Huzzah!

We joyously welcomed six new members into the lands of Umbria at Our Crown event. We also had the pleasure of having a fine merchant selling his wares. We thank everyone for the fine gifts! We are sure that Our Constable will find many uses for his!

Thanks again to all of Our ministers for all of your diligence this past month. With all of your personal responsibilities this season, We truly appreciate the time you volunteered to help Umbria prosper. You are the best!

With great expectations for the months to come,

Rashalak and Delia
Crowns of Umbria

York

York sends greetings to the esteemed populace of Adria

It has been long since you've received correspondence from us but events have been moving swiftly in York. Our King, Killian Oakesblood and Queen Jericho Gutte d'Or expressed the desire to retire and leave the burden of government behind them. There was much discussion and speculation but eventually four shining examples of knighthood came forward and declared themselves ready and willing to shoulder this great responsibility.

These contenders were Sir John MacLeod, Sir Trakx Greenwood, Sir Zachary O'Malley and Count Sir Raffé Cunningham and his wife the Baroness Dame Brejenne Cunningham. The Crown War was fought on the third week end of November.

His Imperial Highness Sir Nikolai Belski was in attendance as he was visiting from the fair land of Terre Neuve, Sir Raffé presented him with a beautiful wooden box topped with a hand carved bone scorpion. The box held the small scorpion marker Sir Nikolai had given to Sir Raffé at the Imperial War.

Sire Zabrina DeVine of House Giovanni had bestowed upon her the title of Lady for her contributions to the Kingdom of York and the East Coast Imperial War in her capacity of Steward. Vivat, Sire Zabrina!!!

A new House was formed, Craig Na Dunn with Squire Sionna Elain Wyld as the Sire.

Sir Trakx Greenwood of House Coventry took a new squire, Iorwerth Llywelyn of Caer

Morrigu. Sir Trakx also announced his eligibility for his 3rd level combat knighting. Huzzah, Sir Trakx!!!!

There were 118 arts projects entered, 60 combatants for shinai and rapier and over 22 suits of steel on the field. It was a long, hard fought war with the ultimate victors being Sir Raffé and Dame Brejenne Cunningham.

The December Court of King Killian Oakesblood and Queen Jericho Gutte d'Or was called to order on the morning of December 12. Business brought before the Crowns began with Dame Brejenne Cunningham of House Thistledown, the Queen's heir calling forth Illora Llywelyn of Caer Morrigu. Dame Brejenne presented Illora with a bottle of fairy dust received directly from the Queen of Fairies herself in appreciation for the fine job she did helping out with the Arts and Sciences tournaments during the last month's crown war. Illora also became Page to Dame Brejenne and received her yellow belt and tabard in the Heir Apparent's colors of blue "for the sky" and red symbolizing the earth. Illora is nine years old and is busily pursuing her knighthood in ministry.

Sir Raffé Cunningham also of House Thistledown and the King's heir relinquished his position of Count of Contae Duir to Sir Lord Nikademis Fiend of House Oakesblood. The crown and chain of state were received for him by Baldessar Mondi of House Giovanni as Sir Nikademis was unable to attend. Sir Nikademis will be sworn in at a later date.

Dame Brejenne passed her position as Baroness of Dinn Righ to Squire Thorvald Isblod of House Thistledown. Thorvald is Sir Raffé's squire.

Josephine Durand was sworn in as Sire of House Oakesblood, that position having been vacated by the elevation of Sir Nikademis to Count. Collin McKinnen was sworn in as Deputy Viceroy of the Canton of Shidh.

Sire Zabrina DeVine and Giacomo de Verona Lieutenant of the Musketeers presented some lovely gems and jewels to Sir Captain Thorne and his lovely wife Dona Laura, both couples belong to House Giovanni.

Sir Trakx Greenwood of House Coventry presented a birthday gift of a shinai to his Page Magnus the II Meladius of Coer Valiant. Page Magnus seemed quite pleased with his gift and Sir Trakx was seen later that day giving his Page his first lesson. From the looks of it this young man will be knighted before he shaves.

Our first Archery collegium was announced, to be held on December the 19th at Sir Trakx's personal estate. It is hoped that this will be a great success and we will have some archery knights in our ranks by the summer of 2001.

The Arts tournament was won by Sire Zabrina DeVine of Giovanni for her pomander. The steel tournament was won by Baldessar Mondi

of Giovanni which gives him the win he needed to achieve his knighthood. Huzzah, Baldessar!!! The knights list ren was won once again by Sir Captain Tristan Thorne of Giovanni. The Shinai and Sergents list ren were both taken by Squire Iorwerth Llywelyn of Caer Morrighu. Iorwerth is the squire of Sir Trakx Greenwood.

On a more personal note Squire Griffin and Squire Oriana of House Coventry have a new addition to their household. Squire Oriana gave birth on December 3 to Charles Michael who weighed in at 7 pounds 12 ounces. Griffin and Oriana are both squires to Sir Trakx Greenwood. There have been rumors of a future betrothal between the offspring of Squire's Griffin and Oriana and Sir Trakx and Moira Greenwood's lovely daughter Tara who blessed them with her birth on the 16th of September. These rumors are being discounted by both sets of parents due to the youth of the parties involved, but this may be something to watch for in the future.

Closing court held a moment of sadness when King Killian reminded his populace that it would be his and Queen Jericho's last time upon the throne as the coronation of Dame Brejenne and Sir Raffé Cunningham would be held on the following Saturday. There was a moment of reflecting upon the past but we all look forward to the future, "The King is Dead, long live the King" and Queen of course.

December 18th the day of the coronation of the new King and Queen dawned bright and clear despite the rainy weather that had been predicted to continue in our area, obviously a good omen for the future. The Lodge to be used in the ceremony was swarming with people early in the morning as it was prepared for the grand feast to be held later that evening. The weather continued to hold and the populace of York began to arrive as dusk began to fall. Nearly the entire populace turned out to participate in what was the grandest feast ever to be held in the Kingdom of York.

The Lodge was lit entirely by candlelight and soft medieval music played in the background as our populace greeted one another with hugs and kisses all around. White linen graced the tables, while pine boughs, cones and holly provided centerpiece decoration in honor of the Yule season. Banners representing each Estate in York were flown from the ceiling. The many candelabras were crafted by the very talented master forger Lord Killian Oakesblood. Pictures were taken of all in attendance in front of a backdrop adorned with the heraldry of the Kingdom of York. The backdrop was created by Sir Raffé and Queen Jericho.

King Killian and Queen Jericho were escorted into the hall by a Scot's piper and drummer, they proceeded through an archway of swords held by the Queen's guard. After a brief

statement and some tears of good bye, their regalia was received by the Chancellor and Bishop of York, Sir Trakx Greenwood.

After a moment of silence, the wail of the bagpipes were heard again and to the beat of the drummer the Heirs entered the hall. The very regal couple, Sir Raffé and Dame Brejenne Cunningham came forward followed by Pages Illora Llywelyn and Thorin Meladius who carried the chains of estate and crowns. They were attended by Squire Sky O'Malley Meladius, Dame Brejenne's squire and Collin McKinnen. They both wore cream damask, Sir Raffé's tunic was trimmed in royal blue velvet and Dame Brejenne's gown was heavily worked with pearls and embroidered with gold bees, this was topped by a royal blue velvet overdress.

The Bishop of York administered the oaths and the crowns of State were blessed by the Archdruid of York, Sir Lord Nikademis Fiend, the crowns were then placed upon their heads. The crowns were spectacular, interwoven thistles with insets of amethysts and malachite.

After the ceremony, they joined Lord Killian and Dame Jericho at the high table and sat upon their thrones for the first time as King and Queen. Many people came forward to offer their best wishes and present them with gifts. As they held Court, Sir Trakx Greenwood came forward on behalf of his good friend His Imperial Highness Prince Nikolai and asked permission to fulfill a request that had been entrusted to him by the eminent Prince. His request was granted and Sir Trakx called upon Dame Jericho Gutte d'Or to present herself before the Thrones.

Dame Jericho had been nominated and confirmed as "Protector of the Dream" by the Imperial Estates. She gave her oaths and was invested with the title of Princess of Adria, she is now recognized as a member of the Imperial Family. Many Huzzahs and Vivats, Princess Jericho. York is very proud of you for being the first woman in Adria to be nominated and elected to this prestigious position.

Queen Brejenne called her populace to attention and had Nest Llywelyn of Caer Morrighu approach the throne. "A Sage" Queen Brejenne said, "is someone with experience and knowledge. Nest has been a member of York for a little over a year, rarely misses an event and participates in the Arts Tournaments. She is 91 years old and is possibly the eldest active member in Adria." Queen Brejenne bestowed upon Nest the title of Sage and declared her the Wise Woman of York. This announcement brought tears to this observers eyes for Nest is my Grandmother. Thank you Queen Brejenne for this great honor.

Squire Elric Meladius choose this auspicious occasion to have his knighting ceremony. Squire Elric was King Raffé's squire and earned his Knighthood in combat. He is quite

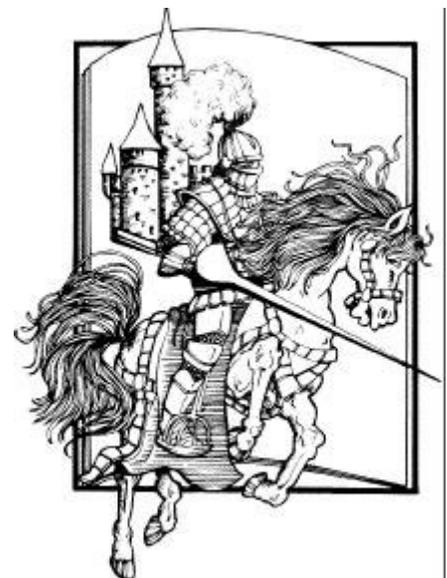
an awesome combatant upon the field and has earned the respect of his Peers. All of the Knights in attendance were invited to share his oath and all the Knights of York joined him to reaffirm their vows of Honor and Chivalry. The blow was delivered by Lord Killian Oakesblood.

Squire Androu was called upon to present himself before the Crowns and acknowledged for the outstanding battles that he fought during the Crown War in November. He was taken with the spirit of battle and managed to dispatch a great many opponents during his battle frenzy. He is a Lion upon the field. Squire Andrew is Sir Cullen Crombie of York's squire. Sir Cullen must be very pleased to have such a valiant squire.

he Ministers for the new reign were then sworn in. The Masters of the Enchanted Web are Giacomo de Verona and Collin McKinnen; Sovereign of Arms is Sire Josephine Durand; Seneschal is Princess Jericho Gutte d'Or; Chronicler is Sire Ana Llywelyn; Chancellor is Sir Trakx Greenwood with Deputy Chancellor being Baron Sir Elric Meladius; Minister of Joust and War is Squire Rowan McCann and Deputy, Angus MacLeod; Physicker is Squire Griffin with Deputy, Squire Oriana; Minister of Rolls is Sire Moreta Harper; Steward is Zabrina DeVine and Deputy, Squire Androu; Minister of Arts and Science is Squire Skye O'Malley Meladius with Deputies Etain Llywelyn and Serelle Llywelyn; Court Jester is Raymond.

The main dishes consisted of roast pig, smoked turkey and leg of lamb. Many delicious side dishes were available to those who could eat enough to try them all. It was quite a joyous occasion and a good time was had by all. We look forward to a happy and prosperous reign by our new King and Queen.

In Service,
Ana Llywelyn



Medieval Navigation, Part 1 - Astrolabe

Robert "Jestar" de la Fonteyne

This is a first in a series of nautically minded articles gleaned in part from my own research and that of others within the SCA Nautical Guild, known as the Loyal Guild of Saint Erasmus (d. 303? Italian prelate and martyr, he is also known as Saint Elmo, the patron Saint of sailors). As the Adrian Ambassador to this Guild, it is my hope and duty to bring knowledge of things nautical (especially the Arts and Sciences) to the Adrian Empire.

The astrolabe was an early form of navigational device used by both sailors and land based explorers. It was developed in the 10th Century by Arabs and was adopted for use by many different cultures, mainly the Spanish and Portuguese. The astrolabe was in use up to the 17th Century, before being replaced by various quadrants, Hadley's octant, and finally the sextant.

The basic use of the astrolabe was to measure the height of astronomical bodies (the sun, moon, and stars) from the horizon, and thereby determine the observer's latitude (position north or south of the equator). In this aspect, the astrolabe was only a smaller version of the fore staff - an early sighting instrument developed by the Egyptians. However, the astrolabe was a much more complete measuring instrument. It also enabled the observer to determine the approximate time of day, as well as the phase of the moon, both useful for determining the next high or low tide.

The one major piece of information the astrolabe (or any other of the Medieval contemporary navigational instruments) couldn't give was the longitude (distance east or west of the home port). In further articles, I'll discuss some of the other navigational instruments and the search for longitude.

The following resources were used in researching the astrolabe:

Geoffrey Chaucer on the Astrolabe, in Modern English.

Internet resource: <http://www.alphageo.com/rose/astrolabe/Astro1.html>

Discusses the parts of the astrolabe as known by Geoffrey Chaucer (c.1342-1400. English poet) in 1386-1400. Found on the Cardiff Rose web site, the second part of this illustrated text on the Astrolabe - concerning the use of the Astrolabe - can be found there.

The Lore of Ships, edited by Sam Svensson.

Nordbok International, copyright 1966. ISBN 0760707081

Brief text and illustration of the astrolabe.

The Illustrated Longitude, by Dava Sobel and William J. H. Andrews.

Walker Publishing Company, copyright 1995, 1998. ISBN 0802713440

Discussion of latitude and longitude, and nautical navigation in general.

The World Book Encyclopedia, Volume A.

Field Enterprises Educational Corporation, copyright 1974. ISBN 0716600749

Brief text of the astrolabe.



Knitting with Steel

ITEMS NEEDED TO MAKE CHAIN MAIL

ARMOR

To start with, you will need a 3-foot long rod the diameter you plan to make the rings. If you can, have a hole drilled about 1 to 1 ½ inches from the top of the rod. You will need a pair of vice grips to do the wrapping of the metal with, 2 pair of needle nose pliers (Craftsman brand would be best in case they break), a pair of 12 gauge metal cutters, 1 pair of gloves, and a lot of patience to do the rapping.

Then you need to locate the material to be wrapped, either a welding shop or a hardware store for the 14 gauge galvanize steel. If they don't have the material, just ask them to order the wire for you and that you will be buying the metal over a length of time, (usually they have to buy at least 8 rolls to get the material that you need, so be ready to buy a lot of wire) and make sure that you ask for the 10 lb. rolls, not the 100 yards worth of wire.

Wanted!!

Next month is the Quarterly Arts and Sciences issues. I NEED a description of your entry and documentation! Have you read an interesting book recently? I need you reviews: how good was the book; how was the information (useable in Adria?) Have you done any projects/feasts lately? Send me the instructions and get yourself published!!

The deadline for ALL submissions, Imperial and Royal alike, is the 20th of the month, unless you get special dispensation from the Imperals themselves. Please try to get these submission to me by then because Mundania sometimes intervines.

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