

The Adrian Herald

March 2000

Greetings to the Populace!

We hope this missive finds you all well and cosy, as we anxiously await the sounds (and weather) of spring to come. When the mud has subsided and the roads are clearer, we have plans to travel more about the Empire. For now, paperwork...

Bylaws revision should be up by the time you are reading this. Two versions have been put up for your reading pleasure. One is revision marked with commentary so the reader can trace the changes, the other is simply the completed revised document. What you will see is the "last draft" version. If you think there are any corrections needed please contact the Imperial Chancellor by the end of this month. At the end of the month if there are any corrections they will be made and a new copy will be reposted. Viewers will need Acrobat Reader to review the document, which can be downloaded free off the web. We, and our Chancellor, thank HRM Dame Maedb for her invaluable assistance in accomplishing this task.

We have several announcements regarding Imperial Ministry positions and their administration. Our new Arts & Sciences Minister, Sir Wilhelm, will be working with one of our Ladies-In-Waiting (which in our court means "has assigned tasks") Julianna Hirsh to review the manual. Their first task is reviewing the previous manuals and Sir Duriel's suggestions. They will also be soliciting input and discussion online. We appreciate everyone's participation. Julianna will coordinate the revision, compiling commentary for us and issuing drafts for review. Additionally, we are attempting to acquire an e-copy for the Arts Judging Manual. Anyone? We find that on reading the Stewards Manual that there are sections requiring completion, mainly regarding various definitions and reporting forms that are noted in the text as "to be completed". We will be working with the Imperial Steward (who already has his hands full) and our accountant on completing the manual. There are some organizational improvements that should make it much easier to use. If anybody has input they'd like to make, now's the time. Our goal is to organize the manual into one cohesive document that is easier to read and use. The current manuals are loaded with information and procedural instruction, but have become somewhat clumsy in their structure.

Regarding Membership Forms

Please be aware that the revised membership forms are available on the Imperial Website. Please be sure you have the correct one before you do someone a favor by giving it to them.

A Word About Receipts

Get them, give them, it's the law. It appears that a good many individuals in this organization are unaware of the requirement of giving out a receipt when collecting funds. Additionally, many people are operating under the mistaken assumption that a cancelled check constitutes a receipt. In-house we can accept them as "proof of payment" for things like membership renewals etc. However, the federal government cares not whether you have a cancelled check; they want the receipt. That means that we (that is the collective "we") must issue receipts when collecting funds for anything. Donors need receipts for tax write-offs, and Adria needs receipts in order to track our income and expenses. Anyone collecting money for anything Adria related, whether memberships, expense reimbursements, whatever... is supposed to give out a receipt. Better yet, use a triple copy receipt book. One copy to hand out, one to keep, one to forward to the Imperial Steward. Anyone making a payment, request a receipt. If the person collecting doesn't have a receipt book get a scrap of paper, a donut bag, whatever... write out a receipt and have them sign it. True, the person collecting the funds won't have the receipts they are supposed to but at least you will have an affidavit of payment if your payment isn't recorded correctly. And, if you claim you paid your membership to your Steward but have no receipt for it, be prepared for "the sad lecture". The receipt business as a two way responsibility. The person collecting the monies should issue a receipt, true. The person paying the money, on the other hand, should demand a receipt. As long as the Royal Stewards collect memberships there are sixteen people out there handling the memberships that the Imperial Steward cannot account for, unless they've accounted for themselves. We will continue to do our best to remedy past errors, but our efforts can only be as good as the paper trail we have to go on.

And So An End...

Having done the dreary business of administration for the moment We turn our sights to the advancement of spring, clearer roads, green pastures and thus the season for war. As the merry month of May draws nearer We hope that the Empire's armies are consumed with preparations for an excellent display of military arts for the Banner War. Logistical preparations are, by all report, well undertaken by the kingdoms of Umbria and York to host our most splendid armies for said war. We do hope that all will consider fulfilling their "forty days of riding" by attending this event East & West. Do consider what you may do to assist, good Knights of the Empire, by contacting the coordinators to offer your help.

From the Imperial Steward

We are in the final stages of following the estates directive to move our bank account. Anyone still using the Imperial account at Bank One in any way, please cease such activity and contact me immediately with this year's transactions. Thank you.

On another note (which reminds me of my squire's mouse cursor), myself and the Deputy Imperial Steward are moving. Our e-mail addresses are now:

SirTerrin@hotmail.com (Sir Terrin)

DomLScott@hotmail.com (Lady Lenora)

My Lords and Ladies,

I would like to invite you to a Celebration, wherein their Imperial Adrian Majesties will bestow upon me the accolade of Knight Minister in the Adrian Empire.

It will take place at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, 8 April 2000. The location is the Chapel of the Holy Family within Saint Paul's Episcopal Cathedral at 5th and Nutmeg in San Diego, California.

There will be a Vigil Ceremony the night before in the Cathedral at 8:00 p.m., and there will be a revel after the Knighting at an as-yet-unconfirmed location.

RELIGION ALERT: The Vigil Ceremony will be very highly Catholic in nature, and the Knighting will have a distinct Catholic flavour to it.

While this is an Adrian event (albeit an unofficial one), there will be a fair number of SCA members present. Please make them feel welcome and do not gawk at their strange customs or attire. :) SCAdian attendees may be wearing whatever clothing or regalia they are accustomed to, including chains, Belts, and coronets.

The site is discreetly wet, so long as your drinkables are kept out of the Church itself.

Seating within the chapel is limited. Please RSVP to me at nigelbyz@yahoo.com before 15 March 2000. I will send you directions and revel site information.

CRASH SPACE: If you need crash space, please let me know so that arrangements may be made.

Please share this post with people who are not online.

In service to the Dream we all share,
Nigel the Byzantine, Baronet
Fleur-de-Lis King of Arms
Companion of the Star of Adria
Companion of the Order of the Golden Spoon
Lord in the Laurel Kingdom of Caid

Chesapeake

Unto the Populace of Adria

Greetings! Our February Crown Event was held at the Von Gerns Cottage. The day started with a Collegium on Calligraphy presented by Linette Von Gerns. The event went well. The attendees were surprised at the different writing styles just in our time period, not to mention others. They even tried their hand at writing.

The Crown Event began with a head count of who was going to the Florida Ren Fair the following week. We are still wondering where the Banner War is going to be held? An Arts Challenge was presented to the group. It's for those who don't regularly participate in the Arts each month, because a project may take longer than a month, or their documentation may not be enough or none found, but the project looks and feels period. It's something to consider. It was suggested to the court to put an Ad in the MD Ren Fair Flyer and the Renaissance Magazine to attract potential members. We would like to take a trip to some Museums to look at actual Medieval and Renaissance art works and items. A member is looking into finding an indoor archery range, so we don't have to wait for good weather.

Baron Aerindane McLorie and his sister, Kelda are challenging HRG Sven for their ancestral rightful place on the throne. The glove was thrown down. A Ducal War will be fought in April. The site will be known next month, with details of the event.

Since Ryien Gerran III has Defunct on his position as Sire of House of Hofen, the crown has decided to call out to the good people of Chesapeake, to speak up and be the next Sire of these people that were left behind. Squire Otto Von Gerns, former member of House of Hofen, has spoken up to be the new House Sire. HRG Sven Iceman swore in Squire Otto, then in turn Sire Otto swore in his new members. He received his chain of state in front of the populace. Huzzah!

The Combat Tournament was fought on the front lawn of the estate. We had some onlookers, but no one wanted to take the sword. Baron Aerindane won his first Combat Tourny. Huzzah!

The Arts Tournament had four entries. Dame Katherine won with her Elizabethan Hat.

The day ended with a celebration of birth of our own Duke and Duchess, which both had birthdays this February, and will be celebrating an anniversary of wedded bliss on the 24th in Florida. Huzzah! to them both for a prosperous year to come.

At this time of writing, members of Chesapeake are presently attending the Florida Ren Fair with the House of Giovanni.

They are Lord Sven and Lady Megan, Baron Aerindane and Baroness Kyra, and Privateer Sealgaer and Goodwife Kelda. We hope their travels will bring them back to us with tales of adventures.

Next month brings a Collegium on Knighthood by HRG Sven Iceman and the Crown Event at the Castle Dragonell. Other events will be the Ducal War in April, Banner War in May, Summer Solstice Feast, Imperial War in Sept, MD Ren Fair, and our Pumpkin War in October. Fitting all this in with the monthly crown events and other trips. Another full year ahead. Don't forget to look to our web site for upcoming events at <http://knightsfchesa.tripod.com>.

In Service to the Dream,
HRG Lord Sven Iceman, Viking Dragon Lord
And HRG Lady Megan Rhys



Esperance

The February event and Festival of Chivalry was a great success. Each participant was given three favors at sign in to hand to individuals during the day who showed chivalry, honor, gallantry, and grace. Flowers were also provided for combatants who lost to present to the lady of the victor. Unfortunately, many of the combatants were unaware of this and the flowers remained untouched until the ren tourney, which was the last combat tourney of the day. However, the ren combatants made up for the earlier neglect and nearly all of the flowers were presented to various ladies by the end of the day.

Combat included all three styles and a peasant shoot was done providing an archery tourney for the day as well. There was a single combined arts list, despite Sir William Ce'Wolf's efforts to get artists to bring two entries and to run two lists. He reiterated his intention for next month and called upon the

artists of Esperance to come forward.

Their Royal Majesties, King Vilhelm von Seiken Uladrachen and Queen Maedb Hawkins Drakonja gave out several awards during opening and closing court. A list of the recipients of these awards will be printed in Le Chronique d'Esperance, the kingdom's newsletter. Two persons were knighted, Sir Dagr MacGuinness receiving the accolade of Knight Bachelor and Sir Jehan receiving the rank of Knight Civil.

The winner of the title of King of Honor and Chivalry was Connor O'Riordan. Connor received fourteen favors during the day as did Sir James of Bloodstone and Dennis of the Dell. The final victor was chosen by acclamation of the populace. Connor was chosen because of his performance in the shinai tourney. During the final round, Connor won the first point and then suffered a severe cramp in his leg. His opponent, Justin Small, allowed him a few moments to recover and Connor chose to continue battle afterwards. Connor then won the final round, despite the injury to his leg. Both combatants were applauded for their valor and chivalry in closing court.

In true chivalrous style, Connor has asked that the award be given to Justin Small as he believes that Justin's offer to give him the time to recover was the greater act of chivalry. Official word has not yet been heard on the matter, but it is likely that the two men will share the honor.

The Queen of Love and Beauty was then chosen and again, the acclaim of the populace was the deciding factor. Three ladies had earned identical numbers of favors, Patty, Lady Rosellen, and Squire Galatea Damarite. The populace chose to grant the honor to Patty.

Upcoming events include:

The Countess War and Medieval/Renaissance Faire in the Canton of Aquitaine February 26th and 27th. This is a large event and will last both days. Saturday the 26th is the war to decide which lady will become the Countess Bastone. Sunday the 27th will be a demo including combat, arts, and the chance for visitors to meet the new Countess. The site fee is \$10 for the weekend and camping is available. The faire costs \$6 per person for those over the age of 6 years. Contact Dame Willow or Count Cromar at lordcromar2@netzero.net or 909-737-0195, Sire McKinnish at 909-738-0387 or Lady Rose Ellen at ROSELLEN1999@aol.com

The Canton of Aquitaine has its normal monthly event on Saturday March 4th. The Canton will present the money earned from the previous weekend's event to the Ronald McDonald House of Loma Linda during the event.

The Esperance Crown Event will take place

on Saturday March 11th at Eisenhower Park in the city of Orange. Opening court is at 10:00am. The Barony Glendorin is acting as host during this event and has chosen the martial arts as their theme.

The Canton of Tara has their normal event on Saturday the 18th of March. Contact Viceroy Royal MacBreaheany at evelynreed@mediaone.com for more information.

From the Queen of Esperance

We bid you think long and hard on this topic. Now that you are clear from any previous encumbrances of marriage, We should think you would be overjoyed at the prospect of such a beneficial match. Marriage is a duty given unto us, and one that should be endured with a minimum of fuss. We will not tolerate disrespect, not to Us, and not to any ambassadors or diplomats from other kingdoms. We do hope We make that clear. And remember, dear man, that We are currently thinking of someone pleasing to you. That *could* change. Now, was there anything else you would like to say on the subject?

We remain, Your Queen

And excerpted from the good knight's response:

By no means do I, your most loyal and trustworthy subject, need be reminded that I serve at thy pleasure, Oh My Queen. Further, My Most Gracious and Thoughtful Queen, it has always been within me the sanctity and duty of marriage. I cite the fact that even though my previous wife did have many husbands, I kept the peace and endured her multiple trysts. I did defend her virtue and womanhood from many that doubted, even though I was to find that I was not really her husband after her first husband did return from a long lost sea voyage. And, even though some may claim I did in fact kidnap her, I respond how was I to know that she didn't know how to swim? Imagine, boarding a ship without knowing how to keep from drowning should said ship sink - perish the very thought! But that being neither here nor there, My Queen, I am fully aware that Thee would choose wisely and justly for a man such as myself. And I am eternally grateful, My Most Beauteous Queen, that Thee would choose for me a Lady most fair and sweet and pleasing to mine eyes.

It is my hope, My Queen, that Thee would reflect upon these strengths of character within me, your most loyal servant, when Thee discuss dowery. I would not like to see Thee cheated in this union, for Thy loyal servant has been thrice Captain and

Commander of Thy Royal Flagship and Fleet. I do also remind Thee, My Queen, of my other duties and stations - all in highest regard and service to Thy Kingdom and Thy Empire. It would not do well to settle for a pittance of a dowry, regardless of how fair of skin and sweet of voice my intended betrothed be. For if it please My Queen, I do hereby offer as bride's price, two bars of a silver so pure and lustrous as to blind the eye. These two bars are of a rare form of silver do come from India, and are named such - Indium. Soft and supple this metal is, it would do well as silver gilt for fine jewelry. It is my Faith in Thee, My Lady Queen, that I do offer such wealth for a bride sight unseen.

I remain, as ever, Your loyal servant, Robert

Terre Neuve

Greetings to All from the Beautiful Lands of Terre Nueve:

February brings The Hearts and Honor Tournament and with that comes great fun, joy and a bit of romance as well.

This month's Crown Tournament was a very busy day with an even greater turnout than lasts months. The day began with Shinai. Brandon emerged as the Victor. This was followed by a long lunch during which part of the time was spent doing Estates business, including that of approving the contenders for the Throne. The War next month shall be between Sir Kieran McClean and Sir ALynn and Dame Allora McDonnon.

The Steel Event was the traditional Tower of Doom where Sir ALynn McDonnon emerged the victor after many combatants fought well and hard to save a few fair maidens.

The event resulted in numerous "newbies" joining the membership of Terre Nueve, while many more mundane's joined us to enjoy the glorious sunny day. The weather grew quite warm and the ladies fans and handkerchiefs fluttered as Roses were presented to them and their champions fought, won and lost the many battles of the day. Amongst those handing out Roses were those who fell under Sir Wilhelm von Siekens sword as he took the days Ren win.

The Arts and Sciences Tournament resulted in a Tourney win for a Bardic done by Lord Nigel. A masterwork was awarded to Dame Katherine MacGuire for her rose oil. Lord Nigel presented a collegium on judging the arts and gave extensive examples of documentation.

Many of the ladies of the Kingdom gathered for the reinstatement of the Order of the Rose. These ladies chose three recipients to receive embroidered Rose favors to signify the nearly three years in which the Order was inactive. Those winners were;

The White Rose of Honor: Sir Wilhelm von Sieken

The Lavender Rose of Courtesy: Man-at-Arms Tailsin

The Yellow Rose of Friendship: Squire Friedrich von Metz

The children were busy making flowered quills and were led in a number of period games by Sire Emmer O'Shea and Mistress Isabel MacAskill. One of which was an adaptation of "Red Light, Green Light" wherein those commands are replaced by "Hold" and "Lay-On." The purpose being to teach the youngsters to be aware of what those commands mean particularly paying attention to the command of "Hold" ...the children were taught to stop immediately and drop to one knee. It is believed this will prepare our children to react appropriately during the frightening but rare possibility of one straying onto the field of combat. All the parents thank the anonymous provider of this gem of a game, it was found on a website of period games for children.

Closing Court wound down after the sun had set. The mood of the people was light and cheery and we bid adieu with warm regards and plans to continue the revelry into the night elsewhere. The day was great fun and camaraderie with much laughter and good cheer and we look forward to gathering again next month for WAR.

There will be a Demo held March 11th at the Civic Center Park in Vista, beginning very early in the morning, all are welcome at anytime through the day till 2p.m.

WAR Information:

Where: Potrero State Park, San Diego, CA.

When: March 18th and 19th, 2000

Park is available to us from noon on Friday till 8 p.m. on Sunday evening. Every effort will be made to have Closing Court early enough to allow for a timely exit from the park before dark. How Much: Tentative Site Fee, \$8 per adult, \$3 per child.

Contacts:

Arts and Sciences" info/questions
Lord Nigel: nigelbyz@yahoo.com

"War and Joust" info/questions
Sir William de Gardiner: sirblackwolf@yahoo

Terre Nueve Coronation will be held April 15, 2000 at the Alpine Community Center in Alpine, Ca. RSVP as soon as possible please. Cost: \$12 per adult, \$5 per child 10 and under. A block of Hotel rooms are being held close to the Feast site.

RSVP/Contacts:

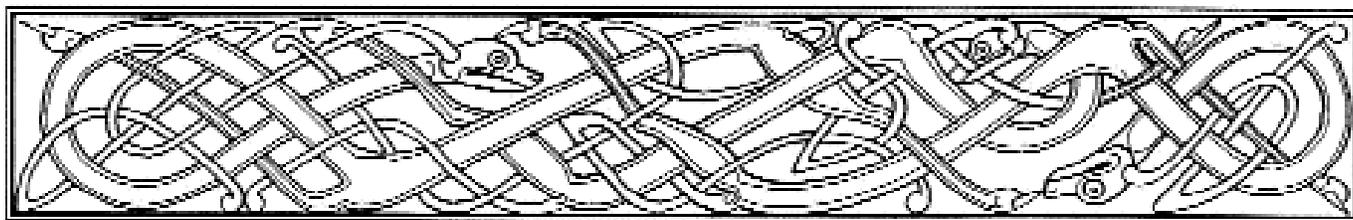
Squire Navar: jaradr @home.com or

Lady Terrin: sapplegate1@home.com or

April's Crown Tournament will be the same day, April 15th at Garden Road Park in Poway, Ca. Opening Court promptly begins at 10 a.m.

May This Find Our Adrian Brethren Well and In Good Spirits,

Squire Marcella nicCaern de Coirnoir
Baroness of the Palentines



Sir ALynn McDonnon & Dame Allora McDonnon

On March 18th 2000, we, Sir ALynn & Dame Allora, will step forward with our army to battle for the thrones of Terre Nueve. Now you ask, "Why should I fight on their side? Why are they the best choice for the Kingdom?" well here's the answer,

We have been active members in the Empire for over 4 years. We regularly visit various other subdivisions and groups, and have established lines of communication between many people. We are dedicated heart and soul to the continuation of this Group and the dream it holds so dear. We have never backed down from a challenge. We are both very interested in the Empire at large and what affect it has on our kingdom

We have seen this empire change and grow, but always Terre Nueve has survived and become stronger. We want to see Terre Nueve become a shining light of inspiration in the Crown of Adria, We want people from different regions to look to us for new ideas and ways of getting things done, and to see how a Kingdom should be. This is a diverse Kingdom, which has a bounty of mind's imaginations and ideas, all of which should be heard and seen.

In our time in Terre Nueve we have been dedicated servants of the dream. Due to our dedication and effort, we have secured several permanent demos. The Coronado 4th of July Parade, the Lemon Grove Old Time days Parade. The San Diego Unified School District 7th Grade classes totaling 7-10 demos a year. Grossmont Community College requests 2-4 demos per year. We have opened up several parks in San Diego that previously would not allow us to use their areas. We hold several Awards, Plaques and letters of recommendation, all from areas we have worked to bring Adria into.

As we have learned more and more about our little chunk of History, we strive to show a greater attention to the details of pageantry, encampment and clothing. We teach others how to accomplish this on a minimal budget. It's the simple details and small changes that make the difference in our over all look and appearance. We want to help others discovers this.

We believe it is the responsibilities of the crowns too not only insure the running of the government, but also the platform to which enjoyment can come. It is our understanding that the Crowns are, among other things, there for the entertainment of the populace. We believe that a "Royal" should look and act as a "Royal", and be prepared to add to the

festivities if things seem to be coming to a halt. No we can't play your game for you and would not, but we most surly can set the stage and make sure the props are in place. We have the ability and desire to set this stage. We want to promote excellence with in our Populace. We will lead by example and We will award outstanding performance in Pageantry, Combat, Chivalry, Arts, Ministry and Archery.

We know going into this that a lot of things need to be changed and that the changes will be hard for some and easy for others. We have wonderful plans for the events and the playful interaction of this kingdom, plans that should inspire our hopes and imaginations again. We want our members to be proud of their Kingdom and proud to say so. We are prepared to do what it takes to wake this Kingdom up and get the passion flowing again, to remind the Empire that WE are the Jewel, that WE are the Inspiration and that WE have it together.

We have selected Strong ministers, reliable people which have knowledge in their given field. The governess of this kingdom will be done with Strong minds. We have faith in these Ministers and their deputies and know that they will hold their given position with honor and dedication. A government is only as strong as the people within it. We believe this will be a strong, dedicated government.

We are prepared. We are committed. We are ready!

Let's have an awesome year!

Sir ALynn McDonnon

And

Dame Allora McDonnon

Contenders for the crown of Terre Nueve

Sir ALynn McDonnon

Knight Bachelor (Sept 97)

Knight Bannerette (Jan 2000)

Knight Minister (Jan 2000)

Lord of the Kingdom (Sept 99)

Bishop of Terre NoNog (Feb 98)

Dame Allora McDonnon

Knight Minister (May 99)

Knight Civil (May 99)

Knight Robe (May 99)

Royal Minister of Arts & Science (April 99),

Imperial Griffin of Arms (Nov 99)

Lady of the Empire (Sept 97)

Member of the Imperial College of Arms

(March 98)

The Pegged of Aragon (Nov 98)

To Mi Lords and Mi Ladies,

The time draws near for Terre Neuve to select its next crowns. It is my intention to become the new Terre Neuvian king. I joined the Empire over eight years ago. Since then I have had the honor of serving as the sire of two houses, as a squire to Sir Brian Finch and, later, to HIM Sir Eric The Awful, and as the Captain of the Terre Neuvian Guard for the past year.

I have high expectations for my reign. The goals that I will peruse over the year are quite ambitious. The first duty of any crown is to keep the Dream alive by ensuring that their populace is having fun. That is, after all, why we are here. I have many ideas of how to reach this goal.

I plan bring back the old pomp and circumstance into our events, such as processions at opening court. This makes the event more realistic, and adds to the medieval atmosphere. This also increases the level of respect shown to the nobility and the chivalry.

As efficiency is very important to the running of a kingdom, I will make a pledge to have all events during my reign will start on time. I would also work to make the events flow more smoothly, so that the populace spends as little time standing around and waiting between activities as possible.

I will set up an information network to inform all members of the kingdom about events and any possible changes early enough to prepare for them. This has been a problem for free houses and newer members who have not

found a house to guide them. There are a good number of these newcomers who would be able to attend more events if they were better informed.

Those of you who know me, know that I am primarily a combatant. I have very little experience within Adria as an artist. But, in my mundane life, I work as an artist. As such, I understand the value and importance of the arts. Unfortunately, the Arts are one of the least visible parts of our kingdom. They are a tremendous treasure and we must put them on display. I intend to do this by holding collegiums at as many events as possible, setting up a place at each event for the arts entries to be displayed for public viewing, and by creating a masterwork scrapbook. The Masterwork Scrapbook would contain copies of documentation, pictures of the piece, and other representations of Masterworks created by the Kingdom's artisans. This scrapbook will be available to be checked out by members of the kingdom to take to demos and at events for the public and the populace to see.

I look forward to meeting Sir Aileen and Dame Allora on the field of honor in March. No matter which of us is victorious, the kingdom will gain a prosperous year under its new crown. There is no doubt in my mind that we will have an enjoyable war, with only the friendliest of competition.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the war!

With Honor and Glory,

Sir Kieran Mathgaimain MacLean
Claiheadmothmor of Clan Kilshanning,
Knight Bachelor, Captain of the Terre Neuvian Royal Guard, and Tiarna A Bithbeo Bladhm

My Lords and Ladies of our Great Empire,

The time is quickly approaching when our Beloved Crowns of Terre Nueve step down and new Blood takes the throne.

Please, join us in celebrating this incredible event.

This year, the Coronation Feast will take place at the Alpine Community Center.

This is a beautiful hall that is located in lovely Alpine. Although, it is a distance from our normal area, several minutes outside of El Cajon, it is well worth the drive. A lovely park surrounds the hall on three sides and has a walking trail with a small bridge that takes you straight up to a nearby hotel.

The Coronation will take place on April 15, 2000, from 6pm to 10:30pm.

The cost is \$12 for Adults and \$5 for children under 10. (Pre Payment is Most Welcome, please call for snail mail address)

Umbria

Greetings to the Empire

We in Umbria have been enjoying the sunshine this time of year, while we can. During the summer months the sun and the heat takes on a whole new meaning. The pleasant weather has helped participation at our events. We had a wonderful Hearts and Armor tournament in February. Of special note was that we had two full arts lists, the likes of which we have not seen in some time. The Canton of Thunar was also blessed with a full knights lists for the arts. Combat is always well represented at tourneys, but I wish to thank the artisans for their participation. There has been an increase in the number of participants in the Sergeants list.

Archery is alive and well in Umbria. We had a great turnout at our Millennium war with archers, both combat and tournament. The competition was fierce, but well met.

The following article was from our last newsletter, the Umbrian Mug. The article was written for Umbria, but has meaning to many in the empire.

100 Years of War or 100 Year War?

No matter how you say it or choose to look at it (some days it feels like a hundred years), the years 1999 and 2000 have been and will continue to be busy. We have had the Holy War, March War, Fools war, Millennium War, Crown War, Imperial War, and by May, two banner wars. Throw in kingdom tournaments, canton tournaments, and demonstrations and you find that you spend many hours in pursuit of our hobby. Is this a bad thing? I think not. For the most part we have all left the field tired and sore, but with a feeling of camaraderie.

As a kingdom, it is essential for all of us to strive towards making things better than we found them when you first joined. Our wars are just one example of this. For Umbria to continue to grow, each of us must be tolerant of opinions, which differ from ours and seek to understand the ideas of others. We as a kingdom have come together and grown. To continue this positive trend, work hard, contribute, attend events, and open your mind to new ideas. Meanwhile, get your armor cleaned up and keep your gear bag packed. The year is early yet.

In service,

Dame Roawyn, Chronicler

Attention Populace!

Come visit our web site at
adrianempire.org

Medieval Navigation

Part 3 - Dead Reckoning & The Knot

A quick definition of what a "knot" is and what it is used for. In nautical terms, a "knot" is both a measure of distance and speed. The international nautical unit of speed equals 6,080 feet per hour. Knot derives from the knots tied on a line, known as a chip log, that was used to measure the speed of a ship. These knots were tied every 47 feet 3 inches, and the speed was calculated by throwing the line overboard and noting how many of these knots passed by while a twenty-eight second sandglass emptied itself. The distance of 6,080 feet equals one nautical mile (knot).

Dead reckoning is the term applied to the attempt to mark on a chart the ship's position solely as a result of estimating the distance and direction traveled, with no recourse or assistance from any other navigational aid, such as an astronomical sighting.

As you can see, early navigators had to rely more on luck than on skill, though skill still counted, when trying to get from one place to another on the open ocean. Being able to take an astronomical reading helped keep them on the right latitude (north or south), and making accurate measurements of the speed and direction traveled helped chart their course. However, once out of sight of land, the inaccuracies of the early navigational aids quickly mounted. And added to this uncertainty was the fact that they didn't have any sort of maps that spanned the globe. Even the ones of the known world were terribly imprecise - a world map from the 1482 edition of Claudius Ptolemy's *Cosmographia* shows Western Europe on the left and China and the Indies on the right, with the longitude lines marked off to depict a world much smaller than in reality. Columbus used this map (or one similar) in planning his first voyage west to reach the Indies.

So, how did an early naval traveler chart his course? First things first, he would get as many current maps as he could get. With maps, astrolabe (or similar sighting instrument), compass, and chip log in hand, along with a number of sandglasses and/or sundial, dividers, protractors, straight edge, pen, ink, and plenty of paper for calculations, the "wannabe" navigator is ready to go. Just to be certain of his skills at navigation, it was typical practice to travel to a known point or two on the maps to check the readings and calculations. Okay, now he's ready to take on the big wide ocean. This is where the luck and skill at dead reckoning comes into play. Since the maps don't show the prevailing winds or currents, nor do they show way points or landmarks, and the longitude lines are for a world much smaller, the navigator's best friends are luck and a good pair of eyes in a lookout.

Columbus took a safe route, as erroneous as it was, in picking the latitude that the Indies lay on as his heading. All he had to do was hold that course, using his astrolabe and compass, then measure the speed of travel to check off the longitude (remember, the lines are set for a smaller globe) to prove that he could sail west and still get to the Indies. He was just off by roughly eight months of sailing time and, of course, North and South America. This is a classic example of dead reckoning that turned out well. Other examples have ships, even an entire fleet, shipwrecked when expected land turned up straight ahead sooner than desired, or with entire crews lost due to starvation, scurvy, or dehydration when the expected land didn't materialize.

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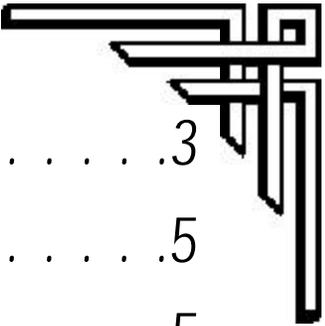
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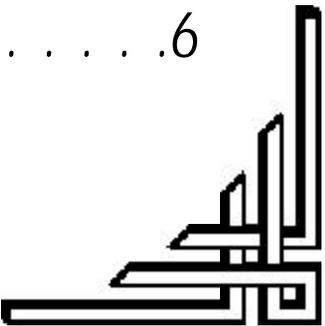
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