

The Adrian Herald

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The War

The Imperial Crown War, being uncontested, will be a “fun war”. Such a war can afford to be fought purely on principle, for the outcome gains nothing for those who triumph other than “triumph” itself.

There being no other reason presented, We will ride forth unto the field for the honor of advancing our skills, displaying our arts, and to meet friends on the field and around the campfire both. Thus is posed a question to be decided upon the field (and tables) of war. Two armies will fight, and one will win. Trial by battle, for principle alone.

The Story

It seems a pall has fallen across the Imperial Court, pitting Empress against Emperor & the heir presumptive Princess against Prince. The Emperor and Empress, their reign being fruitful in every other way, have produced no heir. Weary of the court the Empress wants to retire to the convent, the Emperor to travel afield (as Vikings are wont to do). As arrangements progress a situation of difficulty has arisen. While both parties initially agreed to dissolve the union amicably and “with grace” it seems questions have arisen. Sir Karl and Sir Erik share righteous indignation, Dame Elisabeth protests her innocence and Dame Maebd supports her in this claim.

The Call for War

Charges of being barren (unable to conceive) and conducting a liaison with the Imperial Chancellor have been brought against Her Imperial Majesty by His Imperial Majesty and the Heir Presumptive (Sir Karl) to the Throne of Adria. Her Imperial Majesty has requested trial by ordeal, and a war has been declared to prove her innocence/guilt.

If the army of the Emperor and Sir Karl, Heir Presumptive pursuing “truth & justice” is successful, then:

1) The charge of being barren is found to be true, and Sir Erik is granted an annulment by the Church of Adria, freeing him to step down from the throne and marry the mother of his two beautiful children.

2) The charge of initiating a liaison with the Imperial Chancellor is found to be true, and Her Imperial Majesty is ordered to spend a period of time away from the throne with a religious order (“Get thee to a nunnery!”). If showing adequate piety and remorse, she may petition the Sisters of St. John for refuge.

If the army of the Empress and Dame Maebd, Heir Presumptive pursuing what is “right & noble” is successful then:

1) The charge of being barren is found to be not true, and the marriage of Elisabeth and Erik is dissolved, freeing Sir Erik to step down from the throne and marry the mother of his two beautiful children.

2) The charge of initiating a liaison is found to be not true, the honor of Her Imperial Majesty is upheld, and she may step down from the throne to pursue a contemplative life with the Sisters of St. John without need of penance.

For Posterity

So, two armies will amass. One to fight for what is “right & noble”, the other to fight for “truth & justice”. No doubt both will sound the claims that their cause is just and that God is/Gods are on their side. And in the end, many good deeds will be done and fun will be had. Pity both sides can’t win.

Disclaimer

Please note that the premise is entirely fictional. Any resemblance to real people’s lives is irrelevant.



“TheStoryteller”

by Jakob

Western Imperial Crown War Update: Collegiums

Featherly Park is host to the Western Imperial War this year on Labor Day weekend on September 1st, 2nd & 3rd. The site will be open from 3pm on Friday. The park will collect the camping portion of the fees at the gate. See the AH July edition for event info.

Imperial War West Collegia - 2001

The following Classes will be offered at the IWW. More classes may be added later. Schedule will be posted at the war at sign-up.

“A Medieval Woman’s Mirror of Honor: The Treasury of the City of Ladies” – HIM Elisabeth Gray

A round table discussion based on this 15th century book written by a professional woman author of the time, Christine de Pizan. The “Mirror of Honor” is a revealing look at women’s chivalric ideals of the time.

Medieval Religious Iconography – Sir Jehan

“Who was that masked man? or, Name that Saint.” Will discuss the saints and figures that any person in the Middle Ages would know simply as part of the cultural landscape.

Spinning - Dame Maud De Clayton

Curious about spinning? Try your hand at creating “rock spun” (spun on a spindle) and “wheel spun” yarns and threads. I will be bringing handouts, loaner drop spindles, fiber to be spun and at least 2 spinning wheels for people to try out.

Naalbinding, Knitting, and Other Fiber Manipulation - Dame Maud de Clayton

What is naalbinding? How is it pronounced? Find out the answers to these and other questions at a workshop on fiber manipulation. Learn to knit, or start work on a naalbinding arming cap. Yarn and naalbinding needles supplied; if you’re interested in learning to knit, please bring your own needles (I don’t have any to loan out).

Steward’s Workshop - Sir Terrin

All Stewards and those who aspire to the office should attend.

Combat in Adria – Sir Arion Hirsch

Discussion of the conventions of combat, marshalling, and safety issues. Saturday morning before combat starts.

Period Heraldry - Sir Nigel Seymour of Huntington

This is a presentation of a system to evaluate the authenticity of heraldic designs. A good working knowledge of heraldry is a requirement for this class, as it deals with some rather esoteric heraldic concepts. Saturday Morning

Beginning Blackwork – Dame Kendra McFadyen

Introduction to Blackwork embroidery.

Hair Braiding – Dame Kendra McFadyen

Period hair braiding techniques.

Conflict Checking - Sir Nigel Seymour of Huntington

This is a combination class and College of Arms Roadshow. We will use the current edition of the Ordinary and the current stack of presentations to go through the basics of conflict checking. A basic knowledge of heraldry would be helpful, but even beginners can learn something.

Pagan Religion in Adria - Sir Nigel Seymour of Huntington

Essentially, How to be a Pagan in the Current Middle Ages. It will discuss the role of religion in our Period and ways to incorporate one’s mundane religion into one’s persona.

Persona Development - Sir Nigel Seymour of Huntington

A class on Persona Development. This is a class for both newcomers and oldtimers. It discusses both the broad and finer points of developing a persona, from choosing clothing to such details as how often one bathes.

Adria’s Ranks and Titles Roundtable Discussion - Sir Nigel Seymour of Huntington

Topic is “Adria’s Ranks and Titles: What’s wrong, and how can we fix it?”

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Evaluating Web Sites – Dame Katherine Marshal

To teach people how to evaluate web sites for documentation.

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“And by the reins is signified to the knight that he ought to be led overall where the order of chivalry will lead or send him. And when it shall be time of necessity to make largesse, his hands must give and dispense after that which pertains to his honor, and that he be hardy, and doubt nothing of his enemies, for doubt enfeebles strength of courage.”

from

“The Book of the Order of Chivalry” by Ramon Lull, translated from the French by William Caxton 1484, from Old English by Brian Price 1994

IMPERIAL WESTERN WAR COLLEGIUM - cont'd**Overview of Period Fabrics** – Dame Juliana Hirsch

An introduction to period fabrics, weaves, patterns and colors. What they used then, and what is available now. Good versus bad substitutions. Go over swatch samples. Bring fabrics we can evaluate in the class.

New Manual for Entrants and Judges – Dame Juliana Hirsch

A discussion of the differences from the old manual. Practice judging under the new manual.

Ropemaking – Sir John Roper and Dame Serina of Aragon

Demonstration of how to make rope.

Period Archery – Sir Karl von Katzburg

Discussion of archery techniques and equipment.

Period Ingredients for Cooking – Dame Aleta

Dame Aleta will describe period ingredients and food misconceptions.

Imperial Bardic Circle – Dame Juliana (not a collegia, just an arts activity)

How a Bardic Circle works – practice by participation. Bring your music, songs, stories, poems, jokes and theatrical performances to share.

Youth Planned Collegia and Activities

There must be at least one or more parent helpers for each collegia and activity. Dame Marcella Visconti will be organizing volunteer signups. Most activities will be for children age 3 and up. Smaller children are welcome with parental/babysitter supervision. Older children and adults are welcome to sit in.

Maskmaking – Dame Marcella Visconti

The kids will make masks out of non-period materials, but will get a history on masks as they make them. Class.

Waterbearing at a War – Dame Marcella Visconti

The kids will learn the concepts of “hold” and “lay-on” and water the combatants. Activity.

Make a Scroll – Dame Aleta

The kids will make their own scroll keepsakes and will get a history about scrolls as they make them. Class.

Heraldry Coloring Session – Patterns provided by Sir Nigel

The kids will color heraldic devices. Sir Nigel spend a few minutes explaining what a herald does. Activity.

Hopscotch – Lady Rusulka

Yes, it's a period game from Roman Times. Class.

“The Empress Says” – HIM Elisabeth

An alternative version of Simon Says. Activity.

Introduction to Spinning – Dame Maud de Clayton

The kids will be shown how to spin wool into yarn. They will get a chance to try it. Class.

Marbles – Sir Arion Hirsch

The kids will learn variations of the game of marbles, known since ancient Egypt. Class.

Games – TBD ****if you are interested in teaching**

something for the children please contact me, I have

rules and info Tag, races, Blind man's bluff, bowling?**

– What did children play?

Questions or Comments should be directed to:

Dame Juliana Hirsch

Imperial Minister of Arts and Sciences

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At least once he would cry a joust of peace, to the end that every knight should have horse and harness, and also the use and craft of a knight, and also to tourney against one another, or two against two, and the best to have a prize, a diamond or jewels such as should please the prince.”

“The Book of the Ordre of Chivalry” by Ramon Lull translated from the French by William Caxton 1484, from Old English by Brian Price 1994



Chef Dame Juliana Sattler checks her knives while preparing dinner at an encampment.

photo by Jakob

“For an injurious knight is an enemy of Justice; he defeats it and casts himself out of chivalry, his noble order, despising it.”

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East Coast Imperial War

September 1 & 2, 2001

This is a brief reprint of the information published in the last issue (July) of the Adrian Herald.

Location:

Markham Park, 16001 W. State Road 84, Sunrise, FL 33326
954-389-2000

Please refer any question to the autocrats:
Dame Etaine Llewelyn (Edwina Dellinger)
etaine@bellsouth.net

Dame Josephine Oakesblood (Josephine Rudd)
josie624@ol.com

Directions:

From I-95 head west on I-595. Exit on N.W. 136th Avenue (exit #1) and go west on State Road 84. The park's entrance will be on the north (right) side (Weston Road). From I-75 head east on I-595. Exit on N.W. 136th Avenue (exit #1) and go west on State Road 84. The park is on the north (right) side (Weston Road). From the Florida's Turnpike head west on I-595. Exit on N.W. 136th Avenue (exit #1) and go west on State Road 84. The park is on the north (right) side (Weston Road).

~ from the Subdivisions ~

Greetings from Terre Nuebe

Much has been afoot in this grand and glorious Kingdom by the Sea. Going backwards, we recently hosted our first educational Symposia on July 28th. Presenters from near and far taught a number of classes including Leatherworking, Heraldry, Calligraphy, Coin Making, Lace Making and others. We were fortunate enough to have a very pleasant breeze and a friendly bunch of folks. We had a proper Bardic Circle with much laughter and camaraderie.

Much music and laughter floated on the breeze as we gathered for our July Crown Tournament. This past months event was a lively one with a combat arrow Peasant shoot, where Sir Arion took the win. There were lists in all three forms of combat. The Shinai list win went to Karlyndros. The Ren list win went to Sir Arion and the Steel list win to Sir Owain of The Guardians of Wales.

Dame Juliana gave a well attended class on using the new Arts and Sciences manual for judging. The new Arts manual is in use in Terre Nueve. After court we were visited by an outstanding Middle Eastern musician and Dancer. The Hemlock Society (Terre Nueve's own Thespian group) performed a lively play, and Dame Juliana played her harp.

We personally attended the Imperial Estates Meeting in July where the people of York treated us to a fine repast and grand entertainment. We enjoyed visiting with our many "cousins" and tending to the business end of this game.

We're looking forward to seeing many old friends and making more new ones at the upcoming Imperial War West. We have been nudged into coordinating some Children's Activities for IWW but will need the assistance of volunteers. So please; if you have children, sign them up for our fun activities, and plan to take a turn at supervising them as well. We'll need your help in order for them to have as much fun as the grown ups!

In Service;

HRM Marcella Visconti
Queen of Terre Nueve

Greetings from Umbria

HRM Sir Philippe wishes to express to all Adria how he feels about the treatment he received at the hands of the people of York and the other attendees of the Imperial Estates Meeting. His Majesty and his traveling companion, Countess Royal Dame Roawyn were so well taken care of by the people of York that he is not sure how to adequately applaud them for making them feel so welcome – or if any amount of praise can do justice to them. He sends them much respect and love. To the attendees of the Estates Meeting that took up a collection for their ride back to the airport: His Majesty knows not exactly who you are, but he has a good idea. Again, He knows not how to thank you properly, save this: He sends much respect and love & declares that he owes you a debt of gratitude. Congratulations to Sir Keegan and Sir Ievan who were recently dubbed Knight Bannerette.
Huzzah

Greetings from Fire & Ice

To the Populace and Kingdoms of Adria
It is time once again for the Autumn Equinox, war has been declared between the Kilts (huzzah) and the Sheep (bhaaaa!) to decide the outcome of this war. Arts tourneys, games and combat. At night lots of songs, Bardic competition and reveling. Also the House of Chaos has been turned loose on the populace by none other than Pan himself. So come one and all to spend a great time with all of Fire and Ice. There will be a complete war kitchen and Feast included in the site fee. Please contact Sir Dae Nadel at Kottmeier@worldnet.att.net for more information.

Date: Sept. 21st - 23rd

Location:

Mc Iver State Park

Estacada, Oregon

Site Fee: \$10.00 per person

Autocrats: Lord Sir Dae Nadel

**“Charity is a virtue above other virtues,
for she forces other vices to depart.”**

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What do you know about Guilds?

- by Sir Robert "Jestar" de la Fonteyne

Did you know that Adria has guilds for just about any subject you might imagine? There are guilds for the culinary arts, apothecaries, jewelry, dance, thespians, rope making, nautical interests, and even a guild for making chain mail. Some of these guilds are local to one subdivision or another, others are Empire wide. Either way, they are a great source of information for doing arts projects or just learning a new craft. Unfortunately, most people don't know that these guilds exist or who to contact. Here is a list with contact information for some of the guilds I know about. If you are a member of a guild not listed here, please contact me so I can add you to this list.

Guild of Medieval Educators and Demonstrators (based in Caerleon)

Focused on creating educational and marketing demonstrations, and sharing information on successful marketing, demonstrations, and educational techniques in and out of the classroom. Web site: <http://www.freeyellow.com/members8/recreate/index.html>

The Hemlock Society (based in Terre Nueve)

A thespian (actors) guild.

Contact Master Wilhelm the Shakesperian at: emergency1@netzero.net

The Guild of the Apothecary Rose (based in Terre Nueve): Studying the science of herbal and other natural remedies. Contact Megen Lambert at:

MegenLambert@aol.com

The Chain Mail Guild (based in Esperance)

For the makers of chain mail armor.

Contact Sir Jamie the Red jamiethered@bigfoot.com

Culinary Guild (Empire wide)

Bringing fine cuisine and better cooks to Adria.

Contact Dame Aleta of Esperance at:

damealeta@earthlink.net

Thunder and Sand (based in Aragon)

Drum & Dancer's Guild. All Dumbek, Bass Dumbek, Dummel and Bone etc. and Belly Dancers alike.

Contact Rahja Ahmina bint Husam of Basir at:

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- or -

Nadestati Kumpania <http://www.yahoogroups.com/group/nadestatikumpania>

A discussion list for the Gypsy Tribe that has local chapters in Umbria and Aragon.

The Hobbits Guild (based in Terre Neuve)

For the care of kids: Contact Lady Rusulka de la Noire at: rusulka@home.com

The Nautical Guild (based in Esperance)

The study of all things nautical. Contact Sir Robert "Jestar" de la Fonteyne at: jestar@webworldinc.com

- or -

Adrian Nautical Guild <http://www.yahoogroups.com/group/AdrianNG>

A discussion list for Adrians interested in the nautical aspects of our time period. More than just pirates, we discuss all things nautical.

The Bridport Rope Makers Guild (based in Aragon)

The art and science of making ropes.

Contact Sir John Roper at: nelsonj1@excite.com

- or -

The Bridport Rope Makers Guild http://www.yahoogroups.com/group/bridport_rope_makers_guild

A discussion list for the Bridport Rope Makers Guild based in the Kingdom of Aragon.

"The customs of a knight are to arm himself and to fight, but that accords not so much to the office of a knight as does the use of reason, of listening, and ordained will. For many battles have been vanquished more by mastery, by wit and by industry, than by multitudes of horseman and good armour."

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UPCOMING IMPERIAL EVENTS 2001

Upcoming Imperial events and related deadlines. Interim news alerts are sent out through the monthly updated Contact List.*

IMPERIAL CROWN WAR ~ Labor Day weekend September 1, 2, 3

Event information listed in the July & August edition of the Adrian Herald, and on the Imperial Crown's website at <http://home.att.net/~elisabethontis> or <http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/ontis> (mirror sites).

IMPERIAL CORONATION – November 3

NOVEMBER MEETING OF THE IMPERIAL ESTATES- November 3, 4

Event information will be listed in the September & October editions of the Adrian Herald, and on the Imperial Crown's website at <http://home.att.net/~elisabethontis> or <http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/ontis> (mirror sites). Location to be announced.

**We rely on your Crown's & Minister's input to keep the list current. It is sent out monthly by the Contact List manager, currently the Imperial Webmaster, for their review and corrective input. After corrections are made it is issued monthly to the subdivisions. We appreciate everyone's cooperation helping to keep the list current.*

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