

The Adrian Herald

June 2001

Greetings to All

GOur travels through the Empire have taken Us to many places, and this is good. With each visit We learn more about Adria's regional cultures, gain the chance to glean more ideas and input from the populace. We recommend to All to consider doing the same. During Our travels it has become apparent is there is unevenness in skill levels and interpretation in areas like marshaling and arts judging. Particularly since these areas require discretionary judgement even in their most objective practise. We hope to conduct Imperial level collegiums in these areas at future Imperial Events, and to urge the Chivalry to address the inequities in these areas. Especially important are the Arts Masters lists and the shinai lists, which present an important opportunity for interaction between the knighthood and those aspiring to same. Too often We see the knighthood turn its back, ignoring a prime opportunity to fulfill the oath taken to teach. Please all, do your best to serve and aid the Empire in its development by giving your time to those who follow in your foot steps.

Looking Forward

While We are yet hale & hearty, it still behooves Us as rulers to look forward to the eventuality that the throne will pass on to another. We offer some advisory words on the matter. The Imperial Crowns must travel to all of the Imperial Estates Meetings and events, it is not an option. Traveling to meet with the Administrative Board is also a requirement. In addition you should plan on traveling at least once to each of the major subdivisions once per your reign; you cannot have an understanding of regional issues

without doing so. The travel subsidy will not cover all your costs, trust Us. Your phone calls are not reimbursed, so plan on taking on expenses therein. If anyone asks what they can give you for a coronation present, just say "phone cards". In addition you must be connected to the internet. It may be an option for the membership at large, but it is impractical if not irresponsible for anyone to take on a Crown position without having email. The position of



Imperial Crown is one of responsibility and requires good working knowledge of the ongoing issues in the Imperial Estates and the Imperial government. You should have attended the Imperial Estates Meetings for at least a year before attempting to run in order to develop working relations with the other voting members and to be aware of the ongoing legislative issues and their background history. What you don't know will allow you to be manipulated unknowingly by both situations and people, potentially to the detriment of the Empire. If you have gotten where you are by playing personal politics please stay home, the Empire deserves better than that. It must be governed by principle, and administered in accordance to the law. You should be able to command respect without demanding it. Lastly, remember that you will not have the luxury of deciding to stay home because you

are too tired, too broke, or have to work. With forty to sixty people depending on your presence to conduct the work of the Imperial Estates your attendance is not optional. The Empire is vast and growing, many people depend on you, and you must be there for them. Ah, and one more thing... when you retire from the throne you become a member of the Imperial family (assuming that all went well). Members of the Imperial family serve as representatives, and generally make themselves available to the current administration when needed for background history, advice, and potentially

undertake special projects (such as helping to run events, ambassadorial functions, etc). Be prepared for a lot of people to open their hearts to you, expect to spend a lot of time listening, and be quick to apologize for things you have no control over that happen on your watch. Your administration is you, and your minister's mistakes and foibles your burden. Be prepared to hear "I'm afraid I won't be able to do justice to the office" when seeking Imperial Ministers. They know that filling the position makes them a target for 1000 people, most whom they've never even met. Remind them that only a few people are compulsively mean, and they can always forward them to you to handle. You will have to be strong enough to be kind, and responsible enough to do the hard deed. Last of all, you should know what that means. The Imperial Crowns should, after all, be both leaders and representatives of the Chivalry.

So, having laid out such advice & observances We wish you well. May you bring a good heart with you, and serve the Empire well.

Elisabeth, Imperatrix & Erik, Emperor

From Western Banner War

Greetings from the site of the Western Imperial Banner War. The weather surprised us by being cooler and much more humid than we generally have here in the southern end of the Golden State. We had over 130 paid attendees to a beautiful site in the East county of San Diego, about half of those being combatants. Those fighters on all sides proved their worth with some of the best fighting that we have seen on one field at the same time, with some of the best being some of the newer members. The archers showed well, with some very excellent scores. The Arts were a little light though the ones that were entered proved to be of great quality, especially the bardic by Sir Micheal Sinestro. We feasted Saturday night and held court with their most gracious Majesties from Aragon, Umbria and Terre Nueve. We hope that the populace that attended this year's Western War had as good a time as did We. For all of our running around at the War site, We really did have a good time. Thanks to you all.

Sir Erik, Emperor

Imperial Travels

In recent months we have traveled through many of our lands. We have journeyed to the Kingdom of Umbria, the Kingdom of Aragon, the Kingdom of Terre Nueve, the Duchy of Caerleon, the Kingdom of Esperance and the Archduchy of Tierre del Fuego. The hospitalities extended we much appreciated, and the friends made and work accomplished made the journeys well worth the effort and costs.

For Imperial Banner War the Emperor attended the Western Imperial Banner War in the Kingdom of Terre Nueve while We journeyed to the Northern Realm Banner War in the rapidly growing Duchy Caerleon. Fifty two members of the populace of Caerleon, their cantons, and Ekateringerod gathered for war in the mountains of Idaho amidst the blooming Thimbleberry and Lupines along the Clearwater River to await the arrival of the Empress. Their hospitality proved to be formidable, as We enjoyed the courtesies of the food & lodging they provided. We feasted on Winter Sallet of Cabbage, Spiced Meat in Pastry, Fine Carrots, Beef done in fine dark ale & onions, Macarone Noodle in Cheese, fine Cheeses, Breads, and a subtlety presentation of a Fleur-de-Lis in bread for the Saturday night fete. The brewers amongst the populace provided an impressive array or fine selection of Ciders, Perry Wine, Mead, and various wines spiced or plain completed the feast. We found all well presented. Combatants distinguished themselves in courtesy and courage both, and the arts netted four masterworks. A medieval pottery household jar, researched and documented from excavations and existent samples in both detail & process produced by the Duke himself was most impressive, as was the fine Mead produced by Dave, the finely roasted & spiced Capon by Lady Ruth, and the beautiful embroidered panel by Lady Pia. Dancers entertained the populace, whilst gaming and the telling of tales took place. The Chivalry Round Table, held on Friday's eve, was well attended and much thoughtful discussion took place. While much of the discussion of Chivalric obligations usually focus on "times of trouble" the query posed about "when times are good" brought forth the suggestion to think back upon the oath taken upon knighting. All was well & many good deeds were done.

Next our travels took us to Esperance, both for work and to visit the fine populace. We met with Our Stewards in preparation for the July Meeting of the Imperial Estates, the Imperial Webmaster for "E-projects", the Imperial Chancellor and Vice Chancellor for governmental busi-

ness, and the Deputy Imperial Rolls Minister for the rolls/points glossary project, and the Board of Directors had a budget study session. We look forward to returning to the Kingdom of York in July for the Imperial Estates Meeting, it being our second trip to their lands. We hope many will join Us there.

In Service,

Elisabeth, Imperatrix & Erik, Imperator

July Estates Meeting *(second notice)*

The July Imperial Estates Meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn, 7859 Lake Worth Road, Lake Worth, Florida 33467, 561-968-5000. Discounted room rates are \$63/single and \$68/poolside single. Reservations will only be taken at this rate until June 25, 2001. Please use code 3ADR when making your reservations. The meeting agenda has been published on the Imperial Crowns website at <http://home.att.net/~elisabethontis> or <http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/ontis> (mirror sites), along with the Minutes of the March 2001 meeting.

Imperial Crown Contenders

Members of the populace who wish to vie for the Imperial Throne shall submit letters of intent to the Imperial Chancellor by July 1, 2001. The letter must indicate the prospective Crown, the Crown's Consort and whether or not the proposed Consort is to be a Co-Ruler, or titled Consort only. If the Consort is to be a co-ruler, then both parties must meet all eligibility requirements. If the Consort is to have no sovereign power the consort need only be a member in good standing with at least 6 months membership. Please identify both game name, mundane name, your subdivision, and contact information (address, phone, and email). Be advised that the Crown is the President of the Adrian Empire, and that the Consort serves as Vice President. Should the Consort not be a co-ruler, anotherwards a titled Consort only, the Imperial Chancellor serves as Vice President. All parties should be advised that the annual corporate filing with the State of Arizona includes a disclosure statement regarding officers of the Corporation. A copy of the disclosure statement is available from the Arizona Corporation



Armor Breast Plate made by Steve Moffit, Terre del Fuego

photo by Jakob

Commission online, or contact the Empress to request a copy at dme_elisabeth@yahoo.com. The form can faxed or mailed to you, please identify which and provide the contact information.

Concerning Imperial Events:

Lo these many years We have noticed some areas of general uncertainty to address for the benefit of all.

1. Site Autocrats are appointed representatives of the Imperial Crowns. When you speak to them you are speaking to Us, as they are our agents. Any problems with their conduct should similarly be taken up with Us.
2. The site layout for the events are laid out to the purpose of the event, and with the intention of benefiting all by providing for efficient operation. This includes designating certain areas for battlefield, spectators, court functions, and autocrating and governmental areas. The Site Autocrat has the responsibility to keep these areas for their intended use. Please help them.
3. There are Imperial Wars, such as the Banner & Crown Wars, and Imperial Tournaments. Imperial Tournaments are held at the discretion of the Imperial Crowns. In order to facilitate availability to the most people and to capitalize on the efforts they have already made to travel We have chosen to hold them in tandem with the Imperial Wars at the same sites. The Tournaments are not part of the War. Tournament participations and wins are separate from the Imperial Wars, and should be accounted for accordingly.
4. Persons in attendance at Imperial events who have not signed-in or registered are not officially in attendance. This has several impacts. There being no record of your attendance negates your ability to write off the trip expenses on your taxes; leaves you not covered by site or event insurance; and will prevent you from garnering any participations or points associated with the event.
5. Even if your local Steward has stayed abreast of their monthly reporting, it is possible that your membership will take five weeks just to get to the Imperial Steward's office. If you turned it in just after their reporting it would be four weeks till they mail it, another week to deliver, and another to process. This is assuming they are up to date in their reporting, which the average subdivision is not. Some subdivisions have been up to 6 months behind in turning in their member's renewals during our reign. Mailing your membership directly to the Imperial Steward's office will expedite the process. You are a member of the Empire; you reside in a subdivision. Your dues go to the Imperial government; turning them in locally only doubles the work for your own Steward and delays your renewal. If you wish to turn your membership in through your local Steward's office, we advise that you make a copy of your form and check and carry it with you till the renewal is verified.
6. There is always more work to do than workers to do... please consider volunteering to help. To "maintain horse and harness" means to be ready to serve, "forty days of riding" is the service owed by all knights to their Crown; consider the Imperial events your chance to prove the first and fulfill the second if you are a member of the Chivalry. If you are not, then consider it a chance to prove your worthiness to be one. Either way, all will benefit.

submitted by Elisabeth, Imperatrix



*Wolfe & Diana at the Renaissance Faire
in Terre del Fuego
(photo by Jakob)*

FROM THE SUBDIVISIONS

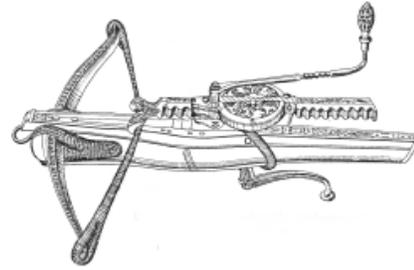
Greetings from Aragon

May was a very good month for our Kingdom. We saw the long awaited return of large-scale demonstrations. Two demos held at the Regal Colonnade Movie Theater for "A Knights Tale" and "Shrek". Both were extremely successful. The May 19 Crown Event saw the recognition of the new Kingdom Champions: Archery, Squire Jareth; Shinai, Squire Ivan; Ren, Sir Eduardo; Steel, Sir William Baine; and, Dame Aleigha won the Arts. Congratulations to you all! These Champions carry the Kingdom Favours until formally challenged and defeated. You may challenge the holder for the right to bear the favor 30 days in advance and the contest will take place after the normal tournament for the specified category. Arts will be conducted according to the Minister of Arts. If there are any other questions on this please contact Me, the appropriate Ministers, and the autocrat in charge.

Banner War was another success for Aragon. After a long negotiation we made alliances with the Kingdom of Umbria and won the event. Our negotiation with Umbria will allow us to maintain the Banner except for Umbria's three main events: their Crown War and formal Coronation this month; and, in the month of November for their Renaissance fair.

Saturday, June 2, we participated in the Umbrian Crown War. Members of Aragon were on hand to assist our friends of the Desert with their event. When all was done Umbria crowned its New Sovereigns, Sir Phillippe and Dame Justina. Vivat to the new Crowns.

Thanks to the Manager of the Theater, we enjoyed part of June's Crown Event in air-conditioned comfort for the opening of "Tomb Raider". We also enjoyed the huge mundane crowds and attention. Thank you to everyone who attended and congratulations to the following winners: Daniel won the Bowman's List; Sir Jean Marc Fontenay won the Huntsman's List and a Knight's Win in the Arts; Captain Callam won in Shinai; I won the Knights' Ren List; and, Sir William Baine won Knights' Steel.



All is moving well in Our Fair Kingdom with the Populace growing and more demonstrations in line. Congratulations to you all for jobs well done!

HRM Gwyllum DuDrane I
Rex Aragon

Greetings from Umbria!

Umbrian Crown War is scheduled for June 2, 2001. The Army of Sir Waldham and Lady Celeste (as Consort) will meet the Army of Sir Philippe and Dame Justina on the field of Honor. Best of Luck to both Armies.

Huzzah to Sir Ivan the Forsaken, Sir Keegan, Sir Duncan and Dame Charicce, who were all recently dubbed Knight Minister. His Royal Majesty, Sir James the Red, use His prerogative to honor the hard work and success of Sir Ivan, who started and is Viceroy of the Colony of Trinacria.

By vote of the Royal Estates, Umbria has agreed to play-test the new Arts and Sciences Manual at all of our Tournaments. Sir Michael Sinestro has been awarded our first Masterwork under the new guidelines for his original poem presented in calligraphy.

Sadly, we lost a member in a motorcycle accident recently. Please keep the family and friends of Richard de Blank of Trinacria (mka Keven Whitecotton) in your thoughts. The Populace of the Kingdom of Umbria also extend our sincerest sympathies to our Brethren in Trinacria.

In Service,
Dame Aislynne de Chartier
Royal Chronicler of Umbria

Tierre del Fuego

Residents of Tierre del Fuego gathered together for their 20th annual celebration of the Emperor's birthday and the victory at the Battle of Pavia. Kaiser Maximillian, Holy Roman Emperor is considered to be father of the Landschnects, which TdF has plenty of. Every year, under the yoke of winter's malaise, the residents gather to celebrate his auspicious birthday. After a morning meeting, the afternoon was spent fencing and shooting archery on a shady lawn next to large historic stone buildings the event was held in. English Company of Foote member Isaih Ramirez was unmasked for the natural archer he is when he easily won the Bowman's list. The Huntsman's list was taken by Sir Thomas Moore. The evening potluck feast and arts tournament featured Roast Duck; Roast Capon stuffed with rosemary & thyme; Chicken & Cumin; Roast Bouef with a savoury mustard sauce; Frumenty; Seasonal Tartes of Chicken, Apples & Onions; Pears in Port Wine; Gingered Pears; Saffron Rice; Sallet of Winter Greens; Jellied Rose Milk; Rapes (turnips) in Pottage; and the usual assortment of good bread and cheeses. After the sumptuous meal it was pronounced that the populace indeed flourished under the reign of our goodly Archduchess Dame Julianna Sattler, and that they wished her a continued long reign.

In an effort to assist the Scola St. George Symposium on Historical Fencing, members of Tierre del Fuego Sir Karl von Katzburg, Sir Wilhelm der Grosse, and Nicholas Worthington conducted a rapier tournament. Other members in attendance were Hans Yosef of Tierre del Fuego, Sir Arion Hirsch of Terre Neuve, Sir Frederick of Umbria, and HIM Sir Erik. HIM Elisabeth attended the Gallery with "the daughters of Mars" at the Pas de Armes. All was pronounced a success, and rumor has it that another Symposium is being planned for next year. This scholarly event featured instructors skilled in the study & art of historical fencing from the world over, many who based their instructions from period fencing manuals.

submitted by Liselotte

IMPERIAL CROWN WAR 2001

The Imperial Crown War, held over the Labor Day weekend as per the Imperial Bylaws, will be held in the following locations:

Western Site: Featherly Park, Kingdom of Esperance

Eastern Site: Markum Park, Kingdom of York

More details will be published prior to the July Meeting of the Imperial Estates along with the candidate letters.



"Ve Commin", photo by Jakob

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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.*

DEADLINE FOR LETTER OF INTENT - July 1st
Members who wish to vie for Imperial Crown shall submit letters of intent to the Imperial Chancellor (see article)

JULY MEETING OF THE IMPERIAL ESTATES- July 21, 22
Event information will be listed in the June 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). Agenda to be published on or about June 24 at the Imperial Crown's website. Bulletin alerts will be sent out via the Contact List, which is updated monthly by the Imperial Webmaster.

IMPERIAL CROWN WAR ~ Labor Day weekend September 1, 2, 3
Event information will be listed in the July & August 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).

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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