

the Adrian Herald

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From the Imperial Crown

Although We have sent out many thank-yous directly or over various e-mail groups, We again wish to thank all those that helped Us win the Imperial War. Being a Crown is a difficult job, and being the Imperial Crown is the hardest of all. We shall endeavor to display the chivalry that you have trusted Us to have.

We also wish to thank all who helped with the Imperial Coronation ceremony and feast, specifically Sir Nigel who valiantly endeavored to send ceremonies to Us even while having to evacuate his home due to the fires in California. We also specially thank Dame Jericho, Dame Josephine, Dame Bregine and Sir Raffé for preparing all the food and decorating the hall. We understand that they did not work alone but We recognize their extra efforts that made the hall and food so wonderful. Next we wish to thank Dame Anna who organized the entertainment, which flowed very smoothly and helped everyone have a good time. While We are thanking all those who put forth an effort, We wish to thank all the food service, hall preparation, hall cleanup, and entertainment staff for their efforts as well. Without them nothing would have been possible. Lastly We would like to thank Our personal guard, the Bentwood Raiders (you have always been there for Us).

Now that the war and ceremonies are over, the task of running the government begins. An almost-entire change in government has taken place (for the first time in a few years), and you may notice changes. Just as all things change, so does the feeling of the Imperial Crown. The current Imperial Crown has some of the same (and some different) beliefs as the old. This does not make either the old or new beliefs right or wrong, nor is it a statement on how the new Crown feels about the old. It simply represents how the new Crown prefers to run the government. Some of you may operate with understandings you have from how things "were always done in the past." We will inform you of all changes, and help reduce any confusion caused. Please work with Us during this time.

Much of our work since the war has been behind the scenes. We wish to make you aware of our efforts to date.

First: We held our coronation. The ceremony was grand. We believe that any that attended would rank it as one of the best they have ever attended.

Second: We have held our first Imperial Audience. It is Our way of making the Imperial Crown available to the populace during Imperial Estates meetings. We sat the the populace who wished to view the audiences along the walkway that approached the thrones with the Imperial Family behind the thrones. Members

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Imperial News

November Meeting of the Imperial Estates

The meeting of the Imperial Estates took place in York over the weekend of the November 1/2, 2003. These are unofficial results of that meeting (the official minutes will be available online).

83 Estates were present in person or proxy; a quorum was established.

The requested civil court was **postponed**.

Begin an investigation to find the original language regarding the charters of Castilles, Chesapeake and Sangreal and to present it to the Estates at the next meeting **passed**.

CRB 1 (Dunvegan): Elevation to duchy: **Passed**. The Crown was seated, and the borders passed as presented as long as it does not conflict with Chesapeake's borders (in addition, Chesapeake has requested Loudon County, Virginia).

CRB 2 (Budget): About the same as last year, with some changes: Our insurance has doubled, an accounting review fund for the Imperium and subdivisions has been established, the amount used as income from memberships is the same as last year. **Passed** (will be available online soon).

CRB 3 (Associate Memberships): I believe this passed, but I don't seem to have it in my notes.

CH 1 (Chancery appendix): **Tabled**

CH 2 (Consideration of Imperial reign): **Tabled**

CH 3 (Election of Board of Directors): See inset.

OB 1 (Ren knighthood): Instead of considering each proposal, a **motion** was made to approve adding the Renaissance knighthood and refer its implementation to the Imperial Crown (similar to what happened for archery). **Failed**. All five proposals **failed**. A **motion** to rescind the resolution of July, 2003, regarding ren knighthoods **Failed**

OB 2 (Redefine Steward's description): **Failed**

OB 3 (Receipt of dues--returned checks) **Referred** back to author for rewrite

OB 4 (Arts Judge requalification): **Passed**

OB 5 (Recognize points/titles from other organizations): **Motion** to allow author to withdraw proposal **Passed**

OB 6 (Reasons for membership denial): **Failed**

OB 7 (Allow members to choose subdivision): Proposal **Passed**, Addition 1 **Passed**, Addition 2 **Passed**

Counterproposal (allow second chartered subdivision within Aragon): **Passed** on reconsideration

OB 8 (Restore sumptuary and regalia writ): **Failed**

OB 9 (define budget): **Passed** with modifications.

OB10 (estate-holders not minors or wards) **Tabled for rewrite**

OB 11 (Adopt rules of procedure for body):

Tabled for rewrite

OB 12 (Remove point-earning restrictions): **Failed**

OB 13 (Remove discounts): **Failed**

OB 14 (Remove 30-day grace period): **Failed**

OB 15 (Associate members and office): **Tabled**

NB 1 (Election method for BoD): Proposal passed, along with the alternate proposal, which modifies the original. Notice was waived and the election method was adopted immediately (because the next order of business was to elect the new BoD).

The next meeting of the Imperial Estates will be March 13/14, 2004. Location to be determined.

Board of Directors

- Chris Bagnall, President (Sir Wright Bentwood, Castilles)
- Christina Hugenburg, Vice President (Dame Aislyne de Chartier, Umbria)
- Sara Huizenga, Secretary/Treasurer (Dame Lenora Greyphis, Esperance)
- John Agee-Ross, 2-year term (Sir Pavo Rosalio, Umbria)
- Warren Mitchell, 2-year term (Sir Warrent Anthony, Aragon)
- Andey Lounds, 1-year term (Dame Ashlinn Tiernan, Aragon)
- John Coffrey, 1-year term (Sir Bleyz MacBruce, York)
- Elisabeth Pidgeon-Ontis, advisory member (Dame Elisabeth Grey, Carolingia)
- Bill Haldeman, advisory member (Sir William Baine, Aragon)

Awards and Orders

During the last court of Their Imperial Majesties, Dame Elisabeth and Sir Karl made a number of awards and elevations. It is with pleasure that we report these to the Empire:

With the approval of the Imperial Estates, the Shire of Dunvegan was elevated by Their Imperial Majesties to the rank of **Duchy**.

The **Rising Star of Adria** is given to young Estates within the Empire for exceeding all expectations with recruitment, enthusiasm, or excellence. Receiving the Rising Star of Adria was the Duchy of Somerset.

The **Royal Order of the Crown Companions** is given to individuals who display high standards of chivalry and good fellowship who by their period activities and demeanor contribute to the enjoyment and realism of events. Created as Companions of the Imperial Crown were: Sir Alaric Thorne of Castilles, Sir Killian Oaksblood of York, Sir Warren Anthony of Aragon, Dame Elspeth O'Neill of Esperance, Dame Lenora Greyphis of Esperance, Sir Phillippe deBouis Gilbert of Umbria

The **Imperial Orders of the Lion, Harp, Quill and Talbot** are the four non-knightly orders created to reward prowess in the various fields of endeavor. Receiving the **Order of the Lion** for excellence in combat was Joshua of Brandenburg. Receiving the **Order of the Harp** for excellence in the arts was Toiressa McBride of York. Receiving the **Order of the Quill** for excellence in ministry was Abigail of Somerset. Receiving the **Order of the Talbot** for excellence in archery was Nikademus Fiend of York.

In Adria, we are all assumed to be of noble birth. Those who by their chivalry, commitment, courtesy, and comportment prove their nobility are elevated to the rank of Lord or Lady. Created **Lady of the Empire** was Dame Lenora Greyphis of Esperance. (During the first Court of Their Imperial Majesties, Sir Wright and Dame Aislynn, Sir Pavo Rosalio was created **Lord of the Empire**.)

The **Imperial Order of the Nebula and Comet** are given to one individual each who, through their enthusiasm and dedication, contribute to the betterment of the Adrian Empire and its populace. For his significant contributions, Baron Black Arrow of Umrbia was created as companion of the Order of the Nebula. For his outstanding contributions, Sir William Baine of Aragon was created as companion of the Order of the Comet.

Knights of the Third Level are Imperial Peers. Three people received accolades as Knights Premiere: Sir Killian Oakesblood and Dame Josephine Oakesblood of York, and Dame Lenora Greyphis of Esperance.

A new order was created for those individuals who hold a knighthood in all four disciplines; archery, arts and sciences, combat, and ministry. Created as charter companions of the **Order of the Croix Fleuris** were Sir Karl Von Katzburg of Carolingia, Sir Killian Oaksblood, Dame Josephine Oaksblood, and Sir Raffie Cunningham of York, Sir Michael Sinestro of Umbria, Dame Xucha of Sangrael, Sir William Coda of Esperance, and Sir Aerindane McClure of Chesapeake.

All of the information about these orders may be found in Estates Writ #18, available at <http://www.adrianempire.org/lirbary.html>. Their Imperial Majesties say to all those who sent in letters of recommendation: Send copies to your local Crown. If you recommended someone who did not receive an award Imperially, they may be eligible for an award at the local level. Congratulations to all who were recognized!

(article text by Sir Nigel of Huntington with this year's information from Sir Alaric Thorne)

From the Imperial Crown

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of the Empire brought their business to the Crown's attention. We believe that this event added to the pomp and circumstances of the event. It also helped separate Adrian Crown issues, Imperial Estate issues, and personal time. If needed in the future, We shall hold audiences on both days of the meetings.

Third: We have been placing our new Imperial Ministers into their various positions. So far, their time has been directed with retrieving information from prior ministers that held their office and satisfying direct tasks assigned to them by the Imperial Crown. With all of this going on, some requests of the populace may be misdirected. If any requests are not responded to in a timely fashion, please resend in a few days. If they again are not satisfied, please notify us.

Fourth: We have sent notices to all ministers that are retiring from their positions. If we have missed anyone we apologize. We wish the entire populace to know that We believe all the ministers are working with Our ministers in transferring the information quickly.

Fifth: We are instructing Our ministers to respond to the various populaces in a timely fashion. The ministers know that if they need more deputies to complete tasks, they just need to ask. However, before any new deputies are assigned, all the other deputies must be used. Idle deputies shall be retired.

Sixth: We have instructed the Imperial Chancery to not automatically second all submitted legislation. We have witnessed several pieces of legislation that died because only the author liked them. The purpose of acquiring a second on legislation is to guarantee that at least one other estate has interest in a topic. If the author cannot convince one other estate holder that the topic is worthy, then the topic obviously is not going to pass. We prefer not to spend time preparing legislation that is doomed to fail.

With all of that completed in our first 11 days in office, We wish to make the populace aware of several other projects the government is working on.

The College of Arms has a large backlog of submitted documents, and because of delays in replies, several subdivisions have not been submitting heraldry. When the submitted backlog is complete, We expect a second wave of submissions to come from these subdivisions. In an effort to combat this, the prior

Sovereign of Arms has created web pages for you to view and help them submit heraldry that does not conflict with existing heraldry. These have been helpful tools, but are difficult to search. While the Sovereign of Arms shall be working on manually catching up the backlog, We are working on a conflict-checking program. When this program is complete, it should shorten the amount of time it takes to compare an individuals submission against the entire empire.

Several ministers and members are working on programs to track members points earned towards their knighthoods. As these programs are completed, We shall review them so the best may be implemented.

A comprehensive on-line membership program is being worked on. The concept is that if a member views the Imperial Steward's site and clicks on their name, this program shall retrieve data from the heraldry and rolls files.

We are looking towards members of the populace to help create a Crown Guideline manual. This guide will outline some of the tasks the Crown is required to do and list things that are outside the allowable interests of the Adrian Empire.

Our Imperial Hospitaler is working on a New Subdivision guide. Since its inception, the hospitaler's office has helped new members by explaining how Adria works for the individual. With new subdivisions, and the growth of smaller subdivisions into larger ones there is no clear guide. Once his manual is complete it shall have details on needed tasks that a subdivision can take to help its growth and contact with the empire.

We are researching the broadcasting our estates meetings over the internet on secure sites. This project is still in the research stage and We make no statements on if it is be feasible or not. We are just making you aware that We are looking into it.

As you can see, We have placed several large projects before Ourselves for the betterment of the Empire. We, of course, will not be able to complete these tasks on Our own and seek aid from the populace. Several members have been contacted, and others have submitted offers of assistance. This does not stop individual members from working on projects on their own.

*In service to the Empire, Lord Wright, Emperor and
Dame Aislynn, Empress*

College of Arms

Greeting to all Heralds of the Empire! Some of us have already met, and others I have not had the pleasure yet. I am Sir Alaric Thorne, I reside in the Kingdom of Castilles, I have been Dragon King of arms for two years and have worked with local Heralds in the East.

I am a Knight Baneret/Civil/Archer and have just been part of the Order of the Crown Companion. I am also the Marquis of Norfolk, and have been East Coast Deputy Minsiter of Joust and War, as well as local Minister of Joust and War in York and Castilles.

(Whew) In effort to start clear lines of communications I would like all Heralds and SOAs out there to e-mail me and tell me something about yourself. Plus, I need to know where and who you are! We have a daunting task ahead of us, but one that can be resolved before the end of the current Imperial Crown's reign. I speak of the dreaded backlog! The three-headed monster must die! You will see changes coming soon, to the heraldry manual, and the college itself. Nothing too major too fast, so don't worry. If you have ideas, I want to hear them. If you have problems bring them to me now. Lets get all cards on the table, and sort it all out. I want to see banners flying throughout the Empire for every estate, and every Knight having arms to display. I look foward to hearing from you soon.

Sir Alaric, FdL



National Steel Tourney Results

Steel, First Place: Sir Keegan (Umbria)

Second Place: Sir Guylum ap DuDrane (Aragon)

Third Place: Sir Richard Reven

Schlager, First Place: Sir Richard Reven (Umbria)

Second Place: Sir William Baine (Aragon)

Third Place: Sir Roger Lamont (Duke of Sangrael)

Shinai: Unknown

Arts: Unknown

Membership Cards

Greetings all! Membership cards were sent on on Friday of last week [*this missive was dated 10/14*] so you should be seeing them in your mailboxes soon!

If you have any problems/issues/name misspellings (I can only read scribbling so well...) please e-mail me at steward@adrianempire.org.

You have been assigned a membership number. If you are the Primary member, you will have a letter in front and a number behind. The "L" stands for Lifetime. "E" for E-herald. "P" for mailed Herald and "A" for associate. If you are a family member you will have two sets of numbers. This is so we can identify you as a family member of someone else.

Again, if you have any questions, etc. please don't hesitate to e-mail me.

Many incredible thanks to Her Royal Majesty, Marion of Esperance, who helped with this mailing and with the entry of all of the renewals. Without her, this would have **never** happened.....

*In Service to the Empire, Dame Lenora Greyphis,
Imperial Steward*

Arts and Sciences

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce the Deputy Imperial Ministers for Arts & Sciences for the coming year. Princess Jericho Gutte d'Or has been appointed as East Coast Deputy and Dame Elspeth O'Neill will continue in the position of West Coast Deputy.

As always, please feel free to contact them or myself with any questions or concerns or suggestions you may have regarding the Arts. We are all looking forward to working with you during the coming year.

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Imperial Audience of November 2, 2003

Upon the mundane date of November 2, 2003, Their Imperial Majesties held their first audience for the Imperial Family, Crowns, Estates, Knights and other members of the populace to come forward and present themselves and their business. The following petitions were presented at the audiences, and the Imperial Crown have made the following decisions (*in italics*):

The Crowns of Esperance bought forward a border dispute with the Crowns of Sangrael. *An investigation into the disputed region between Esperance and Sangrael shall take place. This investigation shall include, but not be limited to, past Crown decisions, charter review, and usage of the area.*

Sir Mobius was called before the Imperial Crown to discuss a concern he voiced during the Estates meeting concerning age changes to the combat manuals. *Sir Mobius is instructed to review mundane laws and other physical entities concerning the possibility of extending some of our activities to children for reconsideration by the Board of Directors.*

Sir Duncan requested the reformation and renaming of the subdivision of Mirkwood. *The reactivation of the charter of Mirkwood had already been granted by His Imperial Highness, Sir Karl von Katzburg. However, the Crown grants Sir Duncan's request to assign him as viceroy and alter the name of the subdivision of Mirkwood.*

His Imperial Highness, Sir Nikolai McClean Belsky Von Hapsburg, brought forward the following questions for Crown consideration:

- Is it the estate or the person whose estate rights are fixed at 60 days from an Imperial Estates meeting? *We are still considering this item.*

- Is Sir Nikolai still charged with the responsibility of being a signatory on every bank account in the Empire? *Over the last several years, the Imperial Steward has been named to each subdivision's bank account for emergency purposes. There are only a few subdivisions who still have Sir Nikolai listed.*

The Imperial Steward made the Imperial Crowns aware of a missing steward from York. *After hearing testimonies from the Crowns of York We order the bank accounts of York to be frozen until a new steward is assigned and the account can be reviewed by the Imperial Steward.*

Sir Alaric bought forward the following question for Crown consideration. If a combatant signs up for the list, takes the field and then yields to the opponent without taking a blow should the participation point be awarded? *We find there to be many reasons for a combatant to yield out of a list. They may yield because they honor an opponent; they believed they were up to the fight but upon taking the field are not; they feel their opponent is dishonorable and do not wish to fight; they do not wish to face an approved weapon, etc. The awarding or not awarding of points for these participation are up to the local Crown to decide and We shall not set a policy across the empire removing the local Crown's ability to decide for themselves. As for this specific instance, We suggest Sir Alaric ask the parties involved, or speak to his Crown, before making judgements based on the partial events he witnessed.*

All subjects of Aragon present were called forward for a private audience. *Upon hearing the written and spoken testimonies of various subjects from Aragon, the Imperial Crown instructs the Lord Protector, Sir Cirus, to convey Our desire that the estates of Aragon quell the disorganized state of Aragon within 45 days. Otherwise, they are to expect direct Imperial intervention to end the upheaval of its populace.*

Regions

Chesapeake

Crowns, Ministers, and Good People of the East, the populace of Chesapeake sends its greetings. The time of Chesapeake's 5th Annual Pumpkin War is almost upon us. We welcome you to join us for a weekend of fun and tournaments! And, since this is a "War", there will be war points (for those of you needing one!). The event is the weekend of November 7-9. Court will begin at 10am on Saturday morning. Our site, the Un-Surewood forest, as we have named it, is in Jarrettsville, MD. This is where the Pumpkin War was born and has grown over the years. Setup is as early as Friday mid-day. Please let us know if you wish to take advantage of this so we can let the property owner know to expect you. It will be a full camping weekend. The site has a large fire pit, three potable wells, and a table with a roof over it. We will be renting Honey-Pots and be setting up a shower area. We hold a large open air feast and a bonfire on Saturday night.

In addition to combat, archery, and arts tournaments, we have Highland events - caber toss (men's and women's), stone throw, and hammer toss. As we will have a nice number of children on site, we will also be running activities for them - jousting, caber toss (carpet tube), and other activities. For the kids' activities we will need some help to make them run smoothly, and to cheer the kids on. They should have a fun weekend too!

We will also have a pumpkin carving contest or those interested. You must bring your own pumpkin though. Adults will carve their pumpkin with nothing smaller than a fighting dagger - yes, they have been carved with swords in the past - so it can be done. Children will use the Pumpkin Carvers kit tools to carve theirs. Do them on Saturday, between other events, and put them around the fire area that night so they can be judged!

We ask that anyone wishing to attend contact Dame Kelda RuddCatha (ruddcat@kaeyron.net) or Lady Kyra Evaine (ktgummer@omengineering.com) as soon as possible so we can determine the number of Honey-pots needed, and therefore the site fee. We also ask that people contribute food to Saturday's open

air feast. Each individual/group (whichever way you prefer) will be responsible for bringing their own food/drink for the rest of the weekend. There is a grocery store and a liquor store about 10-15 minutes away if needed. We will have the fire pit, and possibly one or two grills on site for cooking. Please bring whatever cooking gear you need to prepare your food

Suggestions for packing: I will tell you in advance that it gets cold at night. Please pack so you can dress in layers. Also bring warm blankets and sleeping gear. It is much better to be over prepared than to freeze all weekend - been there, done that, learned from it. ;o) Also pack a flashlight or lantern. You will be in country, and it gets very dark at night. And like any other Adria event, don't forget your garb, fight, archery and feast gear!

Hope to hear from you soon! In Service to the Dream and each other.... Dame Kelda RuddCatha, Chesapeake

Andorra

October was a little less hectic than the previous months. Not much - but some. We are again growing adding 5 new members since we last spoke. Growth is good and Isabeau and I are in transition of letting others share the burden of joy we call Andorra. Andorra is getting to the point that we need others to share the responsibility. So Ministers are being appointed and we hope to be at a point here soon as our townhouse is starting to get cramped at holding events to start renting or finding places to do such. Sometimes it feels like the little engine that could. Dedication and perseverance are two traits that have helped us get this far. So at Court we discussed upcoming plans such as wassailing for food, which we plan on doing throughout December and donating the items to a local food pantry, organizing archery, dance practice, discussing the agenda, talked about war possibilities, and ideas for November's event as well as an upcoming demo for a Cub Scout pack in November. As always if you have any questions please let us know and we will do what we can.

Terre Neuve

In September, Terre Neuve was extremely pleased to see the return of a Sergeant's Renn Tournament. All of the lists were well fought, but only one can be victorious in each discipline. In Shinai Mistress Lena of Tuatha Soma was the winner; in Sergeants Renn our victor was Toltavar of Mannochemore; Knights Renn was won by Tygstyr of Black Company, and Jason the Dirty of Black Company was victorious in Steel.

We had a wonderful arts list; Mistress Christiana of Dundalk entered two versions of a Mushroom Pasty, Mistress Juliet de Ramona of Dundalk entered a knitted Welsh Monmouth Cap, and Baron Klaus took a tourney win and Masterwork for an excellent example of a chain maille coif.

Govannon of Dragon air Chutlach was the winner of the Huntsman's list in the September Archery Tournament, and Sir Ivan Mannochemore earned the win on the Bowman's list. The prowess on the Archery field in Terre Neuve is amazing to see!

Lord Gunther along with Etienne of Burgundy & Gwenith ferch Arthur of Dundalk delighted the Kingdom's children with a puppet show in the new puppet theatre, peopled with wondrously detailed puppets created by Gwenith ferch Arthur. Thank you to all the young puppeteers who entertained us so well as they presented a foolish version of "Hamlet". It was a wonderful addition to our new Mid-day Court; a showcase for the Arts and a venue for presentations by the populace of the Kingdom.

The lead Bishop of Terre Neuve, Sir Klaus van Isjberg inducted two new members into the Church of Adria, Dame Akria joined the church as a bishop, and Mistress Anne Bryce of Kinraig is a new acolyte. But the Church of Adria is not the only Church represented in Terre Neuve, House Mannochemore boasts the only priest of the Holy Royal Church of the Bleeding Blackheart, Father Hucheon Blackheart. Not to be outdone, the interests of the Church Iglesia de los Soldados will be represented in Terre Neuve as it's head and patron saint, Sir Johan Warhammer returns to dwell among us, Huzzah!

The March of Where dat al Row (Unity of Souls) has a new Marquis, Tailan Bran McNeil of Y Ddreig ap Rhyfel was chosen as Marquis by the will of its estates. We wish him well as he takes on his new duties and responsibilities.

October had grand participation in all forms of combat; Finbar the Kneeling won both the shinai and sergeant's renn tourneys, Sir Ivan of Mannochemore took the win in knight's renn and Jason the Dirty of Black Company was victorious in armored combat. Congratulations to all our fine combatants! Kudos to Squire Patrick for winning the prize for the best death!

On the arts field at our monthly tournament, Mistress Juliet and Master Stan of Dundalk both had entries on the Knights list. Mistress Juliet entered a lovely necklace and earrings of real amethyst and pearl, while Master Stan's entry was a basilard; which is a special close combat dagger.

Due to the huge wildfires burning out of control in San Diego County on the day of the archery tournament, the list of participants was quite small, however we did have a win on the Bowmans list, Lazarus of Mannochemore.

Wildfires threatened the homes of many Terre Neuvians, many of whom were evacuated to safety. We are grateful beyond measure that no lives or homes were lost in our Kingdom. Lost to the fires however were the garage and workshops/forge of the Tamura family and the Dawson family home sustained much smoke damage. If there are any who wish to assist these families, please contact our Crowns.

We have started a series of Collegium Days; the first one held the first weekend of October was centered on Feast Planning and Medieval Cooking. On November 9th (Sun) we offered classes on:

- Making basic garb; T-tunics and gowns, trows (pants)
- Covering the mundane (camp chair slipcovers)

December 6th (Saturday), it's a blatant appeal to the men:

- Combat Arrow Construction
- Gambeson Construction
- Making Banners and Flags

We are also looking forward to our Annual Masked Ball in November. Look to the Terre Neuve website for more information on these events as it becomes available <http://www.kingdomofterreneuve.org/>

This month's graphics are courtesy of Retrokat
Medieval Clip Art:
<http://www.retrokat.com/medieval/index.html>

Umbria

The first Turkey War was a gobbling success!!! We had a great turnout and the day was beautiful. In opening court Queen Nisha dubbed a new Gypsy King, Gitano and Gypsy Queen Coca. Dame Serene announced that she would be holding a class on Heraldry. (Dame Serene, I apologize as I do not remember that date and time. Please let us know, Thanks!!) After opening court the battles began. There was much to cheer about for the spectators as Sir Gwain showed his agility in a backward somersault and Sir Ricky sprinting gazelle-like from one end of the field to the other.

The next battle was a bridge with man eating turkeys on either side. The fighters not only had to be cautious of the turkeys, but for each blow received the fighters had to gobble loud enough for the spectators to hear. One by one the fighters were eaten or "gobbled" up as the spectators squealed with glee.

Then the steel battles commenced. The combatants had to get a boy turkey and a girl turkey together so there would be a turkey for the next year. The catch was that the turkeys, played by a 22 oz. Cornish game hen (Frozen) couldn't be carried by hand. It all resembled a really sick game of turkey soccer and kickball put together. My condolences to those whose toes were harmed. Please note that there were no turkeys harmed in this war.

The arts were well received and there were many entries. Luna and Escofia's entire family entered an arts project individually. Huzzah to Luna and Escoffia for showing that Umbria is truly a family tradition.

After a lunch of modern foods, we came back to the Cherbourg Tourney. This was voted as the longest Sargants Tourney fought on record. Boy were those participants tired after that!!

At closing court Dame Arianna took Elizabeth as her squire and it was stated that Sir Pavo and company were traveling to California and anyone wishing to contribute to the victims of the fires could send with them any donations.

Overall it was an excellent, but tiring day. I wish to give special thanks to Cimendri and Dominika for their expertise and guidance in the arts. Without you I couldn't have pulled this day off. Thank you to Dame Serene and all of the arts judges, for without you we wouldn't know who won, and the winner, by the way

was the wonderful Cimendri!!! Congratulations!! Thank you to Sir Duncan for his hard work as my right hand man, long winded as he is, and to Sir Ricky and Liam for all of their help. Kudos to Liam for best booty in tights!!! Thank you to everyone for their participation and smiles. Sir Puck, you made a wonderful foot rest! Also, thank you to the entire Gibbons Family for opening up their home afterward.

In Closing, Thanks again to all of you that participated. You all went above and beyond to contribute to the fun of this day. It was wonderful to see Sir Keegan and his lovely lady there again.

*Yours in Service, Dame Ravyn Sophia Bella Donna
reprinted from the Kingdom of Umbria e-list*

Dragon's Mist

In the midst of our preparations for Coronation we failed to publicly acknowledge a few events that happened in our little Duchy in October:

The first sad event is that the **personae** Mary MacAlpin (Angel Hilborn) was assassinated on October 12th. It was at our Duchy event, soon after she had left her brother's House, that she drank poison and died. In all fairness Malise (it was a Highland Brigade contract) gave her a chance to live if she guessed the poison but our dear airhead was not smart enough.

We also would like to welcome Isabella La Roussa (Angel Hilborn). It seems that Mary sent Isabella a letter some months ago detailing the terror she felt and her impending doom. Isabella arrived shortly after Mary expired - too late to avert the tragedy. Isabella has decided to stay with us to avenge her dear friend's death. The letter is in the hands of the Chronicler, Baroness Catrianna, if anyone cares to read it.

Also in October, it seems that Sir Duncun's ship has permanently sailed away from the shores of Dragon's Mist on the weekend of October 25th. The ship sailed with Dame Sapphire and Sir Bowen. We wish you all the luck in your new life and your new endeavors!

*Lady Cathan Ni Sonoid of House Lochlann
reprinted from the Dragon's Mist e-list*

Sangrael

Happy Holidays. These past several months have been a easy fun summer months for the Duchy of Sangrael. We have had the pleasure of greeting, and playing with many of our neighbors, from all kingdoms of Adria. The weather with the crispness in the air at night has finally given promise of fall. With that we are planning our annual Yule Feast. This year's feast will be on December 13th in the city of Temecula. from 2 to 8pm, with Dame Gwynliann as autocrat. She has many fun events planned from period dancing to games and of course a wonderful English meal served in several courses. Please RSVP by December 6th (adults \$10.00, children 5-12 \$5.00) and make checks payable to the Adrian Empire. Please contact Dame Gwendolyn for more info.

January 17th will be Sangrael's Coronation and pot luck feast. It will also be held in Temecula, from the hours of 2 to 8pm. I personally am looking forward to the out come of our Ducal War December 6th. I have a feeling there will be many surprises.

We hope to see you all in the near future. Wishing wonderful and safe holidays to all.

Upcoming events, and locations

November 1 Event: Summerlake Park Lake Elsinore

December 6 Event: Summerlake Park Lake Elsinore

December 13: Sangreal Yule Meadowview Estates

Club House 41065 Avenida Verde, Temecula

January 17 Coronation: Meadowview Estates Club

House, Temecula

In service to the dream, Lady Kirin Christopherson

Esperance

Jubilee Feast

This is to announce a Jubilee Feast for TRH Terrin and Marion to celebrate thier second reign and reward the populace for thier valant deeds for the last year.

When: December 13th, 2003 5:00 - 8:30

Where: Yorba Linda Community Center (in the parking lot behind Hurless Barton Park)

Cost: \$10.00 per person

\$6.00 Children 6 to 12

Free Children 5 & under

This is a Paid in Advance feast as **we have a limited amount of space available**. Payment must be received by **no later than December 5th, 2003**. Make checks payable to Adrian Empire, Inc and please send all payments to:

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c/o Sara Huizenga

19732 Larkridge Dr.

Yorba Linda, CA 92886

*I look forward to seeing you there! Dame Lenora Greyphis
PS - if you are interested in serving at the feast or helping cook a portion of the food, please contact me.
reprinted from the Esperance e-list*

So What is a Capelet?

Historically (real history, the thing our Articles of Incorporation state emphatically that we are studying) there's no such thing as a "capelet". There are "mantles" and "robes" associated with station or orders, mainly delineated historically via color or trim. If you try to associate color to subdivision at some point someone's going to be stuck with pink & black, like the Panzier divisions were (story has it was the only color combination left unspoken for - I think they just liked pink ;-). The way to properly delineate one's association with a subdivision is through proper use of heraldry, which I will leave the heralds to address... perhaps someone could write an excellant article for the Adrian Herald on the proper use of banners, badges & such for that purpose. Remember, as a Knight you are a member of THE Chivalry. That Chivalry is a larger entity than any single subdivision. A subdivision is where you reside. Historically the revered approach for even a Crown or Emperor was for them to consider themselves a member of the Chivalry first and foremost, and that the Crown was an office they held (temporal). The Chivalric role is the more enduring and personal of the two.

Dame Elisabeth Grey (reprinted from the Adrian Empire e-list)

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Events

October 12/13: Nat'l Steel Tourney
Las Vegas, NV

November 1/2: Imp. Estates Mtg. & Coronation
West Palm Beach, FL

December 6: Sangrael Crown War
Summerlake Park, Lake Elsinore, CA

December 6: Terre Neuve Collegium Day
Location TBA (San Diego, CA area)

December 13: Esperance Coronation (Jubilee)
Yorba Linda Community Center, Yorba Linda, CA

December 13: Sangrael Yule
Meadowview Estates, Temecula, CA

January 24: Brandenburg Investiture
Poway, CA

January 13: Imperial Estates Deadline
For agenda items, and estates status

January 17: Sangrael Coronation
Meadowview Estates, Temecula, CA

March 13/14: Imperial Estates Meeting
Location TBA

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