

# the Adrian Herald

FEBRUARY 2004

## To the Empress

The time again has come for me to write  
In honor of the empress of our land  
I know that I had better do it right  
For this year she does dwell quite close at hand

Your fitness as a ruler we can tell  
Surpasses anyone that we could name  
Your mundane job prepares you very well  
For dealing with the people in this game

How marvelous it is you are with child  
And hope a dynasty to realize  
To have your son as emperor be styled  
And give us all a wonderful 'sir'-prise

Best wishes to you whom we all adore  
And may your bloodline reign forevermore

~ *Sir Michael Sinestro*

*image from the Arnolfini Marriage,  
by van Eyck*

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*For this was seynt on Seynt  
Valentyne's Day  
Whan every foul cometh ther to  
choose his mate.  
~ from Parlement of Foules, by  
Geoffrey Chaucer (1340?-1400)*

# Imperial News

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## Imperial Estates Meeting: March

### Meeting

The Adrian Imperial Estates shall meet March 13 and 14, 2004, from 9am to 6pm MST, at the Phoenix Airport Days Inn, 3333 Van Buren, Phoenix, AZ.

### Accommodations

Rooms are available, approximately \$59 per night, at the hotel and at the neighboring Super 8, 3401 Van Buren. Contact Days Inn at 602/244-8344 or 800/325-2525 (the special rate may only be available by calling Phoenix directly, and identifying yourself as a member of the Adrian Empire). Contact Super 8 at 602/244-1627 or 800/800-8000 (the special rate may only be available by calling Phoenix directly, and identifying yourself as a member of the Adrian Empire).

### Amenities

The hotel has its own restaurant and bar, and shuttle service to the Sky Harbor Airport and area restaurants. A "mixer" is planned for Friday evening, March 12. A parliamentary workshop may also be available (if there is sufficient interest).

The nearest airport is the Phoenix airport. They have a very good website with traveler information regarding directions, parking, ground transportation etcetera at [http://phoenix.gov/AVIATION/maps\\_dir/directions.html](http://phoenix.gov/AVIATION/maps_dir/directions.html).

### Membership

All Estates are frozen as of this date January 14, 2004. All chartered subdivisions will report their valid voting estates to the Chancery as soon as possible (please no later than 30 days prior to the meeting, February 12). To be qualified, members holding votes for these estates shall have attended at least two official Adrian events (in any subdivision) during the six-month period prior to this date, January 14.

### Submissions

Their Imperial Majesties have graciously extended the deadline for submission of agenda proposals,

and counter-proposals for two weeks (January 28) allowing Their Chancery reasonable time to produce the agenda by February 12. However, as per bylaw, each new submission requires two members of the Imperial Estates as sponsors. Your submission and the names of the two sponsors must be received by the Chancery by January 28.

### Reports

All Imperial Offices and any committees are required to report. Reports may be submitted electronically to HIH Dame Maedb. Written or verbal reports may be submitted at the meeting with TIMs permission.

### Other Business

Imperial Audience, the Board of Directors meeting and an Imperial Civil Court shall be held; an Imperial Court of Justice may be held; details TBA (see agenda, Feb. 12).

Further details may follow.  
*In Service, Sir William Baine,*  
*Chancellor, Adria*  
*(Jan. 14, 2004)*



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# College of Arms

## New Imperial Sovereign of Arms

Be it known to Adria, Sir Alaric has retired as ISoA. We truly appreciate the work that he has done to date. Thank you, Sir Alaric. Sir Nigel has offered to step into this opening, and we appreciate his enthusiasm. He will be continuing work on the backlog, as that remains a top priority to Us.

*Lord Wright and Dame Aislyne*

## Good Heralds of the Empire

First off, I want to thank Sir Alaric Thorne for his service as Imperial Sovereign of Arms, and I hope to bring to fruition the project he started, the project that is foremost on everyone's mind: the Backlog. I will be working very closely with the Imperial Crown on this.

We anticipate that the system will be complete in a few weeks. Our goal for this reign is to not only get the Backlog cleared up, but to make available an on-line Ordinary so that you, the individual herald, can perform a basic conflict-check yourself. The final decision will always remain at the Imperial level, but this will be a great help to your clients so that you can rule out designs that are already taken while you are early in the consulting process.

And now, on to new business: For his disregard for the standards of conduct expected from members of the College of Arms, and for his direct disobedience of an Imperial order pertaining to the College, Morgan de Cameron is hereby stripped of the rank of Herald, as well as his Name of Lynx. He is also relieved of his deputy position in the College of Arms.

I need to take a census of all active members of the College. To that end, I need everyone who is an active herald to respond on-list as soon as possible. This includes heralds who serve a Subdivision or Estate, heralds who are Imperial deputies, heralds who still keep an active interest, or civilians on this list who are interested in heraldry. In short, if you would like to be involved in helping the College move forward, I need you to respond. The reason for the census is that I want to get a good gauge of everyone's talents and strengths, as well as to see where we can improve training and education. Please respond as soon as possible. Other plans for this term:

- The creation of an auxiliary storage place for the

Files. The recent California wildfires (in which I lost the house I just moved out of!) have made it clear that no one place should be the repository for our hardcopies. To that end, I will be needing help to get the files duplicated so that someone in a different part of the Empire will have the backup copies in case of a natural disaster.

- The creation of an on-line Basic Heraldry course, utilizing various resources so that people new to Heraldry can learn enough of our Art to do their jobs effectively. Included in this will be lesson plans for heralds to use when teaching courses such as "Basic Heraldry for Non-Heralds" (geared towards members of the populace who want to design Period arms but don't want to have to become heralds in the process).

I invite any and all members of this list to contact me regarding any ideas they have for improving the College and adding to our strengths. Please use the following email for all private correspondence: [semydelis@yahoo.com](mailto:semydelis@yahoo.com)

*In service to the Imperial Crown, Sir Nigel Seymour*

**Sir Nigel has instituted a number of policies to be effective immediately. See article on Page 10.**

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## Hospitaler's Office

Since taking office many things have been taking shape and becoming a reality, among them new forms for new members, a start-up manual for new/prospective subdivisions, a rough draft Hospitalers' manual. We are currently working on reporting, and establishing Hospitalers in areas that do not have them. This office will continue to aid and answer any questions of new members throughout the Empire.

There is another project I am eager to start working on, but it requires input from every subdivision within this great Empire we know as Adria. I am speaking of a "Culture of Adria" document. Each subdivision has its own unique customs, traditions and histories. Adria is a lot about diversity and this diversity makes Adria great. To create such, I need information from each subdivision. , it can be sent via e-mail or if you wish via snail mail to J. L. Kettering 1060 51st ave East Moline Illinois 61244.

*YIS, Lord Auberon dela'Reve, Imperial Hospitalier*

# Regions

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## Brandenburg

To any of you who did not attend the inter-kingdom tourney last weekend, you missed a lot. A lot of fighting, dancing (I'm not at liberty to say who) and revelry. For myself, the high point of the day was opening court. One of the pleasures of this Crown is dubbing brothers and sisters into the Chivalry. So I may now announce Brandenburg's newest knight, Sir Jordan of Marlboro, Knight Minister. He was attended by his lovely wife and daughter, and his knight, Sir Arion Hirsch. To the Brandenburgers who were there, I say thanks. So, thank you to Sir Arion and Dame Juliana, Johan and Justin, Sir Jordan, Lady Anne, Lady Gwenivere, my Mistress Dierdre, Lady Melora, Mistress Guivnbeleve (sp), Page William, and the hard-working newest member of Brandenburg, Johan Schwarz. All members helped out, for this I am grateful.

Now, for the events-to-come. Setup at 9:00, opening court at 10:30. We'll fight, eat, fight more, then go home.

- Feb 28 monthly event in Oceanside
- March 27 monthly event in Poway
- April 24-25 annual war site TBA

This should cover us for the next few months. Thank you all for helping Me make Brandenburg a bright light in the Empire.

*YIS, Karl, Duke of Brandenburg  
reprinted from the Brandenburg e-list*

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## Oldest Valentine still in Existence

**Wilt thou be mine? dear love, reply  
Sweetly consent, or else deny;  
Whisper softly, none shall know,  
Wilt thou be mine, love? aye or no?  
Spite of Fortune, we may be  
Happy by one word from thee.  
Life flies swiftly--ere it go  
Wilt thou be mine, Love?--aye or no?"**

*~Charles, Duke of Orleans, 1415, written to his wife while imprisoned after the Battle of Agincourt (on display at the British Museum in London)*



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## Esperance

Esperance is hosting the Wuner Memorial Shoot from November 2003 to October 2004. The shoot is open to our neighboring subdivisions: Terre Neuve, Brandenburg, and Sangrael. The shoot will follow the former Imperial Postal Shoot format. The grand winner at the end will receive 12 arrows bearing Squire Wuner's colors of Black and Green. There are currently 22 participants with makeups in process. To date the 4 top participants are: Sir Ce'Wolf (163); Dame Marion (152); Sir Terrin (116); Sir Jamie the Red (103). Those of us from Esperance will have to work extremely hard as the group from Terre Neuve completes their makeups, we are sure they will rank very high. We were slow to invite our neighboring subdivisions so makeups will be allowed through March.

At our InterKingdom Tournament held January 17 and 18th, we had 26 archers on the line. It was a great afternoon and the event ended with a clout shoot. Squire Wuner had talked about this shoot for the last two years - we had the field and took the opportunity. With 13 archers shooting into the air at a target farther out then most of us could see - 156 arrows and only 1 lost. We are all anxious for the opportunity to do this again.

*~ Marion Regina*

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## Kildare

### Dragon's Mist

After months of informal talks it was decided, by the majority of the members of Dragon's Mist to change the names in Dragon's Mist to reflect a more period land. We feel this will help to promote our sense of reenacting, as well as, promote a more accurate view of what we do, to the public and to new members. With that in mind, the local Estates has voted to confirm the populace's choice of Kildare as the new name for our Duchy and submitted this choice to Imperial for approval. Along with the new names, we have also submitted new Duchy heraldry. Our submitted arms consist of a black and silver oak tree with acorns on it. The oak tree is a common heraldic device for the Irish people and stands for strength. The acorns represent fertility and growth. We hope our new efforts will bring both strength and growth to our area. The Duchy would also like to announce an end to its rolls reconstruction project. The Civil Court was held in January 2004 with success. We thank everyone throughout the Empire who assisted in this project.

~ *Cathán Ní Sonoid*

### February Extravaganza

The following is our tentative schedule for the February 14th and 15th event. It is a two-day event holding archery, combat, collegiums and an extravagant feast.

#### Saturday

- 10:00-10:30 Opening Court
- 10:30-1:00 Archery
- 1:00-2:00 Lunch
- 2:00-2:30 Kids' Craft
- 2:30-3:30 Etiquette Collegium
- 3:30-7:00 Social Hour
- 7:00-8:00 Feast
- 8:00-9:00 12th Night Collegium
- 9:00 on Revelry

#### Sunday

- 9:00-10:00 Breakfast
- 10:00-11:00 Weapons Collegium
- 11:00-1:00 Combat
- 1:00-2:00 Lunch
- 2:00-2:30 Kids' Craft
- 2:30-??? Estates Meeting (public welcome)
- Closing Court to follow

~*Catrianna and Isabella*

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## Mating Season

Many legends refer to February as the mating season for birds. Women supposedly believed that when they woke on this day, they would watch for the first bird of the day. If it was a sparrow, she would marry poor, but be very happy. If it was a robin, she would marry a sailor. If it was goldfinch, she would marry a rich man.



*The Birds, from Bartholomaeus Anglicus, about 1485-86*

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## Andorra

Andorra has been very busy of late building many projects for our upcoming Media Demo based upon several of our goals (pictures are on our Yahoo group). Andorra has also recieved several invitations to be part of various faires and festivals within (and twice outside) our territory. The 2 outside Andorra are in Imperial land. Our hope is that we will spark interest and perhaps new subdivisions will pop up. Recently, we lost our website, but are dillegently working on creating another. Our last 2 monthly events have been readying us for February 7th: Andorra is having its very first war! The event will be at Loud Thunder Boy Scout Camp, Andalusia Ill. Andorra is in the winter season here and, in all likelihood, there will be snow and cold temps. The theme of our fun war is Barbarians Attack with several scenarios where we will be defending our stores and goods from raiders from the north! Another note is that Andorra is growing up! We have petitioned to raise our status from shire to duchy. As I said, things are indeed happening here in Andorra!

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# Terre Neuve

## A Look Back at December...

An exciting month all around! The December Crown Event saw many subjects of Terre Neuve and their guests; indeed, Queen Kendra herself noted that she had never seen better attendance at a December Event! Her Imperial Majesty, Dame Aislyne de Chartier, also graced us with her presence, and congratulated the Kingdom on its hospitality. We were honored to have her.

Sir Ivan of Mannochmore and Dame Akria Krastel of Y Ddraig ap Rhyfel announced their claim to the throne of Terre Neuve, citing their descent from the female line of royalty past. The Chancellor challenged the validity of this claim, stating that the Throne had never passed through the female line, but Her Imperial Majesty stepped in at this point and reminded all of her rule, which descended from the female bloodline. Many apologies were made, and the controversial claim by Sir Ivan and Dame Akria stands.

In the realm of combat, Sir Sivax Wartongue took the Knights Renn; Jason the Dirty of Black Company won in Steel. Congratulations to Corwin Bristow of Y Ddreig ap Rhyfel, who came out on top in both the Shenai and Sergeants Renn Tournaments.

Due to the holidays, the archery tournament was split between two days; all were encouraged to attend both events, but only one set of points could count (decided **before** the tournament, of course). On the Bowmans list, Gwenith ferch Arthur of Dundalk took the win, and Master Govannon of Dragon air Chutlach won the Huntsmans list.

## Coming Up

Many exciting events are scheduled for the next two months! In February the Kingdom looks forward to the Hearts and Honor Tournament, a Persona Development Collegium day, and a Judging and Documentation Collegium (this one held in the hopes of inspiring the hiding **artists** to step up). And, coming up in April, Terre Neuve will be hosting an Arts Prize Tournament, open to all Kingdoms and Duchies! For more information on any of the events mentioned, please visit Terre Neuve's official website: <http://www.kingdomofterreneuve.org/>

~ Mistress Vivianne Frost

## Terre Neuve Crown War: March 20/21

**Crown War:** The Kingdom of Terre Neuve Crown War will be held at Potrero County Park near Campo. 24800 Potrero Park Dr., Potrero, CA 91963

**Site Fees:** The site fee for this event will be \$10.00 for adults (age 13 and up) and \$5.00 for children 6 to 12. Children 5 and under are free. The vendor site fee will be \$10.00 as well. The fees cover entrance to the park and camping fees for the full weekend in addition to kingdom site fees. If you pay by March 12th, there will be a \$2.00 discount for adults (\$8.00 fee) and \$1.00 discount for children (\$4.00 fee). You can pay in advance online using the PayPal link on the Kingdom website at <http://www.kingdomofterreneuve.org> or at the January or February Kingdom Events.

**Event:** The Kingdom Event for March will be held after the War on Sunday on the site as well. Site fees for the Kingdom Event will be half the regular war price to cover the park fee (\$5.00 for adults and \$2.50 for children). The fees can be paid online as well using the PayPal link on the Kingdom website at <http://www.kingdomofterreneuve.org> in the Crown Event calendar item.

**War Archery Tournament:** Archery for the war will be conducted on site over both days at the direction of the Minister of Archery or his Deputies.

**Set-up and Court Times:** The site will be open on 2:00pm Friday, March 19th and we must be out by 1:00pm Monday, March 22nd. Opening Court will be held 10:00am Saturday, March 21st.

**Site Details:** At this time, due to the fires in the county, NO wood fires of any kind will be allowed. The only fires allowed will be gas camp stoves and charcoal fires in existing grill stands. Gas lanterns are acceptable. We will keep you posted if this changes. There are bathrooms and showers close by and portable toilets on site as well as water faucets.

**Questions:** For further details or questions, contact the Crowns of Terre Neuve at [crowns@kingdomofterreneuve.org](mailto:crowns@kingdomofterreneuve.org)

*In service to the sovereign kingdom of Terre Neuve, Sir Madoc McDonnon, King of Terre Neuve*

# Miscellany

## Some February Traditions

Some of the folklore below may be true, and some may not, but all of it makes for interesting reading - and certainly a jumping-off point for your own research into this fascinating lover's holiday.

### Watching for a man to pass by

In Western Europe some unmarried women would get up early, before sunrise, on Valentine's Day. They'd stand by the window watching for a man to pass. They believed that the first man they saw, or someone who looks like him, would marry them within a year.

William Shakespeare, the English playwright, included this belief in *Hamlet* (1603) where Ophelia sings,

*Good morrow! 'Tis St. Valentine's Day,  
All in the morning betime,  
And I a maid at your window,  
To be your valentine!*

### Pope declares a holiday

Pope Gelasius declared February 14 St. Valentine's Day around 498 A.D. The Roman 'lottery' system for romantic pairing was deemed un-Christian and outlawed. Later, during the Middle Ages, it was commonly believed in France and England that February 14 was the beginning of birds' mating season, which added to the idea that the middle of February -- Valentine's Day -- should be a day for romance.

### Unlocking my heart

In Wales wooden love spoons were carved and given as gifts on February 14th. Hearts, keys and keyholes were favorite decorations on the spoons. The decoration meant, "You unlock my heart!"

### Wearing your heart on your sleeve

Young men and women would draw names from a bowl to see who their valentines would be, and wear the names on their sleeves for one week. To wear your heart on your sleeve now means that it is easy for other people to know how you are feeling.

### Henry V not a writer

King Henry V (reign 1413-1422) hired John Lydgate to compose a valentine to his wife, Catherine of Valois, thus setting the stage for *Cyrano de Bergerac* and Shakespeare.

## February Holidays

While some believe that Valentine's Day is celebrated in the middle of February to commemorate the anniversary of Valentine's death or burial -- which probably occurred around 270 A.D -- others claim that the Christian church may have decided to celebrate Valentine's feast day in the middle of February in an effort to 'christianize' celebrations of the pagan Lupercalia festival. In ancient Rome, February was the official beginning of spring and was considered a time for purification. Houses were ritually cleansed by sweeping them out and then sprinkling salt and a type of wheat called spelt throughout their interiors. Lupercalia, which began at the ides of February, February 15, was a fertility festival dedicated to Faunus, the Roman god of agriculture, as well as to the Roman founders Romulus and Remus. To begin the festival, members of the Luperci, an order of Roman priests, would gather at the sacred cave where the infants Romulus and Remus, the founders of Rome, were believed to have been cared for by a she-wolf or lupa. The priests would then sacrifice a goat, for fertility, and a dog, for purification. The boys then sliced the goat's hide into strips, dipped them in the sacrificial blood and took to the streets, gently slapping both women and fields of crops with the goathide strips. Far from being fearful, Roman women welcomed being touched with the hides because it was believed the strips would make them more fertile in the coming year. Later in the day, according to legend, all the young women in the city would place their names in a big urn. The city's bachelors would then each choose a name out of the urn and become paired for the year with his chosen woman. These matches often ended in marriage.

~ *History Channel, and Encyclopedia Britannica*

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## Mr. Pepys, His Valentine

### As Related By Himself In 1666

This morning, came up to my wife's bedside, I being up dressing myself, little Will Mercer, to be her valentine; and brought her name writ upon blue paper in gold letters, done by himself, very pretty; and we were both well pleased with it. But I am also this year my wife's valentine; and it will cost me five pounds; but that I must have laid out if we had not been valentines. I find also that Mrs. Pierce's little girl is my valentine, she having drawn me; which I am not sorry for, it easing me of something more that I must have given to others. But here I do first observe the fashion of drawing of mottoes as well as names; so that Pierce, who drew my wife, did draw also a motto, and this girl drew another for me. What mine was I have forgot, but my wife's was: "Most virtuous and most fair," which, as it may be used, or an anagram made upon each name, might be; very pretty.

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## Squire Wuner Memorial Shoot

Greetings unto the Populace. I, Sir Connor O'Riordain, send greetings. As many are you are aware, Squire Wuner of Esperance recently passed away. Many of you may remember him and the great man that he was. He loved archery. He loved it so much that many of you may even have purchased a longbow he made.

In memory of Squire Wuner. The Kingdom of Esperance is hosting the Squire Wuner Memorial Postal Shoot. This shoot follows the rules of the Imperial Postal Shoot and is running from November 2003 to November 2004. As it seems that the Imperial Postal Shoot is no longer being run, any subdivision who currently has records of participating in on November and December of 2003 may turn a copy of those records into HRM Dame Marion. Also, since the shoot has technically already started, make up shoots to catch up will be accepted up to March 7th and no later. You may also participate in a scheduled make up shoot on January 18th at the InterKingdom Tournament. Please direct any questions to Dame Marion or myself. So please join us in paying our respects to a great man who gave so much to Adria's archery department.

~ Sir Connor O'Riordain, *Esperance Minister/ Archery*

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## Romance in the Middle Ages

During 11th and 12th century, passion was considered sinful by moralists. As the rituals of courtly love came into play, these ideals were slowly worn away.

Marriages among nobility were typically based on practical and dynastic concerns instead of love. The idea that a marriage could be based on love was a radical notion. Family and friends had a major role in arranging these marriages when land and other wealth was a part of the union. Careful planning was needed for the families' economic and social standing.

The "courtly love" relationship of the noble class was typically not between a husband and wife. It was an idealized sort of relationship that could not exist within the context of real life medieval marriages. Courtly love served a useful social purpose by providing a mode of behavior for the class of unmarried young men that might have otherwise threatened social stability. Generally, knights were younger brothers without their own land who became members of a household of the feudal lord they served. The lady in the courtly love relationship was typically older, married and of a higher social status than the knight. She was modelled after the wife of the feudal lord who naturally became the focus of the young unmarried knight's desire.

The behavior of the lady and the knight in love was partially drawn from poetry and a set of literary conventions derived from the Latin poet Ovid. Ovid described love as if it were a sickness. The typical symptoms of the lovesick knight included: inability to eat, drink or sleep, turning red, fever, sighing, and turning pale.

Andreas Capellanus in *The Art of Courtly Love* has the following take on love. "Love is a certain inborn suffering derived from the sight of and excessive meditation upon the beauty of the opposite sex, which causes each one to wish above all things the embrace of the other by common desire to carry out all of love's precepts in the other's embrace."

Not all marriages were arranged. People from poor families who had nothing to negotiate could marry others of the same standing or not marry at all. The less a family had to bargain with, the more likely a marriage of love was.

~ Sq. Lauren de Wisconsin

## Possibly One of the First Valentine Letters

Letter as written by Margery Brews to John Paston in February 1477:

*Unto my ryght welebeloyd Voluntyn, John Paston, Squyer, be this bill delyvered, &c.*

Ryght reverent and wurschypfull, and my ryght welebeloved Volutyne, I recomande me unto yowe, ffull hertely desyring to here of yowr welefare, which I beseche Almyghty God long for to preserve un to Hys plesur, and yowr herts desyre. And yf it please yowe to here of my welefar, I am not in good heele of body, nor of herte, nor schall be tyll I her ffrom yowe;

For there wottys no creature what peyn that I endure, And for to be deede, I dare it not dyscure. And my lady my moder hath labored the mater to my ffadur full delygently, but sche can no mor gete than ye knowe of, for the which God knowyth I am full sory. But yf that ye loffe me, as I tryste verely that ye do, ye will not leffe me therefor; for if that ye hade not halfe the lyvelode that ye hafe, for to do the grettest labur that any woman on lyve myght, I wold not forsake yowe.

And yf ye commande me to kepe me true wherever I go, I wyse I will do all my myght yowe to love and never no mo. And yf my freends say, that I do

amys, Thei schal not me let so for to do, Myne herte me bydds ever more to love yowe Truly over all erthely thing, And yf thei be never so wroth, I tryst it schall be better in tyme commyng.

No more to yowe at this tyme, but the Holy Trinite hafe yowe in keypyng. And I besech yowe that this bill be not seyn of none erthely creatur safe only your selffe, &c.

And thys letter was indyte at Topcroft, with full hevye herte, &c.

*By your own,  
Margery Brews.*

Same letter, translated into Modern English (but not edited):

*Uno my right well-beloved Valentine, John Paston, Squire, be this bill (letter) delivered.*

Right, reverent, and worshipful, and my right well-beloved Valentine, I recommend me unto you, full-heartedly desiring to hear of your welfare, which I beseech Almighty God long, for to preserve unto His pleasure, and your heart's desire. And if it pleases you to hear of my welfare, I am not in good heel (health) of body, or of heart, nor shall I be until I hear from you;

For there was no creature what pain that I endure, and for to be dead, I dare not discover. And my lady, my mother, has labored the matter to my father full-diligently, but she can no more get than you know of, for which God knows I am fully sorry. But if you love me, as I trust verily that you do, you will not leave me therefore, for if you had not half the livelihood that you have, for to do the greatest labor that any woman on life might, I would not forsake you.

And if you command me to keep me true wherever I go, I know I will do, with all my might, you to love and never no more (other). And if my friends say that I do amiss, they shall not let me do so, for my heart bids me ever more to love you truly over all earthly things, and if they never are so angry, I trust it shall be better in coming times.

No more to you at this time, but the Holy Trinity has you in keeping. And I beseech you that this bill (letter) is not seen of any earthly creature save only yourself.

And this letter was ended at Topcroft, with full and heavy heart,

By your own, Margery Brews.

*Editor's note: Margery Brews and John Paston were married and lived ever after, presumably happily.*

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## New Policies: College of Arms

**POLICY:** Reports are expected by the 15th of the month, no more than 45 days after your subdivision's event. If your event is the last weekend of January, you may file your report on March 15th. You must file a report, even if the report reads "We had no heraldic activity this month". These reports should go to your Crown, to your Regional Deputy SoA, and the Imperial SoA. If you are a Shire that does not hold events every month, you may report once per quarter (April, July, Oct., Jan.). All other subdivisions must report monthly.

I shall be naming 3 regional deputies. These people may or may not be the same as currently hold the office. The heraldic names of the deputies shall be as follows: Pacific Time - Griffin; Central and Mountain Time - Centaur; Eastern Time - Dragon. I will be posting the names and emails of the regional deputies in a few days - your reports can be late this time.

**POLICY:** You must get 5 forms from each person submitting a device or badge: 3 shall be colored in, 2 shall be black-and-white line drawings (without the black bits colored in). Keep 1 colored and 1 black-and-white for your files, and send the rest to the ISoA. Until we have streamlined the process, electronic submissions will not be accepted.

The previous policy of allowing computer-generated color on submission forms will be continued, provided that the arms are blazoned. If you are not sure of the blazon, post a message to this list so that the other heralds can help you. This way, we all can learn together. If you cannot scan the image to post it to the group, describe it as best as you can. Note: hand-colored forms are still preferred - the person submitting the arms should do the coloring - don't do it for them. If after coloring in 3 forms they're not sick of the design, they're probably going to keep them! Send all forms to: Adrian College of Arms c/o Peter Arning, 9746 Caminito Doha, San Diego, CA 92131

**POLICY:** Armory submitted by Estates or Subdivisions must come from the Estate Holder or Crown of that entity.

**POLICY:** Armory belonging to defunct Estates, and to individuals whose memberships have expired, shall be released annually. The releasing will take place in August, after the Imperial Steward has had time to process the memberships for that year. Individuals whose memberships are expired for more than three

years as of 1 July will have their arms released. Estates which are defunct for more than one year shall have their arms released only at the direction of their Crowns. The list of arms to be released shall be published, and the general populace will have 30 days to petition for an extension. Only the person whose arms are in danger of being released may petition. Extensions are granted for one year only.

**POLICY:** Adrian Imperial College of Arms Mission Statement:

*We Believe that the College of Arms has as its primary duty the education of the Populace of Adria in the Art of Heraldry. To that end, we believe that the College of Arms should embark on a program of Heraldic Education geared towards those who are or will be designing their own Coats of Arms and Heraldic Badges.*

*We Believe that Heraldic Display is the most visible and picturesque element of any Event in the Empire, and that the encouragement of the design and development of beautiful and Medieval Heraldry is one of the noblest duties of the College of Arms.*

*We Believe that the members of the College of Arms are the Guardians of the Cult of Chivalry; and as such should walk hand-in-hand with the Church of Adria in the preparation, presentation, and performance of authentic Medieval ceremonial.*

*We Believe that, as Herald, in our capacity as the Voice of the Crowns we serve, the College of Arms has the duty of setting the highest standard of Courty behaviour, to lead the Populace by our example.*

*We Believe that the College of Arms has the duty of making authenticity an ideal to be striven for, but not an idol to be slavishly adhered to. The College should set the standard for documentation and research, but should also be willing to be flexible in its dealings with the People of Adria.*

*We Believe that the Adrian College of Arms should make full use of all of the resources available to it, and not shy away from a source or idea simply because another group has already made use of it. We believe that the Adrian College of Arms can only benefit from contact with other Herald and ideas.*

*And finally, We Believe that our highest goal is that of service to the People of Adria. To that end, we, the Adrian College of Arms, promise to keep constantly in mind to aid all who come before us equally, without regard to personal preferences or prejudices. Our greatest reward is the happiness on the face of each person we have assisted.*

*~ Sir Nigel Seymor, Imp. Sovereign of Arms, 1/22/04*

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# Events

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**February 7: Andorra Fun War**

Loud Thunder Boy Scout Camp (Andalusia Ill)

**February 14/15: Kildare Collegia Days**

Location TBA (South Carolina)

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**March 13/14: Imperial Estates Meeting**

Phoenix, AZ

**March 20/21: Terre Neuve Crown War**

Portero Park (Portrero, CA)

**March 21: Proposal Deadline**

For bids to host Memorial Weekend War

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**April 4: Proposal Deadline**

For bids to host Imperial War

**April 17/18: Galloway University Day**

Location TBA (North Carolina)

**April 24/25: Brandenburg Annual War**

Location TBA (Southern California)

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**May 1: Proposal Deadline**

Fir bids to host July Imperial Estates Meeting

**May 29/30: Imperial Civil/Banner War**

Location TBA

**May 30: Declaration Deadline**

For those intending to run for Imperial Crown



*Her Royal Majesty Kendra of Terre Neuve  
photo taken at Banner War 2003, photographer unknown*

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