

the *Adrian Herald*

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From the Crown

Some time ago we wished to add an article to the Herald called the "Beacon of Chivalry." The purpose of this article is to shine light on chivalric acts that seemingly go unnoticed.

When speaking of Chivalry some stand up and give examples of their own actions as Chivalric. However, this practice in itself is not chivalric. It lacks humility. Unfortunately, those that attempt to practice true chivalric values, including humility, get overlooked because their acts go unnoticed. We feel this is a failing of praise and this is our attempt to correct such.

For our first mention we wish to note Sir Jestar who was recently given a Lordship of the Imperial Court for his actions.

As many know Sir Jestar was the Imperial Web minister from before our reign. He maintained the Imperial Website which is a tremendous job. He also maintained many of the yahoo groups which helps communication across the Empire. To our knowledge he did so without complaint and with little complaints from the populace at large. Also, he was very pleasant and friendly to deal with.

Upon our ascending to the throne Sir Jestar respectfully requested to stay on with the Imperial Government and keep serving the populace. However, one of the main platforms of the New Imperial Government was, and still is, a rotation of members of the populace into Imperial Positions. Unfortunately for Sir Jestar, due to no actions of his own, the webmaster position was one that was identified as possible to put new members into with low risk to empire wide catastrophe.

Upon Sir Jestars learning of his non renewal of Imperial Position he accepted the Imperial Crowns decision without protest or complaint. He did not speak out as if he was mistreated or abandoned by the Imperial Crowns for a decision not going in his favor. He simply accepted the choice of the Crowns as what worked best for their reign.

However Sir Jestars chivalric stance did not end there. In the upcoming months there was some difficulties with the yahoo groups and post. Upon request Sir Jestar did not hesitate to be most helpful to the Imperial Government. He made requested changes to the boards he was still listed as moderator or owner.

He also did not resentful and rather than reply with simple "I don't know" or "I don't have that information" he provided information that made contacting the remaining board owners easier.

Sir Jestar helped the Imperial Crowns and the Empire without regard to his personal station or rewards. For this the Beacon of Chivalry shines upon him
Lord Wright, Emperor



TIM's Dame Aislynnne and Sir Wright
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Sir Gunther the Greylord

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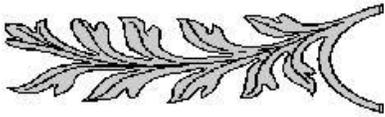
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Imperial News



Imperial Awards

The following awards were bestowed by Their Imperial Majesties, Dame Aislynne de Chartier and Sir Wright Bentwood at the November 2004 Imperial Estates Meeting:

Rising Star of Adria: Albion
Order of the Nebula: Dame Maedb of Esperance
Order of the Comet: Sir Karl von Katzburg of Carolingia
Order of the Talbot: Matthew Scalgaer of Chesapeake
Order of the Quill: Rosa Fiend of York
Order of the Harp: Sir Angus MacBrus of Albion
Order of the Lion: Lady Q of Castilles
Order of the Spoon: Dame Zabrina deVine of Castilles
Imperial Crown Companions: Sir Warren of Albion
 Sir Bleyz MacBruce of York
 Sir Madoc of Terre Nueve
Lord/Lady of the Imperial Court: Sir Jestar
 Sir Cledwyn of Terra Nueve
 Dame Elaine Gray of Albion
 Sir Gareth Grey of Albion
 Dame Tara of Castilles
 Sir DeAcmd of York
 Dame Abigail del Oscuro of Valencia
 Dame Cathan of Kildare
Barons of the Imperial Court: Sir Cirus of Aragon
 Sir Auberon of Andorra
 Sir Jordan of Brandenburg

Coronation Feast

Unto the Kingdom of Terre Neuve:

We thank you for your gracious hospitality and for a wonderful weekend. Although the weekend was hectic and at times, stressful for many, the site autocrats, Sir Tailan (hotel/IEM) and Dame Kendra (Feast) with the support of the wonderful Crowns of Terre Neuve, HRM Dame Clare and Sir Angus, and the assistance and enthusiasm of many, many Terre Neuvians made the weekend run smoothly and flawlessly. We know that disruptions and unforeseen circumstances arise, but the event team handled Our every request and need quickly

and competently - often before We could even voice Our needs. Thank you.

For those who did not get to the feast, Terre Neuve left no corner undone. The decorations (which many received as souvenirs to take home), the entertainment, the food were all amazing; Our particular favorite was the pride of Her Royal Majesty of Terre Nueve's particular pride: a novelty castle made of cake, complete with blue butterflies to please Us, and the Ghosts of the armies His Imperial Majesty has slain. We were thrilled.

On behalf of His Imperial Majesty and Myself, We thank you all from the bottom of our hearts.

Sincerely,
Dame Aislynne

March Imperial Estates Meeting

Upon request, We have reviewed Imperial Estates Writ 21 to set the rotation and determine the region for the March Estates meeting.

Originally, our intention was to set Nov 01 as Year 1, region 1. We since realized that would put the Nov 05 coronation meeting back in the East, essentially bypassing Middle Adria's chance to host coronation. We have decided that as since the Regnal Year begins at the conclusion of the Nov Estates meeting, it makes sense to have a rotational year run the same way.

Therefore, March 05 begin the rotational year as listed in Writ 21, as Year 3, Region 3. We invite all the subdivisions of the East to bid on the meeting, and encourage each Crown to contact US for more information. The meeting will be the 2nd weekend of March. Kingdoms are required to bid; all subdivisions are welcome to bid. We look forward to hearing from a variety of areas for more information on hosting in March!

Dame Aislynne, Empress

Play-test of Non-Judged Arts Entries

**Play-tests are adopted at the local level by the local Crown and/or Estates. No subdivision is mandated to adopt a play-test. No play-test may be used to affect the outcome of a contested Crown war.*

Upon the overwhelming recommendation of the Imperial Estates, We issue the following Imperial Crown Writ:

Non-Judged Arts Entries are hereby approved for playtest as point-bearing participation in the Arts road to Knighthood as delineated below. This playtest will begin January 1, 2005 and end July 31, 2005.

This play-test results in the awarding of points. These points are permanent, regardless of the ultimate decision of whether or not to adopt non-judged entries permanently.

All requests to participate in a non-judged arts and sciences entry at an Imperial Event should be directed to the Imperial Minister of Arts and Sciences for consideration. Final approval will be issued by the Imperial Crown.

We hereby modify the law as follows, and as listed in the Nov 04 Agenda, with the modification as requested by the Estates that no more than 40% of Arts participations may be earned through non-judged entries.

OB13. Amend IX.C.2. Robe Roll and Arts Manual to allow substitution of non-judged arts activities for advancement

Add to read: b. Journeyman

i. Participation in three (3) Journeyman's tourneys at Crown events; *or participation in a combination of at least three (3) Journeyman's tourneys and non-judged arts activities where no more one (1) participation is in non-judged art activities approved by the Crown.*

Add to read: c. Master

i. Participation in five (5) additional Journeyman's tourneys at Crown events; *or participation in a combination of at least five (5) additional Journeyman's tourneys and non-judged arts events where no more two (2) participations are in non-judged art activities approved by the Crown.*

Add to read: d. Knight Robe

i. Participation in ten (10) Knight's tourneys at Crown events; *or participation in a combination of at least ten (10) additional Journeyman's tourneys and non-judged arts events where no more four (4) participations are in non-judged art activities approved by the Crown.*

Add to read: e. Knight Master

i. Participation in eighteen (18) additional Knight's tourneys at Crown events; *or participation in a combination of at least eighteen (18) additional Journeyman's tourneys and non-judged arts events where no more seven (7) participations are in non-judged art activities approved by the Crown.*

Add to read: f. Knight Doctor

i. Participation in thirty-six (36) additional Knight's tourneys at Crown events; *or participation in a combination of at least 36 additional Journeyman's tourneys and non-judged arts*

events where no more fourteen participations are in non-judged art activities approved by the Crown.

Amend Arts Manual Article I.C.3. description of Ministry of Arts and Sciences

Add: n. Assist the Crown in determining the authenticity and activity level for non-judged event participation.

Add to Arts Judging Guidelines description of Non-judged Participation to Article II

Do not change the Arts Judging Guidelines (as suggested in the original proposal).

Add to Arts Manual description of Non-tournament Participation

Amend the Arts Manual (Section IV.B.2) description of Tournament Entries

Current manual: 2. An artisan can submit one item per Crown event or up to four items per war.

Tournament wins will be awarded in accordance with the Bylaws.

Amend to read: An artisan can submit one item per Crown event *or participate in one non-judged art activity with Crown approval per Crown tourney*, or up to four items per war. Tournament wins will be awarded in accordance with the Bylaws *and tournament participation points will be awarded in accordance with the Bylaws for non-judged activity.*

Add to Arts Manual (Section IV.B.) description of Tournament Entries

13. Non-judged art activities:

- i. The activity must be performed in a visible area by actively participating in a non-judged activity at a Crown tourney and approved by the Crown.
- ii. The activity must be an activity which was performed in Europe during the period covered in our bylaws.
- iii. Minimum written documentation from the artisan is required to authenticate said activity.
- iv. The activity must be performed with period tools and equipment, using period techniques.
- v. The non-judged activity must be signed up on the Arts Sign-in sheet in the appropriate List area designated for same.
- vi. The activity must meet a minimum time of activity of thirty (30) minutes and verified by the Crown or Arts and Science Minister.
- vii. The complexity of the art activity will determine the number of times the artisan may perform a non-judged art activity at a Crown Tourney. The number of participation points to be determined by the Crown and Arts and Science Minister and Artisan before the activity is put on the List.
- viii. Non-judged art activities not be held at Wars.
- ix. The Imperial Crowns may set additional restrictions for Imperial Events.

Procedure Guideline:

- 1) The Artist approaches the Arts and Sciences Minister and Crown regarding a non-judged Arts activity. This can be done prior to an event.
- 2) The Arts and Sciences Minister reviews documentation with the Crown to authenticate activity and review tools, materials and techniques.
- 3) The Crown and Arts and Sciences Minister determines the number of points that can be awarded this project.
- 4) The Artist signs onto the list.
- 5) The Artist performs their art during the event per the Arts Manual related to non-judged activities.
- 6) At the end of the event, the Crown initials the Arts List that the project has been complete.
- 7) The Minister of Rolls records the point if the Crown has approved it.

Imperial Tournament

Greetings Unto the Empire,

I, Sir Bleyz, am here to announce the Imperial Tournament that will be held on December 18th and 19th. This tournament was Granted to the South East by Their Imperial Majesties as a make up event for the Imperial War Tournament that was canceled due to the hurricane this September. As the East Coast Minister of Joust and War I have been given the privilege of Auto Crating this event. The following is a list of Dates, Times, Locations and Members who will be running the separate portions of this event.

On December 18th at 10 AM at Quiet Waters Park, A border city in the Kingdom of York, we will hold the Archery portion and begin the Arts portion of the Event. I have yet to ask him but would like Sir Polonius Fiend to run the Archery Portion. The Arts will begin sign up and the Arts List will remain open until 12 noon the following day (unless otherwise directed by TIMs). Dame Tara Callahan will be running the Arts portion and can be reached at renwoman6869@yahoo.com if there are any questions.

On December 19th at 10 AM at Tree Top Park, A Castilian Strong Hold, we will be holding the Combat portion and continuing Arts. The Combat tournament will all be Round Robin or Double Elimination type tournaments to assure we have a good day. Sir LeBete de Acmd will be running the Combat Tournaments.

I am putting out a request on behalf of the Arts for any qualified judges to contact Dame Tara. We will also need many Marshals for Combat as Lists may run multiple lists at the same time. Furthermore, I would request people bring a Pot Luck lunch on both Saturday and Sunday. So that we may all gather and enjoy the Day.

I will be posting both the Combat and Archery Tournament Scenarios in the Next few days. If there are any questions I can be reached at either sirbleyzofyork@yahoo.com.

This is an Imperial Event and TIMs have the Final Word as Always!

In Service

Sir Bleyz

East Coast Minister of Joust & War

From the Imperial Sovereign of Arms:

Greetings to the Adrian Empire,

I hope the LoRR for December 2004 meets with most of your approval. I believe that with the commitment I have seen so far from the officers of the college that this upcoming year will prove to be an eventful one. We are all committed to processing registrations in a timely matter and on alert to keep proper records. I have a few bits of information I would like to extend to you all.

Computer Generated Graphics on Device Forms

The chief members of the college have reviewed this policy and with the consent of Their Imperial Majesties feel that from this time forward computer generated graphics on device forms will be accepted. Arms created with colored pencils and crayons will not be accepted still. After reviewing this bulk of 120 or so devices, I felt that it would be unfair to send back so many that were created with colored pencils, since so many had waited so long for some sort of reply. But from this time on all forms presented in this manner will be immediately returned by the Regional Deputy's.

New Device Registration Form

There is a new device registration form that is currently available on the Yahoo Heraldry Group in the file named "New Business". We are making efforts now to have it available on the Adrian Empire Website in the library and in the College of Arms section.

Precedents and Policy's – Reference Guide

In an effort to reduce the frustration felt by many in researching and understanding the policies of the College of Arms in the Adrian Empire, we have compiled a guide that references all documented precedents issued by the College. This also is available on the Yahoo Heraldry Group in the file named "New Business". We are making efforts now to have it available on the Adrian Empire Website in the library and in the College of Arms section.

Deadline for Black Hole and Missing Device's

It is readily known that in the past, through problems within the College and acts of the universe, that device's have turned up missing. Many have struggled to correct this problem in the past six months, yet the devices are still showing up out of the wood work. It is my concern

that the college will never be able to truly correct these discrepancies. In a way I feel that it is necessary that we in a sense start from the beginning. Hence forth any device claimed to be submitted to the College from the inception of registration in the Adrian Empire up to **Sept 1, 2004**, must be resubmitted to the College by **January 7, 2005**. Proper documentation must be sent, and any claims of registration must have documentation. Verbal registrations are not recognized by this administration and there is plenty of evidence to support that the previous administrations did not accept it either. As of **January 7, 2005** all submissions will be considered new and be held accountable to current policies.

Checklist of Armory

Within two weeks we will be sending to every subdivision a packet. You will get in your packet a list of all armory registered to your local Kingdom, Duchy or Shire. Please show it to your Crowns and Estates. If you do not get such a list, that means your region has no armory registered to it.

Along with this list will be a Letter for you to give to your Crown. It will list all of the armory on it. Please check off all of the armory for the Estates in your region which have been defunct for 3 years or so (or however long you and your Crown deem appropriate), and have your Crown sign it. This needs to be returned to the Imperial Sovereign of Arms not later than January 15, 2005.

If you have two Crowns, please have both of them sign the letter. There is a space for you to check off if your region does not wish to release any armory. These letters **MUST** be returned. They are **MANDATORY**. If I do not receive your region's letter by the deadline, I will assume that you want **ALL** of your armory released. I apologize for the short time, but it shouldn't take long to fill out the letter and mail it back to me. The list of released Estate armory should be published in the next LoRR. If you have any questions, please contact me as soon as possible.

Education

Out of the 39 arms returned in this LoRR, almost half had violations from the first page of The Heraldry Manual. Perhaps it is from a lack of reading and perhaps it is from a lack of education provided from the College. We shall attempt to correct both situations in the upcoming year. Please be on the look out for up coming education from the College.

I wish you all a safe holiday and thoughts of goodwill for you and y our loved ones.

**Sincerely,
Sir L'Bet'e deAcmd
Imperial Sovereign of
Arms**



From the Imperial Steward

Greetings,

I wished to introduce myself as the new Steward of the Adrian Empire. Their Imperial Majesties have stated their wishes of rotating newer members into Imperial Service and my appointment is one of many. We wish to inform all that Dame Lenora is staying on with the Imperial Stewards office to aid, instruct and provide a guiding light for myself when needed. We thank her for her devotion to the Empire.

According to the new structures their Imperial Majesties have instructed the Stewards office to go through changes as well. Similar to the Offices of Chancellor and Sovereign of Arms this position will be divided into multiple branches in an effort to improve efficiency.

Dame Lenora will be in charge of Disbursements and Insurance Matters. Therefore all reimbursements, expenditures and insurance questions should go directly to her.

Dame Polgara will be in charge of Receipts. Therefore all payments and membership fees should go directly to her office.

I will be in charge of Reporting.

Therefore all monthly stewards reports and copies of bank statements shall be mailed to me. Please contact me for mailing instructions.

Also, for the subdivisions that maintain a separate bank account, we will require a list of checks written, who they were written to and for what purpose in addition to the normal stewards report. This list can be hand written or a photocopy of the checkbook can be provided.

If you have any questions feel free to email me.

Dame Ana Llywelyn
Imperial Steward

Siege Weapons Manual

Greetings populace at large,

I have been blessed with the task of compiling information and putting together an Imperially accepted or Empire wide Siege Weapons Manual.

The start of this process is information collections or data collecting. If you have any experience with using siege weapons in Adria please send me any and all useful information concerning siege weapons you have used in Adria including safety specs if you have them. Currently most siege weapons are considered play test use, so a lot of varying info will be given.

Please post your information directly to my account at sivax@hotmail.com or to the Imperial marshals board for discussion.

Again, keep in mind that everyone has been using different play test rules so try to refrain from starting up huge threads on disagreeing with how someone posts their info. This is for the purpose of information gathering. Later on, once I have compiled all the information I am given, I will add in the rules I know of in use in the west coast and then a meeting will be called where the rules and safe use etc will be discussed. Those to be involved with the meetings will be contacted by myself or the Imperial Minister of War and Joust.

This process will probably take a goodly bit of time, it is just the nature of the beast to take time when garnering info from so many different places and having meetings. I currently know there are many different types of siege weapons in development, if you have the time please include your test specs and rules for those too.

Thank you for your time.

Sir Sivax Wartongue

From the Office of Archery

Currently the only thing really noteworthy from this office is the Imperial Postal Shoot. No scores have been submitted yet, but no doubt that will change very soon. There was one bit of confusion regarding the shoot and that was the distance to the target. That should be 20 yards. I realize I wasn't clear enough about that and I apologize to the populace for that oversight.

Other than that, nothing else going on this month, I'm sure there will be more to come later.

Sir Connor

Outcome of Judicial Proceedings

Unto the Empire,
Recently, We released a short summary of the results of the trial of Dame Fionnghualla. We did such because the following joint statement was not available to us at the time and We knew interest in the outcome was spread across the Empire. Now that the statement has been presented to Us for publishing, We are releasing it.
Dame Aislynne, Empress

Joint Statement of Their Imperial Majesties, The Crowns of York and Castilles, and Prince Nikolai:

There has been tension between the sister Kingdoms of Castilles and York, particularly over the past year. It began with a number of notable subjects of each Kingdom and has created a distance between two kindred peoples.

The Royal Crowns of the sister Kingdoms accept that as the leaders of Their respective Chartered Subdivisions, They failed to facilitate resolution through cooperation but rather perpetuated the problem while trying to protect Their own. This culminated in legal proceedings.

As the highest personages of the Empire, Their Imperial Majesties acknowledge Their duty to facilitate resolution of the differences between the sister Kingdoms. They have determined to take all steps necessary to achieve peace, goodwill and harmony between the Chartered Subdivisions while respecting and maintaining the Sovereignty of each Kingdom.

Their Imperial Majesties appreciate that the Crowns of the sister Kingdoms have taken responsibility for Their roles in the deterioration of the goodwill between Their respective regions. Their Imperial Majesties are grateful that the Crowns of the sister Kingdoms have dedicated and committed Themselves to achieving peace, harmony, and cooperation between Their respective regions. Their Imperial Majesties praise the Crowns of the sister Kingdoms for Their demonstrated leadership in withdrawing Their adversarial legal claims, and Their resolution to address any grievances by cooperative means.

The tension between the sister Kingdoms manifested itself in the judicial system following Banner War 2004 when the Crowns of Castilles brought forth an accusation for investigation by the Imperial Government. The accusation was that one of the Yorkist judges had shown bias in favor of York at Banner War. Due to the sensitivity of the situation, and the fact that the Banner War was an Imperial event, the Imperial Crowns took control of the investigation. The Imperial Crowns directed the Crowns of Castilles, as well as Imperial Peers involved in the investigation, to take no action and not to discuss the matter until further notice. Somehow, in a manner as yet ascertained, word got out about the investigation, and the matter became politically charged.

Rather than maintaining restraint as directed by Their Imperial Majesties, Their Majesties of Castilles hastily filed charges against Her Majesty of York.

As the legal proceedings progressed, the Crowns of Castilles were advised by the Imperial Government that the state of evidence was strongly against the probability of conviction. Despite that, the Crowns of Castilles did not drop their charges. Their Imperial Majesties directed that the Crowns of Castilles resolve any grievance they had with Queen Fionnghualla directly through mediation. Because the Crowns of Castilles did not drop their charges, the mediation proceeded in the context of adversarial plea bargaining rather than cooperative grievance resolution.

The mediation dragged for months, an untreated festering sore afflicting the goodwill between the sister Kingdoms. The lingering accusation of bias served only to assault Queen Fionnghualla's reputation, validate her detractors, and to raise partisan animosity toward Castilles

among her supporters. Even with this period of increased tension, the Crowns of Castilles acknowledge that Queen Fionnghualla extended knightly assistance and support to the Kingdom of Castilles, including involvement in facilitating access to an archery field.

Because of this, the Queen of York allowed Her frustration with the legal process to cause her to abandon her knightly principles and withdraw her assistance in maintaining the availability of the archery field.

She had reached a point where she no longer cared whether Castilles had access to the park or not. Without the Queen of York's support, Castilles lost access to the field.

Based on the above events, the Crowns of Castilles filed further charges against Queen Fionnghualla and requested relief. A Court of Chivalry was convened on the Friday prior to the Coronation/Imperial Estates meeting. The Magistrate was Dame Julianna Hirsch. The three judges selected were Sir Pavo Rosalia, Dame Katherine Marshall of London, and Sir Phillipe du Bois Gilbert. Sir Karl von Katzberg prosecuted, and Sir Nikolai Belsky assisted in defense. Trial began at 7:00 p.m. and continued past 2:00 a.m. Evidence was taken and reviewed. A recess was taken, with court to reconvene at 3:00 p.m. the following day.

Before the proceedings resumed, the Imperial Crowns determined that the trial was going well and was likely to result in a legal conclusion. However, Their Imperial Majesties were concerned that regardless of the result, there would be no solution to the underlying problems. In fact, further charges from Castilles and countercharges from York were strongly anticipated based on the evidence which had been developed. A verdict one way or the other would increase tensions rather than reduce them. The legal process would succeed, but the social process would end in a shambles. Therefore, Their Imperial Majesties asked that the Royal Crowns take responsibility for Their roles in the ongoing tensions between the sister Kingdoms and dedicate themselves to re-establishing the spirit of goodwill and cooperation between the Chartered Subdivisions.

Queen Fionnghualla acknowledged as follows: As a knight, and particularly as a Queen, Dame Fionnghualla is held to the highest standard of knightly conduct, including helping all who might ask so long as it were not to the detriment of York or the Empire. In this case, the Kingdom of Castilles had become reliant on the support and assistance of the Queen of York. Dame Fionnghualla knew that, but She withdrew her support and assistance anyway. Queen Fionnghualla

acknowledged this was not the conduct to which a knight or a Queen should aspire. Queen Fionnghualla acknowledged that Her action only contributed to further divide the Sister Kingdoms. Queen Fionnghualla rededicates herself to the cause of goodwill and cooperation between the sister Kingdoms and resolves to measure and judge her future actions against that goal.

The Crown of Castilles acknowledged as follows: Its rush to maintain legal actions against the Queen of York without consideration of whether such actions were legally supportable or socially desirable was error in judgment and contrary to any spirit of cooperation which should exist between the sister Kingdoms. As knights and Crowns, the monarchs of Castilles are held to the highest standard of knightly conduct, including acting in the best interests of the Empire. The Crown of Castilles acknowledged that the actions of the King and Queen were unworthy of Their stations as monarchs and knights. The Crown of Castilles rededicates itself to the cause of goodwill and cooperation between the sister Kingdoms and resolves to measure and judge its future actions against that goal.

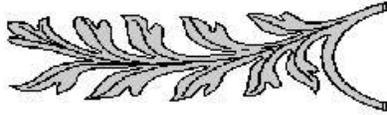
In light of these mutual acknowledgments of responsibility, the Crown of Castilles has agreed to dismiss all charges against the Queen of York.

In light of Their Imperial Majesties' efforts to facilitate a peaceful, non-judicial reconciliation between the sister Kingdoms, Queen Fionnghualla recants any characterizations of the actions of Their Imperial Majesties as malicious or otherwise against the interests of the Empire.

The Crowns of the sister Kingdoms have agreed to relinquish Their rights to file further charges and countercharges based on grievances to date. The legal war is over.

There shall be a treaty between the sister Kingdoms. Grievances shall be resolved between the Royal Crowns. They shall be assisted by Imperial Peers, including Their Imperial Majesties, His Highness Sir Nikolai, and His Grace Sir Phillipe. The Royal Crowns shall work together to establish common standards of chivalric conduct and shall work to police Their own to reduce friction and tension, and heighten harmony and unity. The Royal Crowns of the sister Kingdoms shall meet regularly to take affirmative steps toward improving relations and bringing the Kingdoms closer.

The willingness of the Crowns of Castilles and York to make these admissions and concessions, and to take these actions is neither defeat nor victory for any individual or Kingdom involved. It is a victory for Chivalry.



Regions



Albion

Greetings All,

The following is the schedule for the December Tournament, as well as the schedule for Yule Feast, Menu, and cost information. We look forward to seeing everyone there. Please contact me if you would like to help.

We will be making chocolate goodies this Sunday (December 5th), starting around noon, at my home. Anyone who wants to help is invited and your assistance will be greatly appreciated.

December 12th, Anniversary Tournament, Pas De Arms**
Archery will be at the Archery Range at 9 am
Combat will be held at Sunrise Library, Opening Court at Noon. No Arts today.

**Special Prizes will be given to the Combatants that most display Chivalric Ideals and Virtue on the Field (ie, Chivalry, Pageantry, Style, Grace, etc.).

December 18th, Yule Feast and Arts Tournament
Because it is the time of Year for giving and togetherness, we have asked that anyone who wants to help, please do so. We will be setting up and cooking starting at 10 a.m. (Prior to this day, we will be getting together for prep work and special projects-these will be posted as dates and times are available).
The Menu will be as follows:

Starters: Cheese, Nuts, and Fruit (seasonal)

1st Course: Butternut Squash Soup and Split Pea Soup
Rolls with honey butter, Apple Butter, and HerbButter

Main Course: Roasted Peacock (idea borrowed from our cousins in California)
Beef Tips in Stroganoff Sauce with noodles
Chicken Cordon Bleu (Chicken Breast stuffed with cheese and ham, lightly breaded and baked)
Cauliflower with Cream and Butter Sauce
Broccoli Florets basted in Cheese Sauce

Dessert: Happy Raisins
Bread Pudding with Hot Rum Sauce

Beverages: Wassail, Mulled Wine, Hot Chocolate (Homemade with Whipped Cream), Hot Tea, and Coffee.

We will begin festivities at 3p.m. with an old fashioned "Taffy Pull", followed by vigorous hand washing to get all the sticky and butter off. After everyone is cleaned up and seated, we

will light the Yule Log to bring good tidings. Food will be served promptly at 5 p.m.

Everyone is encouraged to participate in the Arts Tournament. If your entry is food, bring enough to share a little with everyone. If your entry is a performance, bring documentation as part of the piece. For anything else, be prepared to share your knowledge of your Art form with everyone. We look forward to seeing the projects from all of the talented Members of this Kingdom.

Cost for the Feast will be a \$5.00 flat fee. We are asking that anyone who wants to attend, please pre-register no later than December 12th by paying the Steward and receiving a receipt. If you are not on the List for pre-registration, we may not be able to accommodate you. We will also be hosting the following childrens activities throughout the day:
Making Christmas Ornaments with homemade clay
Making sugar cookies
Making Lollipops
These activities are open to the "BIG" Kids also.
See you all soon and have a safe and fun Holiday Season.

In Service,
Ashlinn, Queen

Dame Ashlinn
Photo Courtesy of Sir Gunther
the Greylord



Kildare

The month of November was a busy month for the populace of Kildare.

The first weekend of November our Duchess, Dame Cathan ni Sonoid, attended the Imperial Estates meeting as well as the Coronation Jubilee (Thanks to Terre Neuve for all the hard work) where she was awarded the title of Lady of the Imperial Court.

The second weekend we held our Crown Event. We had open tournaments for both combat and archery. Logan Herrin, taking time off from Iraq, took the combat field. Lady Isabella La Roussa took her first win on the archery field. This win has been way overdue and advances her to the Huntsman list.

During the Crown Event the Duke and Duchess had the honor to award the Order of the Royal Star to Squire Gwaen, for his dedicated service to the Duchy when he started the game in March until August. They also had the privilege to officially award the Order of the Royal Companions to Ermac Archambault, for being the youngest Duchy Champion in Dragon's Mist. Unfortunately Ermac is in Germany with his family during the mundane conflict affecting the world. We will celebrate with him when he comes home - how else, by introducing him to the steel field!!

The third weekend we had a demo in Columbia that pulled large crowds - when the steel went on. It was quite a pleasure to finally see full steel combatants within our lands!!

Dame Cathan ni Sonoid
Duchess of Kildare
Lady of the Imperial Court



Dame Cathan ni Sonoid
Photo courtesy of Sir
Gunther the Greylord

Umbria

Unto the Populace of Umbria,
Please note the following dates of upcoming Umbrian Events:

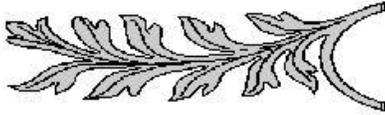
- December 1 - Canton of Thunar, Encanto Park
- December 9 - Canton of Montfort, Paradise Valley Park
Including draughts tournament and arts judging class
- December 11 - Canton of Cherbourg, Kiwanis Park
- December 15 - Opening date for Declarations to contend for Umbrian Crown War.
- December 18 - Kingdom Tournament with Archery, El Oso Park
- December 30 - Closing date for Declarations to contend for Umbrian Crown War.
- January 8 - Umbrian Estates Meeting/Masked Ball
Please see Dame Shahara to volunteer for feast committee
- January 29-30 will be Umbrian Crown War.

Lastly, the King's new Baby Boy, is scheduled to be delivered on 12/27/04. Baby and Momma are doing well.

Pavo, Rex

Sir Pavo
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