

the Adrian Herald

March 2005

From the Crown

Unto the Populace,

We had taken the past week to reflect on the tremendous opportunity that has been presented at the Imperial Estates Meeting.

The meeting started with the Crowns and Imperial Peers meeting to discuss culture in the Adrian Empire. This meeting started closed but was opened to the entire populace before it ended. The meeting was held in a Round Table format in which all the presented voices were heard without resistance or fear of persecution. Many concerns from around the Empire were presented and several areas of those concern became clear. Amongst other topics the need for a new or amended grievance structure, restoration in faith of Chivalry and improved communication were highlighted several times.

From the notes taken at the meeting we plan to present an amendment to the grievance system similar to and based on the Hundreds Courts. This system will be designed to use intermediators, limit personal negative outcomes and be less offensive.

It was presented that Restoration in Chivalric faith can only be accomplished by the actions of the populace. In order to reduce the feeling that self interest outweighs chivalric actions tolerance balanced by presentation needs to be practiced. In other words, mistrust can only be reduced if detractors are allowed to voice their concerns without persecution or offense being taken. Also, the voicing should be done in a civil manner that is not accusatory.

Improved communication was also stressed. Communication was defined as speaking and listening. In an effort to reduce "noise" the chain of command structure should be enforced. The Communication Chain of Command structure in the Feudal System is Local Estate Holders to Local Ministers to Local Crowns to Local Civil Court to Imperial Estate Holder to Imperial Minister to Imperial Crowns to Imperial Civil Court. Therefore, if a member of the populace has a question and they wish to be heard they should speak to their local estate head to insure a response and follow the chain of command if unsatisfied.

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There were many other topics from the meeting that we plan to present to the Imperial Estates for discussion and decision on how to implement. However, in an effort to shorten this notice we shall address them at a later time.

The next day proceeded with the legal proceedings. At the opening of the meeting the complaint was modified to one count of Conduct Unbecoming a Knight for Possible Abuse of Imperial Authority leveled against his Imperial Majesty only. Upon presentation of the Petition for Judicial Ban it was noted that the required signatures were not provided with the petition. Therefore, we asked each of the pollers if they had the signatures but simply forgot to present them at the meeting. Upon accepting the pollers word we moved forward and asked the Magistrate the current status of all outstanding legal issues against us. The Magistrate informed that the one charge was dismissed and the two other complaints were being dismissed and therefore the cases were over.

Upon hearing this we were unsatisfied. We were unwilling to have a portion of our populace unheard and have a cloud of doubt that we may have influenced the chancellery. Therefore, we immediately refilled the complaint against ourselves and asked the Crowns of the subdivisions to enjoin the charge against us. We then ordered the Chancellery to move forward with the judicial ban against ourselves before any other proceedings to remove our authority over the process. Upon the proper tally of signatures we turned over our regalia, left the room and left our fate to the Crowns and Imperial Estates themselves.

Apparently a recess was called as the Estate Holders exited the room and spoke to us. The petitioners of the ban now presented to us that since no question of self interest could be made how do we proceed. We informed that we would make no deals to improve our situation. We would only act in a manner that we considered chivalrous. If those actions were accepted by the populace then the trial could be dropped, if not then the trial would proceed but we were not going to make a deal where chivalry was concerned.

When the Imperial Estates were ready for us to return we presented that the real issue was one of where are the lines drawn between Imperial Authority Vs Subdivision sovereignty were drawn. In the past this determination was left to the Imperial Crown and our interpretations where in line with theirs. However, in an effort to clarify these lines we would accept suggestions presented by the Local Crowns and combine them with our own ideas for presentation to the Entire Imperial Estates for decisions and implementation. We then asked for all the Crown complaints to stand. We informed that we knew our honor was intact and therefore we would keep our word so we were withdrawing ourselves from the charge. This left the complaint in the hands of the other Crowns and their trust of us. We asked that if the Crowns also believed in our honor to sit and remove themselves from the complaint. As each of the subdivisions was called each of their Crowns sat. Being there were no more complainants the ban was lifted and our regalia was returned to us by the Crowns of the subdivisions.

In the light of these proceedings we are now asking the Local Crowns to speak to their populaces to garner their ideas for forwarding to the Imperial Crown where they will be complied and presented to the Imperial Estates. We are re-implementing the Feudal system form of communication and shall not honor attempts to circumvent it. We ask that the Round Table that was so well used at the Imperial Estates meeting be brought back to the individual subdivisions for implementation in the effort to reduce localized difficulties.

We ask the entire populace to help in this endeavor. We are presenting an opportunity for the Entire Empire to put aside personal differences and move towards a more chivalric goal. Some of us will make it, others may not however all of our honor will increased if we all try.

Lord Wright, Emperor



Imperial News

Insurance Announcement

Effective Immediately: Important Insurance Announcement

The Imperial Estates have decreed that the Empire accepts an endorsement to our insurance as quoted below.

Minors (under the age of 18) may not participate in any Adrian (or Adrian-related) activities except for ministry and arts as delineated in the bylaws and manuals of the Adrian Empire, Inc, in accordance with the Evanstan Insurance Company endorsement/amendment. Minors may not marshal, range master or bear water DURING combat or archery events.

“IT IS HEREBY AGREED POLICY IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: Form CG 21 53 01-96 is amended to exclude activities including but not limited to demonstration, exhibition, contest, competition, show, race, performance, game or other special event involving children under the 18 years old. Does not exclude children helping with sign ins for event, art events, where they make projects and art and crafts based on subjects within the history that they have studied or where they take water to individuals after combat.”

Deadlines for Bids

Their Imperial Majesties are currently accepting bids for the following Imperial Events:

Imperial Estates Meeting, July 16 - 17, 2005

This meeting will be held in Region 1: West.

Please submit bids by April 10, 2005

Imperial "Banner" War, May 28 - 29, 2005

Site must be available May 27 - May 30

Please submit bids by April 1, 2005.

Imperial Crown War, Sept. 3 - 4, 2005

Site must be available Sept. 2 - 5

Please submit bids by May 15th.

Imperial Sovereign of Arms-March

Greetings unto the Adrian Empire and the College of Arms,

This has been a very quiet month. We have received only one submission this month. This LoRR is mostly one of releases and transfers. Thank you to all the subdivisions that returned their packets. It was very generous of those who took the time out on behalf of their subdivisions to fulfill this request. I feel we have made a great leap forward in correcting and verifying the records of the College of Arms versus the records of the subdivisions. Unfortunately not all subdivisions responded. I fear that the College's records will have to go through many more adjustments in the future.

The Database project. We have attempted since December with the aid of Dame Cathan to construct a database. Unfortunately we have run in to various technical and protocol issues which prevent us from presenting it at this time. We are attempting to regroup and move forward.

The College of Arms works only through the contribution of its members and the Empire it serves. This contribution deserves merit from those who are served by such unselfish effort. It is with this ideology that I issue the following:

Let it be known to all to whom these presents come,

That I, Sir L'Bet'e deAcmd, Fleur-de-Lis King of Arms of the Empire of Adria, in recognition of the 6 plus years of exemplary service to the Imperial College of Arms, for being one of the founders of our current heraldic system, for serving himself, as Imperial Sovereign of Arms, and for continuous support of heraldic advancement, do hereby announce that from

this day forward, Sir Gregoire d'Avallon shall be granted the permanent rank of "Chevron Herald" with all the attendant rights and responsibilities thereof.

The name "Chevron Herald" comes from Sir Gregoire's own arms, "Azure, a Chevron Argent."

By my hand this 21st day of February, 2005.

In service to the Empire and the College of Arms,

Sir L'Bet'e deAcmd

Fleur de Lis King of Arms

Imperial Sovereign of Arms-April

Greetings unto the Adrian Empire.

Just a quick reminder that there is a new Device Registration Form available on the Adrian Empire Website. We ask that all future presentations be submitted on this form. As always, if any assistance is needed in understanding the policies of registration and the College rules of presentation please send your questions to the Imperial Sovereign of Arms or any of the Regional Deputies.

YIS,

Sir L'Bet'e deAcmd

Fleur de Lis

Imperial Arts & Sciences

Greeting to the Empire,

The Arts has definitely been busy over the last few months. With the introduction of the Non-Judged Arts Participation, We have had very little feedback. We would like to hear from every area. Please let us know whether or not you are participating? Why or Why not? If you are, Please give us feedback with comments and concerns.

We would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to the Kingdoms of Terra Neuve, Umbria and Castilles, the Duchies of Sangrael and Chesapeake and the Shires of Galloway and Isle DeMort for sending in their Arts reports. We would also like to take this opportunity to remind the Arts and Science ministers from all areas that their reports are due before the 15th of the

following month. There are still many areas that are not in compliance with this rule. Please send in your past and present reports immediately. You may send them to either Dame Kendra at rdbrees@sbcglobal.net or Dame Tara at Renwoman6869@yahoo.com.

In Service,

Dame Kendra McFadyen and Dame Tara Callahan

Youth of Adria Needed!

Greetings Young Adria

First I owe you all an apology because if it had not been for Duchess Kyra of Chesapeake I would have never come up with this idea. In 2 yrs, there is to be a great event that will signal the 20th anniversary of Adria and I would love for you all to be a part of that including the planning. Now with the old folks of the group busy trying to figure out a way to get you all back on the field, I have no one to help me plan this event and I need a lot of help with it so I am asking you all to help me in any way that you can...I need ideas for things that you all would like to do and see done (including some stuff that you might want to see some of the knights do...medieval dunking booth for your "favorite" knight or maybe have the adults serve a feast to you all!) just stuff that you all would like to see done.

Please help me with this because I want you all to have fun at this event as well not just sit and watch I want you all to be a part as you all should be so anything that you all can do will help.

Please send me an email with your ideas if you can or send out a missive here I will get it I promise and I try never to make a promise that I can not keep.

Your friend and servant,

Sapphire Jade

Note from Chronider: more information on the anniversary celebration can be found in the Adria-20-year Yahoo group

Miscellany

How to make a List Field

By Sir Arion Hirsch

One of the things every subdivision needs is fencing for a List field. I decided to make ours to look period, but fairly easy to set up and take down. This is what I came up with.

Materials

All the materials for this project can be purchased at most local hardware stores.

10 4x4" Fence posts cut down to 38" (much taller may interfere with combat)

20 4"to5" x 1/4" Eye bolts (make sure the loops on the bolts are at least 1" inside diameter).

40' 1/2" Steel rebar

Red or yellow spray paint

Garden Hose reel that will hold at least 100' of hose. Ours has wheels and a handle for hauling around.

Minimum of 300' 1/2" manila rope (3/8" rope will do)

100' 1/2" manila rope (3/8" rope will do)

Tools

Wood Saw capable of cutting through the fence posts.

Hack saw for cutting the rebar

Bench grinder

Drill with a 5/16th bit, and a 5/8" flat or auger bit that is at least 12" long

Vise, pliers and hammer for bending eye bolts.

Clamps or work bench for holding posts while drilling.

Instructions

Fence posts come in about 5' lengths. They need to be cut down to 38". Once they are cut, mark the center of the bottom end and drill at least a 12" deep hole using the 5/8" drill bit straight up the middle of the post. If the wood is still a bit green/damp, and you have the luxury of time, you may want to let the posts dry out for a few weeks before drilling. You'll know if the wood is still green if you drill and the refuse is stringy and



Close up of Brandenburg List Field

clumpy rather than coming out as dust. Clear out the hole often while drilling. Do your best to ensure that the hole you are drilling is going straight up the middle (this can be quite difficult). Usually, I have a friend watch from the side to tell me if I'm going in straight while I watch from the top.

Cut the rebar into 2' lengths. Grind a point on one end. It doesn't have to be too sharp, just enough to part the dirt as it is pounded in. Round the top of the rebar so that the pounding it takes when being driven into the ground does not cause the top to mushroom (at least right away). Later, more grinding may be needed as the top of the rebar starts to mushroom.

Mark the rebar 12" from the top and spray paint the top of the rebar red or yellow so it is very visible once pounded into the ground. The paint also gives you a depth to which the rebar will be sunk.

Take an eye bolt and put it in the vise so the loop is sticking out. Bend the end of the loop out to the side and across the bolt so that it makes a "pig-tail" with a gap just large enough to press the rope through. See Figure 1. You want to be able to pop the rope into the loop but have the gap tight enough so that the rope will not pop back out on its own.

Use the 3/16" bit to drill pilot holes for the eyebolts in the post at 18" and 30.5" from the bottom as shown. File any rough edges to avoid wear on the rope. See Figure 2.

Prior to screwing the bolts into the posts, seal or paint the posts. We used the Archduchy colors for our posts.

Screw the bolts in all the way and leave the end of the loop pointing down. The rope should be able to be popped down into the loop.

List Field Setup

The 300 feet of rope is enough to make 2 list fields about 20 feet square. We use an extra 100 foot rope for a divider between the fields. This gives us 2 rows of ropes. See Figure 3.

Pound in the rebar up to the start of the paint.

The posts at the corners should be angled out slightly so that when tension is added by the rope, the post will stand straight up rather than angled inward. Then just drop the posts onto the rebar. This is the way we organize our posts for 2 fields. The 300 foot rope is used for the outside and the 100 foot rope is used for the divider. This setup allows entrances on both sides of the field to both areas. It turns out that it really doesn't matter where you start, just that you keep the rope taught as you go. When I get the entrance, I loop the rope under the bottom of the post and go across the ground to the other post, then back up to a rung and keep going. We usually throw a blanket or fabric over the hose reel to disguise it or run the spool back behind a tent and try not to trip on the rope. The spool allows you to reel in the rope after it has been removed from the posts very quickly. No tangled ropes!

We could also rope off a very large area for a melee tournament if we only use the top hook and run one rope around the field and have used it for

encampment fencing as well. One last note, for places that don't allow driving stakes into the ground (like parking lots, inside malls, etc.), platforms can be made for the posts. I haven't done this yet, but this design allows for it.

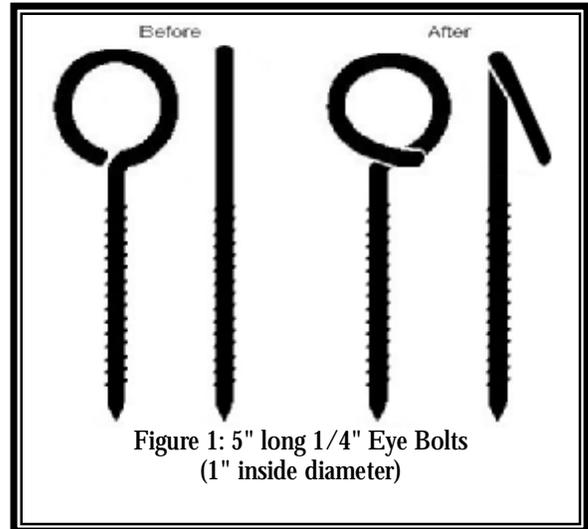


Figure 1: 5" long 1/4" Eye Bolts (1" inside diameter)

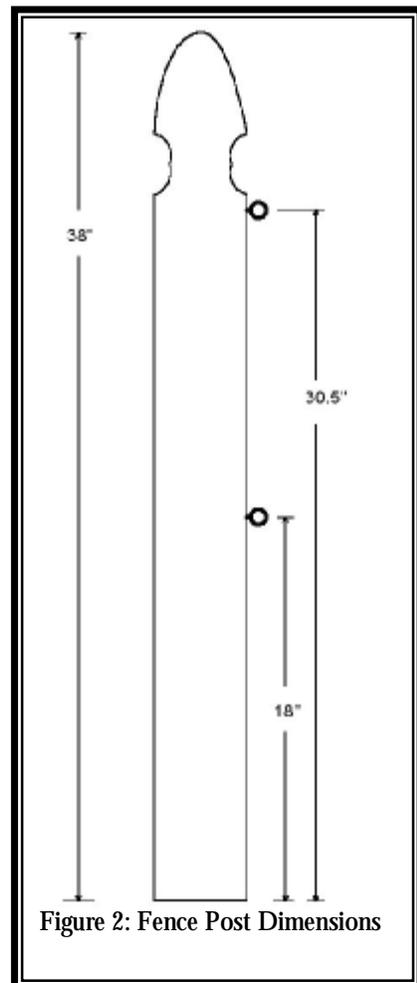


Figure 2: Fence Post Dimensions

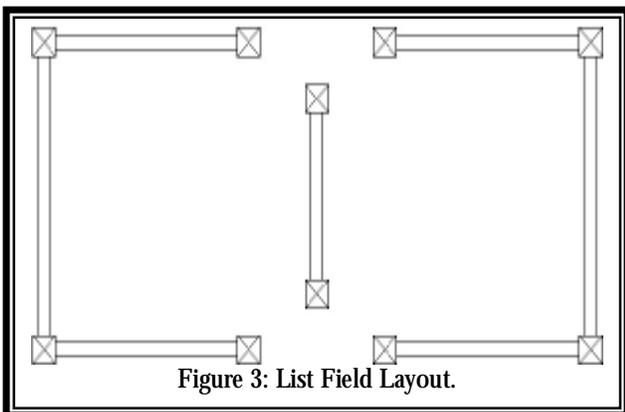


Figure 3: List Field Layout.

Diabolical Black Death Quiz

It was a horrible pandemic that killed millions, initiated economic instability, and set the stage for acts of great cruelty, kindness and the bizarre. No one really understood what it was or how it had been caused, so people prayed, sought answers in the mystical, tried extreme acts of penitence or struck out in fear. It touched virtually every soul in Europe from the far reaches of ice-laden Norway to the sun-drenched hills of Italy.

It was the infamous Black Death of the fourteenth century. What do you know about this horrific plague? Here is a 15-question quiz to test your knowledge of the disease, its arrival in Europe, and the events it triggered.

- Contemporary chroniclers tended to exaggerate the number of deaths resulting from the plague, and many settled on an estimate of one out of every three souls succumbing to the disease. Modern scholars, incorporating data from archaeological and documentary sources, believe that one third of the total population of Europe is actually fairly accurate. According to current estimates, approximately how many people died in the initial phase of the Black Death?
 - 3 million
 - 5 million
 - 10 million
 - 20 million
- The particular epidemic of the fourteenth century originated in Asia and traveled to Europe via trade routes. Among them was what ancient trading conduit?
 - The China Byway
 - The Mongolian Passage
 - The Silk Road
 - The Tea Route
- The plague is called "bubonic" because of what symptom?
 - Black spots on the body
 - Coughing up blood
 - Swollen lymph nodes
 - Wheezing
- Where was the first recorded instance of the Black Death in Europe?
 - Majorca
 - Marseilles
 - Messina
 - Milan
- Priests were dying as quickly as everyone else, and some were too afraid to visit the sick and administer last rites. Because of this, the pope decreed that anyone who died of the plague would automatically receive remission of sins. Which pope issued this decree?
 - Benedict XII
 - Clement VI
 - Innocent VI
 - Urban V
- In which of these cities were the first three houses walled up, entombing both the dead and the living, the sick and the well?
 - Florence
 - Genoa
 - Milan
 - Naples
- Which of these regions suffered the lowest mortality rates from the Black Death?
 - Bavaria
 - Belgium
 - Bohemia
 - Burgundy
- Hoping that by demonstrating their humility God would have mercy on them and allow the plague to pass them by, groups of penitents went on progressions through towns and cities, tearing their clothes and beating themselves and each other. What were these penitents known as?
 - Flagellants
 - The Humble Ones
 - Lollards
 - Repenters
- "Bubonic" is only one form of plague; the disease also manifested itself in other variations, including one form that was airborne and spread via coughing, sneezing and breathing. What is the term for this variety of plague?
 - Enteric
 - Organic
 - Pneumonic
 - Septicemic
- What university was ordered by its country's ruler to investigate the cause of the plague?
 - Cambridge University
 - Oxford University
 - University of Paris
 - University of Salerno
- In a medieval version of biological warfare, at what eastern trading station were dead plague victims lobbed over the city walls by forces besieging the city?
 - Astrakhan
 - Kaffa
 - Sarai
 - Tana
- The Black Death was fodder for some great literature. One poet wove an extraordinary piece around ten city-dwellers fleeing the plague, each telling ten tales as they sought the safety of isolation in the countryside. Who wrote this great literary work?
 - Boccaccio
 - Chaucer
 - Dante
 - Petrarch
- One story has it that the plague came to Norway via a "dead" ship from England. Where did this ship land?
 - Bergen
 - Oslo
 - Stavargen
 - Trondheim
- What folk tale arose to explain the plague?
 - Creeping mist
 - Demonic cats
 - Invisible bugs
 - Pest maiden
- What is the scientific term for the bacterium that causes Plague?
 - Enteria pestis
 - Pestis bubonae
 - Pestis septicemi
 - Yersinia pestis

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Imperial Spotlight

The Kingdom of Albion



Not so long ago, in a land not so far away, two bands of Mercenaries, two boatfuls of Privateers, their fellow travelers, and their fearless leaders gathered together to embark on what has become a great and eventful journey. With 160 of

their closest friends, the authentically sized duo of Dame Ashlinn and Sir William did petition for political separation of the Kingdom of Aragon. This was granted with a final overwhelming vote to approve by the Aragonian states in December 2003. A few Populace Meetings and a handful of votes later, Albion was born. On February 5th, 2004, a Treaty was executed and Albion was Chartered as a Duchy of the Empire. The newly formed Estates of Albion held their first official meeting and voted overwhelmingly to retain Dame Ashlinn and Sir William as their Rulers. In July, 2004, the Imperial Estates honored Albion by granting it's elevation to Kingdom. The Imperial Crowns agreed and issued the Kingdom of Albion it's Charter on August 8th, 2004, 6 months after its formation, at the Coronation Ceremony of HRM Ashlinn and HRM William. Albion continues to grow and now boasts over 200 Members spanning the Greater Metropolitan area of Las Vegas, NV, Laughlin, NV, Bullhead City, AZ, and St. George, UT. In addition, Albion has an active College Chapter at the UNLV Campus. This past year has been a wonderful learning experience, and the Kingdom and its Members have enjoyed success in many avenues. In addition to the usual Crown Events, Albion was invited to work with the City Parks and Community Centers to produce two full-scale

educational demonstration Events. Activities included, making butter, heraldry, Calligraphy, Jewelry making, and Sir Angus and Sir Gwyllum entertained the Parks Feastgoers with their enchanting voices. To celebrate April Fool's, we hosted Fool's War complete with pool noodle jousting, Warball, a Costume competition and our new game to honor one of our favorite Umbrian's—The "Puck Chuck". Sir Warren livened up the dreary weather by teaching everyone to do "the Hustle". From June to August, Albion was invited to participate in the "Living Castle" exhibit at the Lied Children's Discovery Museum. We opened the Exhibit with a full day of fighting demonstrations and fun, including letting the children fire beanbags from our table sized catapult at castle wall blocks set up by the Museum, games, and appointing a Lord and Lady of the Castle from the children in attendance. In the weeks that followed, we presented a different educational program each Saturday (Calligraphy, Heraldry, Household Arts, Archery, Storytelling, etc.). This was a rewarding experience for our members and the museum staff, as well as the members of the public who attended. In July, the Pirate's Cove (oops, group of Privateers), hosted an Event complete with a non-alcoholic Grog chugging competition. They were very generous with their good bounty. And then.....there was Renn Faire.....and it was GOOD!!!! Over Two hundred members of Adria, representing many subdivisions, attended the Imperially sanctioned Event, held on the grounds of Clark County Parks "Age of Chivalry" Faire. All of the Knightly Disciplines were well represented in on-site competitions, including 24 Steel Combatants, and the first ever official on-site Archery Tournament for this Annual Event. We had more bodies and tents than we could stuff into the space allowed (making for close companions). A full food plan was offered for the weekend, with over 100 people attending the Formal Saturday night outdoor feast, and was it delicious. HIM Wright graciously presided over the

activities, and did His “best” on the Combat Field. A vast array of educational and entertainment activities were offered throughout the weekend. After hours the fire breathers, drummers, and belly-dancers, including a very talented Imperial Crown, kept everyone entertained well into the night.

Just after Fair, Mortis hosted their annual Day of the Dead Event. In December, the Crowns hosted a Pas-de-Arms Tournament in conjunction with Albion’s 1st Anniversary Tourney.

The Kingdom enjoys a weekly reservation at Sunrise Library Theater, and utilizes this space for indoor Tournaments, Feasts, practices, classes, and Meetings. In addition, Albion hosts a monthly Tournament in Bullhead City, AZ, with the permission of the Crowns of Umbria for the Canton of Auroch’s Fyord.

We are fortunate to have free access to the county Archery Park and a nearby Event Site.

We enjoy a beneficial relationship with Thomas and Mack Center on the UNLV Campus, and are involved in fundraising activities with them.

Albion is blessed with having an extraordinary group of individuals in it’s Membership. Dame Mayrula leads the County of SeaWulf with grace and charm, making sure she and her County are always available to answer the Kingdoms call whenever needed. Dame Elaine Grae leads the Marzo Foresta de Morte, and makes sure to lend assistance, and bodies, to all of the Kingdoms endeavors. Sir Warren Anthony heads up the Marzo Morte e’la’ Foresta, and has been a



cornerstone to the success of this Kingdom. Everyone in the Kingdom is helpful and supportive, and have a driving determination to see

this group flourish.

Albion is blessed with wonderful Ministers, and have lent the Empire some of their most gifted talent to serve the needs of Adria, with 3 of its members serving as Imperial Ministers, and many others as Imperial Deputies. Albion has a full Fleet, of self-

proclaimed pro-active salvage engineers, dedicated to ridding the Sea of Mead of our enemies, and bringing unto the Kingdom treasure and Glory most devine. They are led by Captain Angus MacBrus, known throughout the Empire for his bardic group Shipwreck. We do not have enough space to mention everyone that keeps this Kingdom the prosperous and happy land that it is, but we know that without every one of them we could not have earned the Star of Adria and the respect that this subdivision has been shown.

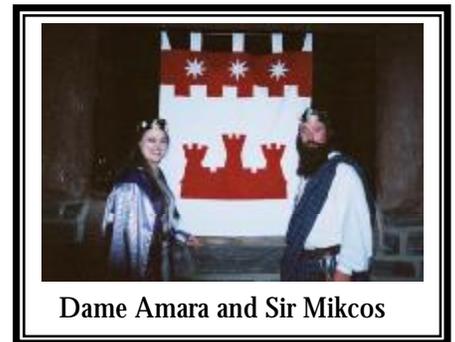
Soon, the current Crowns must (er, um, get to) retire to the “Old Crown’s Castle”, where, at least one of them, has promised to do....absolutely nothing.

And they all lived happily ever after!!!! The End

The Archduchy of Alhambra

Washington, Idaho , Western Montana
The Duchy of Caerleon was created in 2000, in the Pacific Northwest as a single shire, the first shire of this size to be created in the Empire. The shire grew to a duchy, and then to an archduchy. The Archduchy grew into a distinctive and unique culture. In late 2002, the then-Archduke and Archduchess expressed interests outside the scope of the Empire of Adria and left to form an organization of their own, with the blessings and encouragement of the Adrian populace and government.

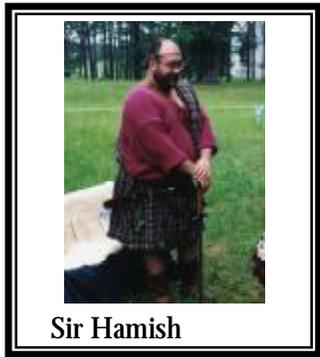
Dame Amara vai’Datha and Sir Mikcos Douglas were installed as protectors and Caerleon has changed its name to



Dame Amara and Sir Mikcos

Alhambra to reflect its re-born status. In accordance with the wishes of the estates, Dame Amara and Sir Mickos stepped down as protectors in order to declare their intent to vie for the crown. Sir Steven vai’Datha served as protector in the interim.

At the conclusion of an uncontested war, Sir Mikcos and Dame Amara were crowned the first Archduke and Archduchess of Alhambra in September 2003. Mundane responsibilities required Dame Amara to end her reign in May of 2004, and Sir Mikcos did not wish to reign alone, so a crown war was scheduled, and Sir Hamish McKlaine won the day in the region's first



Sir Hamish

contested crown war and serves to this day as Archduke.

Alhambra is still the largest subdivision of the Empire in terms of land. The populace is clustered in four main areas, with three in relatively close proximity in Eastern

Washington and Northern Idaho. A canton has been formed to support activity in Western Washington. This canton is active and growing, and capably led by Captain Trent Stone. This region is known as one of the friendliest groups anyone would ever want to visit. There are no strangers in Alhambra! A unique and distinctive culture has developed, with much interest in middle-Eastern history and culture, as well as the European history of the middle ages.



both by the Crown of France and Bishops from Spain. It was thought at the time an appropriate name because there were large sub-divisions to the East and to the West with this little shire between them. It is for this reason that Andorra is for appearances sake ruled by the Crowns and the Bishop of Andorra. What the founding members wanted to do was to create a group where education was a priority right along with the concept of Having Fun. They also wanted to create a culture unique and drew from their namesake for this purpose. To implement this they created a Goals list which still exists and is constantly reviewed. Some of the goals are conceptual such as Goal #1 "To Have Fun in all our Endeavors" Others are more material such as to create a period Encampment to be used at Events and Demonstrations. Another goal of Andorra's has been to set precedence's to "be a shining example despite their size. This is why on Andorra's Arms the main charge is a Golden Caltrop. Growth was slow for some time a member here a member there but we kept going doing demonstrations and holding events and meetings. In 2003 Andorra seemed to start to catch on doing more demo's spending two weeks doing demonstrations at two local Cub Scout Day camps. 2003 also saw the rise in membership to 20 members in November.

The Duchy of Andorra

In November of 2001 the Shire of Andorra became a reality even though the conception of "Andorra" started way back in June of 1998. The Founding Members were Isabeau dela'Reve, Auberon dela'Reve and there children; Jean Philippe, Fayette, and Estrellita. Two other Children of Auberon's tagged along in those days and now they are also members being Isabella Rose, and Collin of 'Phail (also known as Collin the Fierce). When asked to choose a Place name for the new sub-division looking at old maps they discovered a small nation nestled in the Pyrenees Mountains sandwiched between France and Spain; Andorra. Doing some research it was discovered that throughout the History it was a principality ruled

Andorra also started the beginnings of its loftiest Goal. To eventually build and maintain 24/7, a medieval village with a castle keep. In December Members spent time and effort to create what is often referred to as the Bigature a model of what we hope to someday hope to achieve.

Already we have had non-members including an architect donate time and services to help us achieve this goal

It was at the November Imperial Estates where Andorra requested to have their territory enlarged to include all of the states of Iowa and Illinois. This had the desired effect as in March of 2004 Andorra once again petitioned the Imperial Estates to be raised in status from Shire to Duchy. The Month of March also marked another occasion as the then Viceroy and Vicerene had the opportunity to finally meet some Adrian's from outside Andorra. The occasion was special in many ways. One highlight of the trip was that Andorra presented gifts to their Imperial Majesties, of note here were that to the Expecting Empress a chest filled with handmade soaps and lotions, a list of Wisdom concerning birth and children and some Baby Garb for the expected Princess. Not to leave the Emperor out Andorra presented a 2 pound hand carved chocolate coin of Andorra complete with the Arms of Andorra on one side and those of the Empires on the other. Also worth mentioning were three ceremonies that took place at Imperial Court. The first was the Knighting of Dame Isabeau, Lord Auberon conspiring with the Imperial SoA; Sir Nigel; arranged things so that their Knighting (Auberon's and Isabeau's) ceremonies would be split. This came as a surprise to Dame Isabeau as she was under the impression that the knighting ceremony would be performed in Tandem.

The reason for this is that as Viceroy Lord Auberon was the figurehead the mouth piece for Andorra and many were unaware of the hard work that Dame Isabeau did behind the scenes to help make Andorra a success. Thus Dame Isabeau dela'Reve became the Premier Knight of Andorra. Shortly after these two ceremonies Sir Auberon and Dame Isabeau were crowned Duke and Duchess of Andorra by the hands of their Imperial Majesties; Lord Wright and Dame Aislynne, Emperor and Empress of Adria.

2004 was a year of growth, change and transitions. Andorra's Encampment was unveiled to the masses on Memorial Day weekend at The Des Moines Iowa Renaissance Faire and was met with many sighs and words of admiration.

Then on Saturday night to quote a song from a musical, "the Wind came sweeping cross the plains..." with 75 mile hour winds and a tornado warning they simply could not bear the strain.

Andorra earned a reputation of being both professional and persevering as many asked why we did not simply pack up and go home as there were two more days left to faire.

We simply did the best we could but as we had made a promise to do demo's we kept our word even though it meant that 13 people were crammed into one hotel room. Other events that kept us busy were as consultants for a college play, school and Scout Pack demo's and the Quad Cities Celtic Highland Games which was our third year and also the very first Demo Andorra ever did back in 2002. Just shortly before Labor Day weekend Andorra had another great growth spurt, doubling our membership. It also saw us at IRF (Iowa Renaissance Festival) in Amana Iowa being our second year at this event.

Now in between all that Andorra somehow still manages to hold monthly events and Continues to grow. Currently with 49 members Andorra is striving to get everybody on the same page educating both old and new members and the populace as well. Currently Andorra has members throughout Iowa and Illinois from Springfield Illinois to Des Moines Iowa and many in between. So on behalf of the Duchess and Myself we hope to see you if perhaps you wish to come for a visit and share a story, break some bread or simply to cross swords.

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Sir Auberon
dela'Reve and
Dame Isabeau
dela'Reve
Duke and
Duchess of
Andorra



Regions

Castilles-March

Greetings unto the Mighty Empire, Life in Castilles has been a blur this past month. Fair season recently began in South Florida and we have just returned from the Ft. Meyers festival. In cooperation with the Kingdom of York, Castilles made the arduous journey to Ft. Meyers. However, the fair was well worth the trip. The fighting was full and the populace had the opportunity to attend some wonderful collegiums. The next leg of our journey will take us 5 weeks but FLARF is always a lot of fun. We would remind the populace that our February event is postponed due to FLARF but we will resume with a double event the last weekend in March.

In Service to the Dream,
Queen Etaine Llywelyn and Dame Tara Callahan

Terre Neuve-March

January's event was busy and exciting! Sir Burke Duncan Campbell of the Order was the victor in armored combat, Sir Hucheon Blackheart of Mannochmore was the winner of Knights Renn, and Sir Sivax Wartongue was the victor in the postponed Dec. Renn Tourney. Master Baldric, squire to Sir Ivan Mannochmore won the day in Sergeants Renn and Master Dennis of Draconis Argentum took the Shinai Tourney. Well Done!

Lady Eiliagh of Anwnn garnered a Masterwork in the arts for a wonderful full feast presentation complete with many accompanying sauces. Terre Neuve also enjoyed the presentation of demonstrated arts by Dame Kendra and Lady Juliet, both of whom were working on lovely examples of Elizabethan embroidery.

Three collegiums were held at the Crown Event, "Combat Arrow Construction" by Baron Hamish

of Dragon air Chuthach, "Female Knights" by Lady Eiliagh of Anwnn, and "Cut & Thrust Overview" by Sir Sivax Wartongue.

A combat arrow shoot was held at the event, and Lord Patric McLean, squire to Sir Badger McDonnon was the victor! Sadly, the regular Archery tournament was rained out in January.

Recently two college students attended Terre Neuvian fighter practices as well as Crown Events for the purposes of completing a film making assignment. Their interviews included the Knight/Page/Squire relationships, a single parent's view of belonging to Adria, as well as how a mundane workplace can relate to the interests of Kingdom members. We wish to thank Sir Cledwyn ap Llanwrst, his Paige Drakmor Bristow along with Mistress Aileen, squired to Dame Akria Krastel and Master Corwyn Bristow, squired to Sir Erik Svartr, for their kind and willing participation.

The Annual Hearts & Honor Tournament will be held on February 19th for our Crown Event at Linda Vista Park.

During the steel tourney a princess is locked in the tower and her would be rescuers must overcome all odds to rescue her...but! The princess is armed, and only the suitor who can win her favor with both his courage and sweet words will capture her heart and stay her hand! During the Renn and Shenai Tourneys; combatants may receive favors from admirers; if you win a bout; your opponent will give those admirer's whose favor's you bear a rose. The Kingdom provides roses; admirers provide their own favors.

Dame Julianna Elizabeta Veronica Johanna de Messina will present a colligium related to an overview of sex and how it was perceived during our time period. No one under 18 may attend without a parent present.

Sir Friedrich von Metz & Lady Pandora of Brandenburg will autocrat the El Centro Children's Fair Demo. The Fair will be held Saturday February 26, 2005. The location is Bucklin Park in

El Centro. The fair begins at 10 am. More than 30,000 people attend each year.

The Crown War will be a contested one, and will take place on March 18th-21st at Potrero County Park near Campo; site fees will be \$10.00 for adults (age 13 and up) and \$5.00 for children 6 to 12. Children 5 and under are free. Archery for the war will be conducted on site

The Archery Tournament will be held on both the 12th and the 13th of March.

Terre Neuve-April

Lords and Ladies of the Empire.
The Crowns of the Sovereign Kingdom of Terre Neuve Send you greetings and News. After a hard fought two day struggle, the Army of Sir Ivan Lord Mannocmore and his Dauphan Sir Hucheon Blackheart did wax victorious. As neither of the men will be able to attend the Coronation feast, they were crowned at closing Court. Sir Tailin as Chancelor and Sir Nicoli as a member of the Imperial family gave the oaths of office.

Further details of the Coronation feast will be announced as they become firm.

In service to the Crowns of Terre Neuve
Sir Cledwyn ap Llanrwst
Raven King of Arms
Crown Herald for the Sovereign Kingdom of Terre Neuve

P.S.
While not in my silk heralds tabard, I am wearing my seal ring for R.o'A. as badge of office. Thank you Bezant.

Umbria-March

March Schedule:

- March 2-
Canton of Thunar March Event,
Kingdom January Event (Make-up of rained out event)
- March 5 –
Royal Estates Meeting 10:30am, Yucca Library
- March 9 –
Kingdom February Event (Make-up of rained out event)
- March 10 –
Canton of Montfort March Event,
Canton of Montfort February Event (Make-up of rained out event)
- March 12 –
Imperial Estates Meeting, Cleveland Ohio
- March 26 –
Kingdom March Event,
Champion's Tournament (Make-up of rained out event),
Crown War Combat Scenarios (Make-up of rained out event)

York-April

Faire season has come and gone for The Kingdom of York. Both the Florida Renaissance Festival and the Boyton Beach Medieval Faire were a very eventful fair for Us. The Recruitment from both Festival was very prosperous. We want to thank the Kingdom of Castilles for there help in both Faires as well. FLARF was successful in many different ways for both Kingdoms as well because members from both were also part of the actors and actresses.

Answers to Black Death Quiz:

1. **d** – 20 million people—about one third of the approximately 60 million people living in Europe in the mid-fourteenth century—are believed to have died of plague in the years from 1347 to 1354.

2. **c** – The “Silk Road” consisted of dozens of unpaved trade routes connecting Asia and India with Europe and the Mediterranean. Throughout the Middle Ages it served as the primary conduit for contact between East and West.

3. **c** – Plague caused the lymph nodes to swell to the size of an egg or larger. They were hard, burning lumps that would turn black, split open and ooze pus and blood. These lumps were called “buboes”; hence the term “bubonic” plague.

4. **c** – In October, 1347, several trading ships bearing plague victims arrived at Messina, Sicily. As soon as the Sicilians realized what deadly disease the ships carried they expelled them from the port, and they sailed on to infect other parts of Europe. But the expulsion was too late for Messina. The city, then the entire island of Sicily, was swiftly infected by the dreaded plague.

5. **b** - Clement survived the worst of the Black Death by spending much of his time, on the advice of his doctors, between two roaring fires -- even in the dead of summer. The tactic succeeded in keeping plague-bearing fleas away, though unfortunately a third of Clement's staff were not so lucky.

6. **c** - Archbishop Visconti, ruler of Milan, ordered that this extreme measure be taken. Although it didn't completely stop the plague, Milan did suffer notably less from the Black Death than the rest of Italy.

7. **c** - Thanks in large part to its isolation from major trade routes, Bohemia had very little exposure to the plague, and relatively few people died from the disease there.

8. **a** - The Flagellant movement grew more popular as the plague grew deadlier, especially in central Europe.

9. **c** - Pneumonic plague, also known as pulmonary plague, settles in the lungs and causes severe chest pains, wheezing, and the coughing up of blood.

10. **c** - On the orders of King Philip VI of France, a committee of scholars from the University of Paris studied the problem for some time. The resulting report, known as the *Paris Consilium*, determined that the plague was caused by a combination of earthquakes and astrological forces.

11. **b** - Caffa (or Caffa), on the Black Sea, was attacked by Tartars in the fall of 1347. When the attackers began to succumb to plague, they chose to make one last strike before leaving. The tactic worked; although the city's defenders threw the dead bodies into the sea, they could not dispose of the infected corpses before they became infected themselves.

12. **a** - Boccaccio wrote his masterpiece, the *Decameron*, about seven women and three men fleeing Florence and the plague. The work is prefaced by his recollections of the Black Death. Most scholars agree that Chaucer, who made several trips to Italy, was inspired to write *The Canterbury Tales* by Boccaccio's work.

13. **a** - Evidently at least one of the ship's sailors had caught the plague before coming aboard, and by the time it reached Bergen all hands were dead. When the ship sailed mysteriously into the harbor, several residents went aboard to investigate, exposing themselves to the disease. It is uncertain whether or not this is the initial eruption of plague in Norway, but the event itself is not wholly unbelievable, as English wool shipments were made regularly to the Scandinavian country.

14. **d** - The *Pest Jungfrau*, Plague Maiden or Pest Maiden, was believed to fly through the air in the guise of a blue flame. She could spread the disease simply by raising her hand or, in some versions of the legend, by waving a red scarf. The *Pest Jungfrau* was a popular tale in parts of central Europe and Scandinavia.

15. **d** - *Yersinia pestis* is the bacterium that results in all forms of Plague: bubonic, enteric, pneumonic and septicemic. The people of the Middle Ages never understood this, however, since the microscope had not yet been invented. It wasn't until the nineteenth century that *yersinia pestis* was identified.

The Diabolical Black Death Quiz

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