



Greetings from the Emperor and Empress



Greeting from Your Imperial Crowns,

We are looking forward to a productive year with your participation. With the implementation of some changes in Minister Positions, We hope to streamline some of Our processes and more widely educate and promote Adria. You will be seeing some of these changes pretty quick. Our Ministers are enthusiastic and ready to run. If there is an area in which you have a passion, please let Us know so We can refer you to the appropriate Minister. They have big jobs ahead and assistance is welcomed.

Most of you will be seeing Us at one event or another as We plan to visit as many areas as possible during Our reign. His Imperial Majesty started with a visit to the Tri-Chapter Event in California the weekend of November 20th. Her Imperial Majesty began her travel with a visit to El Dorado in Texas, December 12th.

We wish to thank the previous Crowns, Sir L'Bete and Dame Lenora for a smooth and quick transition of offices, and wish you peace and well earned tranquility.

Sir Jason Barca
Emperor
Dame Shahara of Lion's Court
Empress

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

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Welcome to the newest Adrian Herald



Welcome to the Adrian Herald.

I will be endeavoring to publish this newsletter on a regular basis during the reign of their Majesties Dame Shahara of Lionscourt and Sir Jason "The Dirty" Barca.

You will help determine what this newsletter contains.

I am looking for articles of interest to publish. If you have an article that covers our time period or covers the game that we all love, please send me it so I can publish it for all to enjoy.

Chapter chroniclers should send to me by the 15th of each month their chapter information articles.

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Please feel free to email me your articles and pictures.
Sir Wilhelmus Blizce
Imperial Chronicler

WELCOME FROM THE
CHRONICLER
AND
FAREWELL FROM THE
OUTGOING IMPERIAL
MAJESTIES

Outgoing Imperial Majesties Farewell

Unto the Noble Empire,

We would like to thank the Empire for allowing us to serve this past year. We went down many unforeseen paths and we believe we leave this course with many accomplishments for the Empire and for ourselves a bit of introspective growth.

During this year we were blessed with the opportunity to experience parts of Adria outside of the regional worlds we had grown accustomed to. We spent a great deal of time among the Archduchies, Duchies and Shires and it was within these lands that we found the spirit of the Dream so strong and pure that it rekindled our hearts and reminded us of the innocence with which we once played a part and believed in.

We thank those who gave this gift to us and it is our hope to take the light back to our pursuits in Adria and strive to create such experiences for others.

We did our best to address the needs of the Greater Empire. Many were frustrated with the number of forms and the demands of data entry. We brought forth the condensed "Sign in form" which eased the demands on our rolls ministers, along with the fact that we are pretty sure that we saved some trees this year.

We rewrote the Rolls Manual and it was finally approved after 5 years of legislation.



Outgoing Imperial Majesties Farewell (continued)

With Arts in disarray and a lack of current information and education, We brought forth a new form and judging guide along with the ability for Empire wide education. This was only to reestablish a foundation for arts and it is our hope that those who come in the future build upon it. After two years of road blocks We have finally established a strong foothold in British Columbia Canada. We are now firmly an International Empire!

We established 6 new shires and merged 2 struggling ones. We are most pleased that 2 of these have already reached ducal level and We are confident that two more should reach this level by March.

We are also very proud of our Ministers. One of the majors concerns when we took over was the backlog of rolls records and the hold this was putting on many advancements. Dame Etaine has easily approved over 2000 roll records directed by our firm belief that though mistakes may happen it is our duty to think that all those in the Empire have recorded such in good faith and participated with honorable intent. Sir Hawthorne and Sir Dorn of the Ministry of Justice served in what can often be the worst aspect of Adria. Both men did their utmost to find solutions and work peace, it is to their credit that there was only one trial in Adria and frankly in regards to such “you cannot make the horse drink”. Thank you both for your efforts and the true concern you had in protecting all parties within a truly inadequate system. Many of these ministers reached out this year eager to serve; We thank all who stayed the course.

THANKS

TO

ALL

It had been propagated that we were trying to “Change” things. In actuality this is the furthest from the truth. The Imperial Crown is a vehicle for action; you the Empire have always been the driver. All of our accomplishments this year happened because the Empire at Large was willing to try or wanted it to happen. This administration may have done much of the detail work yet it was the will and the greater voice of so many like minded Adrian’s which truly made it happen. We truly thank you all for standing up when it was needed most and for allowing us to be a part of such an awesome experience, one which We shall never forget.

- Thank you to all who gave us counsel and to those who did not.
- Thank you to all who served and to those who did not.
- Thank you to all who befriended us and to those who did not.
- Thank you to all who listened and to those who did not.
- Thank you to all that praised us and to those who did not.
- Thank you to all who asked and to those who did not.
- Thank you to all who trusted and to those who did not.
- For every action was a blessing and every inaction a lesson.

Thank you to you all for such an amazing honor and experience.

Sir L’Bet’e deAcmd and Dame Lenora Greyphis
Emperor and Empress 2008-2009

Office of Hospitaller and Education

I am Dame Toni Treeslayer
 I have been a member of Duchy of Chesapeake for 3 years and have been the " Mistress of the Bairns " for 2 years at Chesapeake.

I have been the Mistress of the Children at 2 NE Banner and Imperial Wars and at 2 of Cashels 12th night Coronation & Crown wars..I also take time at every monthly event for Chesapeake to do a craft or something special with the children. The Chesapeake children have done some very special things at our meetings. I love working with the children and they always seem to have fun and look forward to a new adventure each month. I welcome reports on a monthly basis from any and all sub-divisions on what they do with their children at events and any comments or suggestions to better the children's activities.

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**DEPUTY IMPERIAL
 MINISTER OF EDUCA-
 TION (CHILDRENS/
 KINDERMEISTER)**

Office of Rolls

Greetings Populace from your Imperial Rolls Office,

This is Dame Etaine, it is with great pleasure that I am able to be your Imperial Minister again this year.

I want to Thank HIM Sir Jason and HIM Dame Shahara for letting me serve them and you for another year. Hopefully things will go as smooth this year as last. As always I'm here to help all I can. I will continue to be at the Imperial Estates Meetings to assist in any way I can and will try to have meetings where we can go over problems and answer any questions that you have, when they can give us time.

We processed 19 3rd level knighthoods last year and my Deputy Felicia did many conversions. We both are looking forward to serving you again.



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 MPERIAL MINISTER
 OF ROLLS**

HELLO FROM
 DEPUTY MINISTER
 OF CHILDREN, THE
 IMPERIAL ROLLS
 MINISTER, AND THE
 OFFICE OF
 CHANCELLOR

Office of Chancellory

As far as what I want accomplished for this reign, being the rookie (like literally, non-knight even) my goal this reign is to use every avenue I have and the other knowledgeable ministers around me and learn as much as I can, do my job to the best of my ability, and use that to better serve and teach others in future reigns, and to continue to make this a game worth playing

Squire Josiah
 Squire to HG, Sir Patrick Morgan, Duke of Pembroke
 Deputy Imperial Chancellor
 Pembroke Chancellor



**DEPUTY
 IMPERIAL
 CHANCELLOR**



Office of Physicks

Greetings from the Imperial Physiker of the East

I am looking forward in working with chapters of the East and the Empire to provide education and assistance in addressing questions and concerns in maintaining safety and health education. I have 15 years of experience as a registered nurse and as a nurse educator. My years of nursing have extended to duties in writing policies and maintaining compliance of local and national regulations. My experience extends to performing duties as a physiker at the local level and at the wars.

Please feel free to contact me for any questions or concerns at:

dameelizabeth@yahoo.com

Dame Elizabeth Blicze



**IMPERIAL
PHYSICKER
EAST**

Office of Hospitaler

"Hello, I am Dame Isobel Tecchi, Imperial Hospitaler. Mundanely, I have done public relations work for a local radio station and two published authors. Some of my accomplishments include complete national book tours and bookings on the E! network and The Rachel Ray Show. I have also marketed post secondary schools for the past five years. I hope to bring that experience to the Hospitaler's office and use it to benefit the Empire. I look forward to working with the local Hospitalers and sharing my knowledge. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions."

Dame Isobel Tecchi



**IMPERIAL
HOSPITALER**

News of Somerset

In October the Duchy held their yearly Rein faire with the Huntington Library. While attendance was down this year we still had over 200 people in attendance and the children's area was still very well attended. We had classes on dance, butter making, arms and armor, fighting, basket weaving, home arts, heraldry, the duke and duchess reading medieval themed story books for the kids. At the event we had two knightings, Dame Agathe Cromer took her knight ministry and Sir Wncello Gluckliche took his knight combatant. Caity Wilson (no persona name yet) was taken as a page to the Duke and Duchess.



In November Somerset hosted the Imperial Estates meeting and also held a small demo at the Columbia City Library. The demo was lightly attended but fun was had with combat demos and art demos. We also had one knighting, Dame Constance Rosewall took her knight master.

Our December Event (crown Christmas) will be held on December 13th at the Hicksville Park Pavilion.

Duke Wilhelmus Blizce and Duchess Elizabeth Blizce

Website: adria-somerset.us



**DUCHY
OF
SOMERSET**

Shakespeare's Corner

By Giachino Morones Lococo de San Filippo
An Italian

As many of you know, I have been involved with the profession of theatrical entertainments for a good twenty years. In that time, I have somehow managed to produce only a small number of plays by Mr. William Shakespeare. This is by no accident. I have often publically noted my open distain for this man and his many acts of artistic thievery from my beloved homeland. However, something fantastic has occurred to me this month due in large part to my upcoming production of Richard II.

Richard II is the first of Shakespeare's series of history plays which include the two Henry IV plays, Richard III and Henry V. Richard II, set around the year 1398, traces Richard's fall from power (or should I say overthrow) and the rise to power by his cousin Henry Bolingbrook (who is later crowned Henry IV).

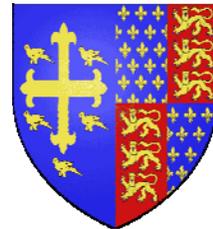
When I first approached this project, I realized that this is one the few plays I have not read in the past and I knew very little about it. There are a few notable productions of this work, but overall, it remains one of the Bard's lesser known works. When I sat down to read the play, I noted that it had several epic speeches and a complex cast of characters. It did not exactly leap off the page for me...

It was not until I met with the director that I came to understand both the dramatic and the historical significance of this work. What distinguishes this play from any other is a plot that shows a complete change to the nature of the monarchy. Richard is depicted as the last King of England to believe that his rule was solely ordained by God and his decisions were above the laws of man. As a consequence of this believe, Richard is shown to be selfish and one who concerns himself with the latest fashions and the funding of "pet" wars abroad. He does not behave as a statesman but rather with whatever suits his fancy at the time. And why not? As God's regent on earth, he knows he is infallible.

All seems well until Richard makes a terrible misstep in the banishment of his cousin, Henry Bolingbrook and the eventual seizing of his lands. This leaves Henry with nothing other than an empty title and a hardened heart. Such actions prompt Henry's allies to convince him to return to England and seize the crown. Henry does indeed return to England while Richard is abroad in Ireland. When Richard returns home, Henry has already subdued Richard's supporters and taken control over most of what was Richard's government. Richard quickly realizes his folly and all but begs Bolingbrook to dispose him. The play ends with the crowning of Henry IV and the death (well, murder) of Richard.

The crowning of Henry IV is portrayed as the first of its kind where the seat of power is obtained from the people (that is to say the nobles and great houses) and not the hand of God. This is a very significant shift in the thinking of a nation and marks the birth of the modern populist ruler.

Despite the historical flaws with this depiction of Richard II, it gives us a unique look at the Elizabethan prospective of its former rulers. As the popular entertainment of the time, this play had a tremendous impact on thinking of all persons in England from commoners up to and including Queen Elizabeth herself. In fact, Queen Elizabeth was quoted as saying "I am Richard II, know ye not that?"



**RICHARD II
COAT OF ARMS**

Fox and Hare

By Sir Wilhelmus Blizce

As the weather grows colder in our northern lands we look for games that can be played indoors (this game can also be played outdoors). One such game that has proven popular is the Fox and Hare. This game was one that was played in England (haven't been able to find a date for it). It is a game that all ages can play and have fun. The game was played with pillows but we have gotten stuffed animals (they are harder to throw). Two pillows are designated as the Foxes, one is the Hare. The game is played by at least 10 people facing each other in a circle (the circle can be much larger). The object of the game is to catch the hare with one of the foxes by passing the objects around the ring from hand to hand, in any direction, and changing directions at will. A person caught holding the hare when the person on either side hands him a fox is out of the game. The circle shrinks to accommodate the loss, and the game continues until there are only seven or eight people left; at which point another round is begun.

The foxes must travel from hand to hand, one person at a time; but the hare, being a spritely creature, may leap across the circle at any time to escape his pursuers. Of course, the game becomes a matter of trying to get rid of the hare more than trying to catch it. The hare is usually tossed to someone about to receive a fox.

Contestants are not allowed to drop the hare to keep from being caught. The foxes should always be passed, not batted, around the circle. Remember the hare cannot catch the fox; if the fox arrives first, being passed or thrown the hare does not disqualify the player.

Try this at one of your events and see how many people you can get to have fun.

FUN GAMES FOR

INDOOR OR

OUTDOOR

Somerset version of Tarock

By Sir Wilhelmus Blizce

Another fun indoor card game is Tarok (also known as Tarot and tarocchi), it uses a standard tarot deck. We in Somerset have modified it slightly to be more like the pinochle that we play around these parts.

The game is played by two to six players. The dealer should deal twelve cards to each player, and the remainder set aside (they will not be used during this hand).

Play twelve normal tricks, with the right of the dealer leading the first trick, and the winner of each trick leading the next. You must follow suit if possible; if you cannot, you must play a trump if you have any. If you are void of both the suit led and trump, you may play any card, but will lose the trick. The trick is won by the player who played the highest trump, or the highest card of the suit led if no trumps were played.

THE EXCUSE: The Fool serves as the Excuse: it cannot win a trick, but the player who played the Fool immediately takes it back and replaces it with another card from his winnings. He only needs to surrender the Fool if he never wins any other cards to replace it with.

SCORING: After all the tricks are played, each player totals up his resulting score. If you have won fewer than 12 cards, you lose one point for each card you are short of 12; if you have more than 12 cards, you gain one point for each card above 12. To this total add the following points for each card you hold:

The FOOL (trump 0), 5 points. The WORLD (trump 21), 4 points.

The MAGICIAN (trump 1), 4 points. Each King, 4 points. Each Queen, 3 points

Each Knight, 2 points. Each Page, 1 point.

A game is played to 50 points. If no one has 50 or more play more hands.



Orders and Awards for 2008-2009

The following were given by Sir L’Bet’e deAcmd and Dame Lenora Greyphis before their stepdown:

We heard the thoughts and concerns of the membership over the recent nomination to the Order Fleur de Lis. After consultation with various senior members of the chivalry, It was agreed that perhaps it is time to recognize members in areas to which our current awards system does not properly reflect.

Order of the Golden Cross – Premier Members:

- Prince Karl Von Katzberg
- Princess Elisabeth Grey
- Sir Terrin Greyphis

Order of the Comet – Dona Genevieve La Rousse

Order the Nebula - Sir Wilhelmus Blizce

Order of the Lion – Squire Johan Hirsch von Schutzhundheim

Order of the Talibut – Lady Adalae

Order of the Quill – Lord Charles Ironchest of Limerick

ORDERS

Order of the Harp – Giovanni Spirona

Royal Star – Bjorn in Gauzki

AND

Imperial Crown Companion/Combat – Sir Tristain deWinter

Imperial Crown Companion/Archery – Sir Gilbert Ost Westley, Sir Connor O’Riordain

AWARDS

Imperial Crown Companion/ Ministry – Sir Waldham Von Torsvan, Sir Dorn das Schwarz Brause

Imperial Crown Companion/Arts – Dame Cassiopia de Acmd, Dame Seraphine McLaren

Order of the Imperial Queen’s Guard- Sir Richard Corazon del Oso, Sir Geoffrey Maynard,

Rising Star of Adria – Shire of Connacht

We believe the following to be an important Imperial Order. At the beginning of the year we put out a call to find the remaining members and had made efforts to contact those whom we still have information for, to no avail. With no active membership to draw upon we have awarded the Order to the following as to re-establish and continue this Adrian tradition. We charge each person here to uphold the original intent, responsibility and honor this Order.

Order of St. Joan – The NorthEast, Dame Elizabeth Blizce

Order of St. Joan – The SouthEast, Dame Etaine Llywelyn

Order of St. Joan – The NorthWest, Dame Felicia "The Bold" das Schwarz Brause

Order of St Joan – The SouthWest, Sir Caoimhe O’Raghalligh

Deadlines and upcoming events

Greeting All,

You have interest in hosting the 2010 March 13, 2010 Estates Meeting?

Please get your bids in.

Bids will be accepted until Friday, Dec 11, 2009.

The location announcement will be made the Monday following.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you for your attention,
Dame Shahara & Sir Jason
Empress & Emperor

ADRIA

CALENDAR

Unto the populous of the Adrian Empire,

This notice is to lay forth the pertinent dates for the summoning of the
March 2010 Imperial Estates Meeting.

Deadline for submission of New Business- December 28th
Estates frozen- January 9th
Agenda published- January 27th
Submission of voting rosters- February 11th
Changes to submitted items- February 11th
Estates Meeting- March 13th/14th

Location information will be forthcoming once available.

In Service to the Empire,

Sir Hawthorn de Tallyrand-Perigord
Imperial Chancellor

Somerset crown Christmas event - December 13, 2009

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SIR ANTOINE DE
BURGANDY



**Adrian
Empire**

The Adrian Empire is a non-profit educational organization dedicated to the study and recreation of Western European culture between the years 1066 and 1603. Our members work to recreate the arts and skills of this era. We also include other cultures that commonly interacted with the Western Europeans during our time frame. This exciting development means there is now even more rich history, culture, and tradition to explore!

The Adrian Herald is published on a bi-monthly basis. More often if their Majesties need to get information out to the populace

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Dep. Minister NW Sir Dorn das Schwarz Brause
Dep. Minister SW Mistress Gemma Borgia
Postal shoot/Midwestern Archery Deputy Sir Gilli

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Western region deputy Dame Seraphine McLaren
Eastern region deputy Dame Cassiopia de Acmd

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Dep. Chancellor Sir Aerindane McLorie
Dep. Chancellor Squire Josiah
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Justicar SW Sir Johan Warhammer

College of Arms

Imperial Sovereign of Arms Sir Coda der Sohn des Drachen

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Steward

Minister Dame Lenore Grephis