

The Adrian Herald

September 1999

Royal Decree

By Royal Decree, We the crowns of Umbria declare that the challenge issued by Sir Ian Duncan McIntosh and accepted by Sir Roland of the Icelands in our presence is hereby revoked. The Emperor of the Adrian Empire, Sir Stefanus has forbidden combat to the yield. It is not our intention to limit combat, or to close an avenue of settling grievances. We insist that the ongoing investigation into the facts surrounding the dispute be given adequate time to resolve the issue. We adamantly believe that the legal and mediation process to resolve disputes, be utilized first.

Imperial WRIT

It has come to Our attention that knight Combatants have in the past, and continue in the present, to attempt to settle their disputes via armed Combat. While this in and of itself is not a great concern to the Imperial Crowns, the nature of this combat most certainly is. Some knights are using this form of conflict settlement to attempt to bully or intimidate their fellows. They do this by requesting that this combat be by 'Knightly Combat' and that it be to the Yield. These knights have described this 'Knightly Combat' to mean, basically anything goes and everyone else butt out. This is a fallacy and We will not allow this to continue.

First off, the description of 'Knightly Combat' is flawed. Knightly Combat is, and shall always remain, to be described as allowing grappling between the combatants. That is all. It does not give the combatants the right to hit as hard as they want, to punch, gouge, kick and otherwise maim themselves. Nor does it mean that they can ignore the commands of Marshals. Nowhere in the By-Laws or the Manual of Combat are knights given the right to simply put aside a marshal for a duel.

Second, Nowhere is it written that knights have a right to settle their differences through a 'Fight to the Yield'. This type of activity is not only extremely dangerous to the combatants, but opens the organization to possible litigation, both civil and criminal.

Also, since these forms of combat are not allowed in the Manual of Combat, our insurance company would have every right to cancel our policy in the event that they were ever made aware of it. These very knights, who will no doubt complain that their rights are being taken away, forget that their first duty is to safeguard the well being of the Empire. We will not condone an activity that will likely promote injuries to our members, and violates almost every rule of safety we have in place. This form of intimidation belongs in a back alley, and should remain there, not on the fields of honor in the Adrian Empire.

Therefore we do hereby ban any and all duels or challenges that attempt to make use of Knightly combat in any form other than what is expressly provided for in the Manual of Combat, and/or that attempts to be settled through a duel to the Yield. Any and all duels, defined as combat whose sole purpose is to resolve a dispute or question of honor, must be marshaled by at least 3 Marshals, and will comply with the standard Adrian practice of best 2 out of three passes, with ALL shots being called by the marshals. Any Knights found violating this Writ shall be charged with Conduct Unbecoming a Knight, and We shall seek to have them expelled from the Chivalry.

Adria offers many means to resolve our differences. mediation, Civil or Criminal Suit, and yes the duel. We should not, nor will we ever condone or support any mechanisms in which one may prevail through physical intimidation. And any Knight who chooses to try and settle his dispute through mediation or Court, should never be looked down upon. Every member of The Adrian Empire has the right to feel safe when settling a dispute. Adria shall live by the axiom of Might For Right, not Might Makes Right.

By Our Hand on this Day August the 10th 1999,

Stefanus Imperator
Tsar of all the Adrias

From the Chancery

Greetings :

The Imperial Estates are summoned for Nov. 6&7 1999; location TBA . Adgenda : all items of new bussiness for the Nov. IMP Estates meeting are due buy Sept . 6 1999 , agenda items may be submitted to Sir Karl at 75057.1341@compuserve.com. Upon recieving your proposal I will mail back compleat text with verification , this is the only method to submit proposals. Those not having E-Mail are directed to their estates holders to assist them .

Sir Karl,
Chancellor of Adria

Aragon

From Their Royal Majesties:

Greetings Unto the Populace of Adria:

Well, here we go into the busy and crazy days of Fall.

St. Augustine's Tourney starts the season on August 14th at the Silver Bowl.

On Labor Day weekend, we journey to Esperance to help decide who will rule the Empire for the coming year. Those who can't make the trip are needed to support a Demo for Clark County Parks and Recreation, the "Sparks in the Park" Demo at Summerlin. Our Chronicler will be autocrat, please contact her for details.

September's Crown Event will be at the Silver Bowl on the eighteenth. The autocrat is Admiral Morgan.

October's Ren Faire and the First International Steel Tourney, lots of fun, and great shopping. As of this day, we will not be officially involved in the beer booth, more information on that later.

As we head into the Fall and Winter seasons, we challenge you to start thinking of events you would like to autocrat and speak to us about them.

In Hectic Service to the Dream,
HRM Winfred and HRM Anginette

Day of the Knights - An Honorable Event

by Bekke Fofnersdottir, Chronicler

The Day of the Knights event went over extremely well. Autocratted by Dame MoryIanna, and her new Squires, Jocelyne and Brigitte, the event included a combat scenario designed by Sir Villanous and a fundraiser to raise

money for a "poppets' pavillion" and period crafts and educational games for Aragon's children.

The winners in the combat tourney included:

Shinai Four-Square Scenario: Robert of Aquataine

Sergeants' Ren: Lord Edwardo the Enslaved

Knights' Ren: Sir Winter

Knights' Steel: Sir Winter

Each winner received a favor indicating their victory.

An Arts & Sciences tourney was also held, with Lord Horatio Merriweather, taking the win with a masterwork embroidery of celtic knotwork design. Lord Horatio Merriweather also received a favor for his win in Arts & Sciences.

Vivat to the winners of the tourneys!

The fundraiser did well, with a total of \$15.50 in profits earned from the proceeds of the iced beverages and handmade favors.

At court, Her Royal Majesty, Dame Anginette, and Her Excellency, Dame Serina received gifts from the autocrats. Dame MoryIanna took two Squires, Brigitte and Jocelynee. Sir Villanous also took a squire, Thomas Dayton of Aragon.

Much fun was had and Dame MoryIanna was presented with a gift from Her Royal Majesty, Dame Anginette.

His Royal Majesty, Sir Winfred, Lord Randall Llewellyn Ap Alyson, KB, KC, OICC, Founder & Protector of the Blue Rose and Protector of the Freeholds
AND

Her Royal Majesty, Dame Anginette Mesalyne Theresa dela Fouche Alyson, Lady of Adria, KR, KC, OICC, The Blue Rose, the Thane of the Blue Rose Domain, and Proctector of the Freeholds.

Chesapeake

Unto the Populace of Adria,

We have been busy this month in the Duchy of Chesapeake.

Baroness Kyra Evaine held a Collegium on "Courtly Manners and Protocol" on August 1st. It went really well. Everyone presented themselves great at the August Crown Event. She is also holding a Collegium in October on "What the Judges are looking for when

submitting anything in the Arts Tournament".

Our August Crown Event was a success. The House of Hofen hosted this crown event, with the Sire having a German background, a lot of the foods had a German flare. The Combat Tourney was won by Sir Chris MacDraco, both in Ren and Shinai. The Arts Tourney was won by Baroness Kyra Evaine for her Renaissance Dress. The Archery Tourney was won by Linette von Gerns in an Elimination Round, beating the Duke at 35 yards. Visitors came to inquire about the Duchy.

We are holding a Pumpkin War in October, Halloween weekend. A War Council meeting was held to discuss the agenda. We are camping out over the week end. We will hold Medieval Games, different Combat scenarios, a Masquerade ball with dancing, a feast, pumpkin carving contest with swords or knives and archery. We will be having a wonderful time. We are going to have a tour of the site this weekend. If anyone is interested in attending the Pumpkin War from Adria, please contact Sir Sven Iceman, e-mail:

sven.iceman@prodigy.net.

On August 29, we are planning to attend the Maryland Renaissance Fair. We are looking forward to seeing HRG Koning Duriel van Hansard, who is planning to coming east, to accompany us to the faire.

In Service to the Dream,
HRG Sir Sven Iceman, Viking Dragon Lord
and
HRG Dame Megan Rhys

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CONTACT SIR CHRIS MacDRACO
HOUSE OF DRAC

Esperance

Unto Our populace, We send Our greetings!

This past month saw the Imperial Estates gracing Our lands to conduct the business of the Empire. Two long hot days in a room with minimal/no air conditioning and an agenda that rivaled the telephone directory. We got through an amazing amount of business, even some new business.

For Us the most important and most noteworthy piece of business was the estates approval of Our sister's right to claim the Imperial Throne!!! Now sister dear lets create an army and claim that which is rightfully Yours!!

Lord Gerhard has promised some interesting scenario driven tourney for this day, We hope it lives up to his usual standards.

The Imperial War is upon us and shall be held at Featherly Park in Yorba Linda, site fee is looking to be in the \$10-\$15 range, you will get an exact figure when We get one. Among other things there will be a "Tavern" style feast based on the popular Tavern held at the Grand Tourney in June.

In Service to Esperance and the Empire
Reilly & Elspeth
King and Queen of Esperance

Umbria

Greetings!

It's too bloody hot!. Although this statement is heard repeatedly during the summer months in Umbria, we still hold our tournaments and fighter practices.

We are proud to announce the winners of the tournaments this month. At the July Crown Archery tournament, the winner was Nuada Og. At the August Crown Tournament, the winners were as follows: Kn. Steel, Sir Rashalak; Kn. Heavy Renn, Sir James the Red; Kn. Lt. Renn, Sir Fredrick von Burg. The winners of the Canton of Thunar will be in the next edition. The winners of the Canton of Inverness were as follows: Kn. Steel, Sir Iain; Kn. Heavy Renn, Sir Lucian van Giesen; Kn. Lt. Renn, Sir Rashalak. The winner of the Canton of Westerheim was in Kn. Lt. Renn, Squire Ievan. The winners of the 2nd Canton of

Westerheim event were as follows: Kn. Lt. Renn, Willum Camaron, Sgts. Renn, Nectar the Learned, Sgts. Shenai, Nectar the Learned. There was no winner for the Arts this month, but Lady Serene was awarded a Master Work for her water color painting.

The oath of knighthood was heard once again in Umbria. Squire Ievan was released from his bonds as a squire by his knight so he could recite the words that bind him to the responsibilities of the chivalry and raise him into his new estate of Knight Bachelor. Sir Fredrick, his knight, administered not only the ceremony, but also a mighty coulee. Many thanks to the Minister of Rolls, Sir James, for so quickly tallying the points. Congratulations to Sir Ievan, Knight Bachelor of Umbria! Huzzah!

The following Oaths of Fealty have been sworn in Umbria: Cargomaster Konor became man-at-arms to Capt. Rhuovhe MacBeth; Capt. Malvina Chavi Winchester squired to Sir Roland of the Icelands; Capt. Rhuovhe MacBeth squired to Sir Angus MacAllister; Celeste the Nightingale became lady-in-waiting to Sir Lucian van Giesen.

We were honored by the visit of Dame Pheonia van Hapsburg and her lovely sister, Carmel, at our Crown Tournament. We were so glad they could join us and hope next time we can accommodate them with better (less hot) weather.

Reminder to all of Umbria. The Free Amazons still need your donations for the New Day Charity. Blankets and toiletries are desperately needed. Please bring your items to any crown tourney or fighter practice for collection.

There was an meeting of the Estates held August 21. The status of Estates was announced and several new writs were approved. Please see the Chancellor or Minister of Rolls for more information.

The deadline for the Umbrian Mug is the end of the month. Please submit your information/articles/updates/quotables as soon as possible.

Yours in Service,

Dame Delia von Burg
Royal Chronicler of Umbria

York

Greeting to the populace,

York is busy in preparation for the long journey to the East Coast Imperial War. Those going are looking forward to good times and new friendships.

In the Arts Tournament this month, Baron Squire Elric & Cerridwyn tied for the win. Baron Squire Elric presented his armour. Cerridwyn entered a blue knight's belt, which she presented to the King as a gift. In the Knight's Lyst there was another tie. HRM Dame Jericho was awarded a win for her purple and white Tudor gown. Squire Moreta also received a win for her black and deep red tunic. Congratulations to all the winners.

In combat three lysts were held. On the Sergeant's Renn lyst, Wright Bentwood triumphed over the other combatants to take the win. Sir Tristan Thorne was champion of the Knight's Renn. The Shennai tournament yielded Squire Thorvald Llewelyn as the victor. Due to extreme heat, the steel lyst was not held.

As York prepares for Imperial War, we bid good luck to all the contenders.

In Service to the Dream,
Josephine Durand

Crowns of York vs. Squire Devyn

On the following charges, this court of Chivalry finds Squire Devyn:

Treason:

Not Guilty, with the following note; During the time period in question there is no real or clear facts that point to treason, until now, with Squire Devyn's closing comments we find actions that are treasonous, but will not affect the outcome of our findings.

Sedition:

Guilty; 1 year Banishment followed by 2 years Judicial Ban.

Disruption to the Harmony of the Kingdom of York:

Guilty; 6 months Judicial Ban.

Malicious Intent to Discredit the Crowns of York:

Not Guilty.

And shall impose the following sentence: Squire Devyn shall serve a total of 1 year Banishment from the Adrian Empire and then a 2 year period of Judicial Ban upon return.

As the Crown of York, having considered all events today, I show mercy and reduce the sentence to the following:

1 year of Banishment from the Adrian Empire, Which Squire Devyn has already imposed upon herself, followed by 6 months Judicial Ban.

So Say I, Lord Sir Killian Oakesblood, King of York.

MISSIVE FROM SQUIRE Sionna Elian Wylð

My personal opinion of the recently past situation in York is as follows:

This GAME is a very nice hobby. Many people put forth an exorbanandt amount of energy into making this a family and not just a group of people with a common interest. I have seen our members share their food, clothes, bedding and toys with those who haven't any.

I have also seen alot of ugliness in our members. This is a choice we all make in life that we must live with. Quite simply put, you reap what you sow.

There will always be misunderstandings and there will always be statements made in the heat of passion. We also will always have the intelligence to know this and allow any mispent anger to move beyond the moment. Sadly, we will always have the pride that keeps us chained to our anger and blind us from the understanding that should come from the next day's sun.

I hope tomorrow's sunrise brings new understanding to us all so we may get back to having fun. We must make the difference.

With Hope,

Squire Sionna Elian Wylð
Kingdom of York

ATTENTION Populace!

Come visit our web site at
adrianempire.org

PRINTS are Period After ALL...

From Gregory Kirk

While browsing though a rather ancient edition of the Encyclopedia Britanica (11th edition to be exact) I was suprised to come across several examples of printed textiles dating both before and during our period.

Coptic items dated to the 4th and 6th century, including a child's tunic dyed blue with a pattern reserved in the natural shade.

Rhenish items dated from 12 through 15th centuries. Apparently the technique was to print a repeating pattern from wood blocks.

While the photographs are black and white, the caption indicate the colours, black on red silk, Red Green and black on red silk, black on linen (colour unspecified), deep purple on linen (colour unspecified) black on "redish" linen, this last piece is part of the lining of a chasuble

According to the text the medieval patterns used approximate the patterns used in weaving brocade.

There is an extensive quote from Pliny as to the ancient process used, but little direct material on the medieval block stamping process. The author gives a reference to Forrer's "Die Kunst des Zeugdrucks" from 1898 which allegedly states that the Rhenish monasteries were cradles of block stamping textiles.

The author further states that the 11th-14th c. Germans, lacking in ornate weaving adapted block stamping to decorate their textiles. Textile printing drops off following the 14th century as germany enjoyed greater prosperity and and increasing use of woven and embroidered decorative elements.

Encyclopedia Britanica, 11th edition, vol 26 pp694 et. sq. Article by Alan Summerly Cole, C.B..

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From the Imperial Chronicler's Pen

Does your Kingdom/Duchy/Shire have a web site? Send in the site and we will publish it along with the main empire site.. Know of any other really cool and RELATED sites? Send them in, too!

Remember, the November issue of the Adrian Herald in the Arts and Sciences issue. Get your entries ready!!

Remember, this is YOUR newsletter; If you don't submit something, it won't get published!!

ATTENTION

Terre Nueve,
Lady Dame Katherine McGuire asks that you direct all inquires to Mistress Aubrianna who is believed to be you current Chronicler or to HRM Sir Termain, King of Terre Nueve.

Good FORTUNE!

Lady Sire Serene, Warrior Elder Free Amazons and Royal Arts and Sciences Minister of Umbria has a charity that the Amazons have been collecting for from within Umbria. If you wish to find out who the donations are going to or wish to donate, please contact Skye O'Malley, the Royal Steward for the Kingdom of Umbria at erotic_witch@prodigy.net. Share your Good Fortune!



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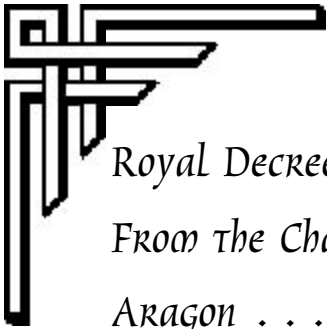
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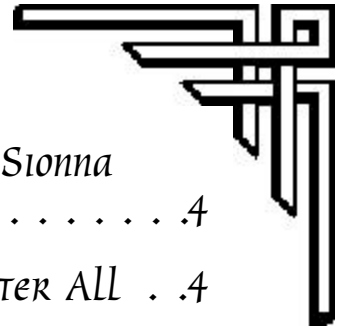
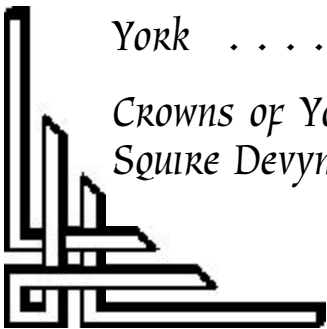
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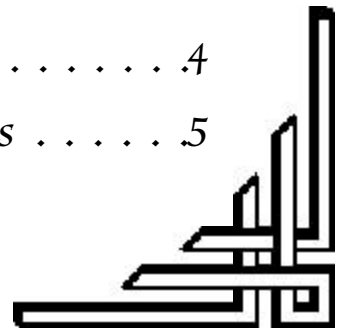
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