

# the Adrian Herald

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## Renew Your Memberships!

As you may know, in March of last year, the Estates of Adria approved an annual renewal for all members of Adria. For the past year, you have paid a pro-rated membership to get ready for the July 1, 2003 renewal.

The Imperial Steward has sent a package to all participating members with a letter, and membership forms for that member and their family. There is also enclosed a self-addressed envelope for you to return your membership forms. August 15th, The Steward will be sending out Membership Cards for every member paid at that time.

The membership forms mailed to you included a yellow and a white copy. When you send in your membership forms, detach the yellow copy and give it to your local steward. Mail the white copy in the envelop provided. If you pay locally, please give both copies to your local steward.

Please make sure to affix postage to the envelopes!

A few things to remember when filling out the forms:

- Please print legibly!
- **Participating membership** includes a mailed copy of the Adrian Herald and is \$30.00 per year.
- **E-Herald membership** allows you to read your Adrian Herald online at <http://www.adrianempire.org> and is \$20.00 per year.
- **Additional Family membership** is \$10.00 per family member after the first primary member. Family membership is defined as a participating member plus "all legal dependents of the participant's immediate mundane family" per the bylaws. No additional newsletters. Qualifications for family membership are 1) a cohabiting couple or 2) the members qualify as dependents of the Head of Household under the IRS tax code.
- **Associate membership** is currently extended to SCA, ECS & RMS. Membership in these organizations must be verifiable to qualify for this option. (A copy of a membership card, or a mailing label from a newsletter are good ways to verify, and should be included with your membership form.) Associate fees are \$10.00 per year and do not include a copy of the Adrian Herald.

*Remember our warriors*



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## Imperial Information Published:

Armorial of registered heraldry in Adria

<http://www.adrianempire.org/admin-arms-main.html>

# Miscellany

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## Profile: Ekaterinegorod

In the reign of Katherine and Jehan was the shire of Ekaterinegorod formed. At the time, the west was heavily “European” with lots of Scots and Irish and Landesknechts, etc., while the east had Il Khans on both the Throne of York and the Throne of Dragon's Mist.

Take a map of the Eurasia. Throw a dart at the middle...you get the Black Sea. Ekaterinegorod proper is supposed to represent primarily a city on the Black Sea nearish to Moldova. In a larger sense, it encompasses the area from Northern Finland to Egypt and from the Eastern Border of Germany to the Eastern border of Kazhakstan (Note the modern pronunciation - 'Cossack-Stan' \*hmmm\*)

Further, there is little research done on the “Northeastern” cultures, even though the Slavs land was a natural trading route from the north to the south, and the east to the west. The Mongols penetrated deeply into Germany at one time, and were a definite European influence for hundreds of years. Ivan Grozny (the “Terrible”, though I've been told by some Russian co-workers that “Grozny” actually translates more like the slang “Bad” or “Gnarly” - sort of “Not good, but still way cool in it's own way.”) placed a direct descendant of Timjur on the throne when he went off to sack Novgorod (which was his own city at the time). So highly regarded was the Mongol bloodline that it is still regarded as royal.

We saw it as an excellent opportunity to add to the little knowledge that's out there. It's only been a decade or so since the Iron Curtain came down and we've had access.

Ekaterinegorod was named for the President of The Adrian Empire, Inc., Katherine Marshal of London. The origin of the name for the canton of Jehannesberg is an exercise left up to the reader. (Note: It is \*NOT\* “Johannesberg.”)

Thus is the story of the founding of Ekaterinegorod.

~Jonathon Barton

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## Earl's Report

*May 13, 1550, Brandenburg*

The fields are in the midst of being weeded. Most of the children and women have been given this chore. Due to the upcoming war I have initiated a levy of the able bodied men in my district. My manor house is 50% repaired. The structure is still sound and the grounds are being restored. The peasant levies will be given the following standing orders:

- 1 All ships and land forces approaching our borders that are not identifiable as Brandenburgian or an ally are to be attacked immediately.
- 2 Peasant levies are not to surrender.
- 3 The families of peasants/soldiers killed in action will be free of taxes for 5 years.
- 4 Surrender by serf or noble is to be accepted (surrendering nobles will be taken to my manor house, and surrendering serfs will be held in a local inn and not harmed.

**Military report.** The foundation of the peninsula tower has been laid. Four cannon have been brought up to defend the construction area. Also, until the War is over all foreign shipping will be inspected before entry into the harbor. After a survey of our area I have decided to formulate a river defence plan to be submitted to His grace as soon as it is complete.

I recommend that this duchy create its own navy. The Corsairs are effective, but they are an Imperial naval force and are in use for pirate-hunting. The local Corsair ship is mine (the Vulture). If it is on pirate-hunting duties, the local harbor will have only my new defences to stop an attack. We have the cannons to drive off a second pirate force, but a major invasion cannot be repulsed what I have now.

His Imperial Majesty was good enough to advise me on taxes that the Imperium can impose. I am sorry to say that the clerk that had that message lost it. Due to the importance of this document the clerk will have his hands cut off on the next market day. This will be a good lesson to those who become lax in their concentration. If His Imperial Majesty would like the hands of this man I will try to oblige.

*Ich Dien, Sir Wolfram von Hohenstaufen*

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## Kid - Play

*children, kinder, kids, bairn, babes, youngsters, little m'lords and ladies.* We call them all kinds of things, occasionally even “the little monsters” (usually when they are off in the distance screaming like barbarians). Because we have children, we've spent some time figuring out how to best make them happy. We have found a number of successful period activities for them to participate in.

They're almost always in the mood to play some of the period chase games such as “duck duck goose” (or King, Kuing, Queen), “Mother may I?” (Duchess may I?) “prayer tag” (just like freeze tag but when you're about to get caught you drop to your knees in a prayer stance). There are many more but running around always seems to be a hit with the average kid.

Wooden spinning tops and wooden yo-yo's, home-made clay marbles, leather or wooden balls and decks of cards all go a long way for keeping kids from boredom. Another good idea is to teach your children a few simple songs such Jolly Red Nose or Greensleeves which are easily learned on the recorder, they get to participate in Bardics and that let's them feel like they're contributing their part to being “period” and still having fun.

Our kids like playing cards or dice; One evening at war all the youngsters gathered around a table, about 6 of them or so and played poker and dice ...it was strange to see a 4 year-old trying on his best “poker-face” but they seemed to be intent and having fun.

For day events or over nighters, arts projects are great. For example, coloring Heraldic devices printed out before you go, I recommend markers, they don't melt. The other heraldic art example is to set them up with examples of heraldic devises and pieces of felt or wool scraps and let them make mini banners.

Croquet of course, is a period game as is Bocce ball, those are both available at a store near you and usually are available in wood. Board games are very popular as well. Including but not limited to cribbage, Nine Men Morris, Chess, or checkers; which wasn't called checkers in period but is exactly the same game.

There is a game called 9 Pin that is period, it's 9 wooden pins (a la bowling) and a period ball (leather ball stuff with wool the size of a soccer ball) and you roll the ball at the pins trying to knock down as many as possible at one time...sound familiar?



Keeping the kids busy is vital to keeping them enthusiastic about attending events especially as they hit the 10 and up age. Being a lady-in-waiting or a page for the pre-teen is encouraging for them as well as the beginnings of the knighthood track. They like to have someone beside a parent teaching them how to dress, speak and act in court... or fight, sew, cook, shoot archery and so many other things that a Knight can offer them. Serving the Ruling Noble is quite an honor and is taken seriously by even the youngest members.

An all-time favorite, for the adults as well as the children, is Rounders. It's a period precursor to baseball. It's sort of a cross between baseball and cricket and it is a blast, all ages can participate at the same time and makes participation a family activity.

Those are some of the day event options, camping weekends filled with courts and lists and battlefields can be wearying, and boring as well, for children so remember to take some time from your busy schedule at War to spend with your bairn. We often co-op these activities at War which allows all the adults to get some time with the kids and some free time to fight or judge or explain your arts entry which is impossible to do with a child at hand. A nature hike, a swim, a game of “telephone” or a game of “I spy” are all fun ways to pass time with children to keep them as enthusiastic as their elders while in the midst of the distant past.

~*Dame Marcella Visconti*

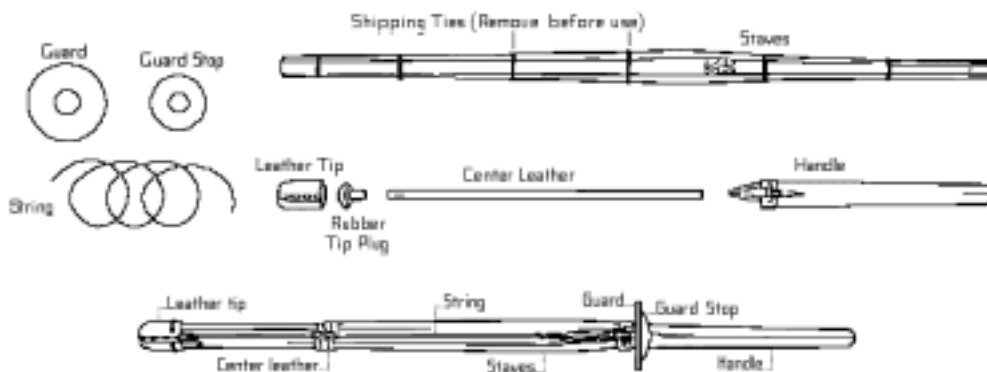
**The artwork is a detail from Children's Games by Pieter Bruegl (painted in 1559). It details 84 games!**  
[http://www.kfki.hu/~arthp/html/b/bruegel/pieter\\_e/painting/children/child.html](http://www.kfki.hu/~arthp/html/b/bruegel/pieter_e/painting/children/child.html)

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## Shinai Maintenance

The Shinai, or practice sword, was developed around 1750. It is constructed of four well-seasoned, highly polished staves of bamboo. A square piece of metal is wedged into a slot on the inside of the butt of each staff, to keep the staves aligned. A T-shaped rubber grommet separates the tips, which are covered by the leather tip. The center leather keeps the staves from spreading apart in the middle, and the handle serves both as handle and to bind the butt ends together. The string keeps the leather pieces bound together, and indicates the blunt side of the single-edged sword the shinai represents. The guard is made of either plastic or whaleskin and is held in place by a rubber grommet called the guard stop.

- Check your shinai before practice for any dangerous cracks or splinters in the staves!



- Sand the staves. When new, be sure to round the edges. When old, sand away splinters or roughness.
- Coat them with light oil such as gun or sewing machine oil, and let soak for at least 3 days (preferably a week). While they are soaking, check them daily and recoat them if the oil has been absorbed. New shinai are dry and need quite a lot of oil. Before reassembling, wipe away any excess oil.

*This information is courtesy of Saskatoon Kendo Club.*

*The on-line version is more complete, with illustrations: <http://www.shinai.org/housemeff/shinaimaint/shinaimaint.html>*

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## Marshals' Kit

Each local Crown Marshal should have a marshals kit that is brought to every event. It contains all the necessary items required to measure weapons, qualify combatants, and do minor adjustments or repairs if necessary. Authorized marshals are encouraged to assemble a kit for personal use as well. This is the minimum list of recommended items and their uses:

### Testing and Measuring Equipment

- Fish scale or similar (good for weighing items under 10 lbs.). This will probably need a cord that loops over the fish scale hook, to suspend weapons and aid in their weighing.
- 2" diameter washer with a 3/4" diameter hole (used to check the curvature of axe and mace flanges. It is also placed over the end of a sword tip to check the depth that the tip will penetrate a legal helm.
- Six-inch (6") ruler
- 10-foot (10') tape measure (minimum length)
- One pound (1#) weight for flexibility testing of schläger blades
- Metal thickness gauge (or samples of 14, 16 and 18 gauge steel)

### Repair Equipment

- Metal file for removing burrs from swords or rounding tips or edges
- Red plastic or duct tape for schläger tips
- Black electrical tape

### Forms

- Blank combatant qualification cards
- Combat qualification tests
- Marshalling authorization tests

### Manuals

- Combat Manual
- Marshal's Manual
- Missile Weapons Manual
- Missile Weapons Construction Manual

### Miscellaneous

- Pen
- Scissors or knife
- Two (2) six-foot (6') marshalling staves
- Sample of ten ounce (10 oz.) leather
- Duct tape

# Imperial News

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## Contenders for the Throne of Adria

There have been 3 sets of contenders that had announced by the Memorial Day War deadline. None have been approved for eligibility yet (steward, rolls, and chancery), and none have been accepted by the Imperial Estates (that happens at the July meeting). We have (in order of declaration):

- Dame Aislynn de Chartier (Umbria) and Sir Wright Bentwood (Castilles)
- Dame Sapphire Jade (Dragon's Mist) and Sir Logan du Draconis (Sangrael)
- Dame Serina de Torsiello (Aragon) (no co-contender)

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## July Meeting of the Imperial Estates

**July 19/20: Imp. Estates Mtg  
Castaways Hotel, Las Vegas, NV**

Complete details will be included in the July Herald, and will be published on-line at <http://www.adrianempire.org> as soon as they are available.

The July Meeting will cover several Old Business items from March, as well as all New Business from March. It is also the meeting designated in the bylaws (Article VI.E.3.) as the time to:

- Qualify and determine fitness of Imperial candidates
- Finalize enough data to prepare corporate income tax returns (if necessary)
- Review financial records of each chartered subdivision (please see full explanation further in this article)
- Review (at its discretion) any systems of conversion for analogous activities developed by the Imperial Crown.

Attendance at this meeting is mandatory for at least one ruling Crown or representative from each chartered subdivision. They must present a copy of their financial records for review (Article VI.E.3.c).

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## Heraldry On-line

The ordinary has been updated and is currently on-line. This is not the new design that Sir Gregoire has been working on. It is a simple, plain vanilla, listing of the registered heraldry through the last published LORR (Letter of Returns and Registration), which was August of 2002. At that time, Sir Nigel (then Imperial Sovereign of Arms) stated the backlog was eliminated and that everything had been processed. This should help you to determine the status of older submissions.

<http://www.adrianempire.org/admin-arms-main.html>

We will be placing the LORRs online as well - again as a plain vanilla format. The intent here is not to interfere with the redesign that Sir Gregoire is working on. It is simply to provide the information as it currently stands as a stopgap until the new College of Arms site is complete.

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## Archery Postal Shoot Standings

Standings as of May:

### Standard shoot:

1. Sir Blackarrow (Umbria)
2. Dame Margarita DuBois (Umbria)
3. Govannon (Terre Neuve)

### Speed Shoot:

1. Sir Blackarrow (Umbria)
2. Govannon (Terre Neuve)
3. Dame Margarita DuBois (Umbria)

### Complete ranking and rules:

<http://www.boredandbrazenwine.com/ImperialPostalShoot/>

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## July 1

Don't forget to renew your membership! It is due July first.

See article on page 1 for explanations. A membership form is attached on page 11 if you didn't receive one in the mail.

# Regions

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## Esperance

### Elizabethan Tournament - Playing for the Prize!

**Location:** Hurless Barton Park, 4601 Casa Loma Ave., Yorba Linda, CA

**Date:** Saturday, June 14, 2003

**Recommended Dress:** This is an Elizabethan themed event. All members are encouraged to dress the theme! That means get out your English garb and "Brush up your Shakespeare!"

**Combat:** Will be played based upon the tournament rules during the "late Elizabethan combat list". More details will be revealed and reviewed at the June event, prior to combat. Safety and Armor standards will be per Adrian rules for combat.

**Arts:** We would like to see your best Elizabethan entries! Again, we are encouraging everyone to focus on the Elizabethan theme. Prizes will be awarded, by the crowns, for the best and the most unusual "Elizabethan" arts! More details in next month's newsletter.

**For the Kids:** Bear Baiting. What's this!? Lots of fun for the young ones! We will dress up one of our stout fighters as a bear. It will be the job of the children to defeat the bear.

**Gambling:** Yes! You heard it here. Gambling was a big part of late Elizabethan tournaments. We will be issuing tokens to all those who sign in. Do with these tokens as you will. Gambling on the fighting, arts or in "games of chance" is HIGHLY ENCOURAGED!!! Prizes will be awarded to those with the largest purse.

**Audience Participation:** Yes! You are encouraged to cheer, jeer, heckle and throw things at the combatants. (Rules for this will be strictly enforced!). The audience is encouraged to throw money and flowers (if they like the combatant) or bread crusts. No other items will be allowed. So be sure to bring your, \*ahem\* "favors".

### Schedule of activities:

9AM - Set up / sign-ins

10:00AM - Sign-ins close, Opening Court

10:45AM - Steel/Shinai Tournament rules will be explained

11:30AM - Steel Tournament begins, bookmaker is open for business

12:30PM - Shinai Tournament begins

1:00PM - Lunch

1:30PM - Bear Baiting (for the Kids!)

2:00pm - Rapier rules

2:30PM - Rapier Tournament

4:00PM - Closing Court, Prizes awarded

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## Andorra

The second annual Spring Fling went very well this year and we now have 9 new members from our southern realms whom we got to meet some of. The event actually started at about 12:30 instead of noon and went a little longer then anticipated going until well after 5:00pm.

It was a beautiful day compared to last year's search for Noah! We will posting some pictures on the web site very soon. The event was definitely a success, and a good time was had by all.

Our May event date may be changing to the 17th. This event will be a chance for us to make sure we are all on the same page as to combat, it being, of course, a combat collegium. Several suggestions have been put forward to the site. One we are looking at is outside of Peoria, one in Iowa, and a few more in Central Illinois.

More will of course be discussed at our next meeting. After Memorial Day, we will be switching to the summer hours for meetings.

*Respectfully, Lord Auberon*

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## Cambridge

To Arms, To Arms... My duck has been taken hostage. This is the note that was left at his bath.

*Here Duckie Duckie Duckie ... oh that's right he can not answer for I have taken him. mubababa That bloody duck has brought me to this. All these duck stories, duck jokes and duck hunts have its driving me quackers... I mean crackers. And Now I have kidnapped your beloved pet. No more will I have to endure these fowl duck analogies. No more will that damn yellow bird mock me. If you wish your duck returned in one piece, I offer you this challenge; Send me your champions to challenge my army. If your champions succeed then and only then will I release your duck, if not I will eat well on this night mubababa. Signed, Duc La Aurenge of Malarton*

Please people of Cambridge, I call upon you, I shall pay the winner my duck's weight in gold for his safe return. Bring your steel, your heart and spirit to Timber Point Park and Marina on June 22nd, where I shall gather my army and we will march on to victory. For Duck and Country!

Opening court will start at 10am by the highest ranking noble there, and closing court will be at 5pm. Bring chairs or something to sit on, unless you enjoy sitting on grass.

**Directions from the west:** Take your best route to Sunrise Hwy East and proceed to exit 46 (Carlton Ave). Continue on the service road to Connetquot Ave and go south. Follow this all the way to the end, crossing over Union Blvd. **From the east:** Take your best route to Sunrise Hwy West and proceed to exit 47. Continue on the service road to Connetquot Ave and go south. Follow this all the way to the end, crossing over Union Blvd. The park is on the left hand side at the end of this road, just before the country club. Look for the dirt road on the left. **From the LIE east or west:** Long Island Expressway to exit 58 (Old Nicole's Rd.) south. Take Old Nicole's Road South to Veterans Hwy (Rt 454) and turn left. Go over bridge and turn right at the first light (Connetquot Ave). Veer left - **do not go straight.** You are now southbound on Connetquot Ave, for about 5-10 minutes. At Montauk Hwy, Connetquot Ave. becomes Great River Road, continue south to the end. Directly in front of you is Timber Point Country Club and to your left is a dirt road. Turn left onto the dirt road.

An informal BYO feast will be held afterward at Sir Kaeyron's residence in Farmingdale.

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## Terre Neube

Now is a great time to be Terre Neuvian! First we would like to congratulate and welcome our newest Crowns, Their Majesties Sir Maddoc McDonnon and Dame Kendra Finster McFadyen de McDonnon of the great kingdom of Terre Neube! We look forward to a very exciting and rewarding year in Terre Neube under their reign. We would also like to welcome Lady Claire of Eagles Roost and Squire Sean Patrick into the chivalry. Lady Claire was created a Knight Minister during the coronation festivities and Squire Sean was made a Knight Bachelor during the April Crown event. We wish them both success in everything they do!

The Coronation Feast was a great success with both interesting entertainment and delicious period foods! We would like to send out a special thank-you to Lady Akria Krastel, Baroness Allonah Rhoudhan, Dame Claire of Eagles Roost, and Tailan Bran MacNeil for autocrating a wonderful feast and celebration.

During the evening's festivities, awards were given to: Lord Gunther of Dundalk (created a baron of the court), Cledwyn ap Llanrwst of Y Ddreig ap Rhyfel (created a lord of the court), Dame Claire of Eagles Roost (created a baroness of the court). Tailan Bran McNeil of Y Ddreig ap Rhyfel received the Order of the Quill, Lord Gunther of Dundalk the Order of the Harp, Sir Sivax Wartongue the Order of the Lion, and Govannon of Dragon air Chutlach the Order of the Talbot. House Y Ddreig ap Rhyfel received the Order of the Pied Piper. We are all very proud of the members in our Kingdom. Without all of your hard work and effort, this Kingdom would not be what it is today.

April was a very busy month for our Kingdom. On the same day of the Coronation, we conducted two months of Crown events (the March Crown event was rained out). The combat winners for March were: in Shinai: Eric Svartr, for Renn: Ardon of Aragon and for Steel: Baron Klaus Van Isbjerg. The combat winners for April were: Ardon of Aragon in Shinai, for Renn: Sir Sivax Wartongue, and for Steel: Captain Storm of Black Company. Archery winners for April were Mistress Shannon who won the Bowman's list, and Govannon who won the Huntsman's list.

A lot of interesting things are in the works. For questions, or information regarding our events, or ministers, you may contact us at:

Information Hotline: 619-624-0014

Yahoo Group: kingdomofterreneube

Web-site: [www.kingdomofterreneube.org](http://www.kingdomofterreneube.org)

# Banner Wars

## West Banner War - Featherly Park, California

My servants completed the task of packing the afternoon before the war. They actually forgot to pack my ale and cider. I was aghast that they would forget such essential items. We got underway several hours after noon. By the time we arrived at the Featherly Field it was well into evening. Pleased I was that the host of the camp I would be sharing, the army of Aragon, had arrived at the exact time my war train arrived. I toiled for a good hour observing the setting up and furnishing of my pavilion.

Being so far into the evening it would be too late for a bath to be organized so I did the only thing I could and opened the cask of cider. I stayed in the company of my Aragonian friends all night. We sipped cider, told stories, and just in general caught up with each other. Before I knew it the light of morning beamed over the mountains.

I heard the call of the Emperors herald calling for all to attend the Imperials Throne. In moments a servant entered my pavilion with a choice of appropriate, courtly garb. I chose the garb that went over so well in the Spanish court.

Once I was dressed I gave orders to my servants to start to heat water for a bath later in the afternoon. Then I went to attend the Imperial Thrones. My Duke was there and honored me with the opportunity to stand as a guard using the sword my family is lending him to use as the sword of state. Many Generals from different nations stood to aid their sovereigns gain the great Banner. In the end two armies emerged. The alliance of Esperance and Umbria against the armies of Aragon, Terre Neuve and Sangrael. By the end of the court the die was cast. The warriors prepared and donned their war gear. One could feel the anticipation of battle. The warriors converged on the field and the commanders gave their commands to advance.

Once I retrieved some red wine and returned to the Field the battles were half over. My brave observation of this battle had fatigued me so that a dull pain could be felt at my temple. Wants more I began to develop perspiration upon my noble brow. I did not think I could endure anymore fatigue when finally my servants

informed me that my bath was ready.

By the end of the day's battle the army had fought a brave and glorious fight. It called for the baptism of a new mug that was gifted to me by His Imperial Highness, Sir Stefan Belski, as a reward for guarding some of his lands. I baptized the mug with several mugs of various types and varieties. The wonderful Dame Aleigha Fyredrayk of Aragon had a fine German dinner made for all of us. The sauerkraut and ribs took me back to the old home in Hamburg.

By noon of the next day I awoke to the sound of armoring knights. My servants did not wake me at breakfast. The good Dame Nutmeg had made a wondrous breakfast. Due to their laziness in not waking me the good lady's eggs were cool by the time I came claimed some. When a lady of Dame Nutmeg's kindness and selflessness cooks for you it is rude to pass it up or to be late. Again, I had to have another servant arrested. Once this foolish servant was arrested, again, I was fatigued. But I decided to tolerate it. I was greatly relieved to see Her Majesty, the Queen of Terre Neuve, Dame Claire, and Sir Angus of the Barony of Eagles Roost watching the battle. It gladdened my heart that people of courtly prowess were in attendance. Her Majesty was so kind as to let me bask in the light of her Royal presence. When lunch came around I was treated to sample fine meats and German cheese. I shared some aged spiced wine brewed by the First Lady of the Black Company several years ago. The sun became an uncomfortable intrusion forcing us to take refuge in the shade for the rest of the afternoon.

Our armies were not victorious but they did fight gloriously. I had most of the servants load the wounded peasants in order to take them back to my province to either be healed or given last rites.

I celebrated the glory of the war with fine whiskies. By the end of the night. Maybe the two hours before dawn I went to sleep. The following morning I said my farewells as my servant tore down my pavilion and packed my furnishings. Then I went home.

*Sir Wolfram von Hohenstaufen*



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## Northeast Banner War - Greenbank Mill, Delaware

*Unto Their Imperial Majesties; Unto Their Graces of Chesapeake, Cambridge, Somerset, etc. Her Excellency of Dunvegan; Unto all the good Gentles that attended the Northeastern Banner War; Unto all Royals, Nobles, et. Gentles who read these words, doth do We, His Eminence, Bishop Prior Francesco Gaetano Greco de Edessa sends His most heartfelt greetings.*

On the morning of Friday, I communicated with Duke Auren & asked Him if we were still going to be attending the War, due to the harsh weather expected. He said, "Of course! It's just rain. It'll still be fun." I then thought of the saying, "Rain is period." Duke Auren, THANK YOU. If it weren't for You, I would never have met the most incredible group of people in my life.

It was close to midnight when we arrived on site, after spending the first five hours stuck in traffic, just to make sixty minute journey. During the journey, Duke Auren & I learned that even taxi drivers can issue speeding tickets, (the NYC Police uses police cars disguised taxis to catch wrongdoers. BEWARE!!! Yet another reason to fear NYC cabs.) But, after a seven hour trip, we finally made it!

During the next three days, I learned that the Northeastern Region of Adria is not just a few people in separate territories, but an a group of friends that don't just act like a family, but who ARE family.

I was blessed to have met you all.

On Saturday, after a day of combat and A&S judging, a fine feast was had. After dinner, there were three Knighting ceremonies. VIVATS to Sir Kaeyron for achieving Knight Minister, Dame Kelda & Dame Kyra for achieving Knight Civil. After the Knighting ceremony, the hierarchy of the Church of Adria held an Ecclesiastical Court. I had the honour of officiating at the Investiture of Vicar Abigail, to make her the Bishop of Somerset. VIVATS to you all!!!

On Sunday, more combat was held, as well as the Archery Tournament. That evening, before a potluck & barbecue dinner was had, there was a Great Court. Unto all the Ruling Nobles assembled, thank you for allowing me the honour of heralding Your Great Court, and more so for allowing me to have a seat in the Court representing the Church of Adria.

Each territory had Their own Court, but instead of only recognizing just the people from their respective

territory, each territory represented one of the four aspects of the tournaments held: Dunvegan (Archery), Somerset (Ministry), Cambridge (Combat), Chesapeake (Arts), allowing the Church to announce the winner of the First Northeast Banner War.

One of the things that impressed me was the cheers. That might sound a bit odd, but during each Court and after each person came up, the territory that was giving the award, cheered in their own cheer (in their own 'language' (i.e., Vivat, Huzzah, etc.)). It showed me that we might be one big happy Empire, but we each have our own separate traditions. Each territory gave a token of appreciation to each person & each territory gave something different.

Unto Duke Aerindane & Duchess Kelda, thank you for my presenting me with the awards for my Arts & Science entries. I knew I scored a win on the knights list, but I didn't know that I scored two wins. Thank you for presenting me with two award favors. Dame Kelda, I know you pushed that I get two favors, instead of just one for both wins.

Unto Duke Arthur & Duchess Sorcha, I am honoured that you gave me an award for my help this weekend. I really didn't do that much. I give of myself freely. This award was unexpected & touches me deeply.

To all who read these words, I say unto thee, that the Northeast are filled with the best, the brightest, & the most dedicated people I have ever met. This event started off rocky, but we all pulled together & made an it overwhelming success. There is not one Vivat to be given, but VIVATS to us all.

I would like to extend a special VIVAT to Tony the Millkeeper (the Curator of the Greenbank Mill) for his unyielding support this weekend. You went out of your way, not to make us feel welcome, but to make us feel at home. Thank You!!!

During the preceding 36 hours, after I returned back home to my Cathedral, I have been in contact with many new friends and new family. I never expected to grow so close to new friends so quickly, as I have with all of you. I am honoured to have met you. I am honoured to call you my friends.

Unto all who have read this letter writ, I pray that you fare well.

*Bishop Prior Francesco Gaetano Greco de Edessa*

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**MEMBERSHIP TYPES:**

**PARTICIPATING MEMBER:**

Basic membership per the bylaws. Includes newsletter subscription.

**E-SUBSCRIPTION DISCOUNT:**

Discount for Participating Members (those entitled to a newsletter) wishing to receive their newsletters & notices via e-mail. Only the Participating Member may take the discount, and must provide a valid e-mail address.

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Legal dependents of the participant's immediate mundane family per the bylaws. No additional newsletters. Must be: 1) a cohabiting couple, or 2) members who qualify as dependents of the Head of Household under IRS tax code.

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Associate memberships are extended to the following groups with proof of membership in that organization: SCA, ECS, RMS  
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**Please provide a membership application for each member.**

**NOTIFY US OF ADDRESS CHANGES SIX WEEKS IN ADVANCE.**

**MEMBERSHIP WAIVER; INFORMED CONSENT TO PARTICIPATE**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (print legal name), as a condition of membership in ADRIA, do hereby agree to release, indemnify and hold harmless ADRIA, its agents and assigns from any and all claims, including claims for property damage, injury, death, mental or emotional distress I may receive by reason of participation in martial arts or other activities or events sponsored or arranged by Adria. I am fully aware that ADRIA activities are potentially dangerous and can result in serious harm. I understand that ADRIA does NOT provide any insurance coverage for my person or my property. I acknowledge that I am responsible for my safety and my own health care needs, and for the protection of my property. In consideration of my being permitted to take part in these activities, I agree to follow all ADRIA rules or directions of ADRIA officials regarding equipment, participation or personal safety and voluntarily accept all risks associated therewith.

Should any disputes arise from my participation in any ADRIA sponsored activity, I agree to work through the internal dispute resolution procedures of ADRIA. If these procedures do not lead to the resolution of the dispute, I agree to submit it to a board for binding arbitration and to abide by the decisions reached by such a board. The arbitration may take place wherever the parties mutually agree, but will be in Phoenix, Arizona if they do not agree otherwise, and in any case the laws of the state of Arizona will apply.

THE UNDERSIGNED AFFIRMS THAT HE OR SHE HAS READ AND UNDERSTOOD THIS STATEMENT, AND AGREES THAT THIS IS A WAIVER OF ALL CLAIMS ARISING FROM PARTICIPATION IN EVENTS SPONSORED BY ADRIA TO THE EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent or Legal Designated Guardian (if applicant is a minor)

*Note: Parental signature binds both the parent and the minor to the terms of this agreement. Guardians must be legally authorized to act as such. Please attach copy of documentation.*

**Please check one:**  New Membership  Renewal  Change of Information  Participation Waiver Only

**If new or renewal membership:** Amount paid\*: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ and check one of the following:

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# Events

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**May 19: Agenda deadline**  
for Imperial Estates Meeting

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**June 7: Coronation, Umbria**  
Executive Suites Extended Stay,  
Tempe, AZ

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**June 7: Crown War/Coronation:  
Dragon's Mist**  
(location tbd) South Carolina

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**June 19: Imp. Estates Agenda**  
Imperial Agenda to be published  
on or about this date

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**July 19/20: Imp. Estates Mtg**  
Castaways Hotel, Las Vegas, NV

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**July 26: Coronation, Brandenburg**  
(location tbd) Oceanside, CA  
area

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**August 30/31: Imp. Crown War**  
(location tbd)

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**September 1: Agenda deadline**  
for Imp. Estates Meeting

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**November 1/2: Imp. Estates Mtg  
and Imperial Coronation**  
(location tbd)

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**December: Esperance Coronation**  
1st wkend, Los Angeles, CA area

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**December: Sangrael Crown War**  
1st wkend, Lke Elsinore, CA area



Jessi, at play

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