

the Adrian Herald

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From the Crown

Good Populace, The Empire is a growing changing environment and We are constantly being challenged with new issues. That being said, We have noticed a new trend starting to form. We find the policies of the Empire already exist to handle these new issues, and We are going to start to enforce them. However, they have been used infrequently in the past, so We are going to send out this empire-wide notice.

Through the pages of Adrian history, many chartered subdivisions were engulfed in internal strife. This had a tendency to make strong groups and estates, constantly ready for war. A side effect was the warring between the many factions expanded beyond acceptable limits and frequently chased off new members who were turned off by what they saw. Also, we would see tempers boil to the point of a major war, or court case, in which the losers were usually run off.

Over the past few years, several members came up with the idea of being able to create new or divide existing subdivisions in order to give everyone room to enjoy the adria they liked. This way areas did not need to have an overlord ruling on what they thought was important, while ignoring what some of the populace wanted. If enough of the populace had a different view they could petition to become their own chartered subdivision and play in their own style. With the passage of several procedures and verification of existing laws this started to happen over the empire. Fairly recently Brandenburg, Castilles, Galloway, Albion and Isle of DeMortis all were able to form from Terra Nueve, York, Kildare, Aragon and Umbria. Giving these people their own space has alleviated much of the hardships upon the Empire.

A new problem started to arise. With the creation of these groups within a closer proximity to each other, how were members wishing to play an important role in a neighboring subdivision take place? Surly they could enter lists, but they were restricted on creating estates, and ministry service was only limited. Several came up with the idea of being able to choose your home subdivision. Our personas would physically move in history but were prevented from doing so because of obvious mundane circumstance. Laws changed to allow members to switch subdivisions. It was thought that this would also greatly reduce strife. Again, if someone was unhappy where they were, they could move to an area where more people had similar views.

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Imperial News



Imperial Regalia

As many of you know, several years ago, money was set aside by the Imperial Estates to purchase ceremonial crowns for the heads of the Imperial Crowns. Sir Philippe of Isle de Mortis (formerly of Umbria) designed the crowns We wear now; they were intended as travel crowns (day-to-day use). We are starting the search for Ceremonial Crowns for state occasions. We have looked at many websites, but are certain that Adria's artisans can design a crown more beautiful than any we have seen elsewhere. If you are interested in presenting a design for consideration, please contact Us ASAP at empress@adrianempire.org for more information. Please us the phrase "Imperial Crown design" as the subject line. If you know of an artisan that is not online, please give them this invitation; they can obtain my personal phone number from any local Crown.

Dame Aislynn

Ministry Positions

It is that time of year when some who have served naturally begin to explore other possibilities, and some who have not yet served ask to be more involved. While We will maintain a stable government, there are several of Our ministers who have expressed a desire to explore other avenues of service or of the Adrian experience.

If you are interested in being considered for addition to Our wonderful staff of ministers, either as a head of a department or as a deputy, please present your petition and qualifications in writing (email is fine) to Us. (emperor@adrianempire.org, empress@adrianempire.org)

If you are currently a member of the Imperial government, please contact Us and let Us know if you are interested in continuing or if you wish to pursue other goals. Regardless of your choice, please know that your decision will be understood, and you have Our utter appreciation and gratitude for your service this past year. We ask only that you let Us know of your intentions as soon as possible so We may plan accordingly.

~ The Imperial Crown

Coronation Jubilee

Unto their most Esteemed & Honored Majesties, Sir Wright & Dame Aislynn, Emperor and Empress of all Adria, as well as the Grand Kingdoms, Archduchies, Duchies, and Shires of the Empire does the Kingdom of Terre Neuve send heartfelt greetings and salutations.

It is with great pleasure that we invite all to share in the joyous occasion of the Coronation Jubilee of Their Most Imperial Majesties, Sir Wright Bentwood and Dame Aislynn de Chartier, on November 6th, 2004 at 6:30 in the evening.

We are honored to present the following menu;

- Bread, Spiced Butters, Olives, Limmon Sallet (sliced lemons with sugar), Fruit
- Salat of Several Greens with vinaigrette dressing
- Feta & Spinach Phyllo Croustade (spinach, onion, feta cheese tart)
- Domiporta Minutal Soltetie (surprise beef & sausage meatball dish)
- Rice for a Meat Day (rice, beef broth, milk, saffron)
- Aubergines with Cheese (eggplants stuffed with cheese, bread, herbs & onion)
- Stuffed Mushrooms (mushrooms filled with feta, garlic breadcrumbs & herbs)
- Terre Neuvian Traditional Pit Roasted Beef with garlic & onions
- Casserole of buttered carrots with currants and dates
- Roasted Peacock Soltetie with Orange Sauce (It's really turkey, shhh!)
- Buttered Florilegus (cauliflower with milk, butter & spices)
- Guinness Ginger Cake with Cardamom Cream
- Special Surprise Dessert Soltetie "Dulcitude Castellum"

Adults are \$15.00, Children 3-12 are \$7.50, and under 3 are free. The feast will be held at the La Mesa Women's Club, 5220 Wilson St. La Mesa CA 91941. RSVP's are required, and should be sent to Dame Kendra McFadyen at rdbrees@sbcglobal.net (contact her for a physical address)

Proclamation: Awards

Since time immemorial it has been the right and custom of Princes and other great nobles to recognize those of their subjects, who by their deeds and actions have so distinguished themselves by demonstrating the utmost prowess and chivalry, and thereby bringing honor and glory to both themselves and their sovereigns and liege lords.

It has long been the custom withing our great and august Empire that The Emperor and Empress grant this recognition to the most deserving of their subjects by the grant of awards and by the induction of the most deserving into the great orders of chivalry of our fair Empire upon the Jubilee of their Coronation before the assembled Nobles there.

Being just and wise rulers their Most August and Puissant Imperial Majesties recognize that many great deeds are often performed far from their sight and unbeknownst to them, and that the most deserving of being honored are often the most humble in their accomplishments.

Wherefore their Imperial Majesties, Wright Imperator and Aislynn, Imperatrix do command that their loyal subjects, from the greatest of their nobles to the least and most common of their subjects bring to their notice the deeds and actions of those most deserving of their Imperial Majesties' recognition.

The Honors and Awards that their Majesties are of good mind to grant to those deserving of such are:

- The Order of the Fleur de Lys
- The Order of the Comet
- The Order of the Nebula
- Order of the Lion
- Order of the Harp
- Order of the Quill
- Order of the Talbot
- The Royal Star
- The Order of the Queen's Guard
- The Order of the Crown Guard
- The Crown Seal of Excellence
- The Rising Star of Adria
- Baron or Baroness of the Court
- Lord or Lady of The Court

Therefore do their Majesties order that this proclamation be read at each and every court within their Empire, and that all who have knowledge of such great deeds performed by their subjects do bring this to the attention of their herald that he may collect and record said deeds for their review and action.

Wright, Imperator and Aislynn, Imperatrix.

By way of their herald, Gregoire d'Avallon.

Recommendations for awards should be sent to:

greg.kirk@verizon.net I will compile them and present the recommendations to their Imperial Majesties. Heralds, please ensure that this is read at court at your next event.

What are these awards?

Imperial Order of the Comet: For individuals who contribute outstandingly to the betterment of the Adrian Empire.

Imperial Order of the Nebula: For individuals who contribute significantly to the betterment of the Adrian Empire and its populace. (Note: The Comet is the higher-level award, so if your intended doesn't have the Nebula yet, recommend them for that.)

Imperial Orders of the Lion, Harp, Quill, and Talbot: To reward prowess in the fields of Combat, Arts, Ministry, and Archery, respectively, given to as many individuals as the Crown sees fit at the time. (Note: these awards are intended to honour people who are not knights. You may recommend a Knight for one of these honours, but it is very rare that a Knight will receive one.)

Royal Star: For individuals new to medieval recreation who through their enthusiasm and dedication contribute to the betterment of the chartered subdivision or the Empire and its populace.

Royal Order of the Crown Companions: For those who display high standards of chivalry, good fellowship, and by their period activities and demeanor contribute to the enjoyment and realism of events.

Royal Order of the Queen's Guard: For individuals who display extraordinary skill, chivalry, and style on the battlefield.

Order of the Golden Spoon: Given by the Empress to individuals or groups for excellence in culinary arts.

Crown Seal of Excellence: For guilds or other non-Estate groups for excellence in their field of work. Rising Star of Adria: For young Estates within the Empire for exceeding all expectations with recruitment, enthusiasm, or excellence.

You may also recommend people for the titles of **Lord, Lady, Baron, and Baroness of the Empire.**

All of the information about these orders may be found in Estates Writ #18, available at <http://www.adrianempire.org/library.php>.

November Estates Mtg

We bring news of the accommodations for the Nov. Imperial Estates Meeting and Coronation Jubilee of their Imperial Majesties; Sir Wright Bentwood & Dame Aislyne de Chartier to take place in the Grand Kingdom of Terre Neuve!

We will be at the Holiday Inn Select at 595 Hotel Circle So. San Diego, CA. 92108 The phone number to reach the reservations desk is 619-291-5720 8:00 am to 5:00 pm Pacific Standard time, or you can call 1-800-HOLIDAY, 24 hours a day.

The Hotel offers a complimentary shuttle to and from San Diego's Lindbergh Field Airport, simply call the front desk upon arrival at 619-291-5720 to make arrangements for transportation to the hotel. Free parking is also arranged for those guests who will be driving in.

The hotel offers many amenities; outdoor heated pool, whirlpool, fitness center; in the rooms are wireless internet, free CNN, ESPN, and HBO, as well as Nintendo for the kids. Speaking of kids, if you are bringing them along, kids stay and eat for free. For the adults, the hotel offers a Managers Reception each day between the hour of 5:00 and 6:00 pm with complimentary beer and house wines. View their website at

<http://www.holidayinnselectsd.com/amenities.html>

The hotel offers an onsite restaurant, the Sante Fe Salsa Company with a southwestern flair, and just down the street is the 24 hour Valley Kitchen restaurant with a great menu at reasonable prices. The hotel is right in the heart of San Diego with many of our most beautiful attractions just a few miles away, including the San Diego beaches, Old Town, Balboa Park, the San Diego Zoo and Sea World. If you've never visited here before, Balboa Park is absolutely magnificent; filled with museums, botanical treasures and gorgeous Spanish "Sugaresque" architecture and should not be missed. Visit their website at:

<http://www.balboapark.org/>

We are looking forward to seeing all of you here!

Angus & Claire, King & Queen Terre Neuve

Meeting Reservations

Please make plans to book your rooms for the November Imperial Estates Meeting as soon as possible. The hotel is honoring the room rate of \$89.00 until Oct. 21st. After that rooms may still be available, but the rates will certainly increase. You can contact the Holiday Inn Select at 619-291-5720 8:00 am to 5:00 pm Pacific Standard time, or you can call 1-800-HOLIDAY, 24 hours a day.

Please identify yourself to be with the "Adrian Empire" when making your reservations.

If you have any questions, please contact Sir Tailan Bran McNeil at tailanquest@cox.net

From the Crown

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We believe these changes are responsible for much of the growth we have been experiencing.

However, all of this is new, and something that no one thought of is starting to pop up. Members with scores to settle, or who are trying to enforce their personal wills on neighboring subdivisions, have plagued the Crown with issues and problems. The Crown, and their Ministers, have been working to fix problems created and find middle ground in an effort to put old issues to bed. Unsatisfied, some are now turning to the mundane authorities with "tips" on errors of the Empire, or using mundane influences to directly effect other subdivisions activities. Usually this is done as perceived revenge against one or a few members of the other subdivision without regard to all the other Adrians that reside there and are effected.

THIS WILL NOT BE TOLERATED. We will not let feuds of individual members harm innocent members of the Empire. We have consulted with several of the Imperial Family and all have agreed this type of behavior is despicable, and intolerable. These are members attempting to force the hand of the legitamate government (local and Imperial) for personal gain at the expense of the innocent.

Excuses, of course, are closely related to these happenings. Statements of "We are sorry, we just had to let our mundane friends know what was going on" or "We don't know who sent the letter, it was anonymous" are not acceptable.

Therefore, we remind all that the Imperial Crown is the only authorized source to contract with mundane sources. We extend that authority to local Crowns in an effort to allow them the flexibility to do what is needed locally. However, if we feel that local Crowns are negatively effecting other subdivisions, We shall remove their autonomy in this area. Depending on the severity of the incident, we may be forced to charge local Crowns with disharmony. Some may say we can't be held responsible for the actions of our populace. To this we reply that local Crowns are supposed to know what is going on locally. To hide behind ignorance is an excuse. If members of the populace are acting in an unacceptable manner, the Crown should investigate, hinder further aggressive acts, and punish those committing these acts. Crowns unable or unwilling to make their regions lawful are failing as Crowns, and may have their governments declared nonfunctional.

We have no desire to step into anyone's subdivision but we shall not allow a few members with personal agendas ruin the events and fun of the populaces at large. We remind Crowns responsibility is not only to thier populaces but to the Empire at large as well.

Lord Wright, Emperor and Dame Aishlyne, Empress



Regions



Alhambra

A war was to held this October 2 & 3 of 2004 at the home of Cryspen, NW of Suncrest WA.

Those of you whom were at the Alhambra Crown war this spring will remember this: "Directly after receiving his second level Knighthood, Captain E'Xavier de Normandy had challenged His Grace, Sir Hamish, to War." (Who is also a second level Knight, AND the very same man who preformed the knighting ceremony for the Captain.)

In honor of 'War', the Abbot of Warhammer-Cryspen de Tres Corbyn, has offered to host the event on the very grounds of Northwestminster. (In the Northwestern

reaches of Beann Abhain) [Bain AH-vayN] The terrain was thickly timbered with small and medium pine trees and the ground is very uneven.

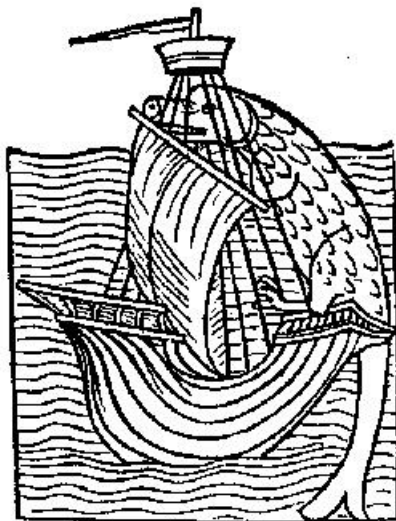
In Service, Sir Mickos Douglas (monk of Warhammer)

The Results

We had a fine war this last weekend! The forces of the Dread Pirate E'Xavier were victorious in a sweeping victory that left the Duke dead at the hands of the Captain. He does have a fine scar that can't be shown in gentle company to remind him of that knife fight. Lord Cryspin provided an excellent manor and forest in which the battles took place and Sir Mickos as the other host did keep the battles fair and safe. We had some makeup archery and renn tourneys and we came away with three new full members. Thank you to everyone who helped out and showed the newbies how to swing shinai. More War!!!

Hamish the Vanquished

Did I mention the rematch?



Terre Neuve

Masked Solteties Ball

It is that time again for the Terre Neuvian Annual Masked ball. It is time to create new masks, or dust off old ones. Again is will be a potluck and solteties are highly encouraged. The Price is 8.00 per person but if you bring a dish that serves 8 or more the price goes down to 5.00. Children 12 and under are 3.00 regardless of bringing food and Children 4 and Under are free. Also Dame Anne will leading the dancing again. The address is 10601 Magnolia Ave, Santee, CA 92071, More info to follow.

Sir Tailan Bran McNeil, Coantocrat

More on the Ball

This is a wonderful event that Dame Kendra instituted during her first reign as Queen. More properly it is called the "Masked Solteties Ball" as it combines the great fun of wearing masks with the excitement and surprize of "solteties", and tops it all off with period dancing! What are solteties? They are medieval foods presented in an ornamental way, or disguised in some manner. Think of elaborate castles made of cake, or a roasted chicken riding on the back of roasted pig with full armour and a jousting pole! These sorts of things were well loved by our medieval ancestors and were commonly seen at great feasts in our time period. We encourage our members to bring a soltetic to share at the masked ball, but it is not required. Often Dame Kendra teaches a mask-making collegia as well, although I have not heard her speak of doing so this year. Finally, Dame Anne does an impromptu dance class at the Ball, and everyone has a GREAT time. I hope you and many others will be able to attend, we always have a great time. Mistress Seti posted some pics from the last Masked Ball on her website, here is the link:

<http://www.angelfire.com/jazz/coolpirates/MaskedBall/MaskedBall.html>

My best, Dame ClaireCulled from the Terre Neuve e-list

Dunvegan

Greetings to all from the Duchy of Dunvegan. It has been a busy summer for the populace of Dunvegan and promises to be an even busier autumn. Despite summer showers and impending hurricane aftermath, we were able to conduct a tournament every month. All tournament types were held, with arts finally taking off in popularity. The summer months saw the members participating in a number of demos. We average about 10-12 a year. From those demos, we have gained many new members. A hardy welcome to them all!

The autumn finds us in our busiest season. A 3 day demo, October 1-3 (overnight) at History Alive in Norfolk Virginia; Harvest Faire, October 15-17 and the Duchy of Chesapeake's Annual Pumpkin War Halloween weekend. It is with the help of all of our great members that all of these events are possible.

At History Alive, we will be holding our first Baronial War. It is very hard to believe that we have grown to be the size we are. The contenders for the Baron/Baroness position are Lord Karl Lagerstain, house sire of House Dragons Bane and our Minister of War and Joust, Fiona Lawson. If you're up for a weekend of fun and frolic join us at the Botanical Gardens in Norfolk, VA.

At Harvest Faire, we will be holding a "Lord of Misrule" tournament. The winner will be the Lord of Misrule for our 12th Night celebration in January. If you plan on attending Harvest Faire, you need to be gate listed by September 29th. This is our big fun weekend of the year. There are lots of games, music and vendors to see. We interact with a lot of the other reenactment groups in the area, including a bunch of pirates. For more information, contact Dame Isabel at dame_isabel@cox.net.

Our Canton in the west, Dun'Afton is always busy with demos events and getting new members. We are very proud of their accomplishments despite their remoteness. They are hosting our November event. It is scheduled as an overnight event and rumor has it that there is going to be a quest involved.

Our other Canton, Lyonsgate will be looking for new leadership soon. Their Viceroy is planning on moving "closer to the water". Hopefully we can find someone as enthusiastic as Lady Emilie!

All are invited to our 12th Night Feast. 2004 was our first. We had great food, wonderful LIVE music (a string trio, including one our newest knights), singing, a tournament, flying crabs...if you want to know ask someone who attended. This year promises to be even bigger and better. The tournament and feast will take place at Lake Drummond Lodge in Chesapeake, VA. We invite anyone who can make it. See the Dunvegan_dungeon group on Yahoo for details in the future.

In February we will be holding a Tourne de Amour. It is still in the planning stages, but sounds like a grand time for all. Everyone is welcome. See the Dunvegan_dungeon group on Yahoo for details in the future.

We continue to have monthly tournaments, working weekends and just generally a good time. We've become very much like a big family. We have two master armorers with a working armory, a woodworking guild starting, numerous talented people, a bunch of delightful kids and a great group of ministers. It's been a long time coming up with the mix, but it works great. We still have our quirky members (kind of like that weird uncle no one talks about), but we love them all and they add flavor to the lot of us.

*Hope all is well with everyone in the Empire,
Dame Isabel MacAskill, Duchess of Dunvegan*

Kildare

The members of Kildare thought long and hard about their trip to the Imperial War SE and decided to turn north in order to avoid Dame Frances (as she was knighted by our esteemed Emperor so she would fight on His side). Much to our delight we met our southern cousins, Sir Bienenshtik and Don Alejandro, in the north. We also met many of our northern cousins for the first time and made long lasting friends.

All were there to witness Sir Malise take a Squire at opening court. Please welcome Kildare's newest Squire - Squire Gwaen Leosidha MacSheoinings. Squire Gwaen was the only squire at Imp War NE so he was run ragged but did an admirable job during combat.

Since this was a fun war, Dame Abegail, the Autocrat, divided us into two teams: red and blue. Our mercenaries, true to form, fought for the green team. Sir Malise took the Renn Champion's battle for the blue team and Squire Gwaen took the Bowman's list for the red team.

The rest of the members of Kildare stayed with the red team and in the end steadfastness won out, as did the red team.

Dame Cathan ni Sonoid, Duchess of Kildare

Sangrael

Greetings from Sangarel,

The summer months have been HOT and full of fun times for us in Sangrael...We have all returned from our Summer Travels, and are looking forward to winter.

A great time was had by all who attended last weekends Imperial War. It was indeed a fun and relaxing three days. Congratulation goes to our own 12 year old Squire Spyro for his 2nd place win in archery, with his proud parents Duchess Isabeau Dionne and Sir Jamie MacDonald and big brother Sir Gwydion Dionne cheering him on. Huzzah!!!!

Our children and (parents) give a big cheer of thanks to her Grace Dame Marion who courageously kept all of our young ones busy with her wonderful children's activities. We wish to thank ALL involved in making this a wonderful and fun weekend. Its a lot of hard work, alot of time , we here in Sangrael want each and everyone of you to know that WE truly appreciate what you do for us.

On a personal note I wish to Thank my husband of 27 yrs Ron....my daughter Lady Kaden and all my friends and family of Sangrael who helped me celebrate my 45th Birthday.Ron your surprise party, and the speech you made Sunday..was so dear to my heart, I don't think I have ever felt so loved before in this lifetime. I get teary eyed just thinking about it. I am one lucky person to have you all in my life!! THANK YOU ALL !!!! big OOO&XXX's

Upcoming dates

Oct.2nd Crown event

Nov.6th Crown event (possible change)

Dec.11 Crown event, Yule Feast, Meadowview club house

Jan. 8th Crown event, Coronation, Meadowview club house

Feb.5th Crown event

March 5 Crown event,

March 19-20 Palm Springs Faire

In service to the dream,

Dame Kirin S.Wallace Arryondo Christopherson

Lady of The Adrian Empire, Duchy Of Sangarel

Umbria

Fools' War

Due to mundane matters Fool's War will not be a camping event at Estrella Park. After speaking with His Royal Majesty Sir Pavo, we've decided it best to move Fool's War to the 23rd of October at El Oso Park. Lists will open at 8am and Fool's Court will start around 9am. This is a one day event so be prepared for a fun filled day. Site fees will be \$1.00 per person and the profits will be donated 50/50 to the Kingdom and the Royal Travel Fund. Octobers Kingdom Tourney will be held on the 16th of October and the Umbrian Estates meeting is still scheduled to be on the 16th at the Kingdom Event. If anyone has any questions please feel free to contact me via email or by phone. If you need my number there are several people that have it. Flyers will be available at the Canton of Thunar and the Kingdom Tournament. Hope to see you all there.

Sir Puck Lyttle Stormdragon Four'now





National Steel Tourney

Don't miss the Adrian Empire National Steel Invitational Tournament at the Las Vegas Age of Chivalry Renaissance Festival.

The Annual National Invitational Steel Tournament is sanctioned as an Imperial event and hosted by the Kingdom of Albion in conjunction with the Clark County Parks and Community Services annual Age of Chivalry Renaissance Festival, held October 7-10, at Sunset Park in Las Vegas, Nevada (<http://www.lvrenfair.com>).

We are expecting over 50,000 members of the public to attend this year's faire (last year exceeded 45,000). The Las Vegas faire is nationally known for its concerts and hundreds of merchants and guilds, featuring:

- Full contact Jousting
- Combat, Equestrian, Black Powder Demos
- Gladiator Battles
- Archery
- Renaissance Village and Historic Encampments
- Royal Parades
- Theater
- Fire-Breathing Dragon
- Entertainers

This event is known as the largest single-weekend faire in the Western U.S. In addition to our own members, combatants from other organizations around the country are expected to attend, including members from:

- The Society for Creative Anachronism
- The Empire of Chivalry and Steel
- The Brotherhood of the Gauntlet
- The Academy of Knightly Arts
- The Free Company of Canis Bellum

Prizes will include: swords for Steel and Renaissance Combat; shinais for Shinai Combat; archery accessories for the Archery Tournament; and appropriate prizes for Arts competition. If you need any assistance please contact us via E-mail at dreye@cox.net, or by phone (702) 736-0510.

In Service, William and Ashlinn, King and Queen of Albion

The Chaucer Quiz

From: About.com Medieval History

Without a doubt, Geoffrey Chaucer offers us an unparalleled window to the High Middle Ages. His life and career in service to kings provide insight into the culture and society of late fourteenth-century Europe. His education and the works that influenced him draw us further back to the shaping of medieval European thought. And his poetry sings to us across the centuries of the universal themes of love, humor and melancholy in words strange enough to be exotic yet familiar enough to begin to understand.

The Quiz

1. The exact date of Geoffrey Chaucer's birth is uncertain; it is generally given as c. 1340, but it's more likely he was born in 1342 or 1343. Who was king of England when he was born?
 - a. Edward II
 - b. Edward III
 - c. Richard II
 - d. Henry IV
2. Which of Chaucer's works is associated with Valentine's Day?
 - a. The Book of the Duchess
 - b. The Legend of Good Women
 - c. The Parliament of Fowles
 - d. Troilus and Criseyde
3. Geoffrey Chaucer was alive to witness--or hear breaking news of--some remarkable events in medieval history. Which one of the following events was he not around for?
 - a. The Battle of Agincourt
 - b. The Black Death
 - c. The Deposition of Richard II
 - d. The Peasants' Revolt
4. Chaucer wrote The Book of the Duchess as an elegy for Blanche, the late wife of which nobleman?
 - a. Henry Bolingbroke
 - b. John of Gaunt
 - c. Jean de Montfort
 - d. Simon de Montfort

5. The Canterbury Tales is an unfinished work, wherein each pilgrim was supposed to tell more than one tale. How many tales did Chaucer originally envision each pilgrim telling?
 - a. Two
 - b. Three
 - c. Four
 - d. Seven
6. The device Chaucer employs in The Canterbury Tales of many characters gathered together, each telling stories, was not new. The idea had been used by an Italian author in a work probably begun sometime in the late 1340's. Who was this Italian poet?
 - a. Dante Alighieri
 - b. Giovanni Boccaccio
 - c. Baldassare Castiglione
 - d. Francesco Petrarch
7. Chaucer's epic poem Troilus and Criseyde is considered by some to be his best work. Against what war is this tragic romance set?
 - a. The Hundred Years' War
 - b. The Peloponnesian War
 - c. The Trojan War
 - d. The War of the Roses
8. Chaucer was strongly influenced by classical and early medieval writings and even translated one into the English of his day. Which older work did he translate?
 - a. The City of God by St. Augustine
 - b. The Consolation of Philosophy by Boethius
 - c. De Officiis by Cicero
 - d. Metamorphoses by Ovid
9. In the early 1390s, Chaucer began a treatise that he dedicated to "little Lewis"; scholars are undecided as to whether or not the Lewis in question was Chaucer's own son or that of a friend. What topic did this factual treatise cover?
 - a. Alchemy
 - b. The Astrolabe
 - c. The Cannon
 - d. The Printing Press



10. Geoffrey Chaucer died in October, 1400. Where is he buried?
 - a. St. Augustine's Abbey, Canterbury
 - b. The Crypt of Canterbury Cathedral
 - c. Potter's Field
 - d. Westminster Abbey, London

Answers

1.b 2.c 3.a 4.b 5.c 6.b 7.c 8.b 9.b 10.d

More details on each of the answers is provided at

<http://historymedren.miningco.com/library/weekly/aa082799.htm#1>

Scoring

1-3 **Novice.** Hey -- who knew there was so much to know about Chaucer?

4-7 **Not bad** -- you must have become acquainted with good ol' Geoffrey.

8-9 **Proficient.** A Chaucerian, to say the least.

10 **You're a True Chaucerian Scholar** -- this quiz was too easy for you!



This Issue's Graphics

Page 5: A sea monster attacks a ship; from *Medieval Life Illustrations*

Page 7: Fishermen and a seahorse; from *Medieval Life Illustrations*

Page 9, left: Three men looking over a wall; detail of a page from *Horae*, London (Pynson), about 1497.

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A Poem by Sir Cledwyn ap Llanrwst

Peace
a son asks
Father, will there be peace this
year?
Not this year, son.
"They" are coming.
the eternal "they."

Enemies real or perceived
yet always as they
somewhere in the dark

Alliance formed or crumbling
events, roll on
with or without us
crushing all before

A host goes forth
to meet the evil they perceive
Bright, Chivalry, lances high
Armor glitters, Pennons wave
Azure and Argent. Gurles and
Or.
Vert and Sable per pale
the colors of war flow on

Marching men follow
Ordered ranks, armor bright,
Banners flap
Men of honor and duty march
forth
We must not stop till victory.

Forward, on through dust and
heat
till Heaven and Earth conspire
Rains sweet kiss
Bringer of life
and mud.

From green grass Knights ride
o'er
to muddy path the footman trod

to wagons sunk to the hubs
men struggle where beasts fail
but we must move forward

Toil and struggle
thought and deed combine
all man's energy bent to purpose
when this is over there will be
peace

soldiers huddle about dim fires
speaking with bitter voice
"They" are just over there
We'll get them tomorrow

Squires polish late into the dark
that their Knight may shine
the brighter on marrows field

Drums beat. Horns note.
Awake! Awake!
Dawn comes, Day breaks
Death sits the field,
His scythe is new sharp
He is eager for work to begin

Men assemble Horses got ready
a bright morning
to each side the Battles
take their ranks to order
Sun glitters off a thousand
lancetips

It begins.
Men and beast with rattle of steel
and beat of drum move forward
each to the other

Spanno song of clothyard shaft
against baratone hum of
crossbow
the clang-thump as shaft or bolt
strike sparks off mail and bite

A thunder comes, building,
it shakes the very ground
Great beasts with great men
charge forward

Splintering wood as lance strikes
true.
the ting of a blade parried
the crunch of shearing steel and
bone
when it isn't
horses and men cry out as
Death works its merry way
amongst the foes.

Lines waver and reform
as the best minds of an age work
to distroy all before them
axe cleaves, mace crushes, spear
bites
while skilled men with 3 foot
razors
slash ans shear al lthouse about
them.
and stil they move forward.
Peace is at hand.

Finally on blood soaked field
a Banner falls
Lines waver and break.
one side flees and another exults.
Chivalry with fresh mounts
persue.
Deaths work is not yet over this
day.

a son asks his crying mother
will there be peace now?
Not yet.
Not ever.
Not yet.



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